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CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

Returns of Bank Clearings heretofore given on this page will hereafter appear in a subsequent part of this paper. They will be found to-day on pages 2793 and 2794.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The mine war which broke out on Wednesday night and continued through most of Thursday, at a "strip mine" in southern Illinois, may possibly prove to be, like the dastardly murder of Sir Henry Wilson in London, the piece of madness which is the ending of a bad cause. For convenience of speech, this is called a "war," and it is an act of war in being an unprovoked attack upon law, upon human life, and upon all the rights which civilized society assumes to protect. A band of union miners, on strike, numbering several thousand, fell upon working miners and their inadequate guards, and the number of the slain is reported as from 20 to 40. The stories naturally vary in some details, but out of the confusion

one statement seems agreed and unshaken: that the dead workers were all killed after they ceased working and had "surrendered." The tales are enough to stir the blood. Men shot down as they ran, after being tied together and bidden to run; men hanged to trees; some finished by knife thrusts when found to be still breathing; young women and girls applauding and urging on the slaughter—such fiendishness, recalling the tales of butchery which burdened the news of the late war, is enough to make us consider where we are.

A few of the injured are said to accuse those who hired them, one saying, "I don't so much blame the miners for attacking us, for we were unknowingly used as dupes to keep them from their jobs." Possibly not enough preparation for trouble was made by the operators, yet they may be excusable for under-estimating the proportions of any attack to be expected, and allowance must be made for wounded men who do not carefully weigh their words. The finger pointing to the place of responsibility is plain enough. The outrage followed a declaration on Wednesday by the Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers that "the 680,000 striking coal miners are determined to fight it out if it takes all summer," and one by John J. Lewis, head of that organization, that "representatives of our organization are justified in treating this crowd as an outlaw organization and in viewing its members in the same light as they would view any other common strike-breakers."

The union position is that when men exercise the God-given right to quit work, the abandoned job remains "theirs," whoever attempts to take it is a common strike-breaker and outlaw, and any attack upon him is justifiable self-defense. The right not to work involves the right to prevent others from working, and whoever touches an abandoned job takes his own risks and must divide between himself and the employer the blame for consequences.

It is for society to protect itself, or to disband and return to the ways of the cave-dweller. Naturally, one recalls President Cleveland's declaration that if carrying a postal card from New York to Chicago required every soldier in the country the card would be carried. But mails-carrying is a distinct Federal function, while violence within a State is primarily a matter for such State. Appointing officers and training State militia is left to the States, but the United States is to protect a State "against domestic violence" "on application of the Legislature, or of the Executive when the Legislature cannot be convened."

This case is before the State of Illinois, and any excuses need to be carefully chosen. If Illinois con-

fesses impotence, the larger power must intervene. Property and labor must be protected, even if men who have known war have to be called for the work. Damage suits against the unions may lie, under recent decisions, but exemplary prison terms should enforce individual responsibility. Meanwhile, mild deprecation of violence from Mr. Gompers, and the attempts of the Federation to set up what it calls a Council of Defense against the courts appear incongruous. Organized labor will find itself very seriously on its defense before the American people if it does not shift its attitude and change its methods.

In making this statement, we are speaking temperately, but we hope not the less effectively. If the people of this country tolerate such heinous and desperately wicked acts as have disgraced the present week—if the offenders are not ferreted out and prosecuted and punished to the utmost limit of the law, without fear or favor—the blame will be as much upon them as upon those guilty of the ineffable acts. Let the community stir itself from one end of the country to the other and see to it that none of the guilty wretches escape their just deserts. If civilization is not to perish, the public must arouse itself to the enormity of such offenses.

In its preliminary sessions the conference at The Hague appears to have decided upon a sensible general course of procedure. It was, briefly, "not to undertake, prior to meeting the Russians, shaping of a common attitude of the nations toward Russia, as had been intended." The New York "Times" correspondent suggested that "to have done this would have brought the two points of view, led by England and France, into opposition, with results probably most unhappy for the Conference." He said that "instead the British with support of the Dutch, presented this formula: This is a meeting of experts and not statesmen. We are to deal with facts and not principles. Inasmuch as principles are not our business, we do not have to agree on principles. We should not get ready to discuss facts with the Russians." The delegates decided also to "have one general Russian commission and three sub-commissions to deal respectively with debts, credits and private property. The five Powers which convened the Genoa Conference and Holland will be represented on every commission, while the other places will be distributed."

The attitude of the Russian Soviet Government at The Hague Conference appears to have been pretty clearly outlined by Maxim Litvinoff, Assistant Foreign Minister, in an interview with foreign correspondents in Moscow. He expressed the belief that "at The Hague the first and most important question would be as to what amounts the bankers could supply to Russia as credit." He declared that "there was no reason to worry about the security Russia could offer for loans, as she had ample for any sum." M. Litvinoff was reported as being of the impression that "the Allies at The Hague would not propose sending an investigating commission into Russia, as they already knew Russia's attitude towards such propositions." According to the Assistant Foreign Minister, "the policy of a collective agreement with Russia was difficult of attainment. He thought England should go ahead without France and, together with other countries desiring relations with Russia, make separate agreements. Russia, he concluded, was getting stronger daily, and was going to The

Hague in a much better position than she went to Genoa." He explained why the Soviet Government had refused to ratify the commercial agreement which its delegates at Genoa had made with Italy. He said that "the pact with Italy would have given Italy even more privileges than Germany, which has recognized us de jure, while Italy even refused to consider the Soviet representatives in Rome, the only legal Russian representatives there."

Russia's position was still further set forth by Radek in an issue of "Pravda," a paper published in Moscow. According to the New York "Times" correspondent at that centre, "the article may be summed up for definite statements as follows: "(1) Russia can't and won't yield on the point of the principle of private ownership; (2) it is sheer suicide for Russia to restore outright the metallurgical, coal and oil industries which formerly were in the hands of foreigners to their previous owners; (3) regarding the national debts, Russia is in the position of a bankrupt anxious to make a deal with her creditors on the basis of mutual advantage; (4) Russia is going to The Hague to talk business with business men, not politics with politicians."

In dispatches from The Hague Monday morning it was stated that "President van Karnebeek, of the Conference on Russian Problems, has decided to form the three sub-commissions with only eleven members each, as originally arranged, in the belief that the smaller number will bring quicker results. He hopes the excluded countries will not object, first, because a majority of those excluded have a limited interest in Russian affairs, and, second, because the countries represented on the sub-commissions will also protect the interests of those excluded." The correspondent said that "a movement has been started among the delegates to induce Jonkheer van Karnebeek to remain Chairman of the Central Commission, thus avoiding inevitable rivalries arising through the selection of a president from among the other nationalities."

Following a conference in London all day Sunday between Premier Poincare, of France, and "the French representatives who came to London to decide upon the policy to be pursued at The Hague Conference," the New York "Tribune" representative at the British capital said that "the French Government has decided to continue to take part in the conference at The Hague." He added that in London Sunday night, "in view of the news that France is ready to go on with The Hague Conference, the British are not inclined to accept such a gloomy interpretation of the situation. It is felt that a meeting of the two Premiers will give a more cheerful turn to the prospects."

Official announcement was made by the French Foreign Office Monday morning that "France will take part in the Conference at The Hague with the Russian delegates, beginning June 26. If political questions are introduced, however, the French delegates will promptly withdraw. French delegates have received strict instructions to adhere to the French policy as outlined at Genoa, that Soviet authorities must recognize the principle of respecting foreign-owned private property and the payment of foreign debts." In a cablegram from The Hague Tuesday morning it was said that "the French delegation announced at the meeting of The Hague Conference this [Monday] afternoon that it had received

instructions from its Government to take part in the negotiations with the Russians under the reservation that the French would quit the Conference any time they thought the attitude of the Russians justified that action." The further assertion was made that "the French Government has no expectation that the Conference will lead to any satisfactory or worthwhile agreements with the Russians, but for reasons of a general political nature cannot afford to have a big European meeting held without being present."

Announcement was made on Wednesday of the heads of the Central Commission of the Conference on Russian Affairs and of the three sub-commissions. The designations were as follows: "M. Patyn, Holland, President of the Central Commission; M. Catter, of Belgium, Vice-President; Sir Philip Lloyd-Graeme, Great Britain, Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Property; M. Alphant, of France, Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Debts; Baron Avezzano, of Italy, Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Credits." It was thought that the Russian delegation might arrive yesterday, although the Conference was still without official information as to its personnel.

A dispatch from Riga Thursday morning stated that Maxim Litvinoff, Chairman of the Soviet delegation to The Hague, accompanied by M. Sokolnikoff, Assistant Commissar of Finance, had left the night before for the Conference. According to the dispatch, "Leonid Krassin and M. Rakovsky both have been delayed in Moscow. They intend to start for Holland next week." M. Litvinoff was quoted as saying that "he was hopeful that an understanding would be reached at The Hague." He asserted that "this would be possible if the other side was willing to meet the Russian delegates half way and make no attempt at insisting upon a change in the present Soviet regime. The Soviet still stood by its memorandum of May 11." As has been evident for a long time, what the Russians want most from the other nations is money, or credit. Apparently they are willing to take extreme measures, if necessary, to get either. Litvinoff was also quoted at Riga as saying that "the principal task confronting the Soviet delegates at The Hague would be to find a group willing to grant Russia credits. If this problem was solved, a goodly portion of the purpose for which the Conference was called would have been accomplished. Litvinoff believed the stumbling block at The Hague, as at Genoa, probably would be France."

A meeting of the sub-commission of experts entrusted with discussion of the treatment of private property of foreigners in Russia met Thursday morning at The Hague "and considered at great length the procedure to be followed when the Russian delegates arrive." According to the Associated Press correspondent, "it was finally agreed that no action must be taken which may appear to the Russians as an effort to impose on them a fixed program either in the procedure or in the position of the various Governments on vital questions. In other words, the delegates hope to avoid the impression that they are submitting anything like an ultimatum to the Russians upon their arrival. In fact, it was pointed out by the experts it is the desire of the inviting Powers and their associates to call for suggestions from the Russians as to how to meet the situation, rather than to dictate a fixed policy to them."

Premier Poincare of France spent the week-end in London. On Monday he was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Premier Lloyd George at the latter's official residence, 10 Downing Street. Most of the members of the British Cabinet were present. Seemingly a great effort was made to convey the impression that the French Premier's visit was not political in character. Special emphasis was placed on the idea that he came to attend "the British celebration commemorating the defense of Verdun." Following the luncheon it was stated that "the two Premiers withdrew to the Cabinet room for a friendly exchange of views." There were present also the "Earl of Balfour, the French Ambassador and experts from the Treasury and Foreign Office, as they were wanted." The New York "Times" representative in London said that "this exchange of views was held rather to ascertain where each country stood in regard to certain important questions than to come to definite conclusions, but the meeting proved to be of great importance. It was a full, frank discussion which lasted from 3 to 5.30 p. m., and resulted in agreements of a significant character." This correspondent also stated that he learned from an "authoritative source" that three major subjects were discussed: First, the ability of Germany to meet her reparations payments with the proposed international loan a failure. On this point it was decided that the Reparations Commission should investigate Germany's ability to pay. It was added that "when the report of the Reparation's Commission on this is received further conversations will be held between the French and British Governments, and M. Poincare has agreed to come over here again, probably towards the end of July, when the French Parliament will have adjourned, while the British Parliament will still be in session. Meanwhile, pending the report of the Reparations Commission and the further meeting of the Prime Ministers, no coercive measures are in contemplation against Germany."

The second subject discussed was "The Hague commissions and their function. M. Poincare entirely agreed with the view held by the British Government that the function of the experts at The Hague was to examine in conjunction with the Russians any practical means which might be suggested for solving the difficulties that arose at Genoa over the three questions of debts, private property and credits." The further explanation was made that "the experts were to make recommendations to their respective Governments with regard to the possibility of arriving at satisfactory arrangements with Russia on these points and the Governments would then be free to take what action they pleased individually. There was complete agreement between the British Ministers and M. Poincare to co-operate on these lines in the work of The Hague commissions." The correspondent stated that "finally the conversations turned to the question of the Near East. It was agreed that both the British and French Governments should expedite the appointment of a commission proposed by the British Government to inquire into statements made by American eye witnesses that Greeks are being marched into the interior of Anatolia to perish by the way or be killed by oppressive labor when they get there."

The New York "Herald" correspondent declared that the two Premiers agreed upon the following three stipulations relative to The Hague Conference: "First—That there shall be no politics. Second—

That technical questions shall be adopted ad referendum. Third—That all nations represented at the Conference shall maintain individual positions, the same as at Genoa." In a cablegram Wednesday morning the London correspondent of the "Tribune" said that Premier Poincare intimated that Lloyd George and he could not "agree on the Turk-Greek controversy." He explained the relative positions of the two nations as follows: "France is anxious to end hostilities in Anatolia immediately, but Great Britain apparently looks at the subject from a different angle. For a thousand years England has favored independence for the small nations composing the Turkish Empire, while France has favored letting the Turk be master of them all. The British policy is based on sentimentality and a desire to aid any Christians suffering under the Turkish yoke, whereas the French point of view is that the Turks are a more friendly and desirable people than the Christian minorities comprising their empire. This opinion is held also by most persons who have lived any length of time in the Orient." He added that "it is difficult for France and England to reconcile these fundamental differences of opinion, but European harmony requires a cessation of belligerency in the Near East. The fact that it is far removed from European capitals makes it unlikely that that question will prevent continued amicable relations between Paris and London."

The French Premier returned to Paris on Wednesday "pleased with his visit to London and gratified by his conversation with Lloyd George, but what satisfaction the French Premier feels is a result of the resumption of not unfriendly relations rather than any accord on large questions. The two chiefs of Government discussed without coming to any agreement of principle the subjects of reparations, and the Orient, particularly Turkey and Tangier." These statements were made by the Paris correspondent of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger." The London representative of "The Sun" of this city commented on the interview between the two Premiers in part as follows: "Premier Poincare was smiling when he emerged from Downing Street yesterday. Those who know him intimately know that this external manifestation of feeling on the part of the French Premier is so rare that the fact is given real importance by all who accompanied him to London. The reaction here to the conversation of the two Premiers is one of intense relief. Admittedly Lloyd George and Poincare, after a rapid review of the questions that are pending, did little more than agree to disagree, but at least they learned the exact degree of divergence between each other's views. They also came to an understanding for an early Allied conference, when serious efforts will be made to reach a definite agreement on the policy to be followed in regard to the outstanding problems."

The official counting of the ballots for a Free State Parliament for South Ireland began at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The Associated Press correspondent in Dublin said that the newspapers of that city "treat the election results thus far recorded as conclusive evidence that the voters support the Anglo-Irish treaty." As the counting progressed this fact became increasingly evident. As early as 10 o'clock Tuesday night the figures showed "a majority of 47 for the treaty and Constitution in the new Dail Eireann, which meets July 1." At that time the line-up

of the parties was as follows: Pro-treaty Coalition, 50; Anti-treaty Coalition, 31; Labor, 14, and Independents 14." The New York "Times" correspondent in Dublin said that "the Laborites and Independents are all supporters of the treaty." He added that "the total membership of the Dail is 128, leaving 21 seats still to be decided." Outlining still further the results as to individual candidates, the correspondent said: "Three of the six women in the last Dail have already been defeated. Miss Mary MacSwiney of Cork and Mrs. O'Callaghan of Limerick survive, but Countess Markievicz, Dr. Ada English and Mrs. Clarke have been beaten in South Dublin City, the National University and Mid-Dublin, respectively. Dublin City as a whole had five anti-treaty members, now it has one, John T. O'Kelly, former Dail representative in Paris." Commenting upon the significance of the results in a broad way, he said: "The landslide has engulfed the de Valera party in town and country. Even O'Kelly was the last in his division. Absorbing interest is taken in the results, thousands remaining at the polling stations until a late hour to-night. The success of treaty, labor and independent candidates has been stupendous, but the victory was not so much for the classes of the successful candidates as for the country as a whole, being an absolute incontrovertible indication of the national approval of the peace treaty." As to the position of de Valera, the correspondent asserted that "Eamon de Valera remains in the background while his supporters gradually grow fewer. His expected statement on the Constitution draft may not be made before the Dail reassembles. He may be disposed to regard the election decision as significant enough and may spring a surprise by accepting it, throwing his strength into the constructive work of the new regime." On the other hand, he declared that "the Collins party is enormously reinforced. The Dail Ministry is intact so far, no member being unseated, though Labor Minister McGrath was run close by an independent labor candidate." According to this observer, "Labor's progress in the country proceeds. Count O'Byrne, anti-treaty, of Tipperary, was unseated by Morrissey, independent labor. Labor also topped the poll in Wexford."

The complete results of the election promised to be greatly delayed by the discovery on Wednesday that the votes in North, West and South Cork had been tampered with. It was said that the elections would be invalidated. The following details of the affair were given: "It was the papers of Michael Collins which were the subject of depredation. They had been overnight in four sealed boxes. A scrutiny of the third box showed that one hundred of the papers had been tampered with by the altering of the figure one to nine and four marks, thus changing the voters' choice, and otherwise destroyed."

Eamon de Valera, defeated at the polls, issued a manifesto "calling upon the Dail Eireann to refuse to ratify the Irish Constitution." He declared that the people of South Ireland supported Constitutional candidates only because they feared "renewal of an infamous war."

Quite a different spirit was shown by his opponents, Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith. The Dublin correspondent of the New York "Herald" said yesterday morning that they interpret the overwhelming pro-treaty vote in the recent election as a mandate to continue the fulfillment of the treaty and

to establish law and order throughout the country." Both leaders were expected to be in Dublin yesterday, "when a formulation of a program for the new Parliament will begin." The following are the latest returns on the election for a Free State Parliament as given in European cable advices: Pro-treaty Coalition, 55; Anti-treaty Coalition, 33; Labor, 15; Independents, 6; Trinity College, 4; Farmers, 6.

The whole Irish situation was further complicated by the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson in front of his home in Eaton Place, London, on Thursday. The natural assumption was that it was the work of Sinn Feiners. In the House of Commons yesterday the opponents of the Lloyd George Ministry launched a vigorous attack against it because of the lamentable assassination. Fearing that a vote would be called, the Premier's friends succeeded in securing postponement of debate on the question until Monday. Austen Chamberlain, Government leader, "stated that every step possible was being taken for the protection of life in Ireland and England. Prime Minister Lloyd George, he asserted, was now holding a conference on all the matters connected with the assassination of Marshal Wilson."

As might have been expected, the personnel of the triumvirate appointed to direct the affairs of the Soviet Government in Russia during the illness of Nikolai Lenin, did not meet with the approval of former associates of the Premier. This was said to have been notably true in the case of Leon Trotzky, Minister of War. The New York "Tribune" correspondent at Berlin said that he had heard also that Trotzky was "angry because the Bolshevik Party refused to name him successor to Lenin." The correspondent also cabled that Trotzky "is expected to use the Red Army in an effort to bolster up his declining influence."

Under date of June 16, Felix Klemperer, the noted German physician, and others called to attend Nikolai Lenin, were said to have issued the following bulletin regarding his condition: "The symptoms affecting the stomach and bowel tract which continued for ten days have for the present moment disappeared. All the inner organs are in complete order. Temperature and pulse are normal. The symptoms have smoothed down. The patient has left his bed and feels well, but is impatient over the orders of the doctors, who have prescribed inactivity." In a cablegram yesterday morning, the Moscow correspondent of the New York "Times" said "Lenin is now reported to be out of danger." He added that "his condition is described as one of slow improvement, but he is not expected to be able to resume work for several months." According to his information "from an authoritative source, the basic trouble is weakness of the digestive and assimilative processes, with an accompanying nervous breakdown, such as sometimes afflicts men past 50 years of age as a result of strenuous business life without proper exercise and attention to diet." In another dispatch from Moscow it was reported that "the Russian Council of Commissars has granted Premier Lenin a leave of absence until autumn on account of his illness."

Official discount rates at leading European centres have not been changed from 5% in Berlin, Belgium, France, Denmark and Sweden; 5½% in Norway and Madrid (there having recently been a reduction

from 6 to 5½% at the latter point); 6% in Rome; 4½% in Holland, and 3½% in London and Switzerland. In London the open market discount rate on long and short bills was a shade firmer, being quoted at 2½%, as against 2¼@2⅜% last week. Call money in London also moved up, to 2%, in comparison with 1¾% the previous quotation. In Paris the open market discount rate remains at 4⅛%, and in Switzerland 1⅛%, unchanged.

A small loss in gold (£855) was shown by the Bank of England in its return for the week ending June 22, although on the other hand, total reserve, as a result of a further decline of £585,000 in note circulation, increased £584,000. In addition to this, the proportion of reserve to liabilities rose to 19.97%, thus surpassing the previous high record for the year of 19.96%, established in the week of June 8 and comparing with 13.91% for the same week of 1921 and 15.40% the year preceding. The highest ratio in 1921 was 18.61% and the low 8.33. The lowest touched in the current year was 11.04% on Jan. 5. "Other" deposits expanded £3,016,000, but public deposits declined £932,000. Loans on Government securities were reduced £1,670,000, while loans on other securities increased £3,196,000. The Bank's stock of gold on hand now stands at £128,883,226, which compares with £128,357,445 last year and £117,815,415 in 1920. Total reserve aggregates £25,961,000, as against £19,329,150 and £21,025,305 one and two years ago, respectively. Note circulation is down to £121,372,000, and this compares with £127,477,995 a year ago and £115,240,110 in 1920, while loans aggregate £76,801,000, in comparison with £78,905,209 last year and £80,139,557 a year earlier. No change has been made in the official discount rate from 3½%, which went into effect a week ago. Clearings through the London banks for the week amounted to £723,703,000. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the Bank of England returns:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.					
	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
	June 21.	June 22.	June 23.	June 25.	June 26.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	121,372,000	127,477,995	115,240,110	78,301,590	53,674,110
Public deposits.....	16,802,000	16,936,570	17,869,076	20,044,176	35,779,030
Other deposits.....	113,156,000	121,992,120	118,474,092	137,744,811	128,840,336
Government securities.....	45,029,000	58,495,246	53,003,431	66,820,806	51,651,732
Other securities.....	76,801,000	78,905,209	80,139,557	80,803,466	100,799,899
Reserve notes & coin.....	25,961,000	19,329,150	21,025,305	27,958,936	30,004,047
Gold and bullion.....	128,883,226	28,357,445	117,815,415	87,810,526	65,228,757
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	19.97%	13.91%	15.40%	17.71%	18.20%
Bank rate.....	3¼	6%	7%	5%	5%

The Bank of France continues to report small gains in its gold item, the increase this week being 279,000 francs. The Bank's gold holdings, therefore, now aggregate 5,528,548,950 francs, comparing with 5,520,044,183 francs in 1921 and 5,587,869,840 francs in 1920; of these amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in both 1922 and 1921 and 1,978,278,416 francs in 1920. During the week silver gained 512,000 francs, while general deposits were augmented by 11,101,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 151,987,000 francs, advances decreased 25,323,000 francs, and Treasury deposits were reduced 22,140,000 francs. A further contraction of 176,051,000 francs occurred in note circulation, bringing the amount outstanding down to 35,852,312,000 francs. This contrasts with 37,494,061,955 francs on the corresponding date last year and with 37,543,904,815 the year previous. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, the amount

was only 6,683,184,785 francs. Comparisons of the various items in this week's return with the statement of last week and corresponding dates in both 1921 and 1920 are as follows:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week	Status as of		
		June 22 1922.	June 23 1921.	June 24 1920.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
In France.....	Inc. 279,000	3,580,181,894	3,571,677,127	3,609,519,424
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,056	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....	Inc. 279,000	5,528,548,950	5,520,044,183	5,587,869,840
Silver.....	Inc. 512,000	284,784,495	274,087,460	240,859,081
Bills discounted.....	Dec 151,987,000	1,976,024,000	2,486,394,090	1,786,000,877
Advances.....	Dec. 25,323,000	2,251,174,000	2,334,217,338	1,861,106,389
Note circulation.....	Dec 176,051,000	35,852,312,000	37,494,061,955	37,543,904,815
Treasury deposits.....	Dec. 22,140,000	13,297,000	42,415,481	75,047,192
General deposits.....	Inc. 11,101,000	2,275,814,000	2,630,486,263	3,578,016,518

The Imperial Bank of Germany's statement, issued as of June 15, once more reflected the abnormal condition of that institution. Among the sensational changes noted were an expansion in deposits amounting to 8,820,555,000 marks, while discount and Treasury bills gained 7,861,926,000 marks. Treasury loan and association notes registered a gain of 3,181,726,000 marks. An almost equally heavy loss was shown in "other assets," which fell 2,388,488,000 marks. Note circulation was again increased, but not so strikingly as on several recent occasions, the amount of the increase being 430,389,000 marks. Other changes of lesser note included increases of 240,000 marks in total coin and bullion and 999,000 marks in gold. Bills of exchange increased 435,384,000 marks and advances 9,481,000 marks. "Other liabilities" were reduced 135,662,000 marks. Gold holdings are reported as 1,003,861,000 marks, which compares with 1,091,566,000 marks last year and 1,091,700,000 marks in 1920. Note circulation established still another new high record, namely 155,345,277,000 marks, as against 71,883,613,000 marks in the corresponding week of 1921 and 50,808,660,000 marks a year earlier.

Higher reserve ratios, an addition to gold reserves and a scaling down of discounting operations were the features of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued late on Thursday afternoon. The report of the combined system indicated a gain in gold of \$12,000,000 and an increase in total bills on hand of about \$5,000,000. In the New York bank there was an addition to gold holdings of \$19,000,000, while bill holdings were reduced \$12,000,000, the aggregate declining from \$69,175,000 to \$57,111,000. As to total earning assets, these fell off both locally and nationally, \$44,000,000 in the case of the former, and \$69,000,000 in the latter. Deposits were also sharply reduced, while the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation showed only a moderate increase, so that it was not difficult to account for the material gains in reserve ratios. For the twelve reporting banks, the ratio of reserve increased from 77.4 to 79.1%, but at the local institution the increase was far more pronounced, namely 3.5% to 87.9%.

The New York Clearing House bank statement, issued last Saturday, presented some unusual features, chief of which was an expansion in demand deposits of \$123,183,000. Loans again increased, namely \$25,693,000, while member banks enlarged their reserve at the Reserve Bank \$47,379,000. As a result of the gain in net demand deposits, the total is now \$4,373,545,000, which is exclusive of \$57,-

946,000 in Government deposits—a reduction in the latter item of \$21,356,000. In net time deposits, however, there was a decline of \$39,707,000. Cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank was reduced \$3,276,000 to \$58,584,000 (not counted as reserve), while the reserves of State banks and trust companies suffered slight decreases—\$48,000 in own vaults and \$124,000 in other depositories. Surplus was substantially expanded, largely in consequence of the increase in member bank reserves at the Reserve Bank, which, of course, served to offset the addition to deposits, and a gain of \$32,422,460 was reported, thus bringing the total of excess reserves up to \$63,931,060, the largest amount in quite some time. The above figures for surplus are based on reserves above legal requirements of 13% for member banks of the Federal Reserve System, but not including cash in vault to the amount of \$58,584,000 held by these banks on Saturday last. The Clearing House bank statements in more complete form will be found in a subsequent part of this issue.

Money at this centre until yesterday was still easier than it had been in recent weeks. With a renewal rate on call loans of 2¾% and money freely offered at that figure and at 3% there could be no question about the money position here, and at other important financial centres in this country for that matter. There have been some upturns in call money quotations, but special significance was not attached to them. For instance, after renewing and loaning at 2¾% on Wednesday a quotation of 3% was reported in the afternoon. The next day the renewal and loaning rate were the same until the early afternoon, when there was an advance first to 3% and then to 3½%. The rapid advance yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5% was said to have been the result of heavy calling of loans. The reduction in the discount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank from 4½ to 4% was regarded as far more significant and important than the advances in call money from day to day. The reduction was the result of a careful consideration of the position of the New York banks and also of the country's general money position. The changes in the call money rates probably were due to local and technical conditions that are likely to be of brief duration. Local bankers were disposed to agree with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that the action by the New York institution was likely to be the forerunner of reductions by Reserve banks in the Far West where the rate has in some instances been above the 4½% level that prevailed here until the change of this week. Announcement was made yesterday of a reduction in the rate of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank from 4½ to 4%. The Government withdrew \$21,000,000 from local institutions this week. Outside of the wild speculation in Mexican Petroleum shares and the heavy trading in Studebaker stock the character of the trading in stocks is not believed to have been of a character to require large loans. Financial institutions still talk favorably about the future of the investment market. Both domestic and foreign issues continue to be offered on a large scale, and with good results, according to all reports.

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans this week ranged at 2¾@5%, as compared with 2¾@4% last week. For the first part of the week—that is,

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—money on call renewed each day at 3%, which was the high, and 2¾% low. On Thursday the renewal rate declined to 2¾%, which was the lowest renewal basis recorded on the Stock Exchange since Oct. 11 1917. A sudden advance to 5% took place on Friday, although the ruling rate was 3%, which was also the minimum for the day. Withdrawals of funds by interior banks was assigned as the cause for the flurry at the close. The figures here given are for both mixed collateral and all-industrial loans alike. Fixed-date maturities have been in larger supply than for quite some time, but quotations remain at 4% for sixty days, 4@4¼% for ninety days, four and five months, and 4¼% for six months, unchanged. The market, however, was quiet, with no important trades reported.

Mercantile paper was in fairly good demand, with both local and out-of-town banks in the market as buyers. Nevertheless, trading was not active, as offerings continue very light. Quotations remain at 4% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, the same as last week, and 4¼% for names less well known.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances are easier and fractional declines have taken place in prime eligible bills for spot delivery, following the lowering of the Federal Reserve Bank rate. Acceptances came in for only a moderate amount of business, with the supply of prime names still restricted. News from Washington that a group of bank examiners have reported to the Comptroller the existence of widespread abuse of bankers' acceptances and improper interpretation of the term "staple" aroused some attention, though some claim that the extent of the abuse has been exaggerated. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now down to 2½%, against 3% last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank ¾% bid and 3⅛% asked for bills running for 120 days; 3⅛@3% for ninety days; 3⅛@3% for sixty days, and 3⅛@3% for thirty days.

The Federal Reserve banks of New York and Boston this week reduced their rediscount rates on all classes of paper from 4½% to 4%. The reduction by the New York Reserve Bank was announced on June 21, to go into effect June 22, while the change in the rate of the Boston Reserve Bank, made known on the 22d, became effective on the 23d. The 4½% rate had prevailed in both instances since Nov. last. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve Banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS IN EFFECT JUNE 23 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Other-wise secured and unsecured			
Boston	4	4	4	4	4	4
New York	4	4	4	4	4	4
Philadelphia	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Cleveland	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Richmond	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Atlanta	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Chicago	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
St. Louis	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Minneapolis	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kansas City	5	5	5	5	5	5
Dallas	5	5	5	5	5	5
San Francisco	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½

A succession of violent price changes has marked dealings in sterling exchange and the week has been one of the most unsettled witnessed in several months. Somewhat to the discomfiture of those who have been confidently predicting a steady continuation of the movement toward higher levels, sterling on Monday suffered a sensational break, which carried demand bills down to 4 38, or a loss of 6⅞ cents from the closing rate on Friday last and 13 cents below the high record figure touched in the week of June 11. It was, in fact, the lowest level since April 7. On the day following (Tuesday) prices swung backward almost as sharply and there was a recovery of nearly 6 cents, to 4 44 11-16. Subsequently, though quotations again sagged and fluctuations were less spectacular, irregularity was in evidence, with alternate fractional losses and gains and the close easy at 4 40¼. In keeping with the gyrations above noted, trading was intermittently active and on some days a considerable volume of business was transacted, with rates at intervals wide apart.

While local interests participated quite actively in the week's operations, London was the dominating influence in shaping the course of market sentiment. At the very outset, cable rates from the British centre came sharply lower and selling upon a liberal scale was resumed. Unsettling rumors concerning the international political outlook were once more placed in circulation and served to intensify the prevailing depression. Buyers consequently withdrew and the market was unable to withstand the pressure of selling orders. However, the weakness proved of comparatively short duration, and announcement on Tuesday of the decision of the French and British Premiers to call another general international conference early in July, also that the Reparations Commission had consented to reconsider the German financial situation, had a reassuring effect and the market executed a quick right-about-face, promptly recovering a substantial part of the earlier losses, with good buying on the part of prominent bankers here. Speculative operators played an important part in the week's trading.

A variety of reasons are being assigned for the totally unexpected drop in prices this week and there are some who contend that the weakness was caused in large part by withdrawal of the support which has been holding up the market of late, due to the fact that British Government purchases incidental to interest payments have been completed. Others hold the view that the recent cut in the Bank of England rate had the effect of bringing London funds into the market with a consequent increase in the supply of sterling bills, while still others claim it was the efforts of certain interests to anticipate possible early action on the tariff question, also probable broadening in the volume of our exports. The consensus of opinion, however, seemed to be that the major part of the decline, and in some measure the rapid recovery, may be set down to the shifting of speculative accounts in an attempt to make capital out of current untoward happenings. The Hague Conference, now in progress, has thus far had but little effect on quotations, traders being of the opinion that even if some sort of arrangement can be consummated with Russia, nothing important in the way of business can be looked for from that quarter for a very long period. More liberal offerings of commercial bills are expected from now on, but bankers generally maintain that, barring some un-

favorable development of a serious character, sufficient buying support should be forthcoming to prevent any further serious break in rates.

As to quotations in more complete detail, sterling exchange on Saturday last displayed a declining tendency and demand bills were marked down to 4 42 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 44 $\frac{3}{4}$, cable transfers to 4 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 45 $\frac{1}{8}$ and sixty days to 4 39 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 41 $\frac{3}{4}$; selling by London was the feature of the day's dealings. On Monday sensational weakness developed and prices broke violently, dropping nearly 5 cents, to 4 38 for demand; the high was 4 41 3-16; while cable transfers ranged between 4 38 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 41 9-16 and sixty days at 4 35 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 38 3-16; heavy selling induced by unsettling news, both for foreign account and on the part of local speculative interests, was chiefly responsible for the break. More reassuring cable advices from abroad brought about a sharp rally on Tuesday, which carried demand up to 4 39@4 44 11-16, cable transfers to 4 39 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 45 1-16, and sixty days to 4 36@4 41 11-16. Wednesday freer offerings and profit taking sales induced a slight reaction downward, so that there was a decline in quoted rates from the top of the previous day; demand covered a range of 4 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 43 11-16, cable transfers, 4 42 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 44 1-16, and sixty days 4 38 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 40 11-16. Dulness featured Thursday's dealings and there was a further fractional recession to 4 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 42 $\frac{7}{8}$ for demand, 4 41 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers and 4 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 39 $\frac{7}{8}$ for sixty days. Friday's market was quiet and irregular. While changes were relatively unimportant, the price level was again reduced, this time bringing demand to 4 40@4 41 $\frac{1}{2}$, cable transfers to 4 40 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4 41 $\frac{7}{8}$ and sixty days to 4 37@4 38 $\frac{1}{2}$. Closing quotations were 4 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ for sixty days, 4 40 $\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and 4 40 $\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4 39 $\frac{1}{2}$, sixty days at 4 31 $\frac{1}{8}$, ninety days at 4 30 $\frac{1}{2}$, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4 38 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 39 $\frac{1}{2}$.

More gold arrived this week—50 boxes valued at \$1,600,000 on the Olympic from Southampton; \$2,300,000 on the Berengaria from the same point, and \$637,000 Swedish gold bars on the Oscar II from Christiania.

Movements in the Continental exchanges were also of a radical nature and prices fluctuated wildly, losses of from 10 to 15 points being in many instances followed by recoveries almost equally pronounced. In view of the fact that France is so vitally concerned in the never-ending Reparations problem, it was not considered surprising that French francs should display unusual susceptibility to current influences. Opening at 8.71 $\frac{1}{2}$ for demand, the rate tumbled to 8.47, rallied later on 24 points to 8.71, then sagged off once more, to a low quotation of 8.47 $\frac{1}{2}$. Belgian currency moved along similar lines, with the extremes 8.02 and 8.26 $\frac{1}{2}$. Italian lire were heavy, declining to 4.75, although subsequently recovering to 4.86; the opening price was 4.97. Curiously enough, reichsmarks were relatively steady and ruled within a small fraction of 0.31 throughout, although losing ground slightly at the close. This strength, coupled with the decline in the other currencies, and the unfavorable outlook in German affairs, aroused some comment. It is thought possible that the Reichsbank is unloading

foreign securities to relieve the immediate pressure on marks, while German industrial interests are said to be again buying foreign currencies. Rumors that an appreciably smaller loan may yet be granted Germany exercised a favorable sentimental influence on speculative interests. Some recovery has taken place in Austrian kronen, largely on the prospects of Allied help. Plans for a new bank of issue with the co-operation of Vienna banks and the prospect of a French credit helped to bring about a recovery to 0.0065, against last week's low level of 0.0043. Greek exchange and the central European rates were only slightly affected by the weakness in the other Continental exchanges. An additional explanation of the weakness in French francs, it is asserted, is the prospect of an expansion in imports in the near future, owing to poor crop returns. In the early part of the week, trading was active and excited, but later on interest subsided and the market relapsed into dulness.

The London check rate in Paris finished at 51.75, in comparison with 50.90 last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 8.49, against 8.73; cable transfers at 8.50, against 8.74; commercial sight at 8.47, against 8.81, and commercial sixty days at 8.41, against 8.75 in the preceding week. Antwerp francs finished at 8.04 for checks and 8.05 for cable transfers, as compared with 8.25 and 8.26 last week. Reichsmarks turned weak and closed at 0.29 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and 0.30 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable remittances, against 0.30 $\frac{7}{8}$ and 0.31 $\frac{3}{8}$ a week earlier. Austrian kronen finished at 0.0064 for checks and 0.0069 for cable transfers, against 0.0052 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 0.0057 $\frac{1}{2}$. Final quotations for lire were 4.72 for bankers' sight bills and 4.73 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 4.99 and 5.00. Exchange on Czechoslovakia closed at 1.92, against 1.92 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Bucharest at 0.64, against 0.66; on Poland at 0.00225 (unchanged), and on Finland at 2.25, against 2.18 the week before. Greek exchange remained fixed at 4.28 for checks and 4.33 for cable transfers, unchanged.

In the exchanges on the former neutral centres sharp declines occurred, which carried guilders down some 60 points, to 38.18 and the Scandinavian exchanges declined in varying degrees, from 20 to 35 points. Swiss francs lost only a few points, ruling at close to 19.00, and the same is true of Spanish pesetas. Trading continued dull and active by turns with the undertone irregular.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 38.35, against 38.80; cable transfers 38.42, against 38.87; commercial sight 38.30, against 38.75, and commercial sixty days 37.94, against 38.39 last week. Swiss francs closed at 18.93 for bankers' sight bills and 18.95 for cable remittances. This compares with 19.02 and 19.04 a week ago. Copenhagen checks finished at 21.31 and cable transfers at 21.36, against 21.66 and 21.71. Checks on Sweden closed at 25.58 and cable transfers at 25.63, as against 25.84 and 25.89, while checks on Norway finished at 16.45 and cable transfers at 16.50, against 17.06 and 17.11 the week previous. The closing rate for Spanish pesetas was 15.45 for checks and 15.50 for cable transfers. Last week the close was 15.65 and 15.70.

With regard to South American exchange a weaker trend developed, in keeping with the other exchanges, and the check rate on Argentina declined to 35 $\frac{5}{8}$, although there was a rally and the close was 36, with cable transfers 36 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 36 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 36 $\frac{3}{8}$ a week

earlier. Brazil was also easier, at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers, as compared with 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ and 14.00 the week before. Chilean exchange is still advancing and finished at 12 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week, but Peru was maintained at 4 12, the same as last week.

Far Eastern quotations were appreciably lower, following a decline in the price of silver. Hong Kong finished at 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ @58, against 58 $\frac{5}{8}$ @58 $\frac{5}{8}$; Shanghai, 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ @79 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 81 $\frac{1}{4}$ @81 $\frac{1}{2}$; Yokohama, 48 $\frac{1}{4}$ @48 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 48@48 $\frac{1}{4}$; Manila, 50@50 $\frac{1}{4}$ (unchanged); Singapore, 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ @52, against 52 $\frac{3}{8}$ @52 $\frac{5}{8}$; Bombay, 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ @29 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ @30, and Calcutta, 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ @29 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ @30.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 403 of the Emergency Tariff Act of May 27 1921, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers on the different countries of the world. We give below the record for the week just past:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TO TREASURY UNDER EMERGENCY TARIFF ACT, JUNE 17 1922 TO JUNE 23 1922 INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	June 17.	June 19.	June 20.	June 21.	June 22.	June 23.
EUROPE—						
Austria, krone.....	.00006	.000069	.000068	.000069	.00007	.000066
Belgium, franc.....	.0824	.0815	.0822	.0818	.0813	.0806
Bulgaria, lev.....	.0072	.007133	.007267	.007275	.007408	.007433
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.019197	.019128	.019133	.019131	.019133	.019131
Denmark, krone.....	.2153	.2130	.2123	.2147	.2140	.2130
England, pound.....	4.4371	4.3961	4.4236	4.4279	4.4215	4.4135
Finland, marka.....	.021438	.021438	.021350	.021413	.021613	.021838
France, franc.....	.0867	.0851	.0865	.0864	.0857	.0850
Germany, reichsmark.....	.003060	.003022	.003144	.003041	.003034	.003019
Greece, drachma.....	.0402	.0382	.0385	.0390	.0380	.0320
Holland, guilder.....	.3862	.3843	.3834	.3838	.3855	.3829
Hungary, krone.....	.001006	.001013	.001042	.001053	.001017	.001015
Italy, lira.....	.0194	.0482	.0489	.0486	.0482	.0472
Jugoslavia, krone.....	.003475	.003428	.003426	.003389	.003339	.003306
Norway, krone.....	.1710	.1677	.1652	.1667	.1668	.1643
Poland, Polish mark.....	.000237	.000226	.000228	.000228	.000228	.000221
Portugal, escudo.....	.0754	.0745	.0746	.0745	.0738	.0743
Rumania, lei.....	.0066	.006513	.006494	.006478	.006503	.006406
Serbia, dinar.....	.013886	.013757	.013714	.0135	.013457	.013271
Spain, peseta.....	.1566	.1552	.1555	.1560	.1558	.1556
Sweden, krona.....	.2577	.2553	.2552	.2569	.2566	.2556
Switzerland, franc.....	.1899	.1891	.1894	.1898	.1897	.1895
ASIA—						
China, Chefoo tael.....	.8250	.8129	.8171	.8158	.8150	.8267
" Hankow tael.....	.8183	.8098	.8104	.8100	.8100	.8267
" Shanghai tael.....	.7929	.7865	.7832	.7839	.7825	.7848
" Tientsin tael.....	.8217	.8183	.8146	.8183	.8183	.8304
" Hong Kong dollar.....	.5782	.5738	.5734	.5741	.5755	.5734
" Mexican dollar.....	.5730	.5685	.5708	.5710	.5685	.5660
" Tientsin or Poyang dollar.....	.5775	.5850	.5775	.5779	.5775	.5808
" Yuan dollar.....	.5733	.5725	.5700	.5688	.5725	.5733
India, rupee.....	.2897	.2874	.2865	.2864	.2865	.2867
Japan, yen.....	.4777	.4770	.4787	.4783	.4787	.4780
Singapore, dollar.....	.5125	.5139	.5121	.5108	.5125	.5100
NORTH AMERICA—						
Canada, dollar.....	.991014	.990625	.990347	.989910	.989797	.987306
Cuba, peso.....	.99825	.997909	.998183	.998063	.998183	.99825
Mexico, peso.....	.484844	.4845	.485875	.4860	.485781	.48375
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.98875	.988438	.988203	.987578	.987422	.984063
SOUTH AMERICA—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.8163	.8078	.8034	.8113	.8095	.8113
Brazil, milreis.....	.1373	.1366	.1356	.1356	.1364	.1364
Uruguay, peso.....	.8104	.8052	.8037	.8028	.7988	.8016

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,793,316 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending June 22. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$4,655,116, while the shipments have reached \$861,800, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending June 22.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,655,116	\$861,800	Gain \$3,793,316

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations on the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

DAILY CREDIT BALANCES OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AT CLEARING HOUSE.

Saturday, June 17.	Monday, June 19.	Tuesday, June 20.	Wednesday, June 21.	Thursday, June 22.	Friday, June 23.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 69,900,000	\$ 81,400,000	\$ 50,600,000	\$ 55,700,000	\$ 39,900,000	\$ 61,000,000	Cr. 378,500,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, show nothing as to the results of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions. They represent only one side of the account, as checks drawn on the Reserve Bank itself are presented directly to the bank and never go through the Clearing House.

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

Banks of	June 22 1922.			June 23 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 128,883,226	£	£ 128,883,226	£ 128,357,145	£	£ 128,357,145
France - a.....	141,207,781	11,360,000	152,567,781	142,867,085	10,960,000	153,827,085
Germany.....	50,061,480	855,800	50,917,280	54,578,200	529,950	55,108,150
Aug.-Hun.....	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain.....	100,909,000	25,628,000	126,537,000	99,463,000	24,570,000	124,033,000
Italy.....	34,512,000	3,042,000	37,554,000	32,892,000	2,999,000	35,891,000
Netherl'ds.....	50,491,000	582,000	51,073,000	50,580,000	1,044,000	51,624,000
Nat. Belg.....	10,663,000	1,638,000	12,301,000	10,662,000	1,511,000	12,173,000
Switz'land.....	21,530,000	4,300,000	25,830,000	21,754,000	4,432,000	26,186,000
Sweden.....	15,226,000	.....	15,226,000	15,639,000	.....	15,639,000
Denmark.....	12,684,000	224,000	12,908,000	12,642,000	205,000	12,847,000
Norway.....	8,183,000	.....	8,183,000	8,115,000	.....	8,115,000
Total week.....	585,444,487	50,018,800	635,463,287	588,493,430	48,019,950	637,113,380
Prev. week.....	587,445,681	50,093,800	637,539,481	588,411,311	48,488,500	636,899,811

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £77,934,182 held abroad.

THE OLD DELUSION AGAIN!—PAYING THE SOLDIER BONUS WITH LEGAL TENDERS.

Imagine manna falling from the skies until there is bread for every one without even the trouble of baking! Imagine Cinderella in rags one moment and in the next clothed in the fine raiment of a princess; and then every child, woman and man a Cinderella! Imagine, by some miraculous process known only to the movies, every hut and house turned into a palace, filled with rare works of art, dazzling jewels, and the dancing revels of the "idle rich." But reserve, as a true test of your imaginary powers, the contemplation of that one famous day, "in all history," when the kindly mails, by registered letters, shall bring to four millions and a half of ex-soldiers four and a half billion dollars of bright, new, crisp "legal tenders," created out of nothing at the conjuring genius of Senator Ladd of North Dakota, in payment of the "adjusted compensation" or "bonus." Lowell wrote of June, "then if ever come perfect days," but he did not dream of the perfectness of this proposed June day 1922, when the skies bend softly and the "earth is in tune"—and the solons of Washington "do their damndest!"

Think of it—the sudden influx of four billions and a half of "currency" into the channels of trade in a single day—"registered letter"! If there is a dead profiteer anywhere in the earth would he not instantly come to life at this trumpet call? If there is a gas balloon anywhere in space would it not instantly sink to earth and hide its ignominious head in shame? If there is anywhere a believer in "better living conditions" would he not hold his sides with laughter when he took his hard-earned pay envelope to the corner grocery? And Justice or Freedom, or whatever that old "Indian" is, that stands atop the dome of the Capitol, would it not take on the halo of the "Great Stone Face"—never again to frown upon a people struggling in the adversities of war and the perplexities of legislation?

And this "currency," these "legal tenders" for all debts public and private, convertible instant, at the wish of the holder, into 3 per cent gold bonds, "good if the present gold bonds are good," what more could the heart desire, or financial genius propose? Page, please, Mr. Ford, Mr. Edison, and Senator Capper! Call in Lenin, the puerile; and stigmatize, once for all, Russia, the incapable! Aye, call the roll of impoverished and bankrupt countries, the world over, and show them how, by a simple twist of the new improved printing press, to fill with fat their financial larders, and to banish hunger from the

body and trouble from the soul. And when the vast benediction falls upon the storms of earth, behold how quickly the fluttering and wind-blown "exchanges" will be "stabilized," and millennial harvests of "prosperity" bloom in every vacant lot from Main Street to Wall!

How sweet are the uses of adversity, how uplifting the idealism of a "war to end war," that they shall give rise in the aftermath to this plenitude of "money," issuing out of nothing, and to be "redeemed" out of bankers' profits not yet made and may never be made. Surely now the Federal Reserve System may emulate the Arab, fold its tent and silently steal away. Like the perpetual light of radium are the emanations from the mind of the Agricultural Professor from North Dakota. If he would but shed the light of his countenance once each year upon the Mississippi Valley what bounteous harvests would follow without planting or reaping. Even the agricultural bloc might melt and resolve itself into the dew. And how antiquated, obsolete and reactionary are taxes to support the Government and pay our national debts, when so easy a process of "raising money" is at hand. Of what use to spend the hot summer months quarreling over tariff schedules when "revenues" may be realized out of wood pulp, and "protection" can be made actual by the application of shin plasters? We waste our time with experimental methods when a surety for all our ills is thus offered us.

And they tell us now that American enterprise, searching in the ruins of "Sardis, the ancient Lydian capital of Asia Minor," has unearthed "thirty gold coins," the "coinage of Croesus, the last King of Lydia," "minted some time between 561 B. C. . . . and 546, when he" (Croesus) "was captured by Cyrus." These thirty pieces of pure gold (the thirty pieces of silver have never been found) are called "staters," and they bear a lion's head on one side and a bull's head on the other. Hope is held out that fifteen of them may come to the Metropolitan Museum; and it is averred that as "finds" or antiques they are absolutely priceless. We do not know whether this Croesus, richest man of his time, had in mind the far-reaching vision of the "gold standard" of to-day when he created this "priceless" money out of pure gold, but he was a bungler in the presence of Senator Ladd, who can create "priceless" money out of pure paper.

It is a poor government, come to think of it, that can utterly and efficiently "control" labor and capital, and yet is unable to make "money" out of nothing. Perhaps we are hasty in saying this. There are many who believe that prior to the present mark and ruble, "fiat" was a prerogative that deity alone could exercise. It may be so. But as there is pretty nearly nothing now that "Government" cannot do or does not do, this wholesale method of making money by mere "fiat" ought not much to excite the willing citizen-onlooker. It is lamented that the present adjusted compensation bill gives to the soldier "a stone" when he asks for "bread." No such criticism applies to these "legal tenders," forced by registered letter into eager hands, for they are neither "fish, flesh, nor good red herring."

BUSINESS REORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

The organization of the Federal Government was never based upon a definite well conceived plan. It

is, on the contrary, the result of a gradual growth, without any centralized direction or control, covering a period of more than a century and a quarter. There have been sporadic developments during each war period, and the realization of final peace has always found the organization permanently expanded in several directions. Prior to the inauguration of President Harding, no President had ever considered himself as the responsible head of the business administration of the Government. Congress had always attempted to control—and still does, for that matter—the administration of the Government.

The method was to grant a bureau or an officer authority to engage in a new activity and then to hedge him about by writing into the appropriation grant numerous administrative restrictions. Imagine a board of directors of a business corporation attempting to manage it by issuing specific administrative orders to individual officers and even employees while the president looked on with indifference! The revenues would stop and the business would fail. But there is no such thing as a failure of the business of the Government in this sense. Its revenues are assured, no matter how extravagantly or how unintelligently its affairs are administered.

From the economic standpoint, the attempt of Congress to control administrative officers by legislative fiat has proven an utter failure. Under this system—or lack of system—there has been developed in the Government service a large number of experts in statutory construction. It is nearly always possible to find a loophole to permit the desired thing to be done.

This state of affairs, extending over so long a period of time, has encouraged decentralization and individualism. Offices and bureaus grew up and have become strongly entrenched, although the original grant of authority may have been comparatively insignificant. Certain bureaus have cultivated public opinion and are in a position to bring pressure to bear from the outside upon both Congress and the executive branch of the Government.

The Government has by the process of accretion thus grown up into the largest business enterprise in the world. There is no geographical limit to the field of its operations, and it engages in an extremely large variety of business activities. It is a matter of common knowledge that its organization is disjointed and unwieldy and that there are numerous conflicting jurisdictions, overlappings and duplications.

Bills for the reorganization of the Government began to be introduced in 1917 and since that time there have been public discussions and investigations. In the Budget Act of 1921 the President is authorized to use the Bureau of the Budget to study and report on this question. But even while the Budget Bill was in process of enactment, Congress passed a Joint Resolution creating a Joint Committee on Reorganization and later authorized the President to appoint a representative on it. The President appointed Mr. Walter F. Brown, and for the past two years Mr. Brown has been trying to arrive at a plan which would meet the approval of all of the heads of the executive departments. He has found it impossible to do this. Certain departments were not willing to relinquish activities which should logically be undertaken by other departments. Nevertheless, he has made a report and recommended a plan of reorganization and these are in the hands of the President.

No details have yet been given out, but it has been announced that the President will reach a decision in the near future—perhaps within a few days—and make positive recommendations to Congress. The plan will then be considered by the Joint Committee and later by Congress.

The proposed Reorganization Act must be considered as supplementary to the Budget Act. It is not possible to prepare a business-like Federal budget on the basis of the existing organization. The two are really parts of a single reform. In several of our State Governments reorganization preceded the inauguration of the budget system.

In order to do a thorough job of house-cleaning it will be necessary for the Government to go one step further. There are thousands of administrative regulations, authorizations, prohibitions and restrictions relating to powers and duties of organization units and of officers and employees of the Government. For example, there are more than two hundred separate pieces of legislation relating to operative and financial reports. These laws are scattered through the various statute books. They have never been considered as a whole by Congress. They were largely enacted to meet particular occasions, and many of them are now obsolete.

Congress recognized this situation in the Budget Act by requesting the President to make recommendations as to these laws. This the President did last December by pointing out the necessity of bringing together all of the laws relating to the business administration of the Government and of revising and codifying them to harmonize with the new principles of fiscal responsibility and procedure set up under the Budget Act. The President further said that he proposed to have the Bureau of the Budget proceed with the compilation of such a code. As pointed out in our issue of last week, several States have already adopted administrative codes embodying a reorganization of the Government.

An Administrative Code for the Federal Government should follow the main outlines of the Reorganization Act, and should contain only the basic policies for the business management of the Government. It should give a much wider discretion to the executive branch of the Government than at present exists, because the President is now, under the Budget Act and by his own volition, in full administrative control of his subordinates. Congress will, when this code is presented, have an opportunity to recognize fully the responsibility of the Executive for executive management. This may seem a paradox to the business man, but to the Government it is a goal yet to be realized.

*INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP—SENSIBLE
ADVICE FROM SECRETARY HUGHES
AND CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT.*

Speaking at a dinner given in his honor in London by the Pilgrims' Society, Chief Justice Taft has said some things about international understandings and friendships which concur in timeliness and good sense with an address on the same day by Secretary Hughes at the commencement exercises of the University of Michigan, where he received the degree of LL.D. Mr. Taft cited the long friendship between his own and the mother country, and, as a citizen without any official mandate, he begged his British hearers not to be misled by heated ebullitions of temper from one or another faction. A British subject,

he said, living at home among homogeneous people, cannot easily understand the temporary political influence of foreign and slowly assimilated people here, sometimes believed to hold or perhaps holding the balance of power between our parties in close elections; yet we are making progress, we are realizing our partnership with the nations of the world, and we are learning not only that united action of the two countries makes for universal peace, but that it is almost necessary. Fundamental public opinion here is the real governing factor, and he is sure that this will always prevail in any real exigency. To the Associated Press he said that his chief business during his few weeks' stay is to make a comprehensive study of the English judicial system, whereby he may learn something of value. He is particularly interested in observing the English way of expediting cases in the courts of the first instance; the English courts have abolished all distinction between law and equity and have only one form of procedure, a step which he would like to see taken here. This is, of course, for lawyers rather than laymen to consider, yet we can rejoice over every calm and deliberate expression which tends to deepen international friendships and remove the hatreds and jealousies that form the soil in which wars are bred.

Secretary Hughes was equally happy and timely in declaring that a sound public opinion is essential to the peaceful and diplomatic aims of the nation. This opinion "must frown upon the constant efforts to create suspicion, distrust and hatred, for there can be no assurance of peace and few of the just and necessary settlements which make for peace, in a world of hate." Absolutely true, and well said is this. It is also true that the chief enemies of peace "are those who constantly indulge in abuse of foreign peoples and their Governments." Intercommunication has become so rapid that domestic discussions fly over the three-mile limit and are too readily caught up as if individual utterances were certainly expressive of basic public opinion; so the principal difficulty now upon foreign affairs comes from "the untruthful, prejudiced and inflammatory discussions" in which some persons and even some of our newspapers permit themselves to indulge. If diplomacy is to be more open, there must be a keener sense of responsibility as to international questions, for "open diplomacy and blatant and injudicious utterances will not go well together."

All true and timely, and then Mr. Hughes urged the indispensableness of having the people correctly informed as necessary to reaching a wise judgment. The initiative of the Executive in framing a foreign policy, he said, has been abundantly confirmed by practice, but the separateness of the Executive, under our system, "has deprived the Executive of opportunities open to parliamentary leaders." The Secretary of State, he said, has no opportunity to explain or defend some important matter which may be in debate on the floor of the Senate, yet there are numerous situations, especially upon foreign affairs, "in which an opportunity for the Executive, through his departmental chiefs, to explain matters of policy would be of the greatest aid towards an intelligent judgment." So he came to the interesting suggestion that Cabinet officers be given opportunity to be heard in person, offering this, however, as a private and non-official opinion.

To give to these officers a vote would require a Constitutional amendment, and Mr. Hughes would

not favor that, nor should anybody else, for we have already meddled too much and too unwisely with our fundamental law. There is nothing in the Constitution, however, to debar personal appearances before either branch of Congress. Each branch "may determine the rules of its proceedings," and upon invitation or permission anybody might make remarks during the session hours. The President is under mandate to communicate to Congress any information or recommendation, as often as he chooses, and he is left to either written or oral methods. One sensible custom has been started by inviting the Vice-President to sit in Cabinet meetings, and there are also recent precedents in the letters by the President and by Secretary Mellon to the Fordney committee concerning the bonus, and in one or two personal appearances of the latter before that committee, for answering any questions that might be put. It is not likely that personal appearance would become abused, and it would comport with the more direct and responsible information which the budget scheme intended and produces; it is also in line with the better and more intelligent "team work," lacking heretofore, yet very desirable, between the executive and legislative departments.

THE PROPOSED STRIKE OF CERTAIN RAILROAD WORKERS.

The heads of some ten of the minor groups of railway employees have served notice on the Labor Board of their intention to order a strike if the vote of the rank and file calls for one against the wage cut to take effect on July 1, and 90% of the vote is already said to be for action. A letter to the Board, signed by Mr. Jewell, head of the railway employees department of the Federation of Labor and by the heads of these minor unions, indulges in a long whine and makes a number of misstatements as to facts. The Board's decisions are declared to deny to a large number of workers even the elementary right to live; "men in America cannot be expected to work for public utilities only to see their children undernourished and doomed to a premature death . . . you have given no heed to the cry of the children. Humanity, supported by enlightened public opinion, and by the statements of disinterested students and agencies who love and serve humanity, made its appeal in vain; you evidently considered it your function to put aside all such considerations and make sure that the rates of pay of railroad workers of the lower grades should be fixed to correspond to those established in private industry by the relentless, unhampered and selfish forces of supply and demand."

And so on. This rodomontade forgets the many classes of persons who received none or very trivial increases of income during the war and had to suffer the rise in living costs, yet made no plaint; as usual, the most deserving made the least outcry, and the pampered ones made the most. The letter also makes the bold assertion that "railroad labor costs have constantly declined during recent years," and Mr. Gompers comes forward, with his customary inaccuracy, to say that railway workers "waited until July 1 of 1920 for an increase in wages," although living costs had been rising for four years, whereas the truth is that wages kept well up with those rising costs, and the 1920 wage lift carried them past those; further, as has been shown and published repeatedly, the present cuts leave the men better off in purchasing power than they were in 1917; moreover, they

will be paid better than similar workers are in outside industries. Right here the sharpest wail is set up, the men repeating the old demand to be constituted a preferred class, and a protest is entered against allowing the roads to do what every other employer does by hiring labor at current market prices. The roads must reduce their rates, so that business may revive; but they must not reduce their expenses, because men have a right to live. From a recent table comparing railway wages with similar outside wages, in 17 lines of work, it appears that the railway rate after July 1 will still be considerably above that outside, and also (what is of special consequence), while the wage rate outside has from two to twenty gradations, according to the worker's ability and efficiency, the roads must pay a "flat" rate, a fact which recalls to mind the gross outrages perpetrated a few years ago by Governmental "classifications," whereby men were arbitrarily constituted members of more expert lines and entitled to higher pay and also several separate "workers" were required for the most ordinary repair jobs. This was pointed out long ago, and it was just a part of a long scheme of milking the roads for the benefit of "humanity," a beautiful idea, but the cow has been going nearly dry under over-milking and scanty feeding.

The Board is accused of going counter to law, and the letter says the Esch-Cummins Act requires for the most common labor "a living wage as the term is ordinarily used," enough for support in comfort and decency; this was to be the bottom, and other employees should receive differentials upon this, according to skill, hazard and other factors. This is a piece of fiction, for the Act contains no such thing. It does not attempt literal precision, but requires wages and conditions which "in the opinion of the Board are just and reasonable." In determining this, the Board must, "as far as applicable," take into consideration, "among other relevant circumstances," the factors of hazard, responsibility, training and skill required, character and regularity of the employment, and "the relation between wages and the cost of living." These are to be considered "as far as applicable," but another factor to be considered (and one which these wailers do not cite) is "the scales of wages paid for similar kinds of work in other industries." So we are brought back to the absurdity of demanding that railroads shall be forbidden, just because they are public utilities and for the sake of humanity, to buy labor on the terms open to other employers; and if they must pay more for labor they ought also to pay more for every one of the thousand materials they consume, since all these are the product of labor somewhere.

The executives are not worrying, for the cry has been raised so often, and if the men should be so foolish as to try to strike, the train-operating forces are not involved; even if those were, it is necessary to say once more that there will never be a better time to have the issue fought to a finish. Chairman Hooper of the Board not only takes up and refutes as "utterly baseless" the specific assertions of the Jewell letter, but hopes the men will not take a course "that will surely prove disastrous to the organizations and the men composing them." He thinks "the whole railroad question would be easy if it were not so human," but all disputable subjects are human. Still, he seems to expect an abandonment of the contract system, and if that becomes inconsistent with good business rules he may be gratified; otherwise, prob-

ably not. He predicts that "before long many of the wrinkles will be ironed out of the railroad situation," and this may gradually come true, if (as he hopes) "everybody will stop cussing" and when, "out of all this agitation, the American people finally learn the truth about the necessities of our great transportation system." Here is the most substantial hope: that the people, who are both the users and the owners, will begin to study, to understand, to care for, and to conserve their property.

The head of the Central of New Jersey has sent to the men on that line a letter of friendly and reasonable remonstrance, urging them to keep calm and stay loyal. The head of the New Haven system also tells his men that neither employer nor employee, whether on the farm or in general industry, or on railroads, "can hope to escape the inexorable effect of economic law." This is as immovable and as fundamental as to say that nobody can hope to escape being affected by the weather. He adds that a strike against wage reductions would fail, through lack of public sympathy. It certainly would. Only eight months ago, Chief Lee of the Trainmen wrote a letter apropos of the strike fiasco in October, in which he said he had no hesitation "in saying that, in my lifetime, I have never known of a more unanimous feeling against us in the business and labor world than now exists." Can anybody except a fool deny that he correctly weighed the situation then, or imagine that it is one whit different now?

COTTON ACREAGE CONDITION JUNE, 1922.

As last year there was a general and pronounced tendency to cut down the area devoted to cotton, so the present year there has been virtually everywhere a tendency in the other direction—that is, to reclaim for cotton the land allowed last year to remain fallow or which was devoted to other crops. The extent to which the movement towards increase has been carried is the problem confronting the investigator and it is a problem beset with unusual difficulties on this occasion. We have been engaged in the task of presenting these annual compilations for over half a century and have never made light of the undertaking or presented the results with a feeling of entire confidence in their absolute accuracy. There are always so many uncertainties involved in the collection and compilation of the returns, and as trained observers we know only too well how future contingencies may intervene to impair the best directed and most conscientious effort, rendering futile all precautions against imperfections and deficiencies. But the present year so many special factors exist, enormously increasing the uncertainties and the difficulty of the work, that it would be folly to pretend that at best our figures and statements are anything more than estimates and approximations—approximations, to be sure, as close as it is possible to make them by calling to our aid every source of information at command, but liable, nevertheless, to greater or smaller modification as the uncertainties referred to are resolved into actual facts, thereby removing the elements of conjecture and doubt.

Drawbacks of one kind or another invariably exercise some influence to retard or advance planting over parts of the Cotton Belt, but in this instance there are controlling considerations of dominant importance affecting the entire area and upon the outcome of which depends both the ultimate extent of

the planting and the amount of the production. First of all, weather conditions have been everywhere adverse—to a degree and extent to which we can recall no exact parallel in all our experience. In the second place, the adverse weather has everywhere been of the same type. In ordinary circumstances there will be drouth in one section, excessive rainfall in another and perhaps entirely normal conditions in still another part. Not so the current year. From one end of the belt to the other and all over it almost without exception there has been too much rain—either early in the season or in May or for the whole of the year right up to June. In other words, cotton growers have suffered from one common cause. It is proverbial that the rain falls on the just and the unjust alike, but in this instance the floodgates of heaven seem to have been opened, with the result of causing a veritable deluge over many of the biggest and best cotton areas of the South. The usual train of circumstances followed, namely floods and washouts which not only seriously interfered with farm work but in not a few instances rendered it wholly out of the question. Seeding, germination, growth, plowing and the cutting out of grass and weeds suffered. The farmer had to bide his time before he could go on with his work. To make matters worse, temperatures have been below the normal, cool nights being particularly complained of. Then, the lower Mississippi overflowed its banks and inundated large sections. Other rivers also overflowed, adding to the difficulties and the tribulations of the farmers. Because of the terrific rains, whole counties were washed out. On low lands this was necessarily a serious matter. There was nothing for the farmer to do but to wait for the waters to recede or to drain off, and this was delayed because of the continuation of the rains. The remark applies not to one State or section, but to many. The consequence is that even at this late date numerous reports come to us from all over the South saying that planting has not yet been finished but remains in progress. Who can measure with exactness the extent of the planting so long as it is still under way?

The result is that the crop is everywhere late—all the way from two to six weeks late—that the condition throughout nearly the entire cotton belt is low, though not any more so than in other recent bad years, and that cultivation is backward and weeds and grass are present to a much greater extent than is customarily the case. The importance of such a state of things obviously should not be minimized. At the same time, it is easy to exaggerate its importance. The advent of favorable weather, namely the cessation of rain and a rise in temperatures, would effect a wonderful transformation within a very brief period. The character of the weather during July and August will determine the extent of the yield and the size of the crop. This, of course, is always the case, but it is most emphatically true in its application to the 1922 planting, since the crop is so late and laboring under such considerable drawbacks. The same may be said with reference to the possible ravages of the boll weevil which is a factor that cannot be ignored. With dry, forcing weather, the maturity of the crop and the formation of bolls would be so rapidly advanced that the possibility of harm from the depredations of the pest would be reduced to a minimum.

There are some very strong elements in the situation as well as the weak ones just recounted. Proper

weather is the all-important desideratum, but, given that, these favoring factors possess potentialities for a large yield that it would be a mistake to ignore. Not least important among these is the increase in the area devoted to cotton. There can be no question that planting the present season is substantially larger than the reduced planting of last year. This is so not only in one State, but in all the States—with the possible exception of South Carolina, where the best opinion leads to an estimate of acreage the same as in 1921. There has been much to discourage Southern farmers from adding to their planting in the circumstances already narrated, but as against this there has been the inducement of a very much higher market price. This latter always proves potent beyond every other consideration. For this reason it seems desirable to indicate how striking the contrast in the matter of price has been the present season compared with the market prices of a year ago. On March 1 last year middling upland spot cotton in New York was quoted at 11.65 cents, on April 1 it was quoted at 12.00 cents; on both May 1 and June 1 at 12.90 cents, and on July 1 at 12.00 cents. Note now the difference in 1922: on March 1 1922 the middling upland spot price in New York was 18.70 cents; on April 1 18.10 cents; on May 1 18.95 cents, and on June 1 21.00 cents, with the quotation the present week (June 20) up to 23.30 cents. As a matter of record, we introduce here a table showing the New York price for the first of each month for the last eleven years:

PRICE OF MIDDLING UPLAND COTTON IN NEW YORK ON DATES GIVEN AND AVERAGE FOR SEASON.

	1921-1922	1920-1921	1919-1920	1918-1919	1917-1918	1916-1917	1915-1916	1914-1915	1913-1914	1912-1913	1911-1912
Aug. 1	12.90	40.00	35.70	29.70	25.65	13.25	9.30	12.50	12.10	13.00	12.50
Sept. 1	17.50	30.25	32.05	36.50	23.30	16.30	9.75	---	12.50	11.25	11.70
Oct. 1	21.10	25.00	32.25	34.30	25.25	16.00	11.09	---	14.20	11.45	10.35
Nov. 1	18.75	22.50	38.65	29.05	28.75	18.75	11.95	---	14.10	11.75	9.40
Dec. 1	17.55	15.65	39.75	28.10	30.90	20.35	12.55	7.65	13.50	13.05	9.30
Jan. 1	18.65	14.75	39.25	32.60	31.75	17.25	12.40	7.80	12.10	13.20	9.25
Feb. 1	17.20	14.15	39.00	26.75	31.20	14.75	11.95	8.50	12.75	13.00	9.90
Mar. 1	18.70	11.65	40.25	26.10	32.70	17.00	11.45	8.25	13.75	12.70	10.40
Apr. 1	18.10	12.00	41.75	28.60	34.95	19.20	12.00	9.50	13.30	12.60	10.95
May 1	18.95	12.90	41.25	29.40	28.70	20.70	12.30	10.40	13.00	11.95	11.40
June 1	21.00	12.90	40.00	33.15	29.00	22.65	12.70	9.55	13.75	11.80	11.40
July 1	---	12.00	39.25	34.15	31.90	27.25	12.90	9.60	13.25	12.40	11.65
Average, season	---	17.59	38.25	31.04	29.65	19.12	11.98	8.97	13.30	12.30	10.83

The showing, however, is still more conclusive when we take the farm price as the basis of our comparison—that is, the average price received by the farmer for his product on his plantations. April 1 last year the farm price was only 9.4 cents; on May 1 it was the same; on June 1 it was 9.8 cents and on July 1 9.6 cents. The present year, on the other hand, the April 1 farm price was 16.0 cents; on May 1 15.9 cents, and on June 1 18.7 cents, as will be seen from the following table covering the same eleven years embraced in the table already given:

AVERAGE PRICE OF COTTON ON THE FARM.

	1921-1922	1920-1921	1919-1920	1918-1919	1917-1918	1916-1917	1915-1916	1914-1915	1913-1914	1912-1913	1911-1912
Aug. 1	9.8	36.8	32.5	27.8	24.3	12.6	8.1	12.4	11.5	12.0	13.2
Sept. 1	12.6	31.1	30.3	32.2	23.4	14.6	8.5	8.7	13.8	11.3	11.8
Oct. 1	19.8	25.5	31.3	31.8	23.3	15.5	11.2	7.8	13.3	11.2	10.2
Nov. 1	17.7	19.4	36.5	29.3	27.3	18.0	11.6	6.3	13.0	10.9	9.9
Dec. 1	16.2	14.0	35.7	27.6	27.7	19.6	11.3	6.8	12.2	11.9	8.8
Jan. 1	16.3	11.5	35.9	28.7	28.9	17.1	11.4	6.6	11.7	12.2	8.4
Feb. 1	15.5	11.8	36.2	24.9	29.7	16.8	11.5	7.4	11.9	11.9	9.0
Mar. 1	15.9	10.3	36.2	24.0	30.2	15.9	11.1	7.4	12.6	11.8	9.8
Apr. 1	16.0	9.4	37.3	24.5	31.8	18.0	11.5	8.1	11.9	11.8	10.1
May 1	15.9	9.4	37.7	26.0	28.5	18.9	11.5	9.1	12.2	11.6	10.9
June 1	18.7	9.8	37.2	29.5	27.4	20.2	12.2	8.6	12.4	11.5	11.0
July 1	---	9.6	37.4	31.1	28.6	24.7	12.5	8.6	12.4	11.6	11.2

In some States the farm price on June 1 the present year was fully double that of last year on the same date. Thus in Oklahoma the average the present year was 17.0 cents, against 7.8; in Arkansas, 18.6 cents against 9.5; in Texas, 18.7 cents against 9.9; and in Louisiana 17.5 cents against 9.6. East of the Mississippi River, of course, the differences in favor of 1922 were also very striking, Georgia, for instance, showing an average farm price June 1 1922

of 19.3 cents as compared with only 10.5 cents on June 1 1921. There was in this year's higher price a compelling inducement to reclaim for cotton every acre of land that could be made available, and this same inducement still exists and will lead the planter to bring under cultivation additional inundated land, inasmuch as during the current month of June market prices for the staple, as already pointed out, have been making even further strides upward. The situation, accordingly, is that while in 1921 no motive whatever existed for adding to the size of the planted area, but on the contrary, every instinct suggested reducing the plantings since at the low prices then current even the best situated and most fertile areas had no chance of profitable results, the situation in 1922 was the precise reverse of this, the higher level of values assuring the certainty of satisfactory financial returns, besides which the statistical situation of cotton throughout the world is such that there is a reasonable prospect of a ready market for every bale of cotton that can be raised.

We now give in the following table our estimate of the planting in all the different States and for the country as a whole. In applying our percentages of increase in area for the present year we use the final revised figures of acreage for last season recently issued by the Department of Agriculture and prepared in conjunction with the Census authorities. There seems no reason why these figures should not be regarded as absolutely correct after the pains that have been taken to make them so. The early estimate of the Agricultural Department of last year's acreage, when the tendency was so strongly to reduce acreage, overstated the amount of the decrease, making it 28.4%. The final revised figures showed a reduction of only 14.5%. The Department has indicated that the overstatement followed from the fact that the appropriation allowed it by Congress was not sufficient to enable it properly to verify the early returns. We are not questioning the accuracy of this explanation when we say that returns of correspondents made early in the season are always apt to exaggerate the importance of a change where the movement is very strongly in one direction, as was the case in 1921, and that allowance must be made for this proneness to exaggerate. We ourselves undertook to allow for such customary error of judgment in our estimates of last year, and made the decrease only 24.75%, as against the Department's decrease of 28.4%. But it appears from the final census figures showing, as already noted, only 14.5% decrease, that we did not go far enough in discounting the tendency to exaggerate. What probably happened was that the majority of planters, after having solemnly resolved to reduce acreage to the extent of 30 or 40%, slyly concluded that they would not go as far as this in their own case but leave it to their neighbors to go to the full limit, and thereby gain a little advantage for themselves.

States.	Acreage Planted, 1921.	Estimate for 1922, Increase.	Acreage, 1922.
Virginia	34,000	17%	40,000
North Carolina	1,417,000	6%	1,500,000
South Carolina	2,623,000	Unchanged	2,600,000
Georgia	4,346,000	4%	4,500,000
Florida	70,000	20%	85,000
Alabama	2,269,000	20%	2,725,000
Mississippi	2,667,000	8%	2,900,000
Louisiana	1,192,000	10%	1,320,000
Texas	11,193,000	12%	12,550,000
Arkansas	2,418,000	15%	2,800,000
Tennessee	640,000	12%	725,000
Oklahoma	2,536,000	15%	2,950,000
Missouri	104,000	20%	125,000
California	55,000	45%	80,000
Arizona	94,000	6%	100,000
New Mexico, &c.	20,000	25%	25,000
Total	31,678,000	10.50%	35,025,000

* Not including that portion of the Imperial Valley lying in Mexico, embracing about 85,000 acres.

It will be seen that except in So. Carolina we show an increase in every State—the ratios of addition being largest in the minor cotton growing States—and that for the cotton belt as a whole we figure the percentage of increase at 10.5%. It has been our purpose to be ultra-conservative, and if these figures err at all they should err in being too small. The 10.5% increase brings the total area planted in the whole cotton belt up to 35,025,000 acres, which, while a large total, is not quite as large as in some previous seasons. We add the following table to show what the acreage put into cotton has been in each year back to 1910 and what the crop and the yield per acre have been in each of the same years:

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF COTTON IN UNITED STATES, 1910-22.

Year—	Acreage		Average Yield per Acre. (Pounds)	Production (Census) 500 lb. bales
	Planted. (Acres)	Picked. (Acres)		
1910	33,418,000	32,409,000	170.7	11,608,616
1911	36,681,000	35,045,000	207.7	15,692,701
1912	34,766,000	34,383,000	190.9	13,703,421
1913	37,458,000	37,089,000	182.0	14,156,488
1914	37,406,000	36,832,000	209.2	16,134,930
1915	32,107,000	31,412,000	170.3	11,191,820
1916	26,052,000	24,980,000	166.6	11,149,930
1917	34,925,000	33,841,000	159.7	11,302,375
1918	37,207,000	36,008,000	189.6	12,040,532
1919	35,133,000	33,566,000	161.5	11,420,763
1920	37,043,000	35,878,000	178.4	13,459,607
1921	31,678,000	30,509,000	124.5	7,953,641
1922	35,025,000	(?)	(?)	(?)

It will be noted that while our estimate of the planting for 1922 is 35,025,000 acres, this compares with 37,043,000 acres in 1920, 37,207,000 acres in 1918, 37,406,000 acres in 1914, and 37,458,000 acres in 1913.

Besides the increase in the extent of the planting there are, however, a number of other factors of great strength in the situation—we mean as promising a large yield. Among these there is first of all the circumstance that everywhere there is an abundance of moisture in the soil. This is full of promise should weather conditions improve. There has been not a trace of drouth anywhere and the present year no cotton is going to be burnt up by reason of high temperatures and extreme heat. On the other hand, the presence of sufficient moisture means added productiveness. In a State like Texas, which in the past has so often suffered in that way, that is a circumstance of the greatest moment—and indeed it is aluded to as a great asset by the Agricultural Department, as will be seen by reference to our summary for that State.

Then, also, the overflow of the Mississippi is going to be of great benefit to the planters in the districts which were inundated by the overflow and where it has been possible to plant as the waters have receded. The sediment remaining after the overflow has always in the past constituted a valuable fertilizing material and, as a matter of fact, some of the richest cotton land in the South is to be found in the regions bordering on the Mississippi, where repeated overflows have tended to enrich the soil. The overflow the present year of some other rivers—the Yazoo River in Mississippi, for instance—is likely to carry benefits in the same way.

Finally, one of the distinctive features of our returns the present year is that they show a greatly increased use of commercial or other fertilizers where these are customarily used as aids to productiveness. In 1921 the use of commercial fertilizers was perforce largely abandoned. The planter was too poor to buy them or pay for them, and the low market price of cotton removed every inducement to make purchases, inasmuch as it seemed like throwing money away while the opportunity to get a remunerative price for the cotton was absent. The higher level of values now ruling has entirely altered the

aspect of things in that respect, and accordingly planters have been purchasing and using fertilizing materials with much greater freedom again. To appreciate the bearing and significance of this circumstance, it is necessary to recall that the great diminution in the size of the crop last season followed in only small part from the diminution in acreage. Drouth in one part of the country and decreased use of fertilizing material in another, together with the deprecations of the boll weevil, were contributing elements of much larger importance. The contraction in acreage according to the revised figures already referred to was only 14.5%, while the decrease in the size of the crop was fully 40%, the Census figures showing a product of 13,439,603 bales for 1920 and only 7,953,641 bales for 1921. A comparison of the production figures of the different States for a series of years is still more enlightening on that point, and this we append herewith:

PRODUCTION IN CHIEF COTTON-PRODUCING STATES—EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Year of Growth.	In Bales of Gross Weight of 500 Pounds.				
	Georgia.	Mississippi.	No. Carolina.	So. Carolina.	Alabama.
1918	2,122,405	1,226,051	897,761	1,569,918	800,622
1919	1,659,529	960,886	830,293	1,426,146	713,236
1920	1,415,129	895,312	924,761	1,623,076	685,690
1921	787,084	813,014	776,222	754,560	580,222

ACREAGE IN SAME STATES.

Year	Acres.				
	Georgia.	Mississippi.	No. Carolina.	So. Carolina.	Alabama.
1918	5,425,000	3,160,000	1,815,000	3,640,000	2,600,000
1919	5,404,000	3,000,000	1,525,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
1920	5,000,000	3,100,000	1,593,000	3,060,000	2,895,000
1921	4,346,000	2,667,000	1,417,000	2,823,000	2,269,000

PRODUCTION IN CHIEF COTTON-PRODUCING STATES—WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, INCLUDING LOUISIANA.

Year of Growth.	In Bales of Gross Weight of 500 Pounds.				Whole U. S., Inc. All Others.
	Texas.	Arkansas.	Oklahoma.	Louisiana.	
1918	2,696,561	987,346	576,886	587,717	12,040,532
1919	3,098,967	884,473	1,016,129	297,681	11,420,763
1920	4,345,282	1,214,448	1,336,298	387,663	13,439,603
1921	2,198,158	796,936	481,286	278,858	7,953,641

ACREAGE IN SAME STATES.

Year	Acres.				
	Texas.	Arkansas.	Oklahoma.	Louisiana.	Other.
1918	11,950,000	3,035,000	3,190,000	1,700,000	37,207,000
1919	11,025,000	2,865,000	2,512,000	1,700,000	35,133,000
1920	12,265,000	3,665,000	2,958,000	1,555,000	37,043,000
1921	11,193,000	2,418,000	2,536,000	1,132,000	31,678,000

Let the observer note that in Texas last year the crop fell from 4,345,282 bales in 1920 to 2,198,158 bales in 1921; in Arkansas from 1,214,448 bales to 796,936 bales, and in Oklahoma from 1,336,298 bales to 481,286 bales. Let him note, furthermore, that in the tier of States on the Atlantic there was not only a sharp decrease in 1921, but in several of the States this decrease followed antecedent decreases of large extent—reflecting in part the activity of the boll weevil, but in part also diminishing fertility of the soil owing to the decreased use of fertilizers. In Georgia, for example, where the production had been 2,122,405 bales in 1918, there was a reduction to 1,659,529 bales in 1919; to 1,415,129 bales in 1920 and a drop to only 787,084 bales in 1921. In Mississippi, there was a shrinkage in the three years from 1,226,151 bales in 1918 to 813,014 bales in 1921, while in South Carolina the production was more than cut in two as between 1920 and 1921 alone, the crop of the last mentioned year, according to the Census, having been only 754,560 bales, as against 1,623,076 bales in 1920.

So far as the decreased use of fertilizers was a factor in this great curtailment of yield in the different States, an ameliorating circumstance exists in the much greater freedom with which fertilizers have been employed the present season. In some of the States the consumption of fertilizers in 1922 has been on an enormously greater scale. Take for illustration the State of Alabama. The tax tag sales for that State indicate purchases of 293,541 tons in the eleven months from July 1 1921 to June 1 1922, as against only 178,705 tons in the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year. Of course, these purchases represent the consumption of fertilizers not alone for the benefit of cotton but in part also for the bene-

fit of other crops; nevertheless, they indicate the general trend and there can be no question that a very considerable portion of this fertilizing material always goes as an aid to cotton. While the contrast between this year and last year in the purchase of fertilizers has been especially striking in the case of Alabama, a tendency towards increase is observable all over the South. To bring out this fact we present the following figures kindly furnished us by S. D. Crenshaw, the Vice-President and Secretary of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. at Richmond. They show the quantity of fertilizer consumed as indicated by tax tag sales reported by the Commissioners of Agriculture of the different States. In the use of the figures it should be noted that while for the previous two years the amounts cover the entire twelve months of the fiscal year, for 1922, they cover merely the ten months from July 1 1921 to May 1 1922.

FERTILIZER TAX TAG SALES REPORTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE.

	July 1 1919 to July 1 1920.	July 1 1920 to July 1 1921.	July 1 1921 to May 1 1922.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Alabama.....	394,943	180,340	291,440
Arkansas.....	87,898	24,255	32,980
Florida.....	282,270	31,606	289,841
Georgia.....	1,095,617	557,907	519,801
Louisiana.....	95,758	38,833	62,647
Mississippi.....	178,144	50,297	128,837
North Carolina.....	1,241,137	695,300	870,000
South Carolina.....	1,258,065	623,854	494,150
Tennessee.....	115,261	64,351	54,738
Texas.....	60,000	10,417	24,796
Virginia.....	505,801	397,811	401,466
Totals.....	5,314,914	2,883,861	2,997,714

x The figures covering the entire period of 1921-22 for North Carolina are not available at this time, so the tonnage given is an estimate.

In some States there has been a great increase also in the use of home-made manures. We may refer particularly to the case of Georgia, where, as will be seen by our report for that State, the Commissioner of Agriculture reports a larger quantity of stable and lot manure and compost used than in many years.

We may sum up, therefore, by saying that all of the constituent elements exist, and to a degree never before enjoyed, for a crop of large dimensions, provided future weather conditions are favorable, the only other element of uncertainty being the harm to result from the pernicious activities of the boll weevil. And hot weather from now on would render the weevil largely innocuous. With an average yield of only 124.5 lbs. per acre, as was the case in 1921, the prospect on the larger acreage of 1922 would be for a crop of only 8,700,000 bales. On the other hand, if the yield should run to 200 lbs. per acre, as in 1914 and 1911, by reason of the abundance of moisture in the soil, the increased use of fertilizers and the deposit of sediment on adjoining lands by the overflow of the Mississippi and other rivers, the prospect would be of a crop of 14,000,000 bales. The weather and the boll weevil are the all-controlling factors, and yet there are big possibilities in the other elements of strength in the situation as set out in the foregoing.

Our summaries for the different States follow:

VIRGINIA.—This State does not raise much cotton, and the area devoted to it is very small. Planting began much earlier than in 1921, say about April 10, and was completed about June 1. The seed came up well, but, as over the rest of the cotton belt, the weather has been too wet and replanting to a limited extent was found necessary. A good stand has been obtained, but fields are now grassy. Indeed, one of our correspondents states that because of excessive rains the plant is in critical condition with much grass present, and that warm, dry weather is necessary at an early date to prevent serious deterioration. In the absence of favoring conditions, this correspondent fears complete abandonment of some acreage on account of inability to get plows in the fields. As to acreage, owing to the small extent of land given over to cotton at any time, the addition of only a few thousand acres means a relatively large percentage of increase. The United States Department of agriculture reports the area planted and picked last year at 34,000 acres.

Our information leads us to believe that the area in cotton the present year is about 40,000 acres, giving an increase of somewhat over 17%. As to the use of fertilizers, no change is noted by our correspondents in the application of home-made manures, but some increase in the use of commercial fertilizers. Future weather will determine the size of the product.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The generality of our correspondents report that planting in North Carolina began April 20 and was completed about May 15. Some say, however, that it commenced about April 1 and was prolonged to June 1. Wet and cool weather has been everywhere a drawback. Complaint is directed not so much to the extent of the rainfall as to the fact that, as one of our correspondents puts it, it has been raining constantly for more than five months, thus interfering seriously with plowing. Frosts in May are noted in several instances and whatever replanting was found necessary was due, it would seem, to that cause. A big hailstorm over part of the State in May also made replanting necessary in certain sections, owing to the damage done thereby. The seed in nearly every case came up well and a good stand was secured, but unfavorable weather conditions since then have nullified any early advantages thus gained. While most of our correspondents note the absence of cultivation and report an overabundance of weeds and grass—one correspondent saying "the weeds are a sight," and also that some bottom lands have not yet been plowed, while another correspondent sums up the situation in the statement that the fields are in the worst condition he ever saw—this complaint is by no means altogether common or uniform, and there are individual cases where fields are reported in very fine condition and almost entirely clear of weeds and grass. Acreage is in some few cases slightly smaller, owing to the difficulty of carrying on farming operations in wet soil and under constant rain, but such instances are rare and to be ascribed to the personal lethargy of certain types of planters not too prone to over-exertion in the best of circumstances. Generally speaking, there seem to have been moderate increases, running from 4 to 7 or 8%. Probably 6% would not be an over-statement of the extent of the increase. Fertilizers of the commercial sort have been applied on a greater scale and an unusual number of our reports stress the fact that more have been used per acre. One of our representatives qualifies his statement in that respect by saying that, though the planter has purchased commercial fertilizers more extensively than he did in 1921, a good part of the increase has gone into the soil for the benefit of other crops. Unquestionably, however, planters have put in much larger quantities to increase the productivity of cotton. At the same time there has been no diminution in the application of home-made manures.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—This is an important cotton-producing State and accounts are rather pessimistic, both as regards the present condition of the plant and the outlook for the future. South Carolina suffered severely last year from the depredations of the boll-weevil and in those sections of the State which sustained most damage by reason of the presence of the pest, there is evidence of much gloom and discouragement. To make matters worse, the cool and wet weather which South Carolina has suffered during the present spring, in common with so many other Southern States, has been favorable to the development of the weevil, while retarding the growth of the cotton plant and consequently the early formation of the cotton bolls, thereby presenting the possibility of even greater loss from the activities of the pest than was sustained last year. Some planters, therefore, have become thoroughly disheartened. In these circumstances, it is no surprise to find the outlook depicted in gloomy terms, and great emphasis laid on the cool nights and the cold and wet weather generally experienced. Planting, it seems, began anywhere between March 15 and April 10, and in many cases was not completed until after the middle of May. In some sections of the State the seed came up well, in others poorly, and more or less replanting was required—for the State as a whole perhaps 20%. With a few exceptions the stand seems to be poor with the fields grassy. The generally pessimistic character of the returns is evident from the reply made by one of our correspondents to our question, "Has a good stand been precured?" to which he appends the laconic answer, "No; and never will." Gloomy weather, no doubt, accounts for the gloomy views and allowance must always be made for this in estimating the value to be given to statements made in this frame of mind. Bright sunshine will alter views, as it surely will alter prospects, though the harm to be done by the boll-weevil will remain present as a damper upon expectations until the time for its activities has passed. Acreage is very difficult to determine at this time. Some of our accounts speak of decreases as compared with last year's planting of 10% or more and one or two returns, with limited districts under survey, estimate a decrease of 30%. But these are not typical, any more than are other returns which speak of an increase of 300% and explain the extent of the addition by saying that in their particular localities comparatively little cotton was planted in the two previous seasons, owing to the presence of the weevil. In the lack of sufficient data, it is quite out of the question to attempt an exact and conclusive estimate at this stage of the season and in the circumstances

the best course will be to take the acreage the same as that planted last season.

GEORGIA.—This is next to Texas the largest cotton-growing State in the South. Conditions here were much the same as in other parts of the cotton belt, cool and wet weather interfering with planting and growth alike. However, accounts are by no means generally bad or unsatisfactory. As a matter of fact, except in a strip running across the central part of the State, accounts are rather good and in some portions of the favored localities they are extremely good. One correspondent with unusually keen powers of observation and possessing good judgment expresses the situation by saying that the only unusual development in Georgia the present year has been very severe and harmful May rains, which in his estimation "have destroyed the best prospects that we have had in several years." He gives as his reason for this conclusion that "a good clean crop has been transformed into a grassy bog in a great many fields, and in all others grass is using the strength of the fertilizer and stunting the growth of the cotton. Even if fields can be cleaned, the growing crop will have received a very severe setback." In the southern part of the State, where the outlook is best, planting began between the 12th and 15th of March and was completed about the 20th to the 25th of April, though some of our correspondents in that part of the State say that planting has only just been completed. The seed planted early came up well, but the seed planted late did poorly and there was need of two choppings. Lack of moisture is given as the cause of this, but that was early in the season, and since about the middle of May there has been too much rain even in the southern part of the State. A good stand is reported everywhere as having been obtained in that part of the State, but accounts are equally uniform in stating that fields now are very grassy, the wet weather having prevented cultivation. Some returns report the grass as small, but say that if wet weather continues even a short time longer the grass will have a great many crops. Generally, however, cotton in southern Georgia is looking fine, and a period of high temperature with absence of rain would serve to make prospects in that part of the State decidedly encouraging; as one return puts it, "with four or five days of dry weather they will be able to get the grass out."

The central section of the State, however, must be set off from the rest. Here the start was poor and only a fair stand was secured and no improvement has taken place since; in fact, conditions have been getting worse under a prolongation of cool weather, particularly at night, and an excess of moisture. The fields now are everywhere grassy with cultivation at a low ebb. Planters in this part of the State are just as gloomy as those in most of South Carolina. One of our returns in its comment sums up the situation in these pessimistic words: "a deluge of water has fallen here for the past three months. All low lands have been flooded and no cotton can be made on these lands. Crop has suffered materially for lack of cultivation." We quote this utterance not because we regard it as a true statement of the situation, but as indicative of the gloomy feeling prevailing. It is plainly an extreme view and should be accepted with the qualification always attaching to statements of that kind which experience teaches are invariably exaggerated and certain to overestimate the actual injury sustained.

In the northern part of the State prospects are not as good as in the southern part. Here planting did not begin until about April 10, having been delayed by cool and wet weather. In May also the weather was unseasonably cold and there was too much rain. Nevertheless, fairly good stands were secured and the main trouble is the grassy condition of the fields. In some exceptional cases as much as 40% remains to be chopped out to stand. Hot, dry weather, however, would quickly change the aspect of things and make the outlook good. This applies even to the boll weevil, which are reported in greater numbers in some sections than in others. Acreage changes vary greatly in different parts of the State. In the southern part where, as already stated, the state of things is most auspicious, there can be no doubt about a substantial increase as compared with the reduced acreage of last year. Increases of 5 to 10% are very common and even increases running from 25 to 50% are not infrequent. In the central belt indications point to an area substantially unchanged from last year after allowing for individual instances where, because of the unfavorable weather and fear of the boll weevil, virtually no attempt will be made to raise cotton on the old scale. As an extreme instance of the latter kind, one of our returns says that the normal acreage in cotton is 30,000 acres, but this year only 2,000 acres will be given over to the staple. In the northern part of the State also there are some reports of decreases, a few running to large figures, but these are not indicative of the general trend which is towards a moderate increase. For the State as a whole, from the best estimate we can make, after a careful weighing of all the facts, we should judge there has been an increase of 4% as compared with the actual planting of last year. Fertilizers of the commercial sort show a decided increase in the southern part of the State, a big decrease in the middle belt and varied changes in the northern part, though most of the returns here report decreases. What may be lacking, however, in commercial fertilizers has been made good by an increase in the home-made kind, and the Commissioner of Agriculture

reports a larger quantity of stable and lot manure and compost used than in many years.

FLORIDA.—Florida is not of any great consequence as a cotton producing State and whether the crop is a little larger or a little smaller will have only relatively trifling effect on the general results. Planting the present season started under favorable conditions and extended over the period from April 1 to April 25—that is, about the usual time. A good stand was secured and everything went along well until the last ten days in May when the weather became much too wet. The fields, too, were clear of weeds and grass up to that time, after which they became somewhat grassy on account of the continuous rains. Furthermore, the boll weevil then began appearing in large numbers and with the weather so favorable for its increase the prospect now is considered rather poor. A few days of dry weather, however, would suffice to dispose of grass and weeds and doubtless also, if prolonged, would reduce the depredations of the weevil to a minimum. Acreage in limited localities is double that of last year, but still below the normal in years previous to 1916. For the State as a whole we make the area 20% larger than that planted in 1921, or say 85,000 acres. Very little commercial fertilizers of any kind are used on any of the plantations, but where they are employed as aids to productiveness more are being used than last year, though not as much as in normal times. The rains which occurred the last week of May are said to have been unprecedented, such rains usually coming much later in the season.

ALABAMA.—Planting in central Alabama as a rule began about March 20 and was completed about May 10, but in some cases did not commence until the latter part of April and had not been fully completed the early part of June. In southern Alabama it began March 15 and was completed May 1 to May 10. Testimony is uniform that an unusually good stand has been secured except in counties in northern Alabama where the May rains have interfered and where indeed, as just stated, planting had not been fully completed even in the early days of June. In central Alabama the seed germinated very well, but during a cold spell in April some of the stands were injured and replanting was found necessary, but not to a great extent. The main drawback has been that rain retarded planting in north Alabama and that it was generally too wet during May, and also too cold. The best accounts come from southern Alabama where the fields on most plantations are reported fairly clear of weeds and grass, though further north grass has become a drawback on account of May rains. In central Alabama most of the fields are reported rank with weeds and grass, particularly on the bottom lands and stiff lands, inasmuch as it was too wet the latter part of May and the early days of June to permit much hoeing, while the plowing done has been negligible. Some complaints are noted regarding labor which is reported very unsatisfactory and hard to get, work outdoors being discouraging on account of the adverse weather conditions. In southern Alabama also there is complaint of the overflow on creek and river lands. Acreage is unquestionably much larger than that planted in 1921. In southern Alabama increases are reported of as much as 25% to 40%. In central Alabama the increases run from 15 to 20%, and even in northern Alabama increases of from 7 to 15% are reported. It is beyond cavil that there has been very considerable increase in many sections. For the State as a whole, very close study of the returns leads us to think that there will be an addition of 20% as compared with the area planted in 1921. The productivity of the soil, moreover, will be enlarged by a very noteworthy and striking expansion in the use of commercial fertilizers. Not a single return shows a decrease and only one reports no change. All the rest show heavy increases. All this is significant as indicating a general tendency throughout the State towards the greater use of these commercial aids to soil fertility. As a matter of fact, the increase reaches over 60%. This would be almost incredible except that it is supported by actual facts, for the Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture reports to us that for the year up to June 1 the sales of fertilizer tags represented in 1921 an aggregate of 178,705 tons and for the same period in 1922 an aggregate of no less than 293,541 tons.

MISSISSIPPI.—From Mississippi accounts are more assuring than from any of the States thus far summarized. About the only complaint is that the weather has been "somewhat" too wet and cool for the best results. Planting began the latter part of April and continued during May. In the lower delta the lands were inundated by back waters from the Yazoo River and its tributaries, and here planting followed the receding water and continued into June. Some got perfect stands on the first planting, while others were obliged to make from one to two extra plantings before getting a stand. In many instances heavy rains were damaging to germination, but nearly all the returns say the stands now are good and some speak in much stronger terms and say they are very good and even excellent. Moreover, the fields are reported generally clear of weeds and grass—some say 90% clear, though it is added that at the time of making the returns, which was between the 5th and 7th of June, it was raining too much to keep them clear unless the rain should cease shortly. In a few instances in the case of late plantings the task of working out the fields had not

yet been entirely completed. Regarding *acreage*, increases are the rule almost without exception, though a very small minority say the land in cotton is about the same as last year. The additions, too, are generally given as very substantial, namely 10%, 15%, 20% and even 25%. It is our best judgment from the information at hand that for the entire State the increase must be somewhere between 8 and 10% and to be on the safe side we use the smaller figure. Commercial *fertilizers* are, of course, very little used in the delta region and in one or two other counties, but elsewhere the tendency has been to employ them much more freely than last year and the increases have been very large too—some as high as 50%. Some returns speak of nitrate of soda as the variety used.

LOUISIANA.—In northern Louisiana there has been the present season altogether too much rain, while in the southern part of the State there has also been more than actually needed, with an additional drawback in the overflow of the Mississippi River. One of our correspondents at Shreveport, in the extreme northwestern part of the State, points out that the weather records show a fall of 32 inches of rain between Jan. 1 and June 1. The May rainfall was more moderate, having been 4 inches, the normal being 3½ inches. In that part of the State planting generally began about May 1, though in a few instances as early as April 15, and was completed about the 1st of June. The seed came up well and replanting was not necessary to any great extent except in low undrained lands. In southern Louisiana some cotton was being planted the first week of June because of the overflow of the Mississippi River; and the Commissioner of Agriculture, writing from Baton Rouge under date of June 5, said that about 200,000 acres, comprising some of the richest cotton land in the State, was then still under water, and he took rather a gloomy view of the outlook, saying that this area, even if eventually planted to cotton, could not make much of a crop. It seems to us, however, that everything will depend upon future weather conditions, and given hot, dry weather in July and August the yield might be up to the maximum, the sediment from the overflow serving as additional fertilizer to a naturally rich soil. It is worth noting that good *stands* of cotton are reported everywhere in Louisiana where the fields have been properly worked and are free of water. Notwithstanding the excessive rains fully 50% of the fields are said to be clear of weeds and grass and where there is complaint it is qualified by the statement that labor is working well. *Acreage* is reported 10 to 25% larger than last year's planting in northern Louisiana and about 10% larger in the southern part of the State. We put the average increase for the whole State at only 10% on account of the difficulty of determining how much of the land still under water at latest reports it will be found possible to reclaim in the end. The use of commercial *fertilizers* in some portions of northern Louisiana has been increased fully 50%, as compared with last year.

TEXAS.—This is the largest cotton growing State in the South, its cotton area being one-third that of the entire Cotton Belt. The State is of such magnitude as to constitute an empire by itself and conditions ordinarily vary considerably in the different extremes. The present season the variations do not seem to be as great as usual and there is common complaint of temperatures having been too low for good results and also of there having been too much rainfall, the same as in other parts of the South. The plant is late everywhere and the boll weevil are reported in quite a number of localities, but prospects are not devoid of promise in southern and western Texas. The outlook is less satisfactory in central and northern Texas, and yet even here conditions are fair and a week or two of sunshine and foreing temperatures would be certain to bring a marvelous transformation with the assurance of a large crop. In southeastern Texas, which furnishes a large portion of the total crop, planting began in a few instances in February and is reported as not completed even yet. Rains were excessive and floods common, some entire counties being washed out, making much replanting necessary. In a very few cases the returns from this part of Texas indicate that the weather was dry early in the season, but has been much too wet recently. On the other hand, a few returns speak of planting having begun in March and been completed by April 20 and the season as having been about as favorable as could be desired. An esteemed correspondent at Brenham, Texas, while noting that there has been too much rain at times, causing overflows and washouts that made replanting necessary, says the weather is favorable now and adds that there is "a good season in the ground," with the plant healthy and vigorous, but two to three weeks later than normal. This correspondent also finds the fields mostly clean and well chopped. He seems to depict the situation correctly. Texas ordinarily suffers most from drought, but on the present occasion there is an excess of moisture reaching deep down into the ground and under a visitation of extreme heat such as is frequently experienced in Texas in the hot summer months, the prospect would be big with possibilities of a large crop. The U. S. Department of Agriculture in its report of June 3 refers to this feature and lays emphasis upon it as follows, saying: "The subsoil has an abundance of moisture and this is noticeable even on the plains of the west and northwest, which are usually dry, as well as in the south and southwest. The rains producing this moisture

delayed planting, but the moisture is regarded as a great asset in the future of the crop." *Stands*, it is noteworthy, are reported good where rains have not been exceptionally heavy and continuous. Moreover, while some fields are reported foul with weeds and grass because of too much rain, yet statements that the fields are "fairly clean" come from many returns otherwise extremely pessimistic in tone. In northeastern Texas some counties make very favorable reports with scarcely a complaint of any kind, but contrariwise a few others speak gloomily, though here too a common statement is that the fields are "reasonably clear." *Acreage* is unquestionably much larger than last year. In the extreme west and northwest, where more or less new land is all the time being brought under cultivation, the increases run all the way from 10% to 100%. Even in northeastern Texas the increases range from unchanged to 30%. In southeastern Texas additions to the planted area are more moderate and do not average more than 5 to 10%. A small minority of the returns speak of the *acreage* as probably unchanged, while one correspondent in a county that was washed out thinks there may be a decrease, inasmuch as planting had not yet been entirely completed because of the washout. Obviously, it would be foolish to make dogmatic statements regarding the extent of the increase for the State as a whole in the case of a commonwealth of such huge dimensions, especially when some further planting may still occur, but the best opinion seems to be that 12% increase would be in close conformity with the facts, though possibly a slight under-estimate. *Fertilizers* claim very little attention in Texas and hence there is no occasion to say anything on that point.

ARKANSAS.—Conditions in Arkansas on the whole are quite good and particularly in the northern part of the State. Rain has been somewhat of an obstacle, but not to anywhere near the same extent as in the States east of the Mississippi River. Planting in high ground in northern Arkansas began April 15 to April 25, and was finished about May 25, but in the overflowed district bordering on the Mississippi did not begin until May 20, and has been in progress since then. Not much success was had with the April plantings and consequently much replanting was found necessary, but subsequent operations proved unusually satisfactory. The Helena Board of Trade reports that about 20,000 acres in Phillips County were inundated by the overflow of the Mississippi and that the water did not recede until May 15, which delayed planting and farm work from four to five weeks in that section. The weather was too cold for cotton most of the time and the latter part of May too wet. However, our correspondents say that cotton seems to be healthy and improving nevertheless. A favorable feature latterly in June has been that the rainfall has been light and temperatures high. *Stands* are reported good in all sections of the State, with the fields clear of weeds and grass. The Board of Trade at Helena makes the statement that about 80% of the entire *acreage* of the State is entirely clear, 10% slightly grassy and 10% very much in grass. According to the statistician of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Little Rock, 82 to 90% of the fields in the extreme northern zone are mostly clean, with the stands good, while in a limited middle zone conditions are somewhat spotted, with the crop late in the overflowed districts. In the extreme southern zone fields are grassy, and cultivation and chopping has been much delayed. In the matter of the *acreage*, this year's plantings for the State will run from 14 to 16% larger than those of last year, and we take 15% as a fair average. According to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, reports indicate a general resumption of the use of commercial *fertilizers*, and about 18% of the land planted to cotton will receive aid of that kind in some form. The tenor of the reports of our own correspondents is to the same effect, only much more emphatic.

OKLAHOMA.—In this State the outlook is quite good. As elsewhere, there was an unusual amount of rain the present spring, and all crops are late, but latterly weather conditions have improved and at the moment prospects are decidedly bright. Planting began generally about May 1 to May 10, but in parts of southern Oklahoma started April 15 to April 20. Rain delayed work and in not a few instances seed was not all in by June 1. While wet and cold, and particularly cool nights, are the general complaint, the different returns agree pretty well in saying that cotton has done well nevertheless—considering the drawbacks referred to. The reports agree pretty well, too, in thinking that in most fields a good *stand* has been secured, though a second planting was necessary to that end in some instances. Weeds and grass have been pretty well eliminated, this having been done during the last 10 days of good weather where it had not been done before. *Acreage* increases are reported, running, in some exceptional instances, as high as 40%. This is in part explained by the circumstance that there is much new territory in different parts of the State and that consequently new farms are all the time being established. In a few limited localities in south Oklahoma decreases in *acreage* are reported, in one instance to the extent of 30% and in another to the extent of 33 1-3%. These are wholly exceptional, however, and the reason given is that boll weevils have appeared in such large numbers that planters have plowed up their cotton out of fear of the effects and planted the area to feed of some kind. Taking account of the new land brought under cultivation, the

increase for the entire State will probably average in the neighborhood of 15%. Fertilizers of a commercial kind are very little used in this State, being too expensive (as one return says) by reason of freight rates; and in many parts of the State are really very little required.

TENNESSEE.—Our returns say that the spring of 1922 was the dampest and coldest in many years. Nevertheless a hopeful view is taken of the outlook. Planting extended over the period from about April 15 to May 25 and in the central part of the State several replantings were found necessary owing to the fact that the soil was not favorable for germination. As a result there is a considerable irregularity in the size and condition of the plants. The fields are more or less grassy, but weather has latterly been favorable for working out the weeds. In portions of the southwestern part of the State conditions are reported to have been entirely favorable since growth began. Acreage is reported as all the way from unchanged to an increase of 15 to 25%. We make the addition 12%. Commercial fertilizers have been used in much larger quantities than a year ago.

MISSOURI.—This State does not raise much cotton, but the returns show a generally satisfactory state of things, notwithstanding that excess of rains delayed the work of preparing the soil. Floods and the overflow of rivers early in the season had little effect one way or the other on the extent of the planting which generally began May 10 and was not completed in some instances until June 5. Good stands are reported virtually everywhere and also clean fields—weeds and grass being noted only occasionally. Acreage increases varying from 10 to 25% are reported, the small extent of the total area in cotton in the State making the percentage of addition large. We think 20% increase is about right for the State as a whole. Commercial fertilizers are not used to any extent.

CALIFORNIA.—Planting in the Imperial Valley of California suffered reduction last season, though not to the extent first indicated, the low market price prevailing at that time removing much of the inducement to its cultivation. The present season the situation is changed under the great advance in the price of cotton. Accordingly the area devoted to the staple has again increased. The returns to us make the increase in acreage 50%, which of course would be a prodigious addition except that California is not a large cotton growing State and the increase applies to a relatively small total. We place the increase at about 45%, raising the area to 80,000 acres, but this does not include 85,000 acres of the Imperial Valley lying in Mexico. Planting began, according to our information, about March 1, but was not completed until June 5. The seed came up poorly, it being too cold for proper germination, and replanting had to be done to the extent of 50%. A good stand, however, has been secured, and at least 75% of the fields are clear of weeds and grass. Fertilizers are not used.

ARIZONA.—This State did not have to contend with excessive rainfall, but the weather was too cool, the same as elsewhere. Planting began March 1 and extended to May 15. The seed came up poorly, however, because of the cold weather, and our advices are that it was necessary to plant about one-half the entire area a second time. Conditions have been favorable since the advent of warm weather. The stand is good and the fields are in excellent shape, with no weeds or grass. The acreage does not appear to differ very greatly from last year's planting.

THE DEMANDS OF MR. GOMPERS AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The Federation of Labor, in its recent convention, declined once more to declare for "one big union," evidently for no other reason than that even its denseness is unable to avoid seeing the hopelessness of any such centralizing, although the Federation has heretofore beckoned unsuccessfully to the farmers and seems to be accomplishing a sort of alliance with the miners. The plunging steed which Mr. Gompers thinks he is guiding is becoming almost too violent for him, but he was again re-elected.

The rabidly radical propositions for additional Constitutional tinkering were enthusiastically received as they came from committee. They would give to Congress practically unlimited control over child labor. They would prohibit enactment of any law or making any judicial determination that would deny the right of workers "to organize for the betterment of their conditions, to deal collectively with their employers, to withhold collectively their labor and patronage, and to induce others to do so." Nobody has ever sought or wished to deny or to restrict

the right to organize, or even to deal collectively with employers; what has been and must be resisted is the abuses of organization and the attempt to carry collective bargaining to such a centralizing that a few men who are not working for an employer shall intervene and settle his difficulties with his men instead of leaving that to the parties directly concerned. This has never been submitted to, and never can be. Withholding patronage "collectively" and inducing others to do so means the boycott, primary and secondary, and the Danbury hatters' and other leading cases have disposed of that. An amendment on the La Follette line is proposed, whereby a two-thirds vote may repass and make impregnable a statute which the Supreme Court has found to be unconstitutional; making such a finding tantamount to the Executive veto would make an analogy where none exists, and is too wild to have any real prospect of serious consideration, even in these excited times.

A law is demanded that shall make more clear the intention of Congress in Sections 6, 19 and 20 of the Clayton law (the "labor" sections). The objects aimed at by these sections, it is claimed, "were manifestly ignored or over-ridden" in the various court decisions as to "picketing" and other disorderly and unlawful conduct by unions and as to responsibility for damages thus caused. Section 6, liberal enough in declaring the lawfulness of mutual labor or other organizations having no capital and not conducted for profit, so long as they confine themselves to "lawfully carrying out the legitimate objects thereof," also makes the barren declaration that something which has been bought and sold from time immemorial is not "a commodity." It is now demanded that the intention of Congress shall be more explicitly declared and carried out, but that intention was to placate labor by inserting a bit of buncombe—the same intention as caused Mr. Wilson to sign an appropriation bill rider which his predecessor had vetoed, and to do this because (although he pronounced it wrong in principle) it would have no practical effect, inasmuch as there was other money available for the purpose which the rider ostensibly estopped.

The Sherman Act itself is now found inhuman and objectionable, and its repeal is demanded. It was intended to prevent trusts but by judicial perversion and misinterpretation "has been repeatedly invoked to deprive the toiling masses of their natural and normal rights." That is, the language is found, at last, to be general, applicable to every "person" as well as every trust, and thus it is beginning to bite somewhat. So away with it!

Mr. Taft is not approved, and the Federation's Executive Council is to call conferences for assisting in preparing the amendments and laws "and in the education of public opinion for their support and adoption." This educating—at least along the lines demanded—is not likely to be rapid.

Current Events and Discussions

WEEKLY RETURN OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Aggregate reductions of \$74,100,000 in Government securities, largely Treasury certificates, and of \$62,900,000 in Government deposits in connection with fiscal operations incident to the redemption of tax certificates matured on June 15 and the payment on that date of semi-annual interest on First Liberty bonds and Victory notes, are shown in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on June 21 1922, and which deals with the results for the twelve Federal Reserve banks combined. Gold

holdings of the Reserve banks increased by \$12,200,000, while other cash reserves show a decrease of about \$1,000,000 for the week. In addition to the large decrease in Government deposits, reductions of \$9,400,000 in members' reserve deposits and of \$2,300,000 in other deposits are noted. Federal Reserve note circulation increased by \$3,700,000. The reserve ratio, in consequence of the above changes, shows a rise from 77.4 to 79.1%. After noting these facts the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Four of the Reserve banks, viz., those of New York, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Kansas City, report among their assets a total of \$32,000,000 of special certificates to cover advances to the Treasury pending collection of tax checks and of funds from depository institutions. The reduction of \$61,700,000 in "other" certificates held represents largely the difference between the amount of tax certificates redeemed for account of the Reserve banks and the amount of special certificates held by them on the latest report date.

Inter-bank shifting of credits in the gold settlement fund proceeded on a much more moderate scale than the week before. New York reports the largest increase in gold reserves, viz., by \$19,000,000, followed by Boston and St. Louis with increases of \$8,100,000 and \$6,300,000, respectively. Smaller increases totalling \$3,600,000 are reported by the Philadelphia and Kansas City banks. Decreases in gold reserves by \$5,100,000 each are shown for the Richmond and Cleveland banks, while the five remaining banks show aggregate decreases of \$14,600,000.

Holdings of paper secured by Government obligations show a slight increase for the week from \$140,600,000 to \$140,700,000. Of the total held, \$114,500,000, or 81.4%, were secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds, \$6,700,000, or 4.8%, by Victory notes, \$11,700,000, or 8.3%, by Treasury notes and \$7,800,000, or 5.5%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$116,100,000, \$7,700,000, \$10,800,000 and \$6,000,000 reported the week before.

The statement in full in comparison with preceding weeks and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely pages 2801 and 2802. A summary of changes in the principal asset and liability items of the Reserve banks, as compared with a week and a year ago, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Since June 14 1922.	June 22 1921.
Total reserves.....	+\$11,200,000	+\$527,700,000
Gold reserves.....	+12,200,000	+569,500,000
Total earning assets.....	-68,700,000	-983,800,000
Discounted bills, total.....	+8,000,000	-1,332,400,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	+100,000	-517,300,000
Other bills discounted.....	+7,900,000	-815,100,000
Purchased bills.....	-2,500,000	+82,000,000
United States securities, total.....	-74,200,000	+266,600,000
Bonds and notes.....	-11,000,000	+193,700,000
Pittman certificates.....	-1,500,000	-148,400,000
Other Treasury certificates.....	-61,700,000	+221,300,000
Total deposits.....	-74,600,000	+157,200,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	-9,400,000	+164,300,000
Government deposits.....	-62,900,000	-7,500,000
Other deposits.....	-2,300,000	-100,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	+3,700,000	-513,000,000
F. R. Bank notes in circulation, net liability.....	-300,000	-67,300,000

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE MEMBER BANKS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

A further increase of \$24,000,000 in loans secured by stocks and bonds, together with increases of \$37,000,000 in other, i. e., largely commercial and industrial, loans and discounts, mainly in New York City, and of \$57,000,000 in investments in United States bonds and notes, as against reductions of \$20,000,000 in Treasury certificates and of \$4,000,000 in loans secured by Government obligations, are shown in the Federal Reserve Boards' weekly statement of condition on June 14 of 800 member banks in leading cities. It should be noted that the figures of these member banks are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Total loans and investments show an increase of \$91,000,000, of which \$75,000,000 represents an increase in New York City. Of the total of \$15,213,000,000 of loans and investments reported as of June 14 of the present year, the share of "other" loans was 46.7%, as against 53.1% about a year ago. On the other hand, the share of investments in Government securities shows an increase for the same period from 9.5 to 13.1%, and the share of corporate securities owned and loans thereon—an increase from 33.1 to 38.1%.

Government deposits show a reduction for the week of \$38,000,000, other demand deposits (net) increased by \$183,000,000, mainly in anticipation of the income tax payments due on the following day and customers' subscriptions to the June 15 issues of Government securities. Time deposits show a decline for the week of \$24,000,000. For New York City reductions of \$13,000,000 in Government deposits and of \$40,000,000 in time deposits, as against an increase of \$120,000,000 in net demand deposits, are noted.

Only a nominal change, from \$117,000,000 to \$116,000,000, is shown in the total borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, the ratio of these borrowings to the reporting banks' combined loans and investments continuing unchanged at 0.8%.

Reserve balances of the reporting banks declined about \$5,000,000, while their cash in vault increased by \$2,000,000. For member banks in New York City a reduction of \$16,000,000 in total reserve balances and no change in cash on hand are noted. On a subsequent page—that is, on page 2802—we give the figures in full contained in this latest weekly return of the member banks of the Reserve System. In the following is furnished a summary of the changes in the principal items, as compared with a week and a year ago:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
	Since June 7 1922.	June 15 1921.
Loans and discounts—total.....	+\$57,000,000	-945,000,000
Secured by U. S. Government obligations.....	-4,000,000	-359,000,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	+24,000,000	+499,000,000
All other.....	+37,000,000	-1,085,000,000
Investments, total.....	+35,000,000	+729,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	+38,000,000	+372,000,000
Victory notes.....	+19,000,000	-42,000,000
U. S. Treasury notes.....	.....	+275,000,000
Treasury certificates.....	-20,000,000	-71,000,000
Other stocks and bonds.....	-2,000,000	+195,000,000
Reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks.....	-5,000,000	-49,000,000
Cash in vault.....	+2,000,000	-34,000,000
Government deposits.....	-38,000,000	-160,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	+183,000,000	+814,000,000
Time deposits.....	-24,000,000	+339,000,000
Total accommodation at Fed. Res. banks.....	-1,000,000	-1,052,000,000

NEW LOAN IN FRANCE.

Subscription books for a new loan of 3,200,000,000 francs for reconstruction purposes of the devastated regions of France will be opened on June 26. The new credit will bear 6% interest. It will be issued at 99 3-5, and be payable in 1934 at 103, with various optional maturities.

FRENCH FINANCIAL MISSION TO SAIL JULY 1.

The French financial mission, which is shortly to sail for the United States to confer with the World War Foreign Debt Commission, will, it is said, be prepared to supply information only regarding the French war debt, without submitting any proposals in behalf of the French Government as to terms of payment. Jean V. Parmentier, Administrator of the Ministry of Finance, who, as announced in these columns last week (page 2661), will head the French mission, is scheduled to sail from France July 1. Associated Press advices from Paris June 19 stated:

His function, it would appear from what has been given out concerning the approaching visit to the United States, will be limited to spreading before the Commission the present balance sheet of France, from which, it is assumed here, the French Government will attempt to convince the Commission that it cannot really engage to pay definite sums at definite times.

SOUTH AMERICA PROGRESSING TOWARD NORMAL CONDITIONS, ACCORDING TO NORMAN C. STENNING.

Having passed the acute crisis which followed the abnormal inflation in the prices of its products as the result of the war, South America is now steadily progressing toward normal conditions, in the opinion of Norman C. Stenning, the new agent of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., in New York. Mr. Stenning, who has been with the bank for nearly twenty years, recently arrived in the United States from South America after eight years in the service of the bank in Argentina and Peru. So far as relations with the United States are concerned, Mr. Stenning is of the opinion that there is no reason why they should not continue to improve, and that American exporters should be able to expand their business with South American countries.

The prospects of the nitrate industry, of such vital importance to Chile, are good, as reflected by improved sales of the commodity, and the possibility of its increased use as a fertilizer in this country is favorable to Chile, according to Mr. Stenning. Latest advices from Argentina indicate that the harvest is likely to be up to normal figures, and evidences of renewed activity there are not lacking. Higher prices for cotton and sugar, two of Peru's principal items of export, have reacted favorably on the general prosperity of that country. Copper mining and smelting have been running at a fair percentage of capacity in spite of low prices for the metal, according to Mr. Stenning, and an expansion in that industry is indicated by present conditions. The Anglo-South American Bank and its affiliations maintain some forty branches throughout South America.

NEW MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN SECURITY DEALERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors, held June 20 1922, the following houses were elected to membership in the As-

sociation of Foreign Security Dealers of America; Blythe, Witter & Co., Kissel, Kinniett & Co. and Wood, Gundy & Co.

PAYMENT BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT OF MONTHLY REPARATIONS INSTALLMENT—NEW TERMS FOR FACILITATING DELIVERING OF GOODS.

According to Associated Press advices from Paris June 16, Germany on that date paid the regular monthly installment of 50,000,000 gold marks for reparations. Deposits aggregating that amount, it is stated, were made in the designated banks in Paris, London and Brussels.

In reporting the approval on the 16th inst. by the Allied Reparations Commission of the revised terms of a convention with the German Government for facilitating delivery of German goods within the devastated regions for the account of Germany's reparation bill, the New York "Times" in a cablegram (copyright) from Paris June 16, stated that it is expected that deliveries will begin very shortly. The "Times" advices added:

This revised convention is an improvement on the original Wiesbaden plan made between M. Loucheur and Dr. Rathenau. Instead of passing through a cumbersome official organization, orders for dwellers in the devastated districts will be placed directly with German manufacturers who will be able to recover the price of the goods delivered from their Government.

Under the terms for this year's payments by Germany, France has the right to 950,000,000 gold marks' worth of goods. Hitherto, on account of the opposition of French manufacturers and clumsy working of the official machinery, little payment in kind has been made, but the need of the devastated districts and the ease with which the new plan can be put into practice is expected to lead to large immediate importation.

The Associated Press stated:

Reparations officials are of the opinion that by the new agreement for reparation in kind a great step has been made toward straightening out the reparations question, and that it may ease up cash payments. France may deal direct with Germany without waiting ratification of the Wiesbaden agreements.

The question of Germany's ratification of the agreement will come up in the Reichstag for discussion next week.

ADDITIONAL PAY FOR ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION IN GERMANY.

On June 4th Associated Press reported the following advices from Berlin:

The members of the Entente Control Commissions assigned to duty in Germany have been voted special cash allowances, in addition to their salaries, for the four months beginning March 1, as follows:

Chiefs of Commissions, 71,950 marks; Generals, Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, 53,025 marks; ranking Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors serving in executive capacities, 37,875 marks; Majors, 34,100 marks; Captains and Lieutenants, 32,200 marks; non-commissioned officers, 17,500 marks; privates, 10,600 marks. The allowances are to be paid on the basis of foreign exchange.

Although the allowances were voted by the Council of Ambassadors on April 15, Gen. Maurice Nollet, chief of the French military mission, has just advised the German Foreign Office of the increases.

GERMANY'S COMPULSORY LOAN.

Announcement to the effect that the Reichstag Taxation Committee on June 22, favorably reported the bill for the German compulsory loan, but with a joker rider, was contained in a copyright cablegram from Berlin to the New York "Times", which also said:

This compulsory loan was originally intended by the Government to be for 1,000,000,000 gold marks. On the motion of Herr Becker, acting leader of the German People's Party, the Committee modified the bill by fixing the loan at 60,000,000,000 paper marks. This action is symptomatic of Germany's stiffening attitude toward reparations.

Reference to the fact that the compulsory loan bill had been passed by the Reichstag and the Reichsrath was made in these columns April 8, page 1473 and May 27, page 2297, respectively. From the "Wall Street Journal" of June 17 we take the following regarding the proposed forced loan:

Germany has taken steps toward meeting the Reparation Commission's demand that she raise 40,000,000,000 marks by a forced loan during the current year. Bill before Reichstag provided for raising of a loan of 1,000,000,000 gold marks or 60,000,000,000 paper, figured at 1 gold mark to 60 paper marks. Reparation budget figures sums paid to Allies on basis of 1 gold mark to 70 paper marks.

Bill estimates total German taxable property at 100,000,000,000 gold marks, compared with 150,000,000,000 gold marks in 1913.

Subscriptions to the loan would be made on the following basis:

- First 250,000 marks of taxable property, 2% or 5,000 marks.
- Next 250,000 marks of taxable property, 4% or 10,000 marks.
- Next 250,000 marks of taxable property, 6% or 15,000 marks.
- Next 250,000 marks of taxable property, 8% or 20,000 marks.
- Further amounts of taxable property, 10%.

A fortune of 1,000,000 marks would subscribe for 50,000 marks of bonds, amounting to 5% of total fortune. Property of less than 100,000 marks is exempt from subscription to compulsory loan, while fortunes of less than 1,000,000 marks, taxable income from which does not exceed 40,000 marks, are likewise exempt.

How Loan Should Be Issued.

Subscribers to forced loan would receive bearer bonds in denominations of from 1,000 to 100,000 marks. These bonds may be sold as soon as received. No interest would be paid until November 1925. After that date, and until October 1930, bonds would pay 2½%. From 1930 on, rate will be 4%.

While bonds would be issued at par, it is probable that they would sell considerably lower in the open market. This issue would not be supported by a syndicate, as has been the case with the various war loan issues. After November 1925, loan would be redeemable by purchase in the open market, or by drawing at par of 2¼% of number of outstanding bonds each year. Germany would probably prefer purchase in open market to drawings, since it is anticipated bonds will sell considerably below par.

Basis of Assessment.

Estimated value of property on Dec. 31 1922 is taken as basis of levy for forced loan. However, property is assessed as of April 28 1922. Amount due on such valuation is payable before Nov. 1 1922. To prevent unduly low assessments, bill provides that property shall be subject to a tax amounting to from 40% to 70% of difference between owner's valuation and final valuation to be made by Government assessors.

Various amendments have been proposed. Among the more important are raising exemption from 100,000 to 300,000 marks in cases where annual income does not exceed 30,000 marks, and exemption of property up to 1,000,000 marks, yielding less than 50,000 marks a year, when such property belongs to persons over sixty years old, or incapable of self-support. It has also been proposed to make interest on loan 4% from 1925 on, instead of waiting until 1930 before putting this rate into effect.

FOUR SUBCOMMISSIONS CREATED TO STUDY SUBJECTS INCIDENT TO CONTROL OF GERMANY'S FINANCES.

The New York "Evening Post" on the 22d inst. printed the following cablegram from Berlin, bearing the same date.

Preliminary discussion by the representatives of the German Ministry and the members of the Allied Committee on Guarantees has resulted in the creation of four subcommissions to investigate various subjects in connection with the financial control in Germany proposed by the Reparations Commission.

The first subcommission is to investigate Germany's revenues and expenditures, the second will deal with the "smuggling" of capital across the Germany frontier, and the others will study the floating debt and official statistics bearing on exports and imports and industrial data generally.

Regarding the proposed control of Germany's finances a press dispatch from Paris May 30, published in the New York "Commercial," stated:

Germany has consented to the creation of an Allied control commission to supervise German finances on condition it does not violate German sovereignty, does not interrupt the administration of Government affairs and does not violate private business secrets, it was revealed this afternoon, when the Reparations Commission made public the text of the German reparations note.

Germany, in her note, promised:

1. Vigorous efforts to reduce the floating debt.
2. To prevent the exportation of capital.
3. To attempt to secure capital which may have been sent out of the country.
4. To submit a legislative program before June 30, enforcing the demands of the Reparations Commission.

As regards reduction of the floating debt, Germany says this is only possible if an international loan is granted.

GERMANY IN ARREARS ON COAL DELIVERIES.

The Reparations Commission, it is stated in press advices from Berlin June 18, has notified the German Government that coal deliveries of late have been considerably in arrears of Germany's obligations, especially during June. These dispatches also states:

The Government will discuss the situation with the Committee on Guarantees which is now on its way here.

It is understood that it will be pointed out to the committee that German production has greatly decreased; that there is a shortage of coal for domestic consumption; that the high rate of exchange precludes the importation of coal, and that the Labor Ministry is at present negotiating with regard to the question of overtime work in the mines.

CHANCELLOR WIRTH OF GERMANY SAYS MEASURES MUST BE ADOPTED TO STOP DECLINE OF MARK.

The following (copyrighted) appeared in the New York "Times" of June 21; it comes from Berlin under date of June 20:

Chancellor Wirth at his first meeting with the Guarantee Commission to-day is understood to have enunciated the proposition that effective measures must immediately be concerted to stem the further decline of the mark unless all the plans for making reparations were to go by the board.

The Chancellor, it is further understood, even hinted at the emergency possibility of soon suspending gold reparation payments so that the Reichsbank could dump its accumulated foreign exchange reserves on the market to check the mark's downward course.

This development cleared up the uncertainty which existed in the Government's own mind as well as in regard to what tactics should be adopted toward the Guarantee Commission.

According to an inspired source the Government, as well as financial circles, is almost pessimistic about the mark. These quarters affect to fear a further sharp rise of the dollar and the inevitable collapse of the mark. There is talk of the mark shortly dropping to 350 and even to 400 to the dollar in the near future. Such a catastrophe, it is argued, would be fatal to all the Government's finance plans, incidentally entailing immediate stoppage of reparation payments.

It is argued that if the mark drops to 350 or 400 a huge new wave of rapidly rising prices will swamp Germany, closely followed by a nation-wide strike and a wage increase movement, to check which the Government would have to speed up the paper money printing presses to record-smashing production.

Chancellor Wirth conferred with President Havenstein of the Reichsbank, to-day, chiefly regarding this phase of the financial situation. It is an open secret that the Reichsbank has tried to save the mark from declining by throwing part of its foreign exchange holdings on the market, but this tactical expedient cannot be continued longer without drawing upon the

accumulated foreign exchange reserves held for the next reparation payments.

There is a movement therefore on the part of the Wirth Government to leave it to the Guarantee Commission to suggest ways and means whereby the decline of the mark can be checked and Germany put in the position of continuing the reparation payment. The Wirth Cabinet will in all probability concern itself with this problem to-morrow.

Curiously the ultra reactionary Dr. Helfferich has enunciated much the same idea as Dr. Wirth did to the Guarantee Commission, only in a much more concrete form. Speaking in the Reichstag's taxation committee discussion on the compulsory loan bill Dr. Helfferich told his fellow-members that this measure should be put into force by the end of the year and demanded that the Government take effective measures against depreciation of German money by having the Reichsbank suspend purchases of foreign exchange for reparation purposes whenever the dollar mark exchange rate passed a certain point to be fixed every six months. Provisionally he proposed a rate of 260 marks to the dollar.

This would mean that Germany would immediately suspend cash reparation payments and the Reichsbank buy no more dollars or equivalent foreign exchange for reparation purposes until the mark had risen from to-day's rate of 321 to beyond 260 marks to the dollar.

HERR STINNES'S "SIX POINTS" AS CONDITION TO REPARATIONS PAYMENTS.

In a copyright cablegram from Berlin June 14, the New York "Times" said in part:

Of outstanding political interest to-day are "Germany's six points" as postulates to Germany's continuing to pay billions of reparations. These, formulated by Stinnes, featured in Stinnes's *Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung*, are:

First. Evacuation of Dulsburg, Duesseldorf and Ruhrort and the abolition of the 26% levy on exports.

Second. Evacuation of the occupied territory on the left bank of the Rhine.

Third. Evacuation of Saare territory.

Fourth. Freedom of German commerce with Danzig and through the Polish corridor.

Fifth. Revision of the Upper Silesian border.

Sixth. Revocation of the compulsory most-favored-nation clause.

This economic manifesto must be regarded as the duly deliberated platform of Stinnes and the allied coal, iron and steel barons. The six points are "justified by the following comment:

"1. The most primitive sense of justice as particularly expressed by English public opinion, commands the revocation of these penalties as Germany bowed to the London ultimatum.

"2. Simultaneously to pay up billions of debts and feed foreign militarism is impossible for Germany. The cost of the armies of occupation almost equals the annual foreign trade balance before the war. Being thus bled white must reduce us to bankruptcy.

"3. The Versailles Treaty entrusted the Saare to the League of Nations, till its return to Germany, despite which a purely French executive organization is preparing the population for annexation by starving our and crowding out industry. Unhindered commercial intercourse with an unenslaved Saareland and Germany's right to dispose of Saare coal would accelerate a settlement of our war debts.

"4. Hampering our commerce with Danzig and through the Polish corridor is merely designed to shut Germany off from its indispensable granary. We are to work, but we may not eat.

"5. The senselessness of the arbitrary tearing apart of the Upper Silesian economic unit in brutal violation of the treaty tore perhaps the strongest member from our economic body. Who lops off a debtor's right hand must no longer demand work and payment from him.

"6. The most-favored-nation yoke reduces German labor to an impotent speculative object of foreign competition and therefore makes impossible the convalescence of our economy to the point of being able to pay."

This Stinnes manifesto concludes:

"Only the fulfillment of at least these six points could put Germany in the position to pay off her reparation indebtedness. Without their fulfillment Germany will sooner or later face her unpaid creditors as a bankrupt or even a desperado, turning out her empty pockets and with a shrug of the shoulders declaring: 'Here I stand. I can't do anything else. Help me.'"

HUNGARY PAYING REPARATIONS IN LIVESTOCK.

According to a Budapest cablegram June 21, the first deliveries of livestock on reparations account was made by Hungary on the 20th inst., when 500 horses were turned over to Greece at Szegedin, and 1,000 horses, and 1,000 head of cattle and sheep delivered to Jugoslavia at Szekesfeher. The price paid for the animals, it is stated, totaled 500,000,000 crowns.

S. P. GILBERT, JR., ON REFUNDING OF WAR DEBT.

Discussing "The Refunding of the War Debt" before the Maine Bankers' Association at Augusta on June 17, S. P. Gilbert, Jr., Under Secretary of the Treasury, stated that according to the present outlook the total current expenditures for the year will be less \$3,900,000,000, or at least 500 million dollars less than the spending departments themselves estimated would be necessary at the outset of the year." Mr. Gilbert's earlier observations on "The Treasury's Current Problems" were set out in our issue of January 21 1922 (page 251). In his address of Saturday last Mr. Gilbert stated that "the Government has during the year now closing made that much progress in the gradual liquidation of its war debt and with its budget definitely established on this basis it should look forward to substantially similar progress each year in the years to come." As for the fiscal year 1923, which opens on July 1 1922, the prospects, he said, "are not good, and according to the best estimates now available there will be a budget deficit of perhaps as much as \$360,000,000,

or rather \$485,000,000, if, as properly should be, the \$125,000,000 of accumulated interest on War Savings Certificates of the series of 1918 is taken into account. The appropriation bills for next year have not yet all been passed, and many measures are pending in Congress which would greatly swell expenditures and still further increase the indicated deficit. Nothing can be clearer, however, than that this Government owes it to itself and to the rest of the world to keep its finances clean and balance its budget in 1923 as in the three previous fiscal years, and that the only way to accomplish this is to reduce expenditures already estimated, and avoid new avenues of expenditure to such an extent as may be necessary to wipe out the indicated deficit."

Mr. Gilbert further stated in part:

This country came through the war with a gross public debt at the high point, on August 31 1919, of \$26,596,000,000, an increase of almost 25 1/2 billion dollars during the war period. This war debt, however, stood in quite a different position than the debt which resulted from the Civil War, and from the outset it had been arranged, as to both maturities and redemption privileges, in such a way as to assure adequate control to the Treasury over the refunding and liquidation of the debt. The war debt at this stage included over 4 billions of Victory notes maturing within about 4 years and redeemable at the end of 3 years; over 4 billion dollars of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, all maturing within a year; almost a billion dollars of War Savings certificates maturing within 5 years, and over 16 billion dollars of Liberty bonds maturing at various dates from 1928 to 1947, and redeemable at various dates from 1927 to 1933. With the debt in this shape the Treasury was in a position to apply to the retirement of early maturing debt any surplus revenues that might accrue to it, whether from salvage or taxation, as well as any surplus funds that it might be able to make available through economies in the conduct of the Treasury's balances. On August 31 1919, as it happened, the balance in the general fund of the Treasury had been at a high figure in order to prepare for early maturities of certificates of indebtedness and with the gradual reduction in the amount of loan certificates outstanding and the falling off in Government expenditures it became possible within the ensuing year to reduce the average balances in the general fund and to run the Treasury on a balance averaging about 400 million dollars, as compared with the average balance of a billion dollars or more that had been necessary during the preceding period. By this factor alone the public debt was reduced within a year by as much as 800 million dollars, while the total net reduction in the Treasury balance between August 31 1919, and June 15 1922, amounted to about 1 billion dollars, which accounts for a corresponding reduction in the principal of the public debt within that period. On June 15 1922, after taking into account the operations which fell on that date, the total gross debt of the United States was about \$22,950,000,000, a total reduction since the peak of over \$3,600,000,000. The balance of this reduction after allowing for the 1 billion dollar item on account of the reduced balance in the general fund, represents first the application of about \$200,000,000 of repayments by foreign governments to the retirement of liberty bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Liberty Bond Act; second, the receipt of funds from salvage and other realization on assets remaining over from the war, aggregating about \$1,400,000,000, and finally the application to debt retirement of about 1 billion dollars of surplus tax receipts during the fiscal years 1920, 1921 and 1922, chiefly through the sinking fund and other debt redemptions which are chargeable against ordinary receipts.

From now on the liquidation of the debt will have to be accomplished chiefly from surplus revenue receipts, and particularly through the sinking fund and other similar accounts. The Treasury balance has already been reduced to about as low a figure as is consistent with the proper conduct of the Government's business, and there is little expectation of being able to accomplish further debt reduction by cutting down the working balances in depositories. Some further realization on war assets may be expected to a limited extent, through the sale of surplus supplies and equipment still held by the War Department, the Navy Department and the Shipping Board, but for the most part from realization on the Government's investments in war emergency corporations, such as the War Finance Corporations and in securities of various classes, particularly those of Federal Land Banks and the obligations of carriers acquired under the Railroad Control Act and the Transportation Act. Of the war emergency corporations, the War Finance Corporation is now the most substantial and since it is due to expire by limitation on May 31 1923, the Treasury should be able to count on receiving within the next year or two the bulk of its remaining investment in this corporation, amounting to about \$250,000,000. A good part of this sum is already taken up in the estimated ordinary receipts for 1923, but much of it ought to be applied in ordinary course to the reduction of the public debt, since it is now reflected in the Treasury's borrowings. The sinking fund and other similar accounts must be relied on, however, to accomplish the most substantial retirements of debt in the years to come, and as to them, the Treasury has already established the proposition in the first Budget which was submitted to Congress by the President in the fall of 1921, that expenditures on this account must be made out of ordinary receipts and be included in the ordinary budget on that basis. This means that provision must be made for these items of expenditure before the budget can balance, and a balanced budget each year thus means a reasonable amount of debt retirement out of current revenues. To do other wise, of course, would make a farce of the sinking fund, for on any other basis purchases of obligations for retirement on this account would accomplish no debt retirement whatever, and would simply mean a shifting of borrowings from one form to another.

So much for the liquidation of the public debt which the Treasury is accomplishing. It became clear early in this Administration, however, that the gradual retirement of the debt from year to year would not suffice to provide for the maturities which fell due within the next two years, and that some program of orderly funding had to be adopted in order to put the short-dated debt in manageable shape and protect both the Treasury and the financial markets of the country against undue concentration of public debt maturities. On March 31 1921, for example, the Treasury faced maturities of debt within the next two years, or thereabouts, aggregating over \$7,500,000,000, and of this amount over \$4,000,000,000 was concentrated in the Victory Liberty Loan, maturing on May 20 1923. The remainder consisted of about \$2,750,000,000 in Treasury certificates of indebtedness maturing within a year and about \$750,000,000 in War Savings Certificates. It was clear that the great bulk of this early maturing debt would have to be refunded, and the Secretary accordingly announced on April 30 1921 that it would be the Treasury's policy thereafter to vary its offerings of certificates of indebtedness from time to time with offerings of short-term notes at convenient intervals, with maturities of from three to five years.

The object of this policy was to distribute the short-dated debt over a longer period of years, chiefly between the maturity of the Victory loan in 1923 and the maturity of the Third Liberty loan in 1928, and to do this in such a way as to spread the maturities of debt over the period in manageable amounts that might be taken up to some extent at least out of surplus revenue receipts accruing to the Government in those years. Pursuant to this program, five public offerings of Treasury notes have now been made, two for cash, in June and September, 1921, one for cash and in exchange for 4½% Victory notes in February, 1922, and the other two only in exchange for 4½% Victory notes, in March and June, 1922. Every offering of notes has met with a hearty response and the Treasury has been able by this means to place about \$2,200,000,000 of the early maturing debt into more convenient maturities, and to reduce the Victory loan to manageable proportions. At the same time it has taken advantage of its right to call Victory notes for redemption before maturity, and by calling all the 3½% notes for redemption on June 15 it has entirely eliminated that tax-exempt series. In connection with the June 15 offering of Treasury notes, moreover, the Secretary has announced his intention of calling for redemption on December 15 1922, a substantial amount of the 4½% Victory notes still outstanding. In fact enough has already been accomplished to assure the success of the Treasury's plans for the refunding of the short-dated debt and to relieve the country of the fear of disturbance from spectacular refunding operations, unless by the imposition of new burdens on the Treasury, present plans and policies should be disarranged.

The refunding already effected, after taking into account in round figures the results of the June 15 operations, shows remarkable progress as compared with the situation on April 30 1921, when the refunding program was first announced. Victory notes now outstanding amount to only about 2 billion dollars as compared with over 4 billion dollars at that time. Treasury certificates aggregate about \$1,830,000,000 as compared with about \$2,750,000,000 and War Savings Certificates maturing or to be redeemed within the year amount to about \$650,000,000 as compared with about \$750,000,000, when the program began to operate. There are now outstanding, of course, about \$2,200,000,000 of entirely new obligations in the form of Treasury notes, but these mature at various dates in the years 1924, 1925 and 1926, and the Treasury should, accordingly, be able to frame its plans so as to take care of them at maturity out of surplus revenues or through secondary refunding operations, if necessary, without undue strain to the financial markets.

There still remains outstanding, however, about \$4,500,000,000 of obligations maturing within less than a year, \$2,000,000,000 of which is in the form of Victory notes, and their refunding presents a problem that will require the best attention of the Treasury for practically the whole of the next fiscal year.

Related to this general refunding program is the problem of refunding the large maturity of War Savings Certificates which falls on January 1 1923. In this connection the Treasury has already offered to the public a new issue of Treasury Savings Certificates in convenient form and denomination and yielding an attractive interest return, and it is hoped that by this means among others it will be possible to refund a large part of the War Savings maturity into obligations of the same general character and with the same appeal to the needs of the small investor.

The budgets of many of the countries of Europe are still in chaos, and this has led to corresponding disturbance in international financial relations and instability in the foreign exchanges. This, in turn, has proved one of the greatest obstacles to the re-establishment of normal relationships and the reconstruction of international commerce.

As for this Government, its effort since the beginning of the war has been to keep its own house in order, to maintain the gold standard unimpaired and unrestricted, to finance the war on sound lines through taxation and through the absorption of Government obligations out of savings, and after the cessation of hostilities to balance its budget, current expenses against current income, and, at the same time, to carry out a reasonable program for the gradual liquidation and orderly funding of the war debt. This policy the Government has persistently followed from the beginning of the war to this date, and as a result it has come through the greatest war in history and through the exceedingly difficult period of readjustment which followed the war, with its credits not only unimpaired but greatly improved, with the dollar recognized as a standard of value throughout the world and with its banking system in sound condition to meet the peacetime demands of business and industry. Thus there has been laid the foundation for a healthful revival of business in this country on normal levels. At the same time it is, I think, becoming more and more recognized that the best hope for the gradual restoration of business and industry in Europe lies not only in the maintenance of sound financial conditions in this country, but also in the gradual adoption of similar principles by the Government of Europe, many of which still persist in the policy of budgetary deficits and currency inflation. With the financial markets in this country able to absorb new issues of securities on reasonable terms, the countries of Europe which are willing and able to put their own finances in order are gradually finding themselves in a position to get the necessary capital for their rehabilitation through the sale of obligations to investors in this country. Through this means rather than by spectacular gold loans or far-reaching inter-Governmental operations, this country may be expected to contribute its share to the reconstruction of Europe. Just as in the days after our Civil War, European investors through their investments in our railroads and industries, contributed their share to the reconstruction of this country after that war and stimulated the great development of its resources which has followed.

OFFERING OF \$5,000,000 STATE OF SANTA CATHARINA (U. S. OF BRAZIL) BONDS.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of New York and Chicago; Cassett & Co. of Philadelphia, and the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee, offered on the 21st inst., an issue of \$5,000,000 State of Catharina, (United States of Brazil) 25-year 8% external sinking fund gold bonds at a price of 101 and interest to yield more than 7.90%. The bonds are dated February 1 1922, are due February 1 1947, and are non-callable for 10 years. Principal and interest are payable in United States gold, free of all State of Santa Catharina and Brazilian taxes. Interest is payable semi-annually, February 1 and August 1, at the office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York and Chicago, fiscal agents of the loan. Principal is payable at the office of the trustee in New York City. Application will be made to list the bonds on the New York Stock Exchange. The bonds are

in coupon form in interchangeable denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. It is stated that the proceeds of the loan will be applicable to the retirement of the \$5,000,000 6% Secured External Gold Bonds sold in this country in 1919 (which retirement has already been agreed to by the holders of over 95% of the bonds) and, to the purchase in the United States of materials necessary for the construction of various Government improvements. The following relative to the present offering is quoted from the prospectus:

The bonds are not callable until Feb. 1 1932, on which date and on any interest date thereafter, on sixty days' published notice, the issue may be called only as a whole at 110 and interest. An annual cumulative sinking fund of \$100,000 operating semi-annually is provided for to be applied to the purchase in the market of bonds of this issue up to and including par and interest, and any sinking fund moneys not so expended shall either be held in trust or invested in securities to be mutually agreed between Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and the State, which securities may include bonds of this issue purchased at prices above par. Any securities purchased for the account of the sinking fund must mature on or prior to the date of maturity of this issue of bonds. All bonds of this issue purchased for the sinking fund shall continue to draw interest. The interest accruing on securities held in the sinking fund shall be similarly held in trust or invested. All cash or securities that may be held in the sinking fund at maturity shall be applied to the payment of this issue of bonds.

Security.

These bonds will be the direct and unconditional obligation of the State of Santa Catharina and upon retirement of the \$5,000,000 External Loan of 1919 (which retirement has already been agreed to by the holders of over 95% of the bonds), will, in the opinion of our counsel, be specifically secured by certain taxes, the proceeds of which, in 1921, directly applicable to this issue, were as follows: \$582,664 computed at the present rate of exchange, or \$1,023,408 on the basis of the average exchange rate for the five years 1917-1921 or \$1,518,627 at the normal rate of exchange, as compared with the total annual service charge of this issue of \$500,000. The State covenants that should the total annual income from the taxes now specifically given as security for this loan ever be less than 125% of the annual service charge, this issue shall then become a first charge on other taxes of the State to an amount equal in each year to the difference between the proceeds of the taxes now specifically securing these bonds and 125% of the total annual service charge.

Revenue.

The total revenues of the State have increased steadily from \$333,180 in 1912 to \$1,080,000 in 1921 computed at the present rate of exchange, or \$552,832 to \$1,792,000 on the basis of the average exchange rate for the five years 1917-1921, or \$799,632 to \$2,592,000 at the normal rate of exchange. During the last six years approximately \$2,000,000 (at par of exchange) has been spent by the State on public works, improvements, &c. The principal sources of revenue are the "Industrial and Professional Tax," "Territorial Tax," "Capital Tax," "Export Tax," "Transfer of Property Tax" and the "Stamp Tax," all of which specifically secure this loan.

Debt.

The total debt of the State, in round numbers as of Dec. 31 1921, and when and if all the External Loan of 1919 has been retired and after giving effect to the creation of this issue, is officially reported as \$8,108,310 (at par of exchange), or only about \$13.50 per capita. This per capita indebtedness is exceptionally low in comparison with other important States of Brazil, as, for example, State of Rio Grande do Sul about \$18 and State of San Paulo about \$25. A large part of the total debt of the State represents money expended for roads, schools, bridges, hospitals, sewers and other public works.

We also take from the circular the following regarding the external loan of 1919.

The \$5,000,000 External Loan of 1919, was sold to an American investment banking house in 1920. The entire issue was delivered to the banking house, which in turn paid for the bonds by giving the State a credit on its books for the purchase price of the issue. The State drew against this credit for an amount of about \$1,500,000 up to March 1921, at which time the banking house went into receivership. The State was then in a position of having the entire issue of \$5,000,000 outstanding, for which it had only received actual benefit of about \$1,500,000.

No general offering of the bonds was made and with the exception of a small proportion sold at private sale the bonds were held as collateral by the creditors of the banking house. Upon the receivership of the banking house the State immediately took steps under the advice of counsel, to protect its rights in the matter, and with this object and under the advice of New York counsel, it refused to provide funds for the payment of the June 1 1921, interest on the bonds. The State's refusal to pay the interest on the bonds at this time was not due to its inability to pay, but solely to a desire to assert the State's viewpoint as to the equity of the situation and the protection of its rights. The State's contention was that the payment of interest might be deemed a waiver of its rights, particularly in respect to bonds still owned by the banking house, and that it wished to avoid the risk of waiving any rights it might have, pending a satisfactory adjustment of the whole situation.

The State has been desirous from the outset, of adjusting the situation in order to remove beyond any question, all misunderstanding as to its otherwise perfect financial record, and in view of this, has proposed a plan for the retirement of the External Loan of 1919, which plan has already been agreed to by the holders of over 95% of the bonds of that issue.

OFFERING OF 12,500,000 KRONER DEPOSIT CERTIFICATES OF KINGDOM OF NORWAY.

On June 21 Paine, Webber & Co. and F. J. Lisman & Co. announced an offering at 198 flat per 1,000 kroner of deposit certificates issued by the Guaranty Trust Company of this city for 12,500,000 kroner Kingdom of Norway 6% internal loan of 1921-1931. The amount issued and outstanding, it is stated, is 200,000,000 kroner. They are free from all Norwegian taxation. Principal and interest (April and Oct. 1) are payable in Norway in Norwegian kroner. The bonds are redeemable by Oct. 1 1931 in sixteen semi-annual installments, beginning April 1 1924, by drawings at par or purchased in the open market if below par. The Govern-

ment reserves the right to increase the rate of amortization on and after Oct. 1 1926. The deposit certificates are in coupon form in denominations of 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 kroner. Interim certificates of the Guaranty Trust Co. will be delivered pending preparation of the definitive deposit certificates. The official announcement says:

The holders of these certificates are provided with the benefit of certain services and facilities of the Guaranty Trust Co. Instead of each individual having to make his own arrangements for the collection abroad of principal and interest or sell his matured bonds and coupons at the "coupon cashing" rate of exchange, the bonds are grouped and one collective service arranged for the benefit of all, saving the individual holders expense and inconvenience. It is contemplated that coupons and drawn or matured bonds will be sent to Norway in time for collection on their due date. The proceeds will be deposited in kroner by the Guaranty Trust Co. in the Bank of Norway.

The Guaranty Trust Co. is to disburse these funds on presentation of corresponding interest warrants or certificates by its draft on the Bank of Norway for the full amount of such interest warrants or certificates in kroner or, at the option of the holder, in United States dollars at the then current buying rate of exchange of the Guaranty Trust Co. for drafts on Norway.

Certificates, unless previously drawn, are exchangeable for bonds at the option of the holder except that on such exchanges made within 30 days prior to any interest date the holder shall retain up to September 1931 the next maturing interest warrant (to be collected by him in the usual manner) and shall receive bonds minus the next maturing coupon.

The total debt of Norway Feb. 15 1922 was 1,240,800,000 kroner, equal at par of exchange to \$333,188,000, or \$121 per capita, based on the present officially estimated population of 2,750,000. As an offset to this debt, the State owns properties, mostly revenue producing, valued at \$201,000,000. The principal items of these properties are 1,731 miles of railways out of 2,011 miles operated within the Kingdom, telephone and telegraph lines and water power stations.

The amount of paper currency outstanding in Norway showed a very satisfactory reduction in 1921. The high point of note issue was reached in the early part of 1921 when 583,000,000 kroner was the total outstanding.

On Feb. 28 1922 the total outstanding was 375,986,000 kroner, a reduction of 4 2-3% since Jan. 8 1922, or 35 1/4% from the high point. On Feb. 28 1922 the gold reserve was 197,293,000 kroner, equal to 52% of the outstanding currency.

In view of the rapidly improving conditions in the Scandinavian countries—the Swedish krone having already returned practically to par—it seems logical to assume that Norwegian exchange will follow within a reasonable period.

ADVANCES APPROVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The War Finance Corporation announced on June 19 that from June 12 to June 17 1922, inclusive, it approved 51 advances, aggregating \$959,000, for agricultural and live stock purposes, as follows:

\$14,000 in Alabama,	41,000 in New Mexico on live stock in Ariz. & New Mex.
45,000 in Arizona,	35,000 in New Mexico,
75,000 in Arkansas,	90,000 in North Carolina,
6,000 in Georgia,	118,000 in North Dakota,
17,000 in Idaho,	20,000 in Oklahoma,
20,000 in Indiana,	40,000 in Oregon,
32,000 in Iowa,	40,000 in South Carolina,
20,000 in Kentucky,	21,000 in South Dakota,
67,000 in Minnesota,	22,000 in Texas,
6,000 in Montana,	26,000 in Washington,
49,000 in Nebraska,	155,000 in Wisconsin.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION APPROVED APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE ON ACCOUNT OF TOBACCO GROWERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, announced on June 22 that the Corporation has tentatively approved the application of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina for advances of not to exceed \$30,000,000 for the purpose of financing the orderly marketing of tobacco in these States. The advances will be made on the basis of 50% of a conservative valuation of the tobacco. Mr. Meyer also states:

It is expected that only a portion of the amount approved will be advanced by the War Finance Corporation and that the banks in the interested districts will do a considerable part of the financing for the association.

REPAYMENT TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION BY CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, made the following statement on June 21 regarding the repayment to it by the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Co. of \$5,550,000 on account of loans totaling \$10,430,000:

The War Finance Corporation has received a repayment of \$5,550,000 on account of the loans, aggregating \$10,430,000, made to the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. under the war powers of the Corporation in December 1918 and January 1919. It is expected that the balance now outstanding, \$4,930,000 will be repaid in the near future.

REPAYMENTS TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

On June 21 Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, made the following announcement: The repayments received by the War Finance Corporation during the first fifteen days of June total \$14,195,284. Of this sum, \$7,721,738 was repaid on loans made under the war powers of the Corporation, while the

repayment of export advances amounted to \$970,369, of which \$454,000 was repaid by exporters, \$423,969 by banking institutions, and \$92,400 by co-operative marketing associations. Repayments on account of agricultural and live stock advances aggregated \$5,503,177, of which \$4,150,074 was repaid by banking and financing institutions, \$713,195 by live stock loan companies, and \$639,908 by co-operative marketing associations.

The repayments received by the Corporation from Jan. 1 to June 15 1922, inclusive, on account of all loans total \$92,290,572.

REPAYMENTS TO WAR FINANCE CORPORATION OF LOANS TO WHEAT GROWERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

Announcement was made on June 22 by Eugene Meyer Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, that the loans made by the Corporation to the Wheat Growers' Associations of Washington and Idaho have been repaid in full.

TEXT OF NEWLY ENACTED BILL EXTENDING POWERS OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The bill extending the powers of the War Finance Corporation for one year from July 1 next, or until July 1 1923, was signed by President Harding on June 10, as we noted in our issue of a week ago, page 2666. Below we give the text of the newly enacted bill:

[S. 2775.]

AN ACT to extend for one year the powers of the War Finance Corporation to make advances under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the War Finance Corporation Act, approved April 5 1918, as amended, to provide relief for producers of and dealers in agricultural products, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 24 1921.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time during which the War Finance Corporation may make advances and purchase notes, drafts, bills of exchange or other securities under the terms of Sections 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the War Finance Corporation Act, as amended, is hereby extended up to and including May 31 1923: *Provided*, That if any application for an advance or for the purchase by the War Finance Corporation of notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or other securities is received at the office of the Corporation in the District of Columbia on or before May 31, 1923, such application may be acted upon and approved, and the advance may be made or the notes, drafts, bills of exchange, or other securities purchased at any time prior to June 30 1923.

Sec. 2. That the second paragraph of Section 12 of Title 1 of the War Finance Corporation Act, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

"The power of the Corporation to issue notes or bonds may be exercised at any time prior to January 31 1926, but no such notes or bonds shall mature later than June 30 1926."

Sec. 3. That Paragraph 3 of Section 15 of Title 1 of the War Finance Corporation Act, as amended, be amended by striking out at the beginning of said paragraph the words "beginning July 1 1922," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "beginning July 1 1923."

That Paragraph 4 of said Section 15 be amended by striking out at the beginning of said paragraph the words "After July 1 1922," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "After July 1 1923."

Approved, June 10 1922.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REQUIRES COMPARISON OF SALES.

Secretary E. V. D. Cox, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, announced on June 22 the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the Exchange calling for a comparison of sales by sellers at the office of buyers. The announcement follows:

June 22 1922.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted by the Governing Committee on June 14 1922, and was submitted to the Exchange in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXVIII of the Constitution and not having been disapproved within one week by a majority vote of the entire membership, becomes law this day:

Article XXIV.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the seller to compare, or to endeavor to compare, each transaction at the office of the buyer, not later than one hour and one-half after the closing of the Exchange. Nothing in this article shall be construed to justify a refusal to compare before the closing of the Exchange.

E. V. D. COX, Secretary.

NEW AUTOMATIC TICKER SERVICE OF STOCK EXCHANGE.

The New York Stock Exchange on Monday of this week, June 19, put into operation for the first time an apparatus for the automatic control of its bond ticker service. Regarding the new system the New York "Times" of the 20th inst. said:

The speed with which the quotations are being delivered by the ticker instruments has already noticeably increased, and after the various minor defects have been done away with, the Exchange authorities hope to increase the speed of the tickers from 15 to 18%.

The new system will be extended to include the stock tickers in about two weeks. Subsequently, the transmitting keyboards will be transferred to the floor of the Exchange from the separate operating room where they are now placed.

The machine is the invention of Allen B. Caldwell, a prominent electrical engineer. Mr. Caldwell and the Stock Exchange Committee on quotations have worked two years on the new method, with the object of speeding up quotations and cutting down errors. The new method eliminates two steps in the transaction of getting a report of a sale on the ticker. At present the notice of sales goes from the reporter to the senior, to the receiver, to the key-

board. Under the new system the report of a sale goes directly from the reporter to the keyboard.

Hitherto quotations have been transmitted telegraphically to an operating room where they were transcribed and placed before the so-called keyboard operator, who controlled the ticker system.

As the quotations were being sent simultaneously from four different points on the Exchange trading floor, the one could not possibly keep up with the traffic. Furthermore, it has never been possible under manual operation to push the present ticker system to the limit.

Under the new system, instead of one keyboard there will be four, all working simultaneously so far as the operator is concerned but so interlocked electrically that they cannot interfere with each other.

INQUIRY OF NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE INTO MEXICAN PETROLEUM TRANSACTIONS.

The marked advance which has been witnessed in Mexican Petroleum stock caused the Committee on Business Conduct of the New York Stock Exchange to undertake an inquiry into the matter. According to the "Times" of yesterday, the Committee sent a message to each member-house, asking that the position of the house on Mexican Petroleum stock be reported as of the close of business last night [Thursday]. The "Times" also said:

The information demanded by the Committee of each house will reveal just who is long and who is short of the stock, and to what extent. The Committee has adopted this procedure in several investigations.

The investigation follows a series of spectacular advances in the stock since last Thursday [the 15th], including an 8½-point jump yesterday [the 22d], which carried the price to 186, compared with 133 last Thursday. The general opinion in the financial district is that a tremendous battle is being waged back of the market in Mexican Petroleum and that several million dollars have been lost and won in the stock in the week's trading. All sorts of rumors have been flying about the financial district as to the identity of the big traders whose speculative operations resulted in the advance.

Pan-American Owns 73.4%.

The situation in Mexican Petroleum is not new or unusual marketwise. Earlier in the year reports that the Mexican fields were rapidly going to salt water encouraged speculators, who believed this story, to sell it for the decline. The floating supply of Mexican Petroleum is restricted, as most of its capital stock is represented in a single certificate locked in the safe of the Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co., which controls 73.4% of the stock. Despite this small floating supply, large speculators have continued to sell it for the decline on every rally until an unwieldy short interest was built up in the stock.

Developments of the last week have naturally made for improvement in its price. First came the plans for the settlement of the Mexican financial problem; second, a tentative agreement over future development work in Mexico; third, the annual report of the corporation made public yesterday morning showing that it earned \$12,500,000, or more than \$26 80 per share in 1921, the best in the corporation's history.

Shorts Continue To Bid for Stock.

These developments, following each other in sequence, have provided enough news each day to bring fresh buyers into the stock with daily increasing pressure on those who had sold it for the decline.

In the sharp market reactions which culminated on June 12, the stock sold down to 133¼, but the trapped shorts soon found themselves in difficulties, and by June 17 Mex Pete had advanced to 145. The fireworks started on June 19, when the stock ran up 14½ points to 160. On Tuesday it recorded a further gain of 9½ points. On Wednesday the advance was 5½ points and yesterday's forward surge took it up another 8½ points to 186.

On each of those days from 20,000 to 35,000 shares of the stock were traded in. The situation became so acute on Tuesday that odd-lot brokers would not accept further sales for the decline. There have been reports that there would be a private settlement by the shorts, but this did not materialize and they continued to bid for the stock yesterday in an effort to cover. It has been possible all along to borrow the stock, so there is no corner, but the shorts have been compelled to pay a stiff premium for stock borrowed for delivery.

It was stated yesterday that the reports were due to be filed at noon yesterday. According to the "Wall Street Journal," some members did not receive the request for information until after the close of business Thursday, and so were not able to get their reports in by noon.

SCHNEIDER & CO. SUSPENDED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

On June 21 the New York Curb Exchange announced the suspension of Schneider & Co., 67 Exchange Place, from regular membership in the Exchange for failure to meet their engagements. The members of the suspended firm are A. L. Schneider and G. F. Meeks.

E. L. McGUIGAN, COTTON BROKER OF THIS CITY, FAILS.

E. L. McGuigan, a cotton broker, doing business under the firm name of E. L. McGuigan & Co. at 24 Stone Street, this city, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court on May 24. Liabilities were stated at \$57,278 and assets at \$34,883.

A. T. JENNINGS & CO., COTTON BROKERS OF THIS CITY, IN BANKRUPTCY.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court on June 17 against A. T. Jennings & Co., cotton brokers at 88 Broad Street, this city. The petition was filed by George M. Curtis Jr., attorney, acting

for Angelo T. Jennings and Leonard C. Cocheu, individually and as co-partners.

McCALL, RILEY & CO. (PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK) IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court on June 9 against the brokerage firm of McCall, Riley & Co. of Philadelphia and New York. The same day Judge John C. Knox named Henry H. Kaufman receiver under a bond of \$15,000. The firm, which was a member of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, consisted of Joseph A. McIntyre, William T. McCall, Walter R. Flaherty, Frank R. McCrahan and William R. Sheerin. Mr. McIntyre was the floor member of the Exchange. His suspension on account of the failure was announced on June 9. The head office of the firm was in Philadelphia and its New York office at 20 Broad Street.

ABUSE OF USE OF BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES CITED IN REPORT TO COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

A report in which it is stated that despite the comprehensive regulations issued by the Federal Reserve Board governing the use of bankers' acceptances covering export and import transactions "there have been numerous and flagrant violations upon the part of the large as well as the small banks," has been presented to Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger by a group of chief examiners of national banks in the East. The report is signed by D. C. Borden, T. C. Thomas, H. W. Scott, and L. K. Roberts. Numerous alleged abuses are cited in the report, which states that "perhaps the most practical method of remedying the situation is to have more attention paid by the bank examiners to a bank's acceptance activities." Above all it states, "an earnest endeavor should be made to obtain the active co-operation of the bank officials as regards the placing of national bank acceptances upon a correct basis." The report, as printed in the "Journal of Commerce" of this city on June 19, follows.

Your committee No. 1 submits its report upon improvement of the character of acceptances by national banks and a discussion of bad practices which have been found.

The new regulations which have been issued by the Federal Reserve Board in connection with the use of bankers' acceptances covering exports and import transactions, emphasize the necessity of more carefully considering the basis upon which acceptance credits are being granted by the various member banks. In spite of the comprehensive regulations issued by the Federal Reserve Board regarding this phase of banking practice, there have been numerous and flagrant violations upon the part of the large as well as the small banks. The duty of strict supervision of the underlying principles upon which national banks grant their acceptance facilities devolves to a very great extent upon the national bank examiners, and special attention should be paid to that part of the examination, to see that not only the letter but the spirit of the law is carried out. It might be helpful to point out some of the more common abuses of the acceptance privilege which have been met with recently in the examination of national banks.

Perhaps the most frequent abuse in connection with granting acceptance facilities against import and export transactions is found in the continued renewals given by some banks to their customers, aggravated to a considerable extent by the difficulties which have arisen in American foreign trade during the past two years. When the Federal Reserve Board announced its intention of showing greater leniency toward rediscounting by the Federal Reserve banks of renewals, in connection with transactions effected by the worldwide depression in business, many banks took advantage of this to too great and unintended an extent, and advances which were originally made by means of acceptance credits, but which should have long since been either liquidated or turned into a direct bank loan, were carried along by the banks by means of continued renewals of acceptances. A national bank should not commit itself regarding renewals of acceptances at the time of the opening of the credit. Each application for a renewal should be judged upon its own merits at the maturity of the acceptance. It is found, however, that some banks have agreed to one or more renewals at the time of the opening of the credit. There have also been a number of cases where acceptances have been renewed as many as five or six times against imports or exports of both raw materials and finished products. The tendency in such cases is for the bank to furnish working capital to concerns by means of acceptance credits rather than by making them a direct loan.

Some banks have granted acceptance facilities to American exporter against their foreign bills, which have been lodged with them for collection. This method has in some cases been abused through the continued renewals of such acceptances in spite of the fact that the collections upon which they were based had been dishonored, extended or returned because of non-payment. All of these acceptances should have been retired at maturity and a direct advance secured from the bank, if necessary, to finance the delay. There has even been one case of a bank, which after finding that payment was delayed on various exports bills which they had discounted for one of their customers, requested him to put them in funds by drawing a ninety-day bill on the bank, which was accepted and discounted, thus wiping out the debit in the direct advance account.

In the recent Cuban crisis there were many instances of too liberal renewals of acceptances in connection with various sugar credits. In some cases the credit was in force from the time that the sugar cane was growing until long after the arrival of the refined sugar in America. The "dead season" financing has proved to be particularly objectionable. Practically all of the so-called "sugar credits," in which most of the large accepting banks participated, were subject to a considerable amount of criticism as to the method by which the collateral was handled, particularly while the sugar was in Cuba. There was no attempt made in connection with these credits at the time of the various renewals to adequately reduce the amount of the acceptances outstanding to conform to the actual marketable value of the sugar held. Although the sugar was not really being financed by

means of acceptances for a speculative purpose, still, the banks enabled large amounts of sugar to be kept off the market while stocks that were being held and which were not being financed by the acceptance credits were disposed of in the market.

Some member banks have not taken definite steps in connection with granting acceptance facilities against export transactions to assure themselves that there were actual and definite shipments involved. They have thought that it was sufficient to have a general understanding that the proceeds of an acceptance would be used for the financing of shipments of merchandise between any particular countries. Also that it was quite in order to grant acceptance credits with continued renewal to finance continuous shipments of raw materials imported into the United States. This financing should more properly have been taken care of as a direct borrowing proposition rather than by means of continuously renewed acceptances.

There have also been instances where acceptance credits have not been granted directly to the exporter or importer, but to corporations which have used the funds thus obtained for the purpose of financing the foreign business of their customers.

In a general way the abuses which have come up in connection with the granting of acceptance facilities against export and import transactions apply in the case of credits governing domestic acceptances. In these credits we again meet a number of cases where there have been excessive renewals; where the banks have financed the carrying of goods for a considerable period of time if not for the speculative holding at least for the maintenance of prices above what would otherwise be the real economic value; and where little regard has been paid in the case of renewals to the depreciated value of the collateral against which the acceptances were made.

There have been instances where domestic acceptances have been given with practically no attention paid to the question of the accepting bank being secured during the life of the acceptance. As an instance of this one bank accepted drafts drawn against crude and refined oil in storage on their customer's property or in his pipe lines.

Domestic acceptance credits have also been used for the purpose of securing continued finance. An example may be mentioned where a bank accepted time bills drawn upon them secured by warehouse receipts covering cotton in warehouses. These receipts were deposited by the bank with a correspondent in the town where the warehouse was located with instructions to permit substitutions allowing their customers to receive the documents against trust receipt. This resulted in the collateral being continually changed so that the accommodation was really in the nature of a permanent loan.

In another case acceptances were made for the account of a cotton factor who at the time of the acceptance pledged and deposited warehouse receipts and signed contracts of sale with a bank. The amount of the acceptances included his profit on the transaction and no definite time for the taking up of the cotton by the purchaser was agreed upon. As the acceptances were renewed on a falling market for cotton no effort was made to have the amount of the acceptances conform to the real value of the cotton.

In one instance a bank was accepting against a domestic shipment when the goods were being transported across the city by truck; a trip requiring about thirty minutes.

A flagrant misuse of acceptances may be mentioned where a firm desired to purchase some furs from another concern and wrote a letter to a bank stating that it was holding the furs at their disposal and induced the bank to accept their time draft on them. With the money secured from the discount of the bank's acceptance the furs were actually secured and gradually sold during the life of the acceptance.

There have been instances of some misconceptions arising in connection with the interpretation of the Federal Reserve Board's definition of a readily marketable staple. One bank stretched this definition to include bristles and brushes.

In another case watch parts were construed as staples and in still another case acceptances were executed against dolls' heads in storage.

Another unwarranted abuse has been met where acceptances have been given for the purpose of securing overdrafts. Acceptances have also been executed by the same bank for the financing of the building of a steamship in the United States for foreign owners.

The above is a summary of the most common abuses of acceptances found in the recent examinations of national banks. In view of the excellent material which has been issued by the Federal Reserve Board and the American Acceptance Council on the correct method of financing domestic and foreign business by means of acceptances, it would be quite useless to reiterate the clear and concise suggestions made by them. In fact, during the past seven years there has not been a subject in banking practice which has received as much publicity as that of the acceptances. In spite of this, scarcely an examination is made of one of the larger accepting banks without finding some violations of the intent and purpose of the Federal Reserve Act in connection with acceptances. It is very difficult for the Federal Reserve banks to discriminate between acceptances which are drawn in accordance with the law and which are not when member bank acceptances are offered to them for rediscount. Furthermore, it is extremely awkward, if not impossible, for them to make inquiries regarding the transaction actually behind an acceptance when the bill is presented to them for rediscount through a third party, as it would necessarily have to be.

Perhaps the most practical method of remedying the situation is to have more attention paid by the bank examiners to a bank's acceptance activities. A study should be made by a fully qualified member of the bank examiner's force of each acceptance credit, and he should satisfy himself that the bank is entirely familiar with all of the details regarding the business, and especially that the underlying transactions will liquidate the credits within a reasonable length of time. The examiner should assure himself that there is a responsible officer in each bank who is thoroughly conversant with the law and regulations governing acceptances and any changes therein. Particular inquiry should be made in the case of all renewals to ascertain that the transaction is still alive and still forms a proper basis for being financed by means of acceptances. Above all, an earnest endeavor should be made to obtain the active co-operation of the bank officials as regards the placing of national bank acceptances upon a correct basis.

(Signed) D. C. Borden, T. C. Thomas, H. W. Scott, L. K. Roberts.

COMMENT ON BILL INCREASING MEMBERSHIP OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

In our issue of Saturday last, page 2673, we gave the text of the newly enacted bill amending the Federal Reserve Act increasing the membership of the Federal Reserve Board,—the additional member to represent agricultural interests. The New York Trust Co., in its publication, "The Index," makes the following comment on some of

the changes in the Reserve Law which the new measure makes:

There can be no great objection to the addition of a single member to the Board, particularly as it does not result in increasing the membership to an unwieldy number. There are certain features of the amendment, however, which show an undesirable tendency in legislation of this character. Section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act provided that at least two members appointed by the President should be "persons experienced in banking or finance." This provision does not appear in the amended Act—an omission due, of course, to the desire of the agricultural bloc to have a so-called "dirt" farmer appointed to the Board.

Another section of the new law requires the President to have "due regard to a fair representation of financial, agricultural, industrial and commercial interests, and geographical divisions of the country." Thus the desire of the agricultural bloc would appear to be that the Board should have at least one member directly representative of the agricultural interests whether or not this results in a reduction of what has previously been considered a proper minimum representation of financial and banking ability.

The banking interests of this country have no desire to dominate the Federal Reserve Board for their own ends, and it has been conclusively shown more than once by official investigations and reports that the administration of the Federal Reserve system during the trying conditions which have existed practically since its inception has been conspicuously fair and impartial, particularly with regard to the agricultural interests.

It is difficult for bankers to speak in this connection without being accused of a desire to advance their own interests, but it would seem fairly evident to any impartial student of the subject that the most logical and promising source from which to draw the necessary financial ability to administer the country's banking system would be the group of men who have devoted their lives to the study of exactly that subject. This is not to say that it is not desirable to have commerce and industry, including agriculture, represented on the Federal Reserve Board by men of ability. The efficient direction of any business, however, must, in greatest part, be done by those who are best trained in that business and this applies to banking as well as to any other activity.

REDUCTION IN REDISCOUNT RATES BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS OF NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

On June 21 Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, announced the lowering of the rediscount rate on all classes of paper—the rate being reduced from 4½% to 4%, effective June 22. Similar action was taken by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on June 22, the 4% rate in that case becoming effective on the 23d inst. The 4½% rate had been in force at both Reserve Banks since last November. The following is Governor Strong's statement in the matter:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York sent to its member banks the following announcement:

You are advised that, effective from the opening of business on Thursday, June 22 1922, until further notice and superseding all existing rates, this bank has established a rate of 4% for all rediscounts and advances.

In a Washington dispatch June 22 the "Journal of Commerce" stated:

The action of the New York Federal Reserve District in lowering the rediscount rate from 4½% to 4% is not expected by the Secretary of the Treasury to have any material effect upon trade or speculation. Mr. Mellon is of the opinion that the state of money of the money market is such that the reduction of the rate will not bring about appreciably changed conditions.

No expression was given as to the time when the three middle west districts, which retain the 5% discount rate, might be expected to lower this figure. It was declared that there had been no formal inquiries as to the attitude of the Federal Reserve Board on rate cuts, except from the San Francisco district.

It was reported on the 15th inst. that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco had asked the Reserve Board for its attitude on a possible reduction of its rediscount rate from 4½% to 4%. The Board, it was said, informed the San Francisco Bank that a reduction in its rediscount rate was a matter for its own decision, which would be agreeable to the Board in either event. While the question was under discussion by the directors of the Bank at their semi-monthly meeting on the 15th, adjournment, it is reported, was taken without definite action being taken at that time.

STATE INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

The following institutions were admitted to the Federal Reserve System during the week ending June 16 1922:

District No.	Capital	Surplus	Total Resources
District No. 3—			
Provident Trust Co., Phila., Pa.	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$7,709,440
District No. 4—			
Beaver County Trust Co., New Brighton Pa.	400,000	160,000	1,284,275
District No. 7—			
Auburn Park Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.	200,000	30,000	246,927

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO U. S. TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS TJ-1923.

Total subscriptions of \$469,797,000 were received for the 3¾% U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Series TJ-1923, dated June 15 1922 and due June 15 1923. The amount of subscriptions allotted was \$273,000,000. The offering of the issue, which was for \$250,000,000 or thereabouts, was referred to in these columns June 10, page 2537,

and June 17, page 2674. The allotment by Federal Reserve districts was as follows:

Federal Reserve District—	Subscriptions	
	Received.	Allotted.
Boston	\$26,230,000	\$21,650,000
New York	188,426,000	107,800,000
Philadelphia	39,783,000	17,650,000
Cleveland	39,677,000	22,650,000
Richmond	16,500,000	8,650,000
Atlanta	17,097,000	7,300,000
Chicago	60,861,000	35,000,000
St. Louis	11,265,000	10,000,000
Minneapolis	15,484,000	8,650,000
Kansas City	10,237,000	10,000,000
Dallas	11,550,000	6,000,000
San Francisco	32,655,000	17,650,000
Total	\$469,797,000	\$273,000,000

INSTITUTION AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO EXERCISE TRUST POWERS.

The Federal Reserve Board has granted permission to the following institution to exercise trust powers:
The First National Bank of Columbia City, Indiana.

SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS TO UNITED STATES TREASURY NOTES CLOSED JUNE 22—VIC-TORY NOTE EXCHANGE.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon called attention on June 21 to the fact that, as previously announced, the subscription books for the new 4 3/8% Treasury notes of Series B-1925 would close at the close of business on June 22. The new notes were offered only in exchange for 4 3/4% Victory notes. This offering of notes was announced on June 8 1922, and the Treasury kept the books open for two full weeks in order to give holders of 4 3/4% Victory notes throughout the country ample opportunity to make the exchange. Previous reference to this offering of Treasury notes was made in these columns June 10, page 2536, and June 17, page 2674. On June 22 press dispatches from Washington said:

Preliminary reports to the Treasury indicate that the total exchanges of the new 4 3/8% notes for 4 3/4% Victory notes aggregate about \$325,000,000. It was announced to-night by Secretary Mellon.

The new Treasury notes were offered in exchange for the Victory notes as part of the program for funding the short dated debt. On May 31 Victory notes outstanding aggregated \$2,317,000,000, which, being reduced by \$325,000,000 through the new exchange, leaves less than \$2,000,000,000 as compared with the original amount issued of \$4,495,000,000.

SOLDIER BONUS BILL TO FOLLOW TARIFF—FEATURES OF SENATE MEASURE—SENATOR LADD'S PROPOSALS.

The Soldier Bonus Bill, which passed the House on March 23, this week made the special order of business of the Senate, after the Tariff Bill has been disposed of. On the 19th inst., the Senate Republicans in conference decided, by a vote of 27 to 11, to defer consideration of the Bonus Bill until action on the Tariff Bill is concluded by the Senate—the Soldier Bonus Bill thereupon to be made the unfinished business until finally disposed of. This vote by the Republican conference came after it had rejected, by a vote of 30 to 9, a motion by Senator McCumber to place the Bonus Bill ahead of the tariff. The conclusions of the conference were embodied in a resolution adopted as follows:

Whereas, At a conference of the Republican members of the Senate, held on the 18th day of April 1922, it was moved and carried "that it is the sense of the conference that the Senate proceed without further delay with the consideration of the Tariff bill, and that it is the sense of this conference that the Senate should at this session pass a soldiers' compensation bill and that the Finance Committee be required to report such a bill within a reasonable time," and

Whereas, The amended Soldiers' Compensation bill was reported to the Senate by the Finance Committee on the 8th day of June 1922, and is now on the Senate calendar for the action of the Senate, and

Whereas, Reports have been made and circulated to the effect that the Soldier's Compensation bill might be abandoned at this session, and

Whereas, Such reports are without any foundation whatever, and the position taken by the Republican conference on the 18th day of April 1922 has been in no respect modified or changed.

Now, therefore, for the purpose of correcting such reports and to reassure the country and the American soldier that there has been no change of purpose on the part of the Republican members of the Senate, be it

Resolved by this conference that as soon as the vote is taken on the passage of the Tariff bill the Soldiers' Compensation bill shall be immediately taken up and made the unfinished business and its consideration proceeded with to the exclusion of any other business, except when temporarily laid aside for matters of immediate exigency, and continued as the unfinished business until it is finally disposed of.

And be it further resolved, that both the said bills shall be pressed to their final disposition as expeditiously as possible and that there shall be no adjournment of Congress or no recess until both these proposed measures are finally disposed of.

The vote of the Republican caucus on April 18 was referred to in these columns April 22, page 1725. Following the action of the caucus of the 19th inst., the Senate, on the 20th inst., by a vote of 50 to 8, made the Bonus Bill the

special business of the Senate immediately after the final vote on the Tariff Bill. The adoption of this motion came after the failure of an effort to bring the Bonus Bill before the Senate. Several Senators indicated that they would continue to press for action on the bonus ahead of the tariff. A move to upset the program of the Republican majority, calling for action first on the tariff, was initiated by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, who moved that the Tariff Bill be displaced by the bonus measure. Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, moved to lay this motion on the table and his motion prevailed, 51 to 22. Eight Democrats supported the Watson motion and two Republicans voted against it. On June 21 Senator McCumber, Chairman of the Finance Committee, indicated that if the Tariff Bill occupies the attention of the Senate for a much longer period than is now expected, there is a probability that the soldiers' bonus measure will be acted upon before a final vote on the tariff. Senator McCumber is also said to have expressed the hope that both measures could be disposed of by Aug. 15, and that he did not want one to block the other.

The House soldier bonus bill (the provisions of which as passed by that body were given in our issue of March 25, page 1241), was approved, in amended form by the Senate Finance Committee on May 31 by a vote of 9 to 4. The salient features of the House bill, as summarized in press advices on March 23, were indicated in these columns at the time, as follows:

As passed by the House, the Bonus bill would provide for immediate cash payments to veterans whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50, and would give to the other veterans the options of these four plans:

Adjusted service certificates, with provisions authorizing loans by banks in the first three years after next Oct. 1, and by the Government thereafter; the certificates to run for twenty years and to have a face value at maturity of the amount of the adjusted service credit at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1 25 a day for foreign service, increased by 25%, plus interest at the rate of 4 1/2% compounded annually.

Vocational training aid after Jan. 1 1923, at the rate of \$1 75 a day, the total payments not to exceed, however, 140% of the adjusted service credit.

Farm and home aid, under which veterans purchase or improve farms or homes, would be paid after July 1 1923 a sum equal to their adjusted service credit increased by 25%.

Land settlement, under which lands would be reclaimed under the supervision of a special board and farm units established for sale to the veterans at a price fixed by the board less the amount of the adjusted service credit due the purchasers.

In only two important particulars does this measure differ from the one passed by the House two years ago and that was shelved in the Senate last July. The original cash bonus option was eliminated and the bank loan provision of the adjusted service certificate title substituted.

With the approval of the amended bill by the Senate Finance Committee on May 31, it was stated that the more important alterations made in the House measure were:

The changing of the effective date of the legislation from next Oct. 1 to Jan. 1 1923.

Removal of the time limitation on the filing of applications by world war veterans for adjusted service compensation.

Abandonment of the reclamation plan and the substitution of a provision under which veterans would be given preference in making entry on public or Indian lands when opened to entry.

Elimination of the forfeiture provision under which veterans failing to repay loans made by banks or the Government on adjusted service certificates would have forfeited their certificates. Under the amended bill such veterans could reclaim their certificates at any time before their maturity, 20 years from the date of issue, upon payment of the sum they were in default, plus interest at 4 1/2% compounded annually.

Approval of the amended House measure was voted by the committee after the rejection by a vote of 8 to 5 of a measure offered by Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking committee Republican, proposing paid-up life insurance in lieu of all other forms of compensation. The report on the bill was presented to the Senate on the 8th inst. by Chairman McCumber, who placed the probable cost of the bill to the Federal Government at \$3,845,659,481, estimating that this will be spread over a period of forty-three years from Jan. 1 next. This is approximately \$250,000,000 less than the estimate under the House bill, which was \$4,098,719,350, payable over twenty years. The Associated Press advices of the 8th inst. stated:

The Senate bill estimate was prepared by Treasury experts and is based on the theory that 75% of the 4,458,199 veterans who would be eligible for compensation would elect the adjusted service certificate option; 22 1/2% farm, home and land settlement, aid, and 2 1/2% vocational training aid.

With reference to financing the legislation, Chairman McCumber's report said it was hoped that the reduction in Governmental expenditures plus the payment of interest on the refunded foreign obligations would be sufficient to obviate the imposition of additional taxation.

"If it becomes necessary to impose additional taxes," the report continued, "it is believed we can better determine the amount of the necessary levy and the methods of distributing such burdens for the future at a later date when the future condition of the Treasury will be more accurately established."

As to the refunded foreign obligations the hope was expressed that these soon would be arranged and "that it will be possible for the foreign Governments to provide for the immediate payment of interest thereon, so that such interest can be used toward defraying the expenses authorized under this Act."

Senator McCumber explained that an attempt had been made to reduce to a minimum actual cash payments under the bill during the next three

years, while the Treasury is engaged in refunding the nearly \$7,000,000,000 of maturing Government obligations. The estimated cost of the bonus for those three years was \$242,000,000.

This measure differs somewhat from the House bill and very widely from the bonus bill that was reported to the Senate last year and later sent back to the Finance Committee at the request of President Harding. The most important change from the original measure is the elimination of the cash bonus and reclamation features. As now drafted the bill would give each veteran the right to select any of the following plans:

Adjusted service pay, but only if his adjusted service credit did not exceed \$50.

Adjusted service certificate, with bank and Government loan provisions.

Vocational training aid.

Farm and home aid.

Land settlement aid.

The estimated cost for each of these plans is \$16,000,000 for the cash payments, \$3,364,909,481 for the adjusted service certificates, \$412,425,000 for farm, home and land settlement aid and \$52,325,000 for vocational training. The expenses under vocational training and the cash bonus would end in 1925, under this estimate, and those for farm, home and land settlement aid in 1929. Expenses under the certificate plan would continue to 1966.

Chairman McCumber said in his report that the amount of the adjusted service credit would be at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1 25 for foreign service, less the \$60 bonus paid when the veterans were discharged from the service. In no event, however, could the total exceed \$500 in the case of those who had only domestic service and \$625 for those who had both domestic and foreign service.

The adjusted service certificates, payable at the end of 20 years from the date of issue or sooner upon the death of the beneficiary, would have a face value of slightly more than three times the total amount of the adjusted service credit. Until Jan. 1 1926, banks would be authorized to lend to the veterans an amount equal to 50% of the adjusted service credit, plus interest at the rate of 4 1/4% compounded annually from the date of the certificate. After Jan. 1 1926, the Government would make loans on the certificates in varying amounts, according to the time negotiated.

Chairman McCumber said that the Committee had recommended elimination of the reclamation provision of the House bill for three reasons.

"Any reclamation scheme will be exceedingly expensive and will in the end necessitate the expenditure of millions of dollars, it will be many years before a veteran will be able to determine whether he could secure any rights under such plan and where the projects will be located, and in making an application for such aid the veteran would not know anything relative to the location, cost or advantage of the project."

As a land settlement provision in place of the reclamation, veterans would receive preference in making entry on any public or Indian lands opened to entry. To pay for these lands they would be entitled to a sum equal to the adjusted service credit increased by 25%.

An amendment to the bonus measure was offered on the 9th inst. by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, proposing the Smith-McNary \$350,000,000 reclamation measure as a land settlement feature. This bill already has been reported to both the House and Senate, but as a part of the bonus measure it would be changed, Senator McNary said, so that veterans would be given preference in the purchase of land in excess of the farm unit and in the preference to homestead public lands lying within a reclamation district. Under another change the service of veterans would be utilized as practicable in the construction of each reclamation project.

On June 13 an amendment, whereby the soldier bonus would be paid in cash, the financing to be done by means of special taxes on banks and through use of interest on the foreign indebtedness was offered in the Senate by Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota. Under this amendment the Treasury would issue legal tender notes to the extent of \$2,500,000,000 or less which would be paid over to the veterans. The notes would be retired over a period of 25 years in equal annual installments. Senator Ladd, in explanation, stated that the funds therefor would be derived under his plan as follows:

First, by taxing all banks, banking institutions, trust companies and banking partnerships that are incorporated for or in excess of \$100,000 to the extent of 50% of their profits after making an allowance of 12% for profits and deducting all other amounts paid in taxes. If the revenue derived from this source should prove insufficient to retire any annual installment, he provides:

Second, that the interest paid to the United States Government upon the refunded foreign debt shall be used in paying such annual installment. Should these two sources prove insufficient, to provide for any annual installment, he proposes:

Third, to make an appropriation out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The amendment also carries the provision that after twelve months from the passage of the Act any holder of \$100 or more of the currency issued under the Act may convert the same into 3% gold bonds, non-tax-exempt; provided, however, that not more than 20% of the total amount of such Treasury notes issued under the terms of the Act shall be retired during any one year.

The amendment also provides that the money shall be sent the soldiers direct by registered United States mail.

Very few people would contend, in view of the present economic condition of the country, that banks, banking institutions, trust companies or banking partnerships should be allowed more than 12% interest while the producers of the nation are toiling and producing at less than the cost of production. If they make more than that it will be hard for any one to maintain that they should not split such excess profits with a Government that, by Act of Congress, gives them a special monopoly on the issuance of the money and credit of this great country.

The report of the Senate Committee on the Adjusted Compensation Act is very optimistic over the payment at an early date of interest on the refunded foreign debt. To what better use could that money be diverted than to the benefit of the soldiers who faced death that American principles and the American Republic might live?

My amendment is carefully drawn in view of the full legal tender Act of Secretary Chase which authorized \$60,000,000 of full legal tender notes. These notes maintained their value and circulated at par and must be dis-

tinguished from the notes authorized under the subsequent "greenback" acts which qualified the notes issued under them so that they were not acceptable for interest on the public debt, or in payment of import duties. This, of course, caused them to deteriorate in value.

The money proposed to be issued under my amendment would be doubly sound, in that provision is made whereby it can be converted into gold bonds. It is sound if the gold bonds are sound. It is as sound as are the Panama bonds and the consols that are giving the circulating privilege.

This issue will not cause inflation of credits, because no new debts will be credited to get it into circulation among the people, but will have a tendency to help the country because it will give the people the means to pay off some debts already created. It will give great opportunity for general business revival.

This is a way in which the soldiers can be paid with very little expense to the Government. In other words we will pay the soldiers in about as easy a manner as we would raise interest to pay bankers who held any bonds we might float to raise money with which to pay the soldiers. My amendment is for the interest of the people, with only sufficient regard for the bankers to recognize that they are entitled to only a fair profit for actual service performed, and that they are not a super-class to be defied.

I cannot see where the certificate plan is much more than a bread pill for the soldiers. They have asked for meat and have been given a stone.

On the 21st inst. Senator Ladd ascribed opposition by bankers to the payment of the soldier bonus to the fear of control of the money situation in the United States. The Senator is reported as saying:

It is my opinion that propaganda inspired by the bankers has had a great deal of influence upon the whole subject instead of being so zealous of the public interest and so fearful of the consequences upon the Federal treasury, the bankers are more worried at this time lest there shall be some actual cash distributed among the people, which would restore business. The independence of labor, the marketing channels of the farmer, our entire internal and domestic conditions must be first subject to the bankers' regulation before they intend to loosen the purse strings.

We have a small coterie of bankers that is patently more powerful than the Government. They control the financial situation. They can say to the Government how much of the Treasury obligations they will buy; they can finance new railway enterprises and new industrial combinations that meet the stamp of their approval; they can even finance foreign ventures and the rate of exchange seems to affect them but little in so doing.

It is one of the greatest crimes of the age that we have not used the strong arm of this Government to reach into the gold-laden coffers of these war profiteers and compel them to divide, in an equitable manner, their outrageous profits with the boys who suffered, sacrificed, bled, and who have lost hope and business opportunity, and who re-entered domestic life facing new conditions and were compelled to start all over again.

I can point with pardonable pride to my own State, North Dakota. Ex-Governor Frazier of that State was one of the first, if not the first, of State Executives to include in his message to the Legislature a resolution to take care of the soldiers. To the credit of our State let it be said that North Dakota authorized the largest cash payment of any State in the Union—notwithstanding the unwholesome efforts of the financial conspirators to destroy the credit of the State.

While Congress continues to permit these banking conditions to prevail we shall be forced to tolerate inflation and deflation so timed and administered to benefit the bankers, financiers and speculators at the expense of the producers, especially the farmers, laborers, small business men and country bankers, until the farmers become serfs to pass with the land.

In indicating that President Harding still adhered to his previously announced views on the bonus question, the "Journal of Commerce" in a Washington dispatch June 5 stated:

President Harding, despite some reports to the contrary, will adhere to his original decision not to favor any bonus legislation that does not carry with it its own provisions for the raising of the money needed to pay the soldiers the adjusted compensation which it contemplates.

Word has been passed to the Republican leaders in the Senate that the President is strongly of mind to exercise his veto power if the bonus bill in its present form is sent to him for consideration.

This "message" was conveyed to the Republican Senators by an Administration Senator who to-day talked to the President on the subject at considerable length. This Senator states that the bill to be reported tomorrow or next day by Chairman McCumber of the Senate Finance Committee is wholly objectionable to Mr. Harding because it makes no provision for raising the needed funds.

"The President has not changed his position in the slightest," was the message that this Administration Senator brought back from the White House. "He would publicly announce a veto if it were not for his view that the Executive is not justified in interfering with the legislative branch. He feels that announcement of a veto would smack of intimidation and would tend to remove responsibility from Congress, where he thinks responsibility for all legislation should rest."

Senator McCumber is said, however, to have expressed the opinion on the 17th inst. that the President would affix his signature to the bill.

PRESIDENT HARDING AGREES TO DELAY ON SHIP SUBSIDY BILL UNTIL AFTER TARIFF BILL IS SENT TO CONFERENCE.

President Harding has again declared his stand on the question of action by Congress on the ship subsidy or merchant marine bill, and while indicating himself in agreement with the plans of Republican House leaders to defer action until after the tariff bill is sent to conference, he insists upon the bill being taken up at the present session. In a letter on June 20 to Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, the President states that "if it were practical to secure final action on a measure of such importance in the sixty actual working days of the short term of Congress, I would gladly postpone action until after the general elections and ask a renewed expression of the people at the polls." "Unfortunately for such a program," he adds, "the national interests will not admit of such postponement, and I should feel my-

self remiss in a public duty if I did not ask a decision before the present session is finally ended." As we noted in our issue of Saturday last (page 2674), President Harding in a letter to Chairman Campbell of the House Rules Committee (made public June 13) declared that "so much is involved and such a difficult and discouraging situation will follow if Congress fails to sanction the Merchant Marine Bill that I should feel myself obliged to call Congress immediately in extraordinary session to especially consider it if it went over through any neglect or delay beyond the present term." A compromise plan, whereby the House would take up the ship subsidy bill immediately after the Senate passed the tariff bill, was suggested to President Harding by House Republican leaders on the 17th inst. The press dispatches from Washington on the 17th in indicating this said:

While the question will be considered further at the White House conferences next week, Chairman Campbell of the Rules Committee, who outlined the situation to the President, declared to-night it was "morally certain no action will be taken on the subsidy bill by the House until the Senate has concluded consideration of the tariff."

Meanwhile party leaders professed to be relieved that a solution of an admittedly vexatious problem had been reached. It meant, they said, that the President's insistence that the bill be put to a vote prior to adjournment would be met and opposition on the part of some Republicans to hasty action withdrawn.

How long it might be before the Senate ended its tariff fight no member of the House would predict. Leaders declared, however, that if the suggestion laid before the President by Mr. Campbell was definitely accepted the House about July 1 could begin three-day recesses to run approximately a month. A quorum would be needed to send the tariff bill to conference, and with this out of the way these members believed the ship subsidy bill, once before the House, could be passed or defeated within a week.

In its issue of Wednesday, June 21, the New York "Times" said:

As matters stand, therefore, the Senate will proceed with its deliberate discussion of the Tariff bill, which not even the most optimistic expect to see passed before some time in August.

After having sent the much-amended bill to conference, the Senate will take up the bonus bill unless it shall have been passed before.

While the Senate is struggling with the bonus, the House will, according to program, take up the ship subsidy bill. When finally adopted if that result be achieved under Presidential pressure, the bill will go to the Senate for consideration.

The President let it be known again with much positiveness to-day that if Congress adjourned without passing the subsidy bill, he would take the issue to the country and call a special session to enact this legislation.

In his letter of the 20th inst. to Representative Mondell the President declared we have "two outstanding problems which must be met in the solution of which Congress must share the responsibility. . . . One is the handling of our shipping assets to the highest advantage without continued loss to the public Treasury. The other is the establishment of an efficient merchant marine, when opportunity is beckoning as never before, as an agency of commerce and an avenue to influence in peace, and an indispensable element of defense if we are again involved in war." The President's letter to Representative Mondell follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, June 20 1922.

My dear Mr. Mondell: You have been advised by those who have discussed the matter with me in personal interview that I am in complete accord with the opinion of leaders among the majority in the House that the final consideration of the Merchant Marine bill in the House might well be postponed until approximately such time as House members will be called in active attendance to send the tariff bill to conference. I am writing to give formal confirmation and to express the satisfaction with which I contemplate having this measure taken directly by members to their constituencies for such reaction as will enable them to translate the deliberate preference of the country into a national policy fixed by law.

If it were practical to secure final action on a measure of such importance in the sixty actual working days of the short term of Congress, I would gladly postpone action until after the general elections, and ask a renewed expression of the people at the polls.

Unfortunately for such a program, the national interests will not admit of such postponement and I should feel myself remiss in a public duty if I did not ask a decision before the present session is finally ended.

There was an expression of the popular mind in 1920. The party now charged with responsibility, spoke in no uncertain terms about the "promotion and maintenance of an American merchant marine." The question was not made paramount, but the pledge was conventioned, and it was well understood because the people knew in a very general way that vast tonnage in shipping was a Government possession as the result of war activities, and a practical Government must turn this one war asset to permanent, peacetime advantage.

Literally we have a merchant marine, poorly balanced, because the war construction was emergency construction, building anything and everything we could, at any cost, without serious thought of its possibilities in the sea service of peace. Moreover, it is largely Government-owned, operated at a loss to the Government Treasury. In spite of every drive toward economy, in spite of suspended service and the cancellation of contracts for operation in the Government's behalf, in spite of radical reformation in the Government's activities and suspended lines much sought by American commercial interests, the plain, blunt truth is that Government shipping has cost the Treasury more than a \$50,000,000 loss during the fiscal year now closing. This does not include depreciation or deterioration, running into millions more, and we have a practical problem which cannot be ignored by either the executive or legislative branch of the Government or by the American people of every section, who must supply the Treasury funds.

Perhaps this venture in Government pursuit of what ought to be a private business would be looked upon with complacency if we were making even a slight degree of progress toward a permanent and efficient merchant marine. But we are not succeeding. The vital element of private initiative and

genius for business success is lacking, and our inefficient activities are discouraging and disheartening the few who have sought to establish shipping lines on private account. There is no fault to be charged to the Shipping Board as it is now organized. Losses aggregating \$16,000,000 a month have been reduced to substantially one-fourth that sum.

The reminder is not a criticism of what had developed out of war service and war construction. Our first thought then was national survival. There was war inflation and the excesses in commerce in the immediate aftermath. Then there came to shipping a slump beyond all comparison with other activities. Our ships, costing three billions, suddenly became worth only a fraction thereof, and there was no market in which to sell at any price. Profitable operation turned to shocking deficits, and only drastic curtailment of activities saved us from the astounding losses which were ensuing when the present board was organized.

We have, therefore, two outstanding problems which must be met, in the solution of which Congress must share the responsibility, and regarding which there can be but one opinion when our people are acquainted with the facts. One is the handling of our shipping assets to the highest advantage, without continued loss to the public Treasury. The other is the establishment of an efficient merchant marine, when opportunity is beckoning as never before, as an agency of commerce and an avenue to influence in peace, and an indispensable element of defense if we are again involved in war. No argument is needed on the last essential, other than the reminder that we builded our vast tonnage as a war necessity, and no one thought to complain of the excessive cost or the ultimate accounting.

The question is not to be prejudiced by the old and worn-out cry against subsidy. If there is insistent use of a term so long employed to awaken public hostility, let it be known that we are subsidizing to-day by paying losses aggregating fifty millions a year for inadequate service of no permanence while the pending measure contemplates no such outlay, and is paid only for specified service, which is the base of a merchant marine fit to compete with the maritime powers of the world. Moreover, the term subsidy, implying bestowal upon special interests, can no longer be applied to a public service where the aid is extended only until a normal earning is developed, and must be returned after the earnings reach a 10% return on actual investment, certified under Government audits. All this the pending measure provides.

The larger question is that of national policy in availing ourselves of our tonnage and the present opportunity to establish a great American merchant marine. If we are to think of only a self-contained republic, aloof from the world, perhaps we may go on depending upon our competitors for our carriers by sea. But such a course challenges every aspiration and narrows our vision. No nation ever has maintained enduring prominence or abiding good fortune except in proportion to its eminence on the seas. It is the unvarying story of national power and influence throughout all civilization. The rare development of our own land in a century and a half of national life is no contradiction, because we were boundless in our untouched resources until now, and even with them we felt the impetus of our sea-carrying power until steam and oil superseded the sails which whitened the seas.

In the new order of the world we shall no longer be self-contained, but in shipping we must become self-reliant. We ask no favors, but we do believe in American genius and capacity under equal opportunity. It does not become us to go on paying shipping tolls to the world when our righteous purposes in trade are better promoted by serving ourselves in making our tenders in the marts of the world.

At the risk of excessive length, let me point out what I believe to be a well-screened source of opposition to an outstanding and confident American course in this matter. No well developed maritime power of the Old World is craving the development of our shipping. We cannot complain thereof.

I confess an admiration for the national spirit, which always thinks of the interests of the home-land first. I crave its manifestation here at home in solving this problem. Other nations know the value of sea-carrying as an adjunct of trade, and the individual discouragement abroad to our worthy aims—a discouragement often insidiously disseminated here—ought to argue an American interest no longer to be ignored.

I have not attempted to argue the merits of the pending bill in detail. I do hope to have members convey to agricultural, mining, and industrial constituencies the relation of future shipping and foreign trade to the maintained good fortunes in their pursuits, and stress the fact that now, if ever, with ships ready for cargoes and crews, our people must take their place on the seas or surrender every such aspiration and liquidate, at whatever price is necessary, the assets at our command. Even if we mistakenly assent to liquidate, I am well persuaded that the favoring policy contemplated in the bill will save hundreds of millions in that liquidation. The rightful course concerns our immediate good fortune, and has infinitely more to do with the fortunes and the prestige of the greater republic which is ever in the making.

Frankly, I feel deeply the responsibility. I think it a national calamity to fail in the waiting opportunity, I cannot but believe the American people will be in accord. If they appraise the immediate problem in the continuation of losing millions through our present operations, and sense the situation as it relates to the American future, I believe Congressmen will return from the contact with the people at home, confident that the merchant marine bill is no less appealing than relief to agriculture in distress, or to railroads in their necessity. It is not in my mind to appeal in behalf of a special interest in America.

I confidently believe that if you and your associates will take the problem to the people at home you will encounter a very favorable reaction on a patriotic interest which concerns all America, conspicuously to-day, and of greater consequence to our future.

Sincerely yours,

WARREN G. HARDING.

Hon. Frank W. Mondell, House of Representatives.

The Administration's ship subsidy bill, redrafted by the House Merchant Marine Committee, was introduced in the House on June 14 by Chairman Greene of the Committee. The bill was immediately referred to the Committee. On the 18th inst. the Committee, without a record vote, rejected the Bankhead amendment providing that no Government aid should be allowed ships on which liquor was sold. The Edmonds proposal extending the Volstead Law to the sea by fining all ships of any registry touching American ports on which liquor selling was permitted, was not acted on and the Committee ordered the bill to be favorably reported by a strict party vote of 9 to 4. It was stated on the 14th inst. that the measure as then reintroduced was fundamentally the same measure sponsored by the Administration in February (referred to in our issue of March 4, page 903), the new

draft, according to the "Journal of Commerce" containing hundreds of minor changes, but few important alterations. The same paper, in its reference to the bill as reintroduced June 14, said:

The outstanding change, which had not been called to attention, was the modification in the subsidy payment for the so-called industrial ships, the tankers belonging to the oil companies and the cargo carriers owned by the United States Steel Corp. The amended bill eliminated the industrial companies from those, who might seek a deduction in their net income tax amounting to 5% of the freight money paid to American-flag carriers engaged in the foreign trade.

It was further stipulated that "if the owner of the vessels uses them in whole or in part for the transportation of his own property his gross income attributable to the operations of the vessels in transporting such property shall be considered to be such amount as is determined by the board, and certified by it to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue as representing the fair value of the services performed by the vessels in transporting such property.

This means that the industrial companies will not be permitted to carry their own products at such a low rate of compensation that their earnings would go low and thus escape returning back into the ship subsidy fund half of all profits in excess of 10%.

Eliminate Reserve Plan.

As previously reported, the section creating the merchant marine naval reserve section was eliminated. The immigration section, entirely rewritten, merely stipulates "as nearly as practicable, one-half of the total number of immigrants admitted to the United States in any fiscal year shall be transported in vessels registered, or enrolled and licensed, under the laws of the United States." However, it was further provided that this section should not take effect until President Harding fixed the time by proclamation.

Whenever the President is convinced that the section or regulations are in violation of any treaties, however, the President is empowered to proclaim that the law is in effect after giving consideration to the treaty obligations.

The basic rate of subsidy applies to ship having a speed of twelve knots and not up to 13 knots, as the original draft provided.

The vast majority of the other modifications have been inserted for the purpose of limiting the powers of the Shipping Board and clarifying any legislative difficulty which now exists.

Railroads would be permitted to own and operate ships in foreign trade other than foreign contiguous territory, and between the United States and the Philippine Islands. The carriers cannot enter the coastwise trade, but there would be no barrier imposed under the revised bill upon a railroad-owned ship, engaged in the foreign trade, passing through the Panama Canal.

To Work in Harmony.

The shipping Board and the Inter-State Commerce Commission will work more harmoniously in the enforcement of laws over which there is a sort of dual control if the proposed bill is passed. The Shipping Board is given the power to regulate conferences and is placed in a position where it might promptly enforce the preferential rail section if it were convinced that adequate services could be offered under the American flag from the various American ports to foreign territory.

Three last minute amendments to the bill before it was formally brought before the House on the 16th inst. were made by the Committee, it is learned from the "Journal of Commerce" of the 17th inst., from which we quote the following:

The three additional amendments included in the revised bill as it was reported to the House of Representatives to-day were:

1. In considering the enforcement of the preferential rail section, it was declared that this should apply without working a discrimination against any American port.
2. Ships, to receive subsidy, after two years, must carry crews made up at least of two-thirds of American citizens, with the other one-third eligible to become citizens.
3. The third change was a mere technicality.

Lengthy report on Bill.

A most elaborate report consisting of seven typewritten pages accompanied the revised draft. Somewhat elementary, it reviewed the measure in three parts: (1) General considerations; (2) Synopsis of bill; (3) Discussion of important features of bill.

In explaining the bill the committee frankly admitted that a vast number of changes had been made in the section relating to the joint water and rail provisions.

With the contemplated enforcement of Section 28 the legislation would increase the powers of the Shipping Board and diminish the authority of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. For instance, the bill would compel any railroad having a contract with a foreign flagship line, for the preferential interchange of freight, to enter into agreements of this nature with other carriers serving the same ports.

Under the present law, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has the right to decide whether or not there is adequate services under the American flag to foreign ports before restricting the rights of railroads to grant export rail rates on freight to be moved overseas in foreign bottoms. The bill takes away from the Inter-State Commerce Commission the discretion as to the suspension of the enforcement of this section and leaves this up to the Shipping Board. When the Board certifies that adequate services are in effect, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has no choice but to order enforcement or suspension.

The amendment also adds a paragraph providing that whenever the Board and the Commission are both of the opinion that putting into effect or keeping in effect the provisions of the section will result in materially changing the channels of transportation within the United States, or in unduly congesting one or more ports of the United States, the commission shall suspend the operation of the section, until such time as the Commission and the Board reach a contrary conclusion, whereupon the Commission shall terminate the suspension upon thirty days' notice, the report declared, in describing the intent of Section 607.

Discusses Need for Aid.

Discussing the need for aid to the merchant marine, the Committee in the report declared that it had been believed the passage of the Jones Act would result in the upbuilding of the merchant marine.

"The lack of results from this Act shows clearly that the mere possession of a fleet of ships will not give a country a merchant marine unless it is made possible for private capital to take over and operate efficiently such fleet," the report says. "The greatest disadvantage, outside of added capital charge and added wage and subsistence cost which American owners

must meet in building up our mercantile fleet, is the fact that in overseas carriage, other nations which are securely established in control of trade routes have the volume of business and American ships must undergo the great initial expense of invading the field and building up that volume.

"The Act alone will not give us our commercial marine, nor aid us in disposing of our State-owned vessels," the report concluded on this point.

"The situation to-day is different from that obtaining on any previous occasion on which the question of aid to shipping has arisen. In other days if people decided that they did not wish a merchant marine, such decision settled the matter for the time. To-day it is not a question of whether we wish a merchant marine or not, for we have a merchant marine. It is not a question of subsidy or no subsidy, because to meet the Government's loss of \$50,000,000 a year in the operation of our merchant marine, the people are being taxed far beyond what would be needed were the ships brought into efficient commercial operation.

"The question is, what shall we do with the fleet that we have, so that with the least cost to the taxpayers that fleet may be made of the greatest use to the country as a whole, both in peace and war? The alternatives are plain. Either make it possible for private enterprise to take this nucleus which we now have and add to it until it becomes a great and efficient entity, an American merchant marine, or refuse the relatively slight amount of aid necessary therefor and continue at a great expense the inefficient method of Government operation until the ships are worn out.

Purpose of Operation.

"The purpose of Government operation, as clearly outlined in the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, was that the Government might build up its trade routes until purchasers could be found ready to take over the ships upon established routes and with that necessary element, the good will of the shippers.

"Unfortunately, this policy has to a great extent worked to defeat its own purpose, for in the upbuilding of those routes the Government has operated ships, and in the operation of the ships has driven its potential customers off the seas. When a private American shipowner is competing with a private British shipowner, with all the handicaps under which the American owner suffers, his competitor is at least bound by the limitations of a finite capital.

"His resources are not endless and he cannot forever compete in a losing trade. When an American shipowner has to compete with his own Government, however, he has not only the foreign competitor, but at the same time has in the field a competitor whose resources are, comparatively speaking, limitless.

The result cannot be in doubt. Continuation of a marine, part Government-owned and part privately owned, simply means that the private owners will be driven out of the business.

"By the extending of a moderate amount of national aid the maintenance of adequate American service under private ownership can be insured and the Government's heavy loss can be ended. Only by making private operation profitable can the Government find a market for its own tonnage.

"With such aid we can promptly dispose of our salable ships for private operation, get rid of our worthless tonnage, end an annual operating loss of \$50,000,000, give our people a better and more assured service on the seas than America has ever enjoyed heretofore and successfully turn a war-time and war-burled enterprise into a great instrument of peace-time profit and peace insurance."

In referring to the liquor agitation which had arisen with respect to the bill, a press dispatch from Washington June 17, published in the New York "Tribune," said:

The Republican steering committee and Republican members of the Rules Committee had scarcely begun a joint meeting to-day to discuss the subsidy situation when Mr. Campbell was hastily summoned to the White House. Returning to the Capitol, he explained that he had told the President of some opposition in the party to consideration of the bill without full opportunity for studying its provisions and before the country had time to understand it. There was a frank exchange of views and while the President insisted the bill should not go over until the December session, leaders were informed he would not object to a reasonable delay provided a vote was reached before the summer adjournment of Congress.

The President has been informed, leaders said, that injection "of the liquor angle" had put a new phase on the situation. Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, announced that the House would be given an opportunity to vote on the ship liquor question.

Chance for Amendments.

"Enemies of the shipping bill at home and abroad are endeavoring," Mr. Mondell said in a statement, "to prejudice its consideration by calling attention to the fact that liquor is now being sold on American ships on the high seas. The fact is that the consideration of the bill will afford an opportunity to prevent that practice, because the bill will be considered with free opportunity for amendment and amendments will be in order either to prohibit the sale of liquor on American ships or on all ships calling at American ports."

INCREASE IN RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD IN MAY.

The retail food index issued by the U. S. Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that there was an increase of 2-10 of 1% in the retail cost of food to the average family in May as compared with April. The Bureau in making this known June 17 said:

Prices of 43 food articles are reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics each month by retail dealers in 51 important cities. In addition prices on storage eggs are secured only for five months of the year. From these prices average prices are made for each article. The average prices of the 43 articles on which prices are secured each month are then "weighted" according to the quantity of each article consumed, in the average workingman's family. From January 1913 to December 1920 22 articles of food were used in this index, but from January 1921 43 articles are included in the index number.

Changes in One Month.

During the month from April 15 1922 to May 15 1922 23 articles on which monthly prices are secured increase in price as follows: Cabbage, 8%; eggs, strictly fresh, 6%; sirloin steak, round steak, pork chops and navy beans, 4%; potatoes, 3%; rib roast, chuck roast, lamb and prunes, 2%; and ham, lard, bread, rolled oats, macaroni, rice, coffee and oranges 1%. The price of bacon, crisco, tea and bananas increased less than 5-10 of 1%.

Fifteen articles decreased in price as follows: Onions, 29%; cheese, 4%; corn meal, 3%; fresh milk, 2%; evaporated milk, butter, oleomargarine, nut margarine, cornflakes, canned corn, granulated sugar and raisins, 1%. The price of hens, salmon, and cream of wheat decreased less than 5-10 of 1%. Prices remained unchanged for plate beef, flour, baked beans, canned peas and canned tomatoes.

Changes in One Year.

For the year period May 15 1921 to May 15 1922 the percentage decrease in all articles of food combined was 4%. Twenty-eight articles decreased in price during the year as follows: Evaporated milk, 23%; raisins, 22%; corn flakes and granulated sugar, 21%; corn meal, 16%; salmon, 15%; plate beef, fresh milk, cream of wheat, 13%; bread, oleomargarine, bananas and rolled oats, 11%; chuck roast and baked beans, 10%; round steak, bacon and hens, 9%; rib roast, 8%; flour, 7%; sirloin steak, 6%; nut margarine, 5%; macaroni, 4%; canned corn and tea, 3%; pork chops and cheese, 2%; and coffee, 1%.

The prices of the other 15 articles increased as follows: Onions, 75%; potatoes, 36%; oranges, 33%; navy beans, 23%; canned tomatoes, 20%; lamb, 13%; prunes, 9%; rice, 8%; butter, 6%; ham, 5%; lard, crisco, cabbage and canned peas, 2%; and eggs, strictly fresh, increased less than 5-10 of 1%.

Changes Since May 1913.

For the 9-year period May 15 1913 to May 15 1922 the increase in all articles of food combined was 44%. The articles named showed increases as follows: Lamb, 102%; ham, 92%; potatoes, 88%; hens, 70%; pork chops, 65%; flour, 61%; bread, 57%; bacon, 48%; sirloin steak, 47%; round steak, 46%; fresh milk, 42%; cheese, 41%; rib roast, 40%; corn meal, 31%; eggs, strictly fresh, 27%; butter and tea, 25%; chuck roast, 24%; granulated sugar, 22%; coffee, 20%; rice, 10%; lard, 8%; plate beef, 7%.

The index numbers based on 1913 as 100, were 139 in April and 139 in May 1922.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food, by Cities.

During the month from April 15 to May 15 the average family expenditure for food increased in 30 cities as follows: Little Rock and St. Paul, 3%; Denver and Richmond, 2%; Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Butte, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., St. Louis, Savannah, Seattle and Washington, D. C., 1%. In Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Louisville, Omaha, Peoria and Scranton, there was an increase of less than 5-10 of 1%. In 20 cities there were the following decreases: Buffalo and Newark, 2%; Boston, Charleston, Fall River, Kansas City, Manchester, New Haven, Portland, Me., Providence, Rochester and San Francisco, 1%; Bridgeport, Columbus, Mobile, New Orleans, New York, Pittsburgh, Salt Lake City and Springfield decreased less than 5-10 of 1%. In Detroit food prices remained the same.

For the year period May 15 1921 to May 15 1922 the following decreases were shown: Bridgeport and Norfolk, 8%; Kansas City, Manchester, Providence and Salt Lake City, 7%; Boston, Charleston, Columbus and Pittsburgh, 6%; Cleveland, New Haven, Peoria, Portland, Me., St. Louis, Savannah, 5%; Birmingham, Cincinnati, Denver, Fall River, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark, San Francisco and Scranton, 4%; Baltimore, Dallas, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Mobile, New York, Omaha and Springfield, 3%; Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Louisville, Philadelphia, Rochester and Washington, D. C., 2%; Buffalo, Memphis, New Orleans, Richmond, 1%; Butte and Minneapolis decreased less than 5-10 of 1%. The other three cities increased as follows: St. Paul and Seattle, 2%, and Portland, Ore. less than 5-10 of 1%.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the cost of food in May 1922 was 53% higher in Richmond, 49% in Washington, D. C., 46% in Charleston and Scranton, 44% in Baltimore and Birmingham; 43% in Chicago, 42% in Detroit, New Orleans, New York and Philadelphia; 41% in Atlanta, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Providence; 40% in Dallas; 39% in Boston, Fall River and Omaha; 38% in Manchester and St. Louis; 36% in Kansas City and Little Rock; 35% in Jacksonville, Memphis, New Haven and Pittsburgh; 34% in Cleveland, Indianapolis, San Francisco and Seattle; 33% in Newark; 31% in Louisville and Los Angeles; 28% in Denver and Portland, Ore., and 20% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained from Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester St. Paul Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913; hence no comparison for the 9-year period can be given for these cities.

INCREASE IN WHOLESALE PRICES IN MAY—REVISION OF INDEX NUMBERS.

In all groups of commodities except chemicals and drugs, wholesale prices in May averaged higher than in April, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor, which in making public on June 19 the May price changes announces that it has made a revision of its series of index numbers showing changes in the level of wholesale prices. The Bureau says:

This revision consists of (1) a regrouping of the commodities and the addition of a considerable number of new articles, and (2) the use of the 1919 census data for weighting purposes in place of the 1909 census data formerly employed.

Revised index numbers for the several commodity groups for May 1921 and for April and May 1922 are as follows:

Revised Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices, by Groups of Commodities. (1913=100.)

	1921		1922	
	May	April	May	April
Farm products	118	129	132	132
Foods	139	137	138	138
Cloths and clothing	173	171	176	176
Fuel and lighting	200	194	216	216
Metals and metal products	138	113	119	119
Building materials	165	156	160	160
Chemicals and drugs	134	124	122	122
Housefurnishing goods	209	175	176	176
Miscellaneous	126	116	116	116
All commodities	145	143	148	148

In all groups of commodities except chemicals and drugs prices in May averaged higher than in April. Farm products rose over 2% above the level of the month before. Foods and housefurnishing goods averaged slightly higher, while substantial increases took place in the groups of cloths and clothing, metals and metal products, and building materials. Fuel and lighting materials showed the largest increase of all, the rise in the May level being 11 1-3%. Chemicals and drugs, on the other hand, decreased 1 1/2% in price from April to May. All commodities, considered in the aggregate, were 3 1/2% higher in May than in April.

Of 404 commodities, or price series, for which comparable data for the two months were obtained, increases were found to have occurred for 153 commodities and decreases for 94 commodities. In the case of 157 commodities no change in average prices was reported.

Comparing prices in May with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that the general level has increased 2%. The greatest increase is shown for farm products, in which prices have risen nearly 12%. Fuel and lighting materials have increased 8% and clothing over 1% since May of last year. In all other groups prices have declined, the decrease ranging from less than 1% for foodstuffs to 15% for housefurnishing goods.

EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN MAY.

In making public on June 20 the details of the reports concerning the volume of employment in May 1922 from representative establishments in 12 manufacturing industries, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor states that comparing the figures of May 1922 with those for identical establishments for May 1921 it appears that in 8 of the 12 industries there were increases in the number of persons employed, while in 4 there were decreases. The largest increases were 24.6% in hosiery and underwear and 23.4% in car building and repairing. Iron and steel shows a decrease of 18% and leather a decrease of 17.3%. The comparative data for May 1922 and April 1922 show that in 7 industries there were increases in the number of persons on the payroll in May as compared with April and in 5 decreases. The Bureau's statement says:

Six of the 12 industries show decreases in the total amount of payroll for May 1922 as compared with May 1921. The remaining 6 industries show decreases in the amount of payroll. The most important increase, 25.6%, appears in hosiery and underwear. Cotton manufacturing and silk show respective decreases of 33.9% and 32.9%.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN MAY 1921 AND MAY 1922.

Industry—	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-ment	Number on Pay-Roll in May		% of In-crease or De-crease	Amount of Pay-Roll in May		% of In-crease or De-crease
			1921.	1922.		1921.	1922.	
Iron and steel	106	1/2 mo	115,709	138,593	+18.0	\$5,869,704	\$6,383,730	+8.8
Automobiles	45	1 week	92,649	100,071	+8.0	3,188,075	3,303,814	+6.5
Car building & repairing	62	1/2 mo.	49,111	60,620	+23.4	3,256,501	3,505,492	+7.6
Cotton mfg.	63	1 week	60,894	43,355	-25.5	1,049,048	693,378	-33.9
Cotton fining	17	1 week	12,423	10,641	-14.3	273,334	214,418	-21.6
Hosiery and underwear	64	1 week	25,814	32,168	+24.6	423,482	531,992	+25.6
Silk	45	2 wks.	18,073	15,435	-14.6	822,675	532,241	-32.9
Men's clothing	43	1 week	24,609	24,626	+0.1	720,531	592,548	-18.6
Leather	35	1 week	10,507	12,327	+17.3	237,119	280,792	+19.0
Boots & shoes	78	1 week	56,381	60,589	+7.5	1,310,200	1,294,662	-1.2
Paper making	59	1 week	22,289	25,953	+16.4	537,926	606,423	+12.7
Cigar mfg.	54	1 week	16,690	15,215	-8.8	320,477	271,981	-16.1

Comparative data for May 1922 and April 1922 appear in the following table. The figures show that in 7 industries there were increases in the number of persons on the payroll in May as compared with April, and in 5 decreases. Respective percentage increases of 9, 7, 5, 6 and 4 are shown in the automobile, paper and car building and repairing industries. Men's ready-made clothing shows a decrease of 6.9%.

When comparing May 1922 with April 1922, all but two industries show increases in the amount of money paid to employees. Cigar making shows an increase of 14.6% and automobiles an increase of 14%. The two decreases are 2.6% in silk and 2.1% in boots and shoes.

COMPARISON OF EMPLOYMENT IN IDENTICAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN APRIL AND MAY 1922.

Industry—	No. of Estab-lish-ments	Period of Pay-ment	Number on Pay-Roll in—		% of In-crease or De-crease	Amount of Pay-Roll in—		% of In-crease or De-crease
			April 1922.	May 1922.		April 1922.	May 1922.	
Iron and steel	103	1/2 mo.	122,881	126,865	+3.2	\$5,441,544	\$5,874,369	+8.0
Automobiles	44	1 week	90,592	99,389	+9.7	2,901,591	3,376,438	+14.0
Car building & repairing	62	1/2 mo.	58,302	60,620	+4.0	3,244,004	3,505,492	+4.8
Cotton mfg.	61	1 week	43,343	44,445	+2.6	652,409	675,715	+3.6
Cottonfining	17	1 week	10,565	10,641	+0.7	212,910	214,418	+0.7
Hosiery and underwear	61	1 week	30,810	30,588	-0.7	505,492	514,711	+1.8
Silk	45	2 wks.	16,077	15,435	-4.0	506,955	452,241	-10.6
Men's clothing	45	1 week	27,317	25,437	-6.5	614,099	514,563	-16.0
Leather	35	1 week	12,557	12,327	-1.8	258,833	260,792	+0.8
Boots & shoes	80	1 week	62,633	61,268	-2.3	1,397,064	1,308,729	-6.3
Paper making	59	1 week	24,581	25,953	+5.6	565,711	606,423	+7.2
Cigar mfg.	56	1 week	14,999	15,542	+3.6	242,029	277,362	+14.6

Changes in Wage Rates and Per Capita Earnings.

During the period April 15 to May 15 1922 there were wage changes made by some of the reporting establishments in 8 of the 12 industries.

Iron and steel: In one shop all employees were granted wage rate increases; the tonnage men receiving an increase of 22% and all other labor an increase of 10%. One establishment gave an increase of 18% to 56% of the force. Ten plants reported wage increases of 8.8%, affecting all the employees in all plants. An increase of 8.3% was received by 90% of the force in one plant, and 33 1-3% of the force in another plant. Three plants reported a decrease of 5%, affecting 60% of the employees in one plant and 40% in the 2 remaining plants. A decrease of 4% was reported by 2 concerns affecting 40% in the first concern and 33 1-3% in the second concern. In one mill a 2 1/2% wage cut was made to 40% of the men. A 2% reduction in wages was reported by 2 mills, affecting 33% of the men in one mill and 32% in the second mill. Increased operations and more time worked were reported by many of the iron and steel mills, and the per capita earnings show an increase of 4.6% when compared with those for last month.

Automobiles: A wage increase of approximately 15% was granted to 20% of the employees in one factory. Two establishments reported a 14% increase, affecting 10% of the forces, while another concern gave an increase of 8% to 20% of the employees. Production was increased during the period reported and the per capita earnings for May were 3.9% higher than for April.

Car building and repairing: A decrease of 5%, affecting 5% of the employees, was reported by one establishment. A slight increase, 0.8%, was shown for per capita earnings when April and May payrolls were compared.

Cotton manufacturing: When per capita earnings for May were compared with those for April, an increase of 1% was noted.

Cotton finishing: The per capita earnings for May were the same as those for April.

Hosiery and underwear: An increase of 2.6% in per capita earnings was shown when the April and May payrolls were compared.

Silk: When the April and May per capita earnings were compared, an increase of 1.5% appeared.

Men's ready-made clothing: A 15% wage decrease was reported by two establishments, affecting all shop men. Three concerns reported a 10% reduction, affecting 84% of the force in one concern, 75% of the force in the second concern, and 87% of the force in the third concern. One establishment made a wage reduction of 9% to 90% of the men. However, an increase of 7.5% in the per capita earnings was shown when figures for April and May were compared.

Leather: Decreases ranging from 5 to 10% were made to 40% of the employees in one tannery. When per capita earnings for May were compared with those for April an increase of 2.7% was noted.

Boots and shoes: One firm reported a wage decrease of 5%, affecting 70% of the employees. Per capita earnings for May increased 0.1% over those for April.

Paper making: One mill gave an increase of 20% to 60% of the employees. A wage decrease of 6%, affecting all employees, was reported by another establishment. An increase of 1.6% was noted for May per capita earnings over April figures.

Cigar manufacturing: Two factories reported a 13½% wage cut, affecting all of the employees in one factory and 5% of the employees in the other factory. A wage reduction of approximately 10% affected 80% of the men in one concern. However, there was an increase in per capita earnings for May over April of 10.6%.

THE BITUMINOUS COAL STRIKE—OUTBREAKS IN ILLINOIS ACCOMPANIED BY VIOLENCE AND MURDER.

In Southern Illinois there was a violent outbreak on the part of the strikers in the nation-wide strike in the bituminous coal fields throughout the country. Properties on which strike-breakers were working near Herrin, Ill., were attacked by a band of armed union strikers, many being killed and scores injured. Included in the casualties were five women.

The outbreaks began on June 21, when 15 men were reported killed by a gang of strikers. The following day there were recurrences of violence, 5,000 strikers raiding the strip (surface) mines of the Southern Illinois Coal Co. and firing with rifles on the strike-breakers.

The strikers, it said, ruthlessly shot down defenseless men, after they had surrendered. The same day Governor Small ordered 1,000 State troops mobilized at once and held under arms for further orders. In a telegram addressed to the State Attorney of Williamson County, the Governor demanded that the persons guilty of the murders be brought to justice. He asked whether the Circuit Court of the county was now in session and if not what steps had been taken to convene a grand jury, investigate the crimes committed and return indictments.

The outbreaks among the striking miners followed publication of a telegram from John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, saying that the employees of the Southern Illinois Coal Co., members of the Steam Shovelmen's Union were "common strike-breakers." Lewis's telegram was in reply to one from State Senator Sneed, a sub-district official of the miners' union, asking the status of the Shovelmen's Union. Senator Sneed's telegram to Lewis is given as follows:

Is there an agreement by the American Federation of Labor that the Steam Shovelmen's Union has the right to man shovels, strip and load coal? Some men here claim they have jurisdiction granted by the Mining Department of the American Federation of Labor. J. W. Tracy of Chicago, district representative of the Steam Shovelmen's Union, is furnishing men to load coal in this district. We do not believe such an agreement exists. Wire answer after investigation if agreement exists and have the proper authorities stop the steam shovel men scabbing of union coal miners.

Mr. Lewis replied to the above as follows:

In reply to your wire of the 18th the Steam Shovelmen's Union was suspended from affiliation with the American Federation of Labor some years ago. It was also ordered suspended from the Mining Department of the American Federation of Labor at the Atlantic City convention.

We now find that this outlaw organization is permitting its membership to act as strike-breakers in strip mines in Ohio.

This organization is furnishing steam shovel engineers to work under armed guard with strike-breakers.

It is not true that any agreement exists by and between this organization and the Mining Department or any other branch of the American Federation of Labor permitting it to work under such circumstances.

Two of our representatives have taken this question up with officers of the Steam Shovelmen's Union and have failed to secure any satisfaction.

Representatives of our organization are justified in treating this crowd as an outlaw organization and in viewing its members in the same light as they would view any other common strike-breakers.

With regard to the outbreaks on the 22d dispatches to the Associated Press from Herrin had the following to say:

The death toll in the disaster last night and to-day, when 5,000 striking union miners attacked the Lester strip mine, being operated under guard by imported workers, may run past the forty mark, it was said to-night by those in touch with the situation, although thus far only 27 positively are known to be dead.

In the Herrin Hospital are eight wounded men, only one a miner, and six of them are believed to be fatally injured. There were nine, but one died.

A miner told the Associated Press correspondent that he had seen fifteen bodies thrown into a pond with rocks around their necks to-day. About 20 imported workers are missing.

Difficult to Check List.

Checking the death list has proved almost impossible. The victims, all but three of them imported workers, so far as is known, were found scattered over an area within several miles of the mine. Some were lynched, some were burned when the mine was fired, others were beaten to death, and the majority fell before the scores of bullets poured into them.

The scenes of death were gruesome as in a real war. Bodies with limbs shot away lay along the roadside, or were strung from trees, men wounded and dying were stretched out on roads and in fields with none of the hundreds of passersby able to lend a helping hand. Attempts to assist the wounded in the early part of the day brought rebuffs from the spectators, backed in some cases by drawn guns.

Later the feeling quieted down and some of the wounded were taken to hospitals.

It is understood that there will be no attempt to reopen any of the mines until the strike is settled.

When the attackers went over the top into the besieged mine this morning there were some fifty or sixty workers and guards there. What has become of those not in the known dead and wounded list cannot be told. Some of them were seen to-day in fields running with miner sympathizers pursuing them with guns. How any escaped could not be told.

C. K. McDowell, superintendent of the imported workers at the mine, was among the dead. It was said that he was the first selected to be shot after the mine was captured and that he was given no opportunity to escape.

Urged on by Women.

Young matrons and girls encouraged their men in the slaying of captive mine employees.

"Let's make soap of them," one of the women suggested as six men, banded together with a rope, were shot down with one volley.

An examination showed that one of the six still breathed; an executioner, with a ready knife, completed what the bullets had left unfinished.

One of four men found under a tree in Harrison Woods, where the body of a fifth was suspended from a branch, offered a gold watch and \$25 to his tormentors when he saw all was over for him.

"You're a good scout," taunted one of his tormentors; "make a run for it."

The fellow was shot down by the man who jeered at him.

A few women ventured to take kodak pictures. The cameras were trampled under foot and the women were roughly handled.

Hundreds of men, women and little children, some as young as four years, surged through the morgue to-day to view the bodies, which lay side by side on the floor with no attempt to straighten them out. Most of them bore no identification marks. All were mangled.

Officials of Williamson County expressed deep regret over the affair, as did many miners; but several of the latter told the correspondent that while it was regrettable, "no other course could have been taken."

Most of the bodies of the mine war victims bore no marks of identification, the empty pockets indicating, county officials said, that the bodies had been looted. On one body was found an honorable discharge from the army, while on another was a piece of paper which bore the name of an ex-infantryman.

The substance of the statements by the wounded, who were among the besieged, was that not a mine worker was injured during the fighting, but that the many killed were shot down in cold blood after they had surrendered themselves and their arms. There was nothing from the union miners to contradict these claims.

Philip Murray, International Vice-President of the United Mine Workers, discussing the causes of the outbreaks on June 22 said:

The United Mine Workers deny any responsibility in the Herrin troubles. In so far as President Lewis's message regarding the non-union shovelmen is concerned, it positively could not have had any bearing on the occurrence.

The miners' organization is going to make a thorough investigation and ascertain the facts. Until then I can make no further statement on this matter except to say that the officials of the United Mine Workers deplore that this incident has occurred, for they believe in law and order.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD CUTS WAGES OF SIGNALMEN, CLERKS, STATIONARY FIREMEN, ETC.—MINORITY VIEWS.

The expected order of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, making further cuts in the wages of railroad employees, in addition to the two wage reduction orders of the preceding weeks, was made public June 17. The latest edict affects clerks, signalmen and stationary engineers and firemen, the cuts ranging from 2 cents to 6 cents per hour and involving an annual saving to the railroads of approximately \$27,000,000. As we have before indicated ("Chronicle" June 3, page 2432, and June 10, page 2541), the reductions in the case of maintenance of way employees, announced on May 29, will reduce the annual payroll to the extent of approximately \$48,000,000, while the decision lowering the wages of railway shopmen and freight carmen, made known June 6, will effect an annual reduction of \$59,669,347—the total annual saving represented in these three recent orders thus amounting to approximately \$135,000,000. All of these reductions are to go into effect July 1.

As in the case of the two other wage reduction orders, a dissenting opinion by labor members of the Board—A. O. Wharton and Albert Phillips—was presented in the latest decision, which also embraces a supporting opinion of the majority to which we refer in another item. It is stated that the fact that the dissenting views in this instance were not signed by the other labor member of the Board—W. L. McMenimin—is due to the fact that he was in the East, investigating a contract case on the Boston & Albany RR. Altogether, approximately 1,200,000 railway employees, it is said, are affected by the several reductions, the bulk of those involved in the latest order being 200,000 clerks and 100,000

station employees. Clerks are cut 3 cents and 4 cents an hour, according to classification, signalmen, 5 cents, and firemen, 2 cents. Signalmen helpers have been subjected to a cut of 6 cents an hour. Stationary engineers, firemen and oilers, numbering 10,000, are reduced 2 cents an hour. According to the Board, clerks will receive, under the new scale an average of 58.5 cents an hour, compared with 34.5 cents in December 1917, when the Government took over the railroads. The stationary firemen and engine room oilers will receive 49.6 cents an hour, compared with 21.8 cents an hour in December 1917. Signalmen, maintainers and assistants will receive 64.3 cents under the reduced scale, as compared with 32.8 cents in December 1917, while common labor will be paid at the rate of 39.6 cents against 22.3 cents at the earlier date. Those whose pay is unaffected by the present wage cuts include signal foremen, assistant foremen and inspectors, the 5,000 train dispatchers, dining car stewards and culinary workers on ferry boat in San Francisco Harbor. It is specifically stated that telephone switchboard operators (numbering, it is said, 75,000) are to be paid at the rate of not less than \$85 a month, with a reduction where the present rate of pay is higher. The board in its decision states that it "has never adopted the theory that human labor is a commodity to be bought and sold upon the market, and consequently to be reduced to starvation wages during periods of depression and unemployment. On the other hand, it is idle to contend that labor can be completely freed from the economic laws which likewise affect the earnings of capital." The Board also says: "That the carriers shall have a fair opportunity to profit by the revival of business in order that they may expand their facilities, absolutely indispensable to their efficient service to the American public." The following are the findings of the majority members of the Labor Board:

ANALYSIS OF DECISION AS APPLIED TO VARIOUS CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES COVERED HEREIN.

The classes of employees covered by wage readjustment of this decision are as follows:
 Group I.—Clerical and Station Forces.
 Group II.—Stationary Engine (Steam) Boiler-Room Employees.
 Group III.—Signal Department Employees.
 Group IV.—Floating Equipment Employees.
 Group V.—Train Dispatchers.
 Group VI.—Dining Car and Restaurant Employees.
 Group VII.—Miscellaneous Employees.

After careful consideration of the evidence submitted, the Labor Board is of the opinion that the nature of the work, the responsibility of train dispatchers to the carriers and to the public coupled with due consideration of the other factors set out in the Transportation Act, are such as to warrant the maintenance of the present rate. Of the 134 carriers covered by this decision only 26 are asking reduction in pay for the train dispatchers.

There are only four carriers asking a reduction in the compensation of dining car stewards, and, after full consideration of the law and the evidence bearing on the matter, the Board concluded that the present rate on these carriers should not be reduced.

For similar reasons, no reduction is made in the pay of the employees represented by the Marine Culinary Workers' Association of California.

In the case of the floating equipment employees, disputes are before the Labor Board from only 4 carriers, and these affect only a portion of the entire class. Presumably, the other carriers which employ employees of this class have reached a satisfactory wage agreement with such employees. The Board has, therefore, remanded these disputes to the 4 carriers and the employees in question in order that further negotiations may be had and, if possible, an agreement reached.

It will be noted that telephone switchboard operators, previously shown in Section 5 of Article II, (Decisions Nos. 2 and 7), are now placed in a separate section. It was the continuation of strike originating during Federal control which placed these employees in said section. As this mistaken location of telephone switchboard operators gave them a smaller increase under Decision No. 2 and a larger increase under Decision No. 147 than many of the clerks covered, the Board has, to a certain extent, created an offset by fixing the minimum at \$85 per month, with the understanding that the wages of switchboard operators that may be higher than that amount are not to be reduced.

The reductions made for clerical employees are less than for some other classes, because this class suffered considerable loss as a result of certain changes in their rules and because they have never been highly paid compared with other classes. It will be noted that later reduction has been fixed by the Board for clerks with experience one year and less than two, than for clerks with experience of two years or more. The reason for this is that the majority of junior clerks are wives and apprentices and have not as yet assumed family responsibilities and many of them are still living with their parents.

Common labor in and around stations, storerooms and warehouses was reduced one cent less than similar labor in the maintenance of way department because a much greater percentage of common labor in large towns and cities, and consequently incur a higher cost of living. Moreover, many of the common laborers in the maintenance of way department are furnished living quarters by the carriers free of cost at a low rate.

In the list of all the facts the Labor Board is of opinion that there should be no reduction in the rates of the supervisors of the signal department employees, but that their duties and responsibilities are of such character as to warrant the present rates.

In deciding upon the reduction of employees of the signal department covered by Sections 2, 3 and 4, Article IX of Decision 147, due consideration was given to the similarity of these employees and the shop craft, but a smaller reduction was considered advisable in the case of the signal department employees because their rule as to payment of punitive overtime is much less favorable than that of the other employees.

General Observations.

The provisions of the Transportation Act, 1920, which govern and guide the Labor Board in its deliberations upon the matters herein involved, are:

Sec. 307 (d) . . . In determining the justness and reasonableness of such wages and salaries or working conditions the Board shall, so far as applicable, take into consideration among other relevant circumstances:

- (1) The scales of wages paid for similar kinds of work in other industries;
- (2) The relation between wages and the cost of living;
- (3) The hazards of the employment;
- (4) The training and skill required;
- (5) The degree of responsibility;
- (6) The character and regularity of the employment; and,
- (7) Inequalities of increases in wages or of treatment, the result of previous wage orders or adjustments.

Besides the specific elements or factors above mentioned, the Act provides that the Board in determining wages shall consider "other relevant circumstances." Referring to this language, "other relevant circumstances," the Board in Decision No. 2 said:

This, it understands, comprehends, among other things, the effect the action of this Board may have on other wages and industries, on production generally, the relation of railroad wages to the aggregate of transportation costs and requirements for betterments, together with the burden on the entire people of railroad transportation charges.

The consideration of all these matters presents, and has presented ever since the Government handed the roads back to private management, the most complex labor problem ever imposed upon a public tribunal.

The artificial conditions that had been built up during the war around every business and industry in this country were particularly accentuated in the case of the railroads by reason of their tremendous importance in the conduct of our country's military operations, which resulted in Federal control. The difficult problems inherited from the war period by every industry were enormously multiplied and magnified in connection with railway transportation. The labor problems of this industry were more complicated than those of any other industry and involved vastly more to the public.

In this post-war period of readjustment, with its fluctuating conditions, its inflated and profiteering prices, its high cost of living, and its extravagance and wastefulness, the readjustment of wages for two million men in the country's most essential industry has been a task of appalling magnitude.

Add to these conditions the pressure of an unsettled, discontented, and sometimes misinformed public sentiment, harassed by high freight rates, the vigorous and insistent appeals of the railroads for financial help, and the zealous desire of powerful labor organizations to protect what they conceived to be the rightful interests of the employees, and the task has not been diminished.

Surrounded by such abnormal conditions, the Labor Board has not been permitted to deal with the question of what constitutes just and reasonable wages and working conditions in the same undisturbed and uncomplicated manner as would have been possible in normal times. And, yet, the wisdom and justice of settling these questions by adjudication rather than by industrial war have been demonstrated, both from the standpoint of the parties and the public. While it can not be said that no mistakes have been made in the awards handed down by the Labor Board, a substantial degree of social and economic justice has been attained and that without the enormous loss and suffering to the carriers, the employees, and the people at large, necessarily resultant from settlements by force.

The extreme utterance of partisan bias to the effect that the Board does not give full consideration to the evidence submitted to it would be discouraging were it not for knowledge of the fact that such utterances evince merely a spasmodic relapse into the old system of bluff and bluster that entered so largely into the adjustment of railway labor disputes before adjudication supplanted force.

In 1920, by Decision No. 2, the Labor Board increased the wages of railway labor by an average of approximately 22%. This was just and overdue, for railroad labor had not profited during the war, as a portion of the public has been misled to believe.

In 1921, the Board rendered Decision No. 147, decreasing wages an approximate average of 12%. If nothing but the diminished cost of living had been considered, that decrease could reasonably have been made greater.

In 1922, by a series of decisions, the present among the number, the Board has reduced the wages of certain classes of employees, has left others unmolested, and in one minor instance has made an adjustment equivalent to an increase.

The Labor Board cannot venture too far into the realms of economic prophecy, but it is generally conceded to be fairly plain and certain that our country has entered upon an era of gradually increasing business prosperity which will be liberally shared by the carriers. That the carriers shall have a fair opportunity to profit by the revival of business in order that they may expand their facilities is absolutely indispensable to their efficient service to the American public. Their unpreparedness now to cope with any greatly increased traffic is notorious. Every facility of railway transportation has been skimped for the last several years, and, as to mileage, there has been an actual decrease instead of an increase.

This statement, in the connection used, must not be misconstrued to mean that the employees should be called upon to bear the cost of railway rehabilitation, improved service and reduced rates. It simply means that it is only patriotic common sense and justice that every citizen, including the railway employee, should co-operate in a cordial spirit, should bear and forbear, until the carriers are back on their feet.

When this accomplishment is safely under way, it will then be possible for the Railroad Labor Board to give increased consideration to all the intricate details incident to the scientific adjustment of the living and saving wage, with enlarged freedom from the complications of the "relevant circumstances" of the abnormal period which is now approaching its end.

Labor Not a Commodity.

In this connection it should be said that the Labor Board has never adopted the theory that human labor is a commodity to be bought and sold upon the market, and, consequently, to be reduced to starvation wages during periods of depression and unemployment. On the other hand, it is idle to contend that labor can be completely freed from the economic laws which likewise affect the earnings of capital.

That the Board has never fixed wages upon a commodity basis has been amply demonstrated during the past year by the ease with which the carriers have obtained labor under the contract system for less than the wage established by Decision No. 147.

In this connection it must be remembered that the carriers are at liberty to pay to any class of employees a higher wage than that fixed by this Board whenever the so-called labor market compels, provided, as the Act states, that such wage does not result in increased rates to the public.

**The average hourly earnings and their purchasing power as applied to certain classes of employees covered by this decision are shown in the following tables:

Table Headings.

	Time for Which Figures Are Shown or Comparisons Made.	Clerks, (Group 1, Sec. 1 & 2a)	Common Labor, Station Stores, (Group 1, Sec. 9)	Signalmen, Maintainers, etc., & Assistants, (Group 3, Sec. 3)	Stationary Firemen & Engineroom Oilers, (Group 2, Sec. 4)
Average hourly rates	Dec. 1917	34.5c	22.3c	33.8c	21.8c
	Jan. 1920	54.5c	43.6c	54.3c	46.6c
	May 1920	67.5c	52.1c	77.3c	59.6c
	July 1921	61.5c	43.6c	63.3c	51.6c
	Under this decision	58.5c	39.6c	64.3c	49.6c
Percentage increase in average hourly rates over Dec. 1917	Jan. 1920	58.0%	95.5%	96.0%	113.8%
	May 1920	95.7%	133.6%	135.7%	173.4%
	July 1921	78.3%	95.5%	111.3%	135.7%
	Under this decision	69.5%	77.5%	96.0%	127.5%
Increase in cost of living over December 1917	Jan. 1920		40.0%		
	May 1920		52.0%		
	July 1921		23.7%		
	Mar. 1922*		17.2%		
Percentage increase in purchasing power of earnings of subsequent dates compared with December 1917	Jan. 1920	12.0%	39.6%	40.0%	52.7%
	May 1920	23.8%	53.7%	55.1%	79.9%
	July 1921	40.7%	54.3%	66.8%	86.8%
	Under this decision	44.7%	51.5%	67.2%	94.1%
Decrease in hourly rates under present decision compared with Decision No. 2		9.0c	12.5c	13.0c	10.0c
Percentage increase in purchasing power of present earnings compared with those under Decision No. 2		12.3%	-1.4%	7.5%	7.0%

* Latest available Government data.

Owing to the manner in which the carriers were required to render their reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission during December 1917, in which wage data covering heterogeneous classes of employees were grouped rather than separated in accordance with their duties, responsibilities, experience, &c., it is impossible to obtain actual figures from which average hourly rates for the above classes could be computed. The figures shown above for December, 1917, are therefore approximations, although assumed to be very close approximations. For this same reason it is impossible to separate the average rates of clerks between those in Section 1 and Section 2 (a), and the rates shown above are the averages for all clerks in these two classes.

The average rate for common labor for December, 1917, is perhaps a little high, due to the fact that the carriers reported all station service employees in one group, and the rate shown herein for December, 1917, is the average for the group.

The foregoing table prepared by the statistical force of the Labor Board is based on the cost-of-living figures issued by the United States Department of Labor.

These figures show that applying the wages fixed by this decision to the present cost of living the purchasing power of the hourly wage of the respective classes here named has increased over the purchasing power of the hourly wage of December 1917 (prior to Federal control) as follows:

Clerks	44.7%
Common labor around stations, &c.	51.5%
Signalmen (maintainers and assistants)	67.2%
Stationary firemen and engineroom oilers	94.1%

The table also shows that with one slight exception the purchasing power of the hourly wage of each class of these employees is greater under the present decision than it was under Decision No. 2, which granted the 22% increase.

Budgets.

The Labor Board has given careful consideration to the testimony bearing upon family budgets and standards of living. That existing standards will not be lowered by this decision is shown with substantial satisfaction by the above statistics.

This matter of living standards constitutes an interesting and important study, but much that is said on the subject is highly theoretical and of but little value.

When the railway employees' department presents figures to show that the sum of \$2,636.97 is necessary for the minimum comfort budget of the average family it has propounded an economic impossibility.

It is stated upon authority that the total income of the people of the United States is now but little more than \$40,000,000,000. If the 25,000,000 families of this country were expending for living costs the sum of \$2,600 each, it would total \$65,000,000,000, which would be \$25,000,000,000 in excess of the country's total income.

Of course, living costs cannot be standardized any more than men can be standardized. One man will consume his income and find himself continually in debt while another man with the same income and under identical conditions will live in equal comfort and accumulate savings.

In this connection it can hardly be considered a digression or a gratuitous preachment to say that one of the principal troubles with the people of this country to-day is the abandonment of the old-fashioned ideas of thrift and economy and the indulgence in wastefulness and extravagance.

These loose habits of living were acquired during the inflated period engendered by the war and, like many other ills of similar origin, are slow to depart. Increased expenses do not always mean a higher standard of living nor do diminished expenses necessarily mean a lower standard of living.

In the settlement of these questions it is the profound desire of the Labor Board to do justice to the parties directly concerned, placing the human and social consideration above the purely economic, and, finally, to establish wages and conditions that will largely meet the hopes and aspirations of the employees, that will prove satisfactory to the carriers and that will impose no unnecessary burdens on the public. This is not a Utopian conception in America.

DECISION.

The Labor Board decides:

1. That each of the carriers party to this dispute shall make deductions from the rates of wages heretofore established by the authority of the United States Railroad Labor Board for the specific classes of its employees named or referred to in Article II, in amounts hereinafter specified for such classes in Article I.

2. That the scope of this decision is limited to the carriers named under Article II, to such carriers as may be included hereafter by addenda, and to the specific classes of employees named or referred to under each particular carrier.

3. That the reduction in wages hereby authorized shall be effective as of July 1 1922, and shall be made in accordance with the following articles which establish the schedule of decreases, designate the carriers and employees affected, and prescribe the method of general application.

ARTICLE I.—SCHEDULE OF DECREASES.

For the specific classes of employees listed herein and named or referred to in connection with a carrier affected by this decision, use the following schedule of decreases per hour:

Note.—For the specific classes of employees listed herein, for which no decreases have been provided, reference to article and section numbers has been omitted and no decrease shall be made by any of the carriers for said classes of employees.

Group I.—Clerical and Station Forces.

Sec. 1. Storekeepers, assistant storekeepers, chief clerks, foremen, sub-foremen, and other clerical supervisory forces, 3 cents.

Sec. 2. (a) Clerks with an experience of two (2) or more years in railroad clerical work, or clerical work of a similar nature in other industries, or where their cumulative experience in such clerical work is not less than two years, 3 cents.

(b) Clerks with an experience of one year and less than two years in railroad clerical work or clerical work of a similar nature in other industries, or where their cumulative experience in such clerical work is not less than one year, 4 cents.

Sec. 3. (a) Clerks whose experience as above defined is less than one year, 4 cents.

(b) Clerks without previous experience hereafter entering the service will be paid a monthly salary at the rate of \$60 per month for the first six months and \$70 per month for the second six months.

Sec. 4. Train and engine crew clerks, assistant station masters, train announcers, gatemen, and baggage and parcel room employees (other than clerks), 3 cents.

Sec. 5. Janitors, elevator operators, office, station and warehouse watchmen, and employees engaged in sorting way bills and tickets, operating appliances or machines for perforating, addressing envelopes, numbering claims and other papers, gathering and distributing mail, adjusting dictaphone cylinders, and other similar work, 4 cents.

Sec. 6. Office boys, messengers, chore boys, and other employees under eighteen years of age filling similar positions, and station attendants, 4 cents.

Sec. 7. Station, platform, warehouse, transfer, dock, pier, store-room, stock-room, and team-track freight handlers or truckers, and others similarly employed, 4 cents.

Sec. 8. The following differentials shall be maintained between truckers and the classes named below:

(a) Sealers, scalers, and fruit and perishable inspectors, 1 cent per hour above truckers' rates as established under Section 7.

(b) Stowers or stevedores, caps or loaders, locators and coopers, 2 cents per hour above truckers' rates established under Section 7.

The above shall not operate to decrease any existing higher differentials.

Sec. 9. All common laborers and around stations, storehouses and warehouses, not otherwise provided for, 4 cents.

Sec. 10. Telephone switchboard operators will be paid at the rate of not less than \$85 per month, with reduction in higher existing rates.

Group II.—Stationary Eng (Steam) and Boiler-Room Employees.

Sec. 1. Stationary engineroom, 2 cents.

Sec. 2. Stationary firemen and engine-room oilers, 2 cents.

Sec. 3. Boiler-room water driers and coal passers, 2 cents.

Group III.—Signal Department Employees.

Sec. 1. Signal foremen, assistant signal foremen, and signal inspectors, no decreases.

Sec. 2. Leading maintain gang foremen, and leading signalmen, 5 cents.

Sec. 3. Signalmen, assistant signalmen, signal maintainers, and assistant signal maintainers, 5 cents.

Sec. 4. Helpers, 6 cents.

Group IV.—Coating Equipment Employees.

Such disputes as are by the Board under this article are remanded to the parties for further conference and attempt to make an agreement.

Group V.—Train Dispatchers.

Sec. 1. Train dispatchers decrease.

Group VI.—Dingy-Car and Restaurant Employees.

Sec. 1. Dingy-car steers, no decrease.

Sec. 2. Culinary work on ferry-boats in San Francisco Harbor, no decrease.

Group I.—Miscellaneous Employees.

Sec. 1. For miscellaneous classes of foremen and other employees, not specifically listed under section of the various groups, who are properly before the Labor Board named in Article II, in connection with a carrier affected by this decision, deduct an amount equal to the decreases specified for the respective classes to which the miscellaneous classes herein referred to are analog.

In dissenting from the majority decision the dissenting opinion gives five specific reasons therefor, viz.: That the bases on which the decision was made "are not in themselves sufficient to justify the action taken"; that the reasons offered for the cut "far beyond the provision of the Transportation Act"; "the wages as now fixed do not insure continuance of good standards of living"; that the basing of railroad wagon rates paid in outside industries does not provide reason for the reduction made by the Board at this time; and "the new wages are such as 'to condemn these railway men to lives of extreme poverty.'" In part the dissenting reasons follow:

The undersigned dissent from the majority decision for the following specific reasons:

1. The bases upon which the decision rests are not in themselves sufficient to justify the action taken. The Labor Board has gone into considerations which affect the only indirectly, if at all, and has ventured upon ground which has a very free interpretation of the "other relevant circumstances" provision in the Transportation Act. It has considered the effect of decisions upon wages in other industries, extending its own "sphere of influence" beyond the transportation industry. It has taken into consideration that part of the duties of the Inter-State Commerce Commission which has to do with railway profits, and the need for railway expansion. It has considered the effect of rates charged shippers, and then decided what wages should be paid the railway workers.

2. The reasons offered for the decisions not only go far beyond the provisions of transportation Act, but they also deny the validity of one of the specific provisions contained in the Act. The cost of living is brushed aside as the only basis upon which it can be computed is a mere or less theoretical budget. If the introduction of external considerations were to justify, then the exclusion of a vital section of the law under which the Board operates is a matter calling for most expert casuistry. Indemnification of the use of cost-of-living budgets amounts

to a rejection of a method found practical by other governmental agencies, and a fundamental disagreement with the United States Department of Labor.

3. The wages as now fixed do not insure the continuance of previous standards of living. The statement that the wages constitute an improvement over 1917 does not take into account the very low standards then prevailing, nor the much higher standards of earlier and later periods. It selects the year which, of all those for which data are available, puts the workers' standard at the lowest point. The use of 1917 figures to justify new reductions is neither just nor reasonable.

4. The basing of wages upon rates paid in outside industries, one of the "relevant circumstances" referred to in the Transportation Act, does not provide reason for the reductions made by the Board at this time. In so far as any evidence was introduced into the hearings upon this point, especially with reference to employees covered in Group I of Article I, it seemed rather to call for a wage increase than a decrease.

5. The wages fixed by the majority decision are such as to condemn these railway workers to lives of extreme poverty. It is too much, perhaps, to expect that the full meaning of this action should be clear to men not in close contact with the workers. It may be asking too much to urge that human life is in a class by itself, not to be listed indifferently among the costs of transportation. But certainly it may be fairly and rightfully expected that the social cost of poverty is enough to induce a public body to proceed most cautiously in reducing the standards by which the workers must live. The wages most recently determined are in some cases less than 50% of the amount needed for a fair standard of living. Maintenance and expansion costs of the railways must be paid, and with the "cordial" and "patriotic" co-operation of the workers, the "maintenance costs" of the workers are considered "theoretical," when they are considered at all. Such is the basis for the series of wage decisions now being made.

In promulgating a modified "laissez faire" policy, the majority returns to the era when workers were unorganized and industry was in chaos. If organized labor has been able to make substantial progress in the face of "economic laws," then the Railroad Labor Board, planned as a substitute for the strike, should and must function in the direction clearly contemplated by the law, in establishing and maintaining decent standards of living.

No wage-fixing body, and certainly no Governmental wage-fixing body, could ask for better economic or statistical authority than the United States Department of Labor.

On the basis of that budget, the cost of living in the United States to-day is \$2,133 per year, as nearly as can be computed. Under the decision now rendered, the highest-paid employees under Group I of Article II will receive \$357 less than that amount. The lowest paid in the group will receive \$1,197 less than enough to live on the scale outlined by the Department of Labor.

With all due allowance for the fact that the budget is of necessity not as precise as could be desired, it is still the result of careful study by some of the best trained investigators and sociologists of the country. There is assuredly a margin of error to be allowed for, but when a wage rate is fixed at only 44% of the amount necessary to keep a family in "health and decency," there develops a radical difference of opinion between the United States Department of Labor and the majority of the Railroad Labor Board. The minority sees no other course but the acceptance of the work of the Department of Labor.

Below is a table showing the amount by which wages of employees coming under Group I of Article I fall short of the cost of this American standard of living.

Comparison of Earnings Before and After Wage Cut with Cost of Health and Decency Budget in the United States as a Whole.

Class of Employees—	Cost of Health and Decency Budget.		Annual Earnings Before Wage Cut.		Annual Earnings After Wage Cut.		Annual Deficit After Wage Cut.
	Budget.	Earnings Before Wage Cut.	Annual Deficit.	Earnings After Wage Cut.	Annual Deficit After Wage Cut.		
Clerks (a).....	\$2,133	\$1,851	\$282	\$1,776	\$357		
Clerks (b).....	2,133	1,524	609	1,420	713		
Clerks (c).....	2,133	1,269	864	1,165	968		
Mech. device Oper.	2,133	1,314	819	1,215	918		
Truckers.....	2,133	1,134	999	1,034	1,099		
Common laborers..	2,133	1,035	1,098	936	1,197		

The decision rendered would operate to thrust the workers into deeper poverty, and bring with it an intensification of the ills that always accompany an inadequate wage.

Changes in Purchasing Power of Railway Wages.

We must again enter an emphatic protest against the use of the relation between wages and living costs in December, 1917, as the basis for the present wage decision. The use of that period is most unfair, and the decision ignores conclusive evidence of the injustice of that method of wage determination.

There can be no question as to the nature of wage movement from 1914 to 1917, and from 1917 to 1921. They followed the same course as wage movements during preceding business cycles. From 1914 to 1917 the cost of living rose rapidly, wages increased only slightly. In 1917, as at the mid-year of every cycle for which wage figures are obtainable, wages had fallen far behind living costs. The wage increases made subsequently compensated the workers in part for increases in living costs, but gave no consideration to the great losses in purchasing power suffered during 1914 to 1917.

The year 1917 saw the standards of living of the railway workers at the lowest point it had ever reached. The decision of the majority states that the wage now being established is "just and reasonable" because it does not quite throw the employees back to the utterly indefensible standard of that year. The absolute minimum of fairness would prescribe 1914 or 1915 as the basis for wage fixing. The selection of the very date when the workers were at the lowest depth to which they had ever been forced, was a most remarkable coincidence.

An attempt to explain this coincident is made in the phrase "just prior to Governmental control of the carriers." The railroads were in operation, the workers were employed upon them, wages were being paid, food was being bought, and labor controversies had been carried on, before Governmental "control of the carriers." Governmental control, in so far as it affected the matters now under consideration, was unique only in that it introduced a sense of social responsibility for the condition of the workers. That condition is the *only* factor that has changed with the end of Governmental control of the roads, in so far as this decision is concerned.

Wage Loss.

The following tables show the decrease in the earnings of the classes of employees covered by this decision as a result of decisions of the Labor Board affecting rates and wages, also account of the reductions in force. The information as shown in the different tables is predicated upon the number of employees of each class employed at or about the time the deci-

sions became effective (depending upon available data). This method is adopted in order to avoid duplication in the consideration of the loss in earnings of the employees' account of reductions in force.

Savings to Carriers.

Cause of Wage Loss—	Clerical and Station Forces.	Signal Department Employees.	Stationary Firemen, Oilers, &c.	Total.
Decision No. 145.....	\$56,789,890	\$2,319,537	\$1,493,280	\$60,602,707
Decisions 630-707-725...	4,823,525	500,000	100,000	5,423,525
*Present decision.....	24,336,317	1,532,428	551,955	26,420,700
Loss in earnings account reduction in force.....	39,422,376	4,790,568	-----	44,212,944
Total decrease in earnings of employees.....	\$125,372,108	\$9,142,533	\$2,145,235	\$136,659,876

* Based on December 1921, January 1922 and February 1922.

The actual wage reductions per annum resulting from the Labor Board's decisions Nos. 147, 630, 707 and 725, based on the number of employees in the service of the carriers as of December 1917, follow:

Savings to Carriers.

Cause of Wage Loss—	Clerical and Station Forces.	Signal Department Employees.	Stationary Firemen and Oilers.	Total.
b Decision No. 147....	\$61,779,992	\$2,815,200	\$1,493,280	\$66,088,472
c This decision.....	40,673,254	2,267,400	551,955	43,492,609
d Decisions 630-707-725	\$120,453,246	\$5,082,600	\$2,045,235	\$127,581,081
	4,823,525	500,000	100,000	5,423,525
Total decrease in employees' earnings account of wage and rules decision.	107,276,771	5,582,600	2,145,235	115,004,606
Reduced payroll account of reduction in force.....	39,422,376	4,790,568	-----	44,212,944
Total wage loss to these classes of employees.....	\$146,699,147	\$10,373,168	\$2,145,235	\$159,217,550

b Wage Series Report No. 3, December 1917 basis.

c Based on number of employees December 1917.

d Approximated by Board's Statistical Staff.

SUPPORTING OPINION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS IN WAGE CUT DECISION—MINORITY ACCUSED OF INCENDIARISM AND STRIKE AGITATION.

In answer to the dissenting views of the labor group of the U. S. Railroad Labor Board, the majority members of the Board, in a supporting opinion declare that "not only do the minority step down from the judicial position which they occupy to advise a strike, but they obviously distort and misconstrue the language of the majority in order to provide the conditions which they pronounce a justification." The majority (whose order cutting the wages of railroad clerks, signalmen and stationary firemen, and the opposing views of the minority, are given in another item in this issue) also assert that "the minority are sowing some of the tiny seeds that have germinated and blossomed into industrial anarchy." The supporting opinion of the majority follows:

It is not incumbent upon the six members of the Board concurring in this decision to follow the minority into a partisan controversy which partakes more of the characteristics of impassioned advocacy than of calm adjudication.

Incendiaryism.

Insofar as the dissenting opinion distorts the sentiments of the majority, misquotes their language and reflects upon their desire and disposition to do justice, we will refrain from comment. We prefer to believe that these improprieties crept into that part of the document which was drafted by the employees in the headquarters of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, and that they were overlooked by the dissenting members. As an example of the looseness with which the statements of the decision were handled in the dissenting opinion, reference might be made to the following quotation from the dissent:

In this decision, as in the preceding ones, the Labor Board announces that "in its opinion" wages are still above those paid in outside industries.

As a matter of fact, the statement in question is not contained in this decision.

There is one feature of the dissenting argument, however, which is so unusual that it should not be passed over without notice, and that is the portion wherein the two dissenting members advise the employees to strike against the decision of the Board.

It is quite natural for the representatives of Labor on the Board to resist all reductions in wages. This course is in harmony with the policy of the organizations, and it was pursued in connection with the reductions in the year 1921 as well as those of the present year.

It is something new, however, for labor members of the Board to issue incendiary arguments to employees in favor of striking against a decision of the Board. The giving of advice of this kind has heretofore been left to outsiders, who were not under the official obligations imposed by the Transportation Act, the main purpose of which is to prevent railway strikes and protect the public from their dire effects.

One of the passages referred to is as follows:

The Transportation Act aimed to substitute for the strike such just and reasonable wages as would render resort to a strike unnecessary. If this tribunal, created to determine such wages, admits that under existing circumstances it can not fulfill this function, obviously, the employees must use such power as they have to influence the labor market, which is henceforth to be the determining factor in their wages.

That is to say, if the Board makes such admission, the employees must strike.

Then the dissenting members proceed to remove the "if" and to assert that the Board has made the admission which renders a strike necessary. After quoting a statement from the decision of the majority, which was separated from the context for the purpose, the dissenting opinion proceeds as follows:

Such statement is an admission on the part of the majority that they have been unable to separate themselves from the partisan struggle long enough to perform the functions for which they were appointed and consequently it tends to absolve the employees from any limitations which the existence of a judicial board was intended to impose.

Not only do the minority step down from the judicial position, which they occupy, to advise a strike, but they obviously distort and misconstrue the language of the majority in order to provide the conditions which they pronounce a justification.

This is not the only place in the dissenting opinion where the suggestion is made to the employees to strike.

No Injustice to Employees.

As a matter of fact, the entire dissenting opinion constitutes a strained and exaggerated effort to inflame the employees by the belief that they have been grossly outraged by this decision.

A fair statement of the facts will convince any disinterested man that no injustice has been done to these employees by the present decision, and that the decrease in their wages is conservative and is based upon the law and the evidence.

The Relevant Circumstances.

In the decision, the majority quoted from Decision No. 2 what the Board said there in regard to the "relevant circumstances" referred to in the Transportation Act. No detailed comment was made on the quoted matter. The minority in their dissent savagely attack the statements so quoted from Decision No. 2, and, in effect, over-estimate any consideration that the majority may have given any portion of it. And yet, the records of the Board show that the dissenting members voted for the adoption of the decision containing the language in regard to "relevant circumstances," and they did not seek to exclude it. This, be it remembered was a decision increasing wages 22% and the present minority were then of the majority. It would, therefore, appear that the relevant circumstances mentioned were to be considered by the present dissenting members in relation only to wage increases but not decreases.

Purchasing Power of Wage.

The dissenting members criticize the tables offered by the majority to show the trend of the purchasing power of the wages of the employees covered by this decision, on the ground that the year 1917 is an unfair year to adopt as a basis or starting point. The inference is rather plainly drawn that the selection of said year was the result of a deep and sinister design on the part of the majority. This suggestion is far-fetched, as the dissenters are well aware that the wage reports of this Board have begun with the year 1917, and both of them have twice concurred in this arrangement. It was, therefore, a natural course for the Board to make use of the wage series which it had prepared and published.

The minority suggest that either the year 1914 or 1915 should have been adopted as the basic year for these tables.

The year 1914 can not be safely adopted, because the carriers then reported their clerical forces in groups and classes different from the method since used, beginning with 1915. The use of the year 1914 as the basic year would admittedly require the making of an estimate, the accuracy of which would necessarily be doubtful. If the figures for the basic year were doubtful, then those for all subsequent years would be of uncertain accuracy and value. We will, therefore, adopt 1915, the other year pronounced satisfactory by the minority, and will demonstrate indisputably the changes that have taken place in the wages of these employees and in the purchasing power thereof, based upon the Bureau of Labor Statistics as to living costs.

The following table was prepared by the statistical force of this Board at the request of the minority and furnished to them, but does not seem to have suited their purpose, as it was not used. The increase in purchasing power of earnings under the present decision over 1915 are as follows:

Percentage of Increase in Purchasing Power of Earnings under Present Decision over 1915.

<i>(a) Employees in Group I.—</i>	
Supervisory clerks and clerks with experience of two years or more	8.8%
Clerks with experience of one year and less than two years	1.1%
Clerks with less than one year experience	4.2%
Train and engine crew callers, train announcers, gatemen, baggage and parcel room employees	15.0%
Office boys, messengers, chore boys and others under eighteen years	2.0%
Janitors, elevator operators, watchmen, employees assorting way-bills, etc.	1.4%
Freight handlers and truckers	17.5%
Sealers, sealers and fruit and perishable inspectors	20.2%
Stowers, stovedores, callers or loaders, locators or coopers	22.9%
<i>(b) Employees in Group II.—</i>	
Stationary engineers (steam)	70.0%
Stationary firemen (steam)	42.1%
Boiler-room water tenders	25.9%
Engine-room oilers	42.1%
Coal passers, boiler room	25.9%
<i>(c) Employees in Group III.</i>	
Leading maintainers, gang foremen and leading signalmen	5.0%
Signalmen, signal maintainers, assistant signalmen and assistant signal maintainers	6.5%
Helpers	12.7%

The foregoing table is based on the flat daily rate.

Table Based on Actual Earnings.

There is a table in the dissenting opinion, which gives the wage index number of clerks between 1914 and 1921, cost of living index number and standard of living index number. The Board's statistician reports that he is unable to ascertain from what source the wage index numbers were obtained, particularly in view of the fact that in 1914 the carriers reported only general office clerks in a grouping exclusive of other classes of railroad employees.

The statistician of the Board has worked out a table based upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission's reports of the average monthly earnings of all clerks from the year 1915 to the last six months of 1921, and has used hours worked by this class in the last six months of 1921 to determine a rate under the present decision. This table is given below. It is also tied up with the cost of living index number in order to reflect a trend of standard of living. From these figures it will be seen that the standard of living for all clerks under the rates prescribed by the present decision is 12.1% above 1915:

Comparison of Living Costs and Wages of Railway Clerks, 1915-1921, Showing Changes in Standard of Living.

Period—	Average Monthly Earnings.	Index Number Average Earnings.	Cost of Living Index Number.	Standard of Living Index Number.
Year 1915	69.36	100.0	100.0	100.0
Year 1916	73.55	106.0	112.5	94.2
Year 1917	77.65	111.9	135.5	82.6
Year 1918	102.60	147.9	165.9	89.1
December 1919	114.59	165.2	189.6	87.1
Fourth quarter 1920	145.91	210.4	190.7	110.3
Last six months 1921	131.58	189.7	165.8	114.4
Last six months 1921 at new decision rates	123.45	178.0	*158.8	112.1

* March 1922.

This 12.1% increase in the standard of living of clerks in the last 7 years, based on an increase in wages of 78% and an increase in living costs of 58.8% indicates remarkable progress. This class of employees should feel that their official representatives have rendered them notable service in the effectuation of this result. It certainly affords grounds for satisfaction and encouragement rather than for inflammatory appeals for strikes.

There is no class of labor covered by this decision to which the dissenting discussion of pauperized labor with its physical and social deterioration and its propagation of crime has any application.

Theoretical Living Standards.

It appears that a portion of the employees covered herein have presented a family budget of \$2,636 97 and others have offered a family budget of \$2,133. The latter is presumably based on the budget set out in the Dec. 1919 "Monthly Labor Review," published by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as the dissenting opinion quotes at length from that publication the Bureau of Labor's explanation of the budget. This quotation is prefaced by the statement: "It (the budget) is described by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as follows." With this identification of the budget used, we desire to quote another passage from the same article as follows:

This report presents the results of a study made by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics to determine the cost of maintaining the family of a Government employee in Washington at a level of health and decency.

Let the significant fact be noted that the budget is for a Government employee in Washington and that, when Washington was the most congested city in the United States with an abnormally high cost of living, as a result of the great temporary increase in population resulting from the war expansion of all Governmental departments.

Whether the budget of \$2,133 is identical with that set out in said Government publication as it purports on its face to be or whether it is one of the several other budgets heretofore submitted to the Board, the figures are practically the same as those in the Government publication, the latter being \$2,288 25.

The dissenting members seem to have temporarily abandoned their budgets of \$2,636 97.

In the decision in this case, it was shown that this budget of \$2,636 97 if given to every family impartially would require a sum 25 billion dollars in excess of the total income of all the individuals and industries in the United States.

The budget of \$2,133 now relied upon is open to the same fatal criticism. If the country's 25,000,000 families were guaranteed an income of \$2,133, the total income of the entire country would be exceeded by the sum of \$13,225,000,000.

In the face of this absurdity, page after page of the dissenting opinion is devoted to an attack on the Board's decision upon the ground that the wages fixed for some of the employees do not reach the amount of this mythical, visionary budget. The advanced purchasing power of the railway employee's wage, the relative great increase of that wage, the improved social and economic condition of the employee are all ignored, and a vitriolic denunciation of the Board's decision is indulged in because every individual employee is not granted this impossible sum of money.

Let us see what would be the result of adopting either of these budget theories on the railroads and requiring that no employee should receive less than \$2,133, according to one contention, or less than \$2,636 97, according to the other. The following table throws light on this question:

Total revenue of roads 1921	\$5,509,035,259
Increase in aggregate pay of employees if minimum wage \$2,636 97 paid on basis of Decision No. 147	1,834,778,865
Increase in aggregate pay of employees if minimum wage \$2,133 were paid on basis of Decision No. 147	1,063,081,640
The net income of the carriers for two other years prior to the war was as follows:	
1914	\$673,611,198
1915	\$697,185,309

It is quite obvious that the net income of the roads for the years named, and, it may be added, for any other year in history, would have been consumed by the recognition of either of the above budgets, and the carriers would have shown a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars each year. This shortage would have had to be paid by some form of taxation on the public, presumably, freight rates, which would have added to the burdens of every individual in the country, rich and poor.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that the dissenting opinion finds fault with the majority decision, because it states that "it is idle to contend that labor can be completely freed from the economic laws which likewise affect the earnings of capital."

The soundness of this axiomatic proposition is right well exemplified by the theory of the minority above discussed that no wage can be made so high as to constitute an unbearable burden on an industry. Because those concurring in the decision recognize the existence of some of the old-fashioned economic laws quite familiar to the ordinary business man, those dissenting affect to believe that the majority place the consideration of profits above the welfare of the workers. This is a gratuitous assumption. This Board has never taken the position that the claims of the employees for a just and reasonable wage must await the prior demands for increased profits, nor does it take such position in this decision. It is a waste of time to make detailed defense to all these overdrawn and imaginative assertions.

It is well enough to remember, however, that the time will never come in this country or any other country when the ordinary rules of common sense and business, call them economic laws if you wish, can be absolutely ignored in the conduct of any industry. The latest instance in which these laws have been thrown overboard and replaced by fine-spun socialistic theories, both in railway and other industries, is found in Russia, and the result there is not one that this country desires to emulate.

The minority are sowing some of the tiny seeds that have germinated and blossomed into industrial anarchy in Russia, when they make such

statements as this: "They (the economic laws) are simply a description of the way in which business and industry has worked to date, and it has worked out very badly for human life."

It will be readily conceded that our social and industrial system has not invariably produced perfect results, but, upon the whole, it has demonstrated its superiority to every experimental substitute that has been offered. And the fact must not be overlooked that this great industrial republic has rewarded labor with its largest degree of liberty, prosperity and happiness. It is well not to hold its minor imperfections so close to the eye as to obscure its benefits.

Permission to Adjust Rates.

The dissenting opinion stated that the decision gives the carriers specific permission to adjust rates, because it says that the carriers are at liberty to pay higher wages than those fixed by the Labor Board.

The Board did nothing of the kind. It gave the carriers no permission to adjust rates. There is nothing in the Transportation Act that prevents a carrier from paying higher rates, unless such higher rates would result in increased rates to the public. The statute contemplates that the carrier would not have to coerce the employee into the acceptance of a higher rate. This does not mean that the Labor Board construes the Transportation Act to mean that the carrier may impose a lower rate on the employees or the employees impose a higher rate on the carrier.

The suggestion by the minority that the employees will take this as permission to "go out and get" such wages as they can command is entirely absurd. If they should do so, it would be the result of the minority's suggestion and not of the language of the decision.

Finally, let it be reiterated that the majority, in arriving at this decision, considered every phase of the evidence and provision of the Transportation Act, and that their minds rest easily upon the reasonableness and justice of their conclusions, in the light of all the circumstances and conditions shown to exist at this time.

THREATENED RAIL STRIKE—DISCUSSION FOR JOINT ACTION BY COAL AND RAIL WORKERS.

The railroad strike movement incident to the reduction in wages ordered by the U. S. Railroad Labor Board (and a vote on which is now in progress), has sought to enlist the support of the striking coal miners. A proposal by B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor, for a meeting to discuss joint action, was accepted on the 17th inst. by John L. Lewis, International President of the United Mine Workers of America, and a statement issued by Mr. Lewis indicating the acceptance of the invitation, said:

"In behalf of the representatives of the United Mine Workers I desire to accept the invitation extended by Delegate B. M. Jewell, in behalf of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor and its associated organizations to attend a meeting of those organizations to discuss the industrial situation affecting the strike of the mine workers in the mining industry and the outrageous action of the United States Railroad Labor Board imposing unwarrantable and unjustifiable reductions upon the railway employees.

"A meeting has been arranged to take place in this city at the Palace Hotel on next Tuesday night, and at that meeting consideration will be given to both industries in those matters which should properly be considered at that time.

"I may say in passing that in accepting this invitation the organized mine workers of the country, through their representatives, prescribed the following course of action which will seek to afford that essential degree of justice which is necessary to the men working in those two industries, and at the same time give every proper consideration to the welfare of the organized working men and women of the country."

The question of joint action was discussed at Cincinnati on the 20th inst. between Mr. Lewis and chiefs of the railroad labor organizations which have threatened a walkout; according to Associated Press advices, "the conference ended without any announcement whether definite plans had been agreed on by the leaders of the two groups." These advices stated:

When the meeting broke up conferees declared they had agreed on a policy of silence which was maintained, except for the issuance of a joint statement by B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, and Mr. Lewis, indicating what they termed the necessity of a railroad strike and discussing abstractly the present industrial situation. Conferees, however, said they regarded the statement as important, and pointed out its dual authorship.

The joint statement said:

The railroad workers and the coal miners have since the signing of the armistice suffered a constant series of sinister harassments and attacks. They have had to resist these onslaughts under the most adverse conditions. Their losses have been heavy. The strain upon their patience and self-restraint has, at times, been almost unendurable. As a matter of fact, in the case of the miners, it has twice reached the breaking point. The railroad employees have now reached a stage where they cannot longer accept the intolerable conditions which are placed upon them.

Finding themselves confronted with a common crisis, it is only natural that these workers should decide to do everything necessary to protect their separate interests. The railroad workers have no alternative but to cast their lot with the miners by joining in a general strike.

The accumulation of such a proposal would mean that the 1,250,000 railroad workers affected by wage reductions would walk out and join the 680,000 coal miners that have been on strike since April 1 in a gigantic protest against wage cuts.

There is no alternative but to strike. Relentless and wholly selfish economic forces must now be opposed. All attempts at peaceable and orderly adjustments have been fruitless. Conferences with coal operators have been sought in vain by the mine workers. Railroad employees have faithfully complied with the labor provisions of the Transportation Act. Railroad managements have disregarded its main requirement for collective bargaining and have attempted to emasculate its wage provisions. The Railroad Labor Board has failed to protect the railroad workers in their fundamental rights and guarantees under the law.

The forces which would degrade our economic conditions and deprive us of our industrial rights have failed to consider the public interest. They have gone further and, by constant propaganda, have grossly deceived the public as to the real facts of the situation.

The people of this country do not wish the members of our organization to accept wages which are not adequate for the sustenance of their families. Neither do they wish the lawful organizations of those who work for the mining and transportation industries to be destroyed and their individual members to be subjected to the selfish exploitation of large corporate and financial interests.

When the public is enlightened as to the truth, it will not deal lightly with those who have striven for two years to bring about this condition of chaos and degradation among the industrial workers.

Pending the time when the public comes to a realization of the actual facts, although we deplore the necessity of industrial warfare, we have no other recourse but to strike.

It was stated on the 21st inst. that further meetings to consider joint action were planned. The "Big Four" Brotherhoods did not, it is said, accept an invitation to participate in the discussions of last Tuesday. In advices from Cincinnati on June 16, the Associated Press said:

Decision of the rail union leaders to ask the miners for a meeting came as a climax to a series of conferences which they have been holding for the last few days at which plans for the threatened strike were discussed. The meeting of the union leaders to discuss joint action also was considered by B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department, and William Green, Secretary Treasurer of the miners, was understood later to have agreed to join in the meeting.

Public announcement of the rail union leaders' decision was made by Mr. Jewell during the afternoon session of the American Federation of Labor convention. He said that the conference would be held in accordance with the provisions of the "co-operative agreement" between the mine workers and the railway organizations entered into at Chicago last February. He said that "there would be presented no matter, no subject other than those properly permissible under the terms of that agreement."

The agreement between the miners and railroad men pledges closer cooperation of the forces of each to "more effectively protect the integrity of those engaged in these essential and basic industries."

It further provides that:

"When it becomes apparent that any one or group of the associated organizations is made the victim of unwarranted attacks, or its integrity is jeopardized, it will become the duty of the representatives of each of the associated organizations to assemble to consider the situation. Ways and means may then be considered and applied to best meet the emergency."

On the 22d inst., the following, bearing on the strike vote, was contained in Associated Press dispatches from Chicago:

Removal of one of the three issues on which railway employees are taking their strike vote was in prospect to-day following an announcement by the Railroad Labor Board that hearings will open Monday on the contract controversy in which thirty roads are charged with farming out work contrary to the Board's orders.

Seventeen contract cases filed against various roads by the unions have been heard by the Board and decisions in these cases are expected soon. In its decision in the case against the Indiana Harbor Belt RR. the Board ruled last month against the farming out system and indicated that the same general principles would be followed in future decisions on the question.

Posting of the pending cases for an early hearing, brought the possibility that one of the chief grievances of the rail unions in the strike referendum would be wiped out before it can be made a real issue in a nation-wide rail war.

B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, prepared to-day to assume active command of union headquarters, where the strike ballots are being tabulated as rapidly as they are received, so the returns can be turned over to the general committee of ninety, which is expected to start the canvass of the vote Sunday.

Railroad executives continued to express the belief that there will be no walkout next month, despite the declaration by union leaders that a suspension will be authorized if the rank and file of the rail unions favor a strike and place the responsibility of it upon their leaders.

John Scott, Secretary of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor, declared that the balloting thus far appears to disclose strong sentiment in favor of a strike in protest against the \$136,000,000 wage reduction and other decisions by the Board.

Union leaders to-day urged employees to rush their ballots to Chicago headquarters, as only four days remain before the canvass of the vote is scheduled to start. Union leaders intend to announce the result of the referendum, if possible, by July 1, the date the wage reductions become effective.

The New York "Evening Sun" of last night in a Chicago dispatch, reported Secretary Scott of the Railway Employees' Department as stating yesterday that the fact that the Labor Board has scheduled thirty contract cases, one of the three issues on which the strike vote is being taken, will have no bearing on the situation. Referring to the Board's ruling last month against the Indiana Harbor Belt RR. on the "farming out" system issue, Mr. Scott, according to the "Sun" said:

Neither the case already decided nor any new hearings on similar cases will have any bearing on the present situation. We have been going along under protest now for two years. The Board has ruled contracting is illegal and a strike ballot is out over that question. I can't see where any future hearings can affect the situation in the slightest.

An Associated Press dispatch from Cincinnati June 17 said: Withdrawal of wage reductions ordered by the Railroad Labor Board and the taking back by railroads of contracts farming out shop work only can avert the threatened strike of approximately 1,000,000 workers on July 1, rail union executives said to-night.

Union leaders declared complete strike plans have been approved, and unless the Railroad Labor Board revokes its decision cutting wages and altering working conditions, the threatened strike will go into effect as scheduled.

The triple-barreled strike vote of seven unions, so far returned, was announced by union leaders as being 98% in favor of a walk-out. However, leaders said this percentage is high, and they did not expect the final vote to reach more than 95%.

COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY CRISSINGER WARNS AGAINST EFFECT OF ADVANCING PRICES.

In warning against any tendency to what, he said, the economists refer to as a secondary inflation, Comptroller of

the Currency D. R. Crissinger on the 17th inst. described the present as "one of those periods when it is perhaps just as well for us not to be too enthusiastically optimistic." The Comptroller instanced the advancing price of wool, and stated that "we are not going to restore a feeling of confidence among the people by presenting them, day by day, news of wage reductions in parallel column with announcement of advancing prices." "In an era like the present," he argued, "the way to restore good times and good business is to cut out the wastes of production and distribution, to get profits down to a basis of the utmost moderation consistent with safety, and to invite the public into the market." The Comptroller also alluded to the "single importation of gold amounting to 38 million dollars" and declared that "there is an inevitable tendency in this expansion of the gold supply to cause increases of prices without due regard to a corresponding increase in the ability of the people to pay them." In part the Comptroller's address, which was delivered before the Maine Bankers' Association at Augusta, Me., on the 17th inst., was as follows:

There have been some signs of late that the national business situation might improve a little too fast; manifestations of a tendency to rising prices in directions where they could reasonably be considered a bit premature. The present is a good time to sound warning against any general effort to put up the prices of those necessities that the mass of consumers must buy. Such a movement, I feel, would just at this juncture be likely to prove untimely, and to bring unfortunate consequences. I am quite familiar with the fact that in general the tendency is to buy on a rising market and to sell on a falling market. But that doesn't by any means assure that business is bound to get good when prices are getting higher, or get worse when prices are getting lower. The great buying and consuming public is not going to be brought into the market by the cheerful program of asking it to pay higher prices, when it has already proved unable to pay lower ones.

So I want to warn against any tendency to what I believe the economists refer to as secondary inflation. If I understand them, we had a primary inflation during and immediately after the war. I take it that, in the realm of prices, they mean by primary inflation a general advance in prices, in a time when demand is greater than supply, the purpose being to check the demand and therefore make the supplies go farther.

A secondary inflation, I take it, is quite a different affair; a tendency to advance prices at a time when there is a surplus of producing capacity, but a deficit in buying and consuming capacity; the theory being that as the public tends to buy on a rising market, the one effective way to make it buy is to make the market rise. Now, it occurs to me that there are proper exceptions to all rules; and for myself, I do not believe that a public which finds itself unable to buy at a lower price level is likely to be better able to buy at a higher level, unless its income goes up at least a little faster than prices advance.

I saw it announced the other day that owing to the advancing price of wool there was likely to be a general, though for the moment moderate, increase in the price of woolen clothing; that on account of the condition of the cotton market, we might anticipate some advance in the price of cotton fabrics; and, finally, that some factors in the metal market were disposed to discourage orders at this time, hoping thereby to secure better prices later on.

I want to say quite frankly that I do not believe that is the procedure by which to bring about a quick and permanent restoration of good times. The strike of buyers, the unwillingness of a great mass of the people to go into the markets and make purchases, does not represent, and must not be set down as representing, a merely perverse state of the community mind. It represents rather an adverse state of the community pocketbook. You can generally count on your public to buy at least as freely as it can afford to buy; and you can pretty safely assume that when as a whole your public persists in wearing its old clothes; in putting a third pair of half-soles on its old shoes, and in getting along without a large share of the things that we commonly regard as luxuries, it is taking that attitude, not because it wants to hurt somebody else's feelings, not because it is animated by a desire to make itself disagreeable, but because it hasn't the money with which to buy the things it wants. There is no use telling me that the man who is too hard-up to buy a new suit at \$25, is going to rush around to the shop and buy the same suit when he finds it has gone up to \$35. That might be true of an occasional individual with an income so big that the difference between \$25 and \$35 is rather academic; but it is not true of whole communities, of the consuming mass of people at a time when they have fallen more or less into the habit of cutting the garment of expenditures in accordance with the cloth of income.

My unalterable conviction on this point will perhaps justify a word to people who seem to believe that the way to make good times again is to start prices on the up-grade again. In my judgment, in an era like the present, the way to restore good times and good business is to cut out the wastes of production and distribution, to get profits down to a basis of the utmost moderation consistent with safety, and to invite the public into the market. That is the procedure by which we are going to get idle hands back to work, idle capital back to production, and striking buyers back to buying.

We are not going to restore a feeling of confidence among the people by presenting to them, day by day, news of wage reductions in parallel column with announcements of advancing prices. There is no doubt that a good deal of wage adjustment is going to be necessary before we will bring things back to even an approximately normal basis. None the less, we will not greatly improve the situation if we undertake to celebrate the downward readjustment of wages by announcing upward readjustment of prices. The best rule I know to govern the broad kind of economic readjustment that is required at this time is the old law of supply and demand.

We cannot afford to forget that law. There have been some developments lately which suggest, on the part of a few factors in the industrial situation, the notion that the law of supply and demand has been repealed, or at least suspended. I don't think it has been.

My attention was called not long ago to the case of a very considerable manufacturing concern which requires constant supplies of certain basic materials. This manufacturing concern found that the dominating interests in the market from which it was accustomed to buy its raw materials, were indisposed to quote prices for delivery for several months in the future on the ground that they had already taken all the orders they could fill within that period. Nevertheless, the manufacturing company found that it could quite easily go into the market and buy all its requirements of the same basic material, from subsidiaries of the big interests, provided it would pay an increase over the current price. I am not impressed that this represents sound business policy, and I want to raise my modest voice against it.

It would be an egregious blunder to assume that such an illustration as I have just given was typical of a general tendency at this time. Rather, I am convinced that such cases are decidedly exceptional. I think they ought to be still more exceptional.

I appeal to and through you bankers of the sound and conservative old State of Maine, for policies of safety and moderation in these matters. You will be able to exercise, as you always do, a wide and potent influence upon the business development of the community. I cannot too earnestly urge that that influence be directed to establish and maintain such relations between production and consumption as will be honestly promotive of both.

It is rather too easy for a country, situated as is ours, to fall into the mistake of assuming that with our enormous wealth, tremendous producing capacity and wide range of natural resources we can safely regard ourselves as well-nigh self-contained, and therefore capable of standing alone on our own economic basis before the world. We are fortunate, as a nation, in all these regards; but we are not so completely self-contained, so independent of the rest of humankind that we can afford to set up standards completely of our own regardless of the standards which prevail in other countries.

The other day I noted the announcement of a single importation of gold amounting to thirty-eight million dollars, said to be the largest amount of bullion ever brought to this country in a single shipment. It came, of course, from Europe; it came from a Europe which already has so little gold that it is experiencing the utmost difficulty in maintaining, even in the most fortunate countries, a serious pretense of a gold monetary standard. That gold was brought for the purpose of paying balances to our country. It was brought to a country which already has more gold than is good for it, and which ought both in fairness to its own business and in intelligent treatment of its customers in other parts of the world, to desire a more equitable and logical distribution of the world's stock of gold. There is an inevitable tendency, in this expansion of the gold supply, to cause increases of prices without due regard to a corresponding increase in the ability of the people to pay them.

The national situation as to employment of labor has been steadily improving. But we all know that in part this improvement has been due to the patriotic willingness of many employers to strain a point and give the utmost employment for the sake of the general welfare. If these efforts are to be more or less negated by reason of premature advances of prices and consequent reduction of the public's ability to buy, the benefits will be only temporary.

Particularly is there reason to urge an earnest effort against advance of the consumer's price if that advance is not to be so distributed as to give a fair share of its benefits to the farmer. He has been going through a hard and grueling experience, and with a crop just coming to the harvest he looks out on a prospect of selling his yield at prices which will not make him at all cheerful about paying more for the things he must buy. We want the new prosperity, which I am confident is not very far ahead, to be distributed to all the people. If it is not pretty fairly distributed; especially, if any great and essential sections of the population are denied their share, then we will see an unnecessary and inexcusable delay in the resumption of better business conditions.

In saying these things, I would not be understood as picturing any general conditions which are working in the wrong direction. On the contrary, the great mass of influences, the overwhelming array of factors, are making steadily for better conditions. There is every reason for assurance. The country, and I am very hopeful the world, have passed through the hardest part of the post-war readjustment. We need only to hold securely to every inch of ground we occupy on the upward way. If we do that, we will all be amazed at the vista of assurance, solidity, safety and prosperity that will presently be unfolded to our vision.

WHAT ADVERTISING MEDIUMS BRING BEST RESULTS.

Speaking before the New York State Bankers' convention at Lake Placid on Monday of the present week, Arthur de Bebian, Advertising and Publicity Director of the Equitable Trust Company of New York, made the following interesting remarks on the above subject:

The number of people who buy and read a publication determine the commercial value of the advertising space in that publication. Quality of circulation and the location of circulation are also factors of prime importance, but they are factors which the advertiser must select according to his requirements.

The selection of the best and most suitable advertising mediums becomes primarily a question to be determined by the markets we wish to reach. Any organization about to launch an advertising campaign, should, in my opinion, first determine its most logical and profitable market, and then seek the mediums best covering that market. If we are, for instance, seeking business in Greater New York, or in the Metropolitan District, the Metropolitan dailies should, in my opinion, claim at least two-thirds of our appropriations for space. If we are seeking national business, the better grade of general and banking magazines are our logical mediums. I would not regard it as good business for a bank doing a purely local business to advertise in a medium whose circulation was scattered over the entire country. But should a bank be seeking new connections of a national or international character there is no medium more suitable than the better grade of financial or general magazine.

In the general magazine field among publications most frequently utilized by banks and investment organizations, we find the cost per page of space ranging from \$1.69 to \$4.86 per thousand of circulation.

In the newspaper field, taking the New York City dailies, as an example, we find the cost per page ranging from \$4.75 to \$27.25 per thousand of circulation.

Two-thirds of the important New York City newspapers, however, are under \$6 per thousand of circulation, and when we consider that the average display bank advertisement occupies less than one-quarter page of space, we are purchasing adequate newspaper space at less than \$1.50 per thousand. The rates per thousand in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany newspapers are approximately the same.

For the bank whose business is largely local, the local newspapers having a concentrated circulation certainly appear to be the best buy. Bill boards and car cards are excellent mediums to round out a local campaign, for their circulation is concentrated and they offer excellent display possibilities.

I intend to dwell particularly upon the importance of follow-up work and personal solicitation, for I believe that banking institutions, as a rule, do not attach sufficient importance to this work. Good follow-up work and personal solicitation are just as essential in a well-rounded advertising campaign, as the publications you utilize and the copy you prepare.

The advertising of booklets on timely topics is usually productive of inquiries in good volume, whether published in magazines or newspapers.

I cite as a good example of this, the advertising recently placed by my organization describing a very timely booklet, entitled, "Currency Inflation and

Public Debts," by Professor Seligman, with a prefatory note by our President, Alvin W. Kreech. In advertising this booklet we utilized only a moderate amount of space in magazines and newspapers. We secured not less than 4,000 inquiries for this booklet from widely diversified sources and from very high types of firms and individuals.

These inquiries were carefully classified and assigned to our branch offices according to the territories in which they originated.

The inquiries were then sent to each branch and correspondent office manager with a form letter to be utilized as a follow-up. A second follow-up letter was subsequently forwarded.

Inquiries originating in our Main Office territory were turned over to our New Business and Bond Department representatives.

I have found that our Bond Department offers one of the best means of establishing contact with a prospect.

Probably the best way of illustrating this fact is through the citation of a specific instance.

The prospect requested a copy of our booklet, "Currency Inflation and Public Debts," which was duly forwarded to him. About one week later he received from us a copy of our General Service booklet, outlining in a way easily comprehended by the layman, the many helpful services of a trust company.

The introductory paragraph of this booklet reads as follows:

"Many bank depositors both individuals and business firms fail to get the most out of their banking connections because of their unfamiliarity with banking services and terms. This booklet has been prepared to help you understand the various forms of trust company service in terms of your own business and private affairs.

"We want you to look upon us not just as a big bank, but as a friend, sincerely interested in your success. We can help you develop your business, invest your savings safely and profitably, build your estate, relieve you of the care of its management and, finally, take upon our shoulders the protection of your estate for the benefit of your family.

"Our service is a very human thing. It lies beyond the teller's or loan clerk's window—in the friendship and knowledge and experience of our officers; and their capacity and desire to help you will be limited only by the extent to which you take them into your confidence."

Each important function of our bank is described in this booklet in a brief and non-technical way.

This man read our booklet with interest, and later, when a representative of our Bond Department called upon the man he was in a receptive mood, and on the second call purchased \$12,000 worth of bonds, not long afterward he himself suggested that we take care of his securities and mortgages under the terms of our safekeeping service.

Recently this man opened a substantial account with us which he intends to build up as a fund for the erection of a new building to house his business.

This instance shows the important part played by the follow-up work, and it also illustrates well the importance of advertising some specific service to attract the interest of the reader.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

127 shares of National Bank of Commerce stock were sold at the Stock Exchange and eight shares of Bryant Park Bank stock were sold at auction this week. No sales of trust company stock were made either at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

Shares.	Bank.	Stock Exchange.			
		Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
127	National Bank of Commerce	264	264 1/2	264 1/2	June 1922— 264
Auction.					
8	Bryant Park Bank	150	150	150	Oct. 1917— 155

A New York Stock Exchange membership was reported posted for transfer for \$100,000, the highest price in some time. Three other memberships were also reported posted at \$95,000 for one and \$97,000 each for the other two.

It was announced on June 21 that the Liberty Industrial Corporation, all the common stock of which is owned by the New York Trust Co., is to be liquidated. Notification that the \$1,000,000 of preferred stock outstanding has been called for redemption on July 1 at 105 and accrued dividend has been mailed to all preferred stockholders. The announcement of the New York Trust Co. says:

The business of the corporation, as such, will be wound up in due course and distribution of the remaining surplus made to the common stockholder. The activities of the Liberty Industrial Corporation will not be discontinued, but will be carried on by the industrial department of the New York Trust Co., which will take over the work on hand as well as the staff and equipment of the present organization.

The Liberty Industrial Corporation was formed by a consolidation of the Liberty Securities Corporation, formerly owned by the stockholders of the Liberty National Bank and the industrial department of the bank, and succeeded to the combined business of the former corporation and the industrial department at the time of the merger of the Liberty National Bank and the New York Trust Co. on April 1 1921.

The corporation has been prosperous since its formation, having paid 8% dividends regularly on the preferred stock in addition to which it has shown substantial earnings applicable to dividends on the common stock.

The corporation will be liquidated only because all the activities of the corporation may be carried on as well by the New York Trust Co. itself as by a subsidiary and a separate form of corporation organization is found to be no longer necessary. The corporation has directed or participated in many important reorganizations and is active in the field of industrial investigations and reports.

The board of directors of the Bankers Trust Co. authorized on June 19 an increase in its surplus fund of \$3,750,000 by a transfer of a like amount from undivided profits account. The statement of the Bankers Trust Co., after this increase in surplus and provision for the July quarterly dividend of \$1,000,000 has been made, will show as follows:

Capital	\$20,000,000
Surplus fund	15,000,000
Undivided profits	9,000,000

The board declared the regular quarterly dividend of 5%, payable July 1 to stockholders of record June 22 1922.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. of this city, and the Directors of the Bank of New York, of this city, two of the oldest financial institutions in the United States, on June 19, the proposal to merge these two institutions as the Bank of New York & Trust Co. was approved. A meeting of the stockholders of the New York Life Insurance & Trust will be held on Sept. 7 and a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of New York will be held on July 24 to ratify the plan. The new institution will have a capital of \$4,000,000 surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$12,000,000 and net deposits in excess of \$50,000,000. Edwin G. Merrill, President of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co., will be President of the consolidated company, while Herbert L. Griggs, President of the Bank of New York, will become Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Board of the Bank of New York & Trust Co. will consist of thirty members, with virtually all the present Trustees and Directors of the two institutions to be included on the new Board. The Bank of New York has \$2,000,000 of Capital stock outstanding, while that of the New York Life Insurance & Trust amounts to \$1,000,000. Under the terms of the merger each institution is to declare a \$50,000 stock dividend, the shareholders of the Bank of New York receiving one and one-quarter shares of stock of the new company for each share now held—a total of \$2,500,000; the shareholders of the New York Life Insurance & Trust receiving one and one-half shares of the consolidated company for each share now held—a total of \$1,500,000. The Bank of New York is the oldest bank in New York City. It was organized in 1784 by Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. It was founded as a State bank, but in 1865 after the close of the Civil War, it was converted into a National bank. The New York Life Insurance & Trust was organized under special charter in 1830 and was the first financial institution in this country to start business with "trust company" as a part of its title.

The Trustees of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. on June 20 declared a special dividend of \$1.75 a share covering the period from June 10, on which the semi-annual dividend was paid, to July 1. This dividend will be payable July 1 to holders of record June 29, and was declared in anticipation of the ratification of the merger with the Bank of New York in order to make the dividend dates of the two institutions the same.

Clarence E. Hunter of The New York Trust Co. of this city, has been elected an Assistant Treasurer of the company.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Trust Co. of this city on June 16, John F. O'Meara was appointed an Assistant Secretary and Charles H. Caldwell an Assistant Treasurer. Mr. O'Meara has been the personal secretary and assistant of General Samuel McRoberts, the President of the company, for some years, and Mr. Caldwell was promoted from the position of Chief Clerk.

The directors of the Hanover National Bank of this city have declared a quarterly dividend of 6% on new \$5,000,000 capital, payable July 1 to stock of record June 21. This compares with regular 8% quarterly dividend paid on old capital of \$3,000,000. Present distribution would be equivalent to 10% on former capital. The recent increase in the capital of the Hanover National was referred to in our issues of May 6 and June 10.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank of this city will be held on July 20, to vote upon the question of ratifying an agreement entered into between the directors of the Mechanics & Metals National Bank and the directors of the Lincoln National Bank for the consolidation of these institutions. As stated in our issue of Feb. 18, interests identified with the Mechanics & Metals acquired controlling interest in the Lincoln Trust Co. on Feb. 17.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lincoln National on June 19, the proposal to convert the institution from the Lincoln Trust to the Lincoln National was ratified. Reference to the conversion appeared in our issue of June 10.

The board of trustees of the United States Trust Co. of New York has decided to pay the regular dividends of the company at quarterly periods instead of semi-annual, following the semi-annual dividend payable July 1 1922. In this way the first quarterly payment will be made on Oct. 2 1922.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Dollar Savings Bank of the City of New York on June 2, William M. Kern, heretofore Controller, was made First Vice-President. Howell T. Manson, Treasurer, was elected Controller, and Joseph B. Hare, a trustee of the institution since 1914, was elected Treasurer.

Julian W. Potter, Vice-President of the Italian Discount & Trust Co., has had the Order of the Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy conferred upon him by the Italian Government.

At special meetings of the stockholders of the Peoples Trust Co. and the Homestead Bank of Brooklyn, held on Friday, June 16, the proposed acquisition of the latter institution by the former was ratified, and on Monday, June 19, the Homestead Bank opened for business as the Homestead Branch of the Peoples Trust Co., making the eighth branch of that institution. Effective June 16, the capital of the Peoples Trust Co. was increased from \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000. The directors of the Peoples Trust Co. have declared a quarterly dividend of 5%, payable June 30 to stockholders of record June 29. This rate will place the stock of the institution on a 20% per annum basis.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., on June 14, former Mayor Frank A. Hagarty, of Hartford, was elected Vice-President and General Counsel of the bank. He will have charge of its trust department, a new office created by the board of directors.

The Federal Reserve Board, in its weekly announcement of June 16 regarding the admission of new members, states that the Provident Life & Trust Co. of Philadelphia has been reorganized and its banking and trust company business transferred to a new corporation named the Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia, which company has been admitted to membership in the Reserve System.

Negotiations looking towards the absorption by the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore of the business and assets of the Second National Bank of that city were ratified by the directors of both institutions on June 19. The deal will be consummated on July 1 1922, when the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore will take possession of the building and business of the Second National Bank at the corner of Broadway and Eastern Avenue and begin the liquidation of the institution. In its liquidation an agent will be named by the Second National Bank to act in conjunction with the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore. Under the plan of acquisition it is estimated the stockholders of the Second National Bank will receive at least \$350 per share for their stock, the par value of which is \$100. The business of the Second National Bank, as far as the public is concerned, will be carried on in practically the same manner as before its acquisition. Daniel J. Emich, heretofore a Vice-President of the Second National Bank and its active manager, will become a Vice-President of the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, and all the employees will be retained. When the liquidation of the assets has been accomplished, the Merchants' National Bank will establish an "office" in the Second National Bank building, and Mr. Emich will continue in charge as before. The Second National Bank was founded in 1832 and has been controlled since that time by the Homer family of Baltimore. Francis T. Homer was elected President (upon the death of his brother, Charles C. Homer, Jr.) on March 20 last, but as he resides in New York he has been obliged to leave the active management of the bank largely to Mr. Emich. Shortly after the death of Charles C. Homer, Jr., William E. Wagner, a Vice-President at that time of the bank and its active manager for several years, died also, and with the loss of these two directing officials and the new President unable to give the institution his full attention, the directors decided to liquidate. The capital of the bank is \$500,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$1,515,559. The Merchants' National Bank of Bal-

timore has a capital of \$4,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$2,311,477. With the addition of the approximately \$3,000,000 of deposits of the Second National Bank, the institution will have total deposits of about \$45,000,000. Thomas Hildt is President. A special meeting of the stockholders of the Second National Bank has been called for July 24 to consider and approve the sale and liquidation of the institution.

The new home of the Citizens Union Nat. Bk. of Louisville was formally opened on Monday, May 29. The public was invited to personally conducted inspection tours throughout the new building from 9 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night, and the handsome structure was thronged with visitors. Hundreds of large baskets of flowers came from out of town and local financial institutions and from old friends of the Citizens Union. There was only one hour of set program. It was given over to what bank officials term: "Dedication anew of the Citizens Union to the industrial and commercial progress of the community." The First Vice-President, John R. Downing, presided in the absence, because of illness in the family, of Jefferson D. Stewart, the President. Following Mr. Downing's address the Right Reverend Chas. E. Woodcock, Bishop of Louisville, delivered the invocation, which was followed by a speech made by the Mayor of the City, Huston Quin. The exercise concluded with a presentation of gold coins to the citizens of Louisville whose birthdays were simultaneous with the banks, which were merged into the making of the Citizens Union. A few weeks before the opening a large advertisement appeared in the four Louisville daily papers asking for names and addresses of persons born on Dec. 11 1863, when the Citizens Bank came into existence; on Oct. 2 1889, when the Union National first opened its doors and on January 1 1919, when these two banks became the Citizens Union. Only one citizen was found who was born simultaneously with the Citizens Bank and only three who saw the light of day upon the occasion of the Union National entering the banking field.

The out-of-town visitors included Staughton B. Lynd, now President of the Industrial Bank of New York; who served the Citizens Bank from messenger to president, over a period of more than a third of a century before going to New York City to become President of the Industrial Bank. Mr. Lynd is still a director of the Citizens Union. Another director with an enviable history who was present, was H. Clifton Rodes, who served from messenger to president of the Citizens Bank and is still a director of the Citizens Union. James Ross Todd, who at 21 succeeded his father in 1894 as a director, was chairman of one of the reception committees. Mr. Todd's father became a director of the old Citizens in 1870. Several officers whose connections with the Citizens or with the Union National date back many years, were in attendance. These included President Stewart, Second Vice-President W. R. Cobb, Cashier Joseph M. Zahner, Comptroller J. H. Mershon and Assistant Cashiers E. T. Meriwether, Webster Moore and E. B. Daumont.

The Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company of Louisville, affiliated with the Citizens Union National Bank for the last three years under a joint stock ownership, and which now occupies the Columbia Building at 4th and Main Streets, will move to the new home of the Citizens Union about October 1, after the quarters just vacated by the Citizens Union are remodeled to conform with the new quarters, giving to the two institutions on the first floor of the Inter-Southern Building at 5th and Jefferson Streets a space of 49,191 square feet. The Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company has a capital of \$2,000,000, a surplus of \$1,000,000 and resources in excess of \$3,000,000. The trust estates managed by the Fidelity and Columbia now total, it is stated, in excess of \$60,000,000. The Citizens Union National Bank has \$1,000,000 capital, \$2,000,000 surplus and undivided profits and resources of \$26,000,000. The holders of the Trustees' Participation Certificates, covering the stock of the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company, and the Citizens Union National Bank, own in addition, the Citizens Union Fourth Street Bank, which opened August 9 1919, with a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$50,000 and which to-day has resources in excess of \$3,000,000, and also owns the Louisville Joint Stock Land Bank, operated under the Federal Farm Loan Act, making long-term loans on the amortization plan on farm property. The Louisville Joint Stock Land Bank has offices in the new

building of the Citizens Union National Bank. The Citizens Union Fourth Street Bank has a permanent location in the heart of the retail district on Fourth Avenue near Guthrie Street.

The new home of the Citizens Union National Bank, and which is to be occupied jointly with the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company as soon as the adjoining vacated quarters are remodeled, is acknowledged to be one of the handsomest banking rooms in the South or Middlewest.

R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., announces that the vacancy caused by the death of Vice-President P. H. Wilkinson was filled by the promotion of Alvin P. Howard, heretofore Treasury of the company, to the first Vice-Presidency. Mr. Howard joined the staff of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. when the New Orleans National Bank was consolidated with it about three years ago and has since that time served as Vice-President of the bank and as a member of its executive committee; when the Hibernia Securities Co. was organized, he also became Treasurer of that company. He will hereafter devote most of his time to the management of the Hibernia Securities Co. but he will continue to serve as one of the vice-presidents and member of the executive committee of the Hibernia Bank. Joseph J. Farrell, who has been connected with the Hibernia Securities Co. since its organization, and before that was connected with the bond department of the Hibernia Bank for many years, has been elected Treasurer of the Securities Co. to succeed Mr. Howard. George H. Nuslich, heretofore sales manager, and J. Albert Baudean, until recently assistant sales manager of the Securities Co., have been promoted to the assistant treasuryship and assistant secretaryship, respectively. Willis G. Wilmot has also been elected an assistant secretary and will have charge of the commercial paper department.

Announcement was made on June 6 of the election of John R. Lamb, Assistant General Manager of The Bank of Toronto, of Toronto, Canada, as General Manager to succeed Thos. F. How, who retires from this position on July 1 after 46 years of service with the bank. H. B. Henwood, Manager of the Montreal branch, will succeed Mr. Lamb as Assistant General Manager. Mr. How entered the service of the Bank of Toronto in 1876. He was Manager of the Montreal Branch from 1894 to 1911 and came to Toronto in the latter year to become General Manager. Mr. How will continue to serve the bank on its board of directors to which he was recently elected.

Norman S. Stenning has been appointed agent at New York of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd. Mr. Stenning served the bank in South America for eight years, four in Argentina and four in Peru. He has been associated with the Anglo-South American Bank for nearly 20 years. T. C. Harding, who has previously represented the bank here, left for its Head Office last week.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 8 1922:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against its note issue is £127,060,935, as compared with £127,058,465 last week. The price of gold yesterday and to-day—91s. 6d.—is the lowest fixed for exportable gold since dealings in such gold were resumed (September 1919), and includes a premium of only 7½d. over the pre-war Bank of England buying price. The easement of demand from India together with the firmness of the exchange with the United States has achieved this result.

SILVER.

For months past Chinese internal politics have been really the dominating factor in the price of silver. The political contest for supremacy in the State—more or less manifest since the collapse of the Manchu Imperial regime—has perhaps less effect upon silver than have the changing seasons, but actual operations of war—especially near the seat of government—unsettle public confidence and injure the prospects of trade. The apparent success of General Wu in the political arena as well as in that of war offers some hope of a stable government; this desirable event, in course of time, would reduce the tendency to hoard silver, for the Chinese is not a hoarder by nature, and also remove hindrances to the movements of crops. The news has already induced some Chinese speculators in exchange to reverse their operations and to sell silver in this market; hence the fairly sharp descent of prices early in the week. The market has a somewhat uncertain tendency owing to conflicting orders from China often received on the same day. The Indian Bazaars are only nibbling. America is holding off supplies and the Continent is but a poor seller. The New York correspondent of the "Times" cabled yesterday that silver to the value of \$2,000,000 had arrived from Antwerp. The large net imports of silver into India in 1921 (55,631,210 ounces) and into China this year, to which attention was drawn last week, are evidence of a reaction from the events of preceding years. Hence it is not surprising if the price of silver remains for a while at a level that, viewed from other points, might seem too high. Mean-

while the lack of movement in Eastern trade as an adverse factor to silver has been to a large extent negatived.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

In Lacs of Rupees—	May 15.	May 22.	May 31.
Notes in circulation.....	17106	17139	17239
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	7580	7609	7706
Silver coin and bullion out of India.....	.....	.....	.....
Gold coin and bullion in India.....	2432	2432	2432
Gold coin and bullion out of India.....	.....	.....	.....
Securities (Indian Government).....	6509	6513	6517
Securities (British Government).....	585	585	584

The silver coinage during the week ending 31st ult. amounted to 5 lacs of rupees. The stock in Shanghai on the 6th inst. consisted of about 25,600,000 ounces in sycee, and \$27,000,000, as compared with 26,200,000 ounces in sycee, \$29,500,000 and 120 silver bars on the 27th ult. Reinforcements of over two and three-quarter million ounces have been shipped from San Francisco to the Far East. The Shanghai exchange is quoted at 3s. 6d. the tael.

Quotations—	Bar Silver per os. std.—	Bar Gold per os. fine.
	Cash.	Two Months.
June 2.....	36¼d.	38¼d.
June 3.....	35¾d.	35¾d.
June 6.....	35¾d.	35¾d.
June 7.....	35¾d.	35¾d.
June 8.....	35¾d.	35¾d.
Average.....	35.75d.	35.7d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and forward delivery are respectively ¾d. and ¼d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

London,	Sat.,	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Week ending June 23.	June 17.	June 18.	June 20.	June 21.	June 22.	June 23.
Silver, per oz.....	d. 36	36½	36½	35¾	35¾	35¾
Gold, per fine ounce.....	92s. 3d.	93s. 6d.	94s. 6d.	93s. 3d.	93s. 3d.	93s. 6d.
Consols, 2½ per cents.....	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼	56¼
British, 5 per cents.....	99¾	100	99¾	99¾	99¾	99¾
British, 4½ per cents.....	95	94½	94½	94½	94½	94½
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	57.60	57.40	57.70	57.55	57.45	57.75
French War Loan (in Paris)	fr. 77.25	77.5	77.15	77	76.85	76.90

The price of silver in New York on the same day has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (ets.):	Domestic	Foreign
Domestic.....	99¾	99¾
Foreign.....	71	70¾

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings again show a very satisfactory increase over a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ending Saturday, June 24, aggregate bank clearings for all the cities in the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will show an increase of 19.9% over the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$7,651,709,316, against \$6,379,991,060 for the same week in 1921. This is the fourteenth successive week in which our weekly aggregates have shown an improvement as contrasted with last year. Our comparative summary for the week is as follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week ending June 24.	1922.	1921.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$3,694,300,000	\$2,964,162,000	+24.6
Chicago.....	452,991,807	394,825,231	+14.7
Philadelphia.....	359,000,000	327,156,237	+9.7
Boston.....	322,000,000	226,478,063	+42.2
Kansas City.....	113,391,132	114,617,120	-1.1
St. Louis.....	a	a	a
San Francisco.....	110,200,000	100,000,000	+10.2
Pittsburgh.....	*109,000,000	110,000,000	-0.9
Detroit.....	140,848,704	75,599,857	+86.2
Baltimore.....	64,258,262	53,621,347	+19.8
New Orleans.....	44,997,531	42,060,607	+6.9
Ten cities, five days.....	\$5,410,987,436	\$4,408,520,532	+23.9
Other cities, five days.....	965,436,994	908,138,686	+6.3
Total all cities, five days.....	\$6,376,424,430	\$5,316,659,217	+19.9
All cities, one day.....	1,275,284,886	1,063,331,843	+19.9
Total all cities for week.....	\$7,651,709,316	\$6,379,991,060	+19.9

* Estimated. a Refuses to furnish clearings.

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends on Saturday and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day, while we go to press late Friday night. Accordingly in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ending June 17. For that week the increase is 11%, the 1922 aggregate of the clearings being \$7,994,930,594 and the 1921 aggregate \$7,201,565,708. Outside of this city, however, the increase is only 7.2%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 13.7%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the Boston Reserve District the increase is 10.5%, in the New York Reserve District (including this city) 13.7%, in the Richmond Reserve District 10% and in the Atlanta Reserve District 10.1%. The Chicago Reserve District makes the best showing of

all with a gain of 18.1%. On the other hand, in the Philadelphia Reserve District the increase is very small, namely 0.8%, while the Kansas City Reserve District has a decrease of 1.7% and the Cleveland Reserve District a decrease of 4.6%. The Minneapolis Reserve District shows a falling off of 8.8%. The St. Louis Reserve District has a gain of 4.9%, the Dallas Reserve District a gain of 3.2% and the San Francisco Reserve District a gain of 13.8%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week ending June 17, 1922, 1921, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.) and Grand total.

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

Large table with columns: Clearings at, Week ending June 17, 1922, 1921, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts for different years.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week ending June 17, 1922, 1921, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts for different years.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week ending June 15, 1922, 1921, Inc. or Dec., 1920, 1919. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts for different years.

No longer report clearings or only give debits against individual accounts, with no comparative figures for previous years. b Report no clearings, but give comparative figures of debits, we apply to last year's clearings the same ratio of decrease (or increase) as shown by the debits. c Do not respond to requests for figures. d Week ending June 14. e Week ending June 15. f Week ending June 16. * Estimated.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and Share prices. Includes entries like Amer Exch, Atlantic, Battery Park, etc.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and Share prices. Includes entries like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange June 17 to June 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists.

Table showing stock exchange transactions with columns for Stock, Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

Table listing auction sales with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and Shares. Includes entries like Newport News Light & Water, Stanton Oil, etc.

Table listing securities sold by Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and Shares.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold by R. L. Day & Co., Boston, with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and Shares.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, with columns for Shares, Stocks, Price, and Shares.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED. Capital, \$50,000. June 15—The First National Bank of Garwood, N. J. Correspondent, DeWitt Van Buskirk, Bayonne, N. J.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED. June 14—The First National Bank of Lamar, Ark. Conversion of the Bank of Lamar, Ark. Correspondent, J. W. Hawkins, Lamar, Ark.

June 17—The Lincoln National Bank of New York, N. Y. Conversion of the Lincoln Trust Co., New York, N. Y. With three branches. Correspondent, Alexander S. Webb, 204 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table showing dividends with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, and Books Closed. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, and Banks.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Friday afternoon June 23, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve Banks at the close of business the previous day. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 21 1922

Table with columns for dates: June 21 1922, June 14 1922, June 7 1922, May 31 1922, May 24 1922, May 17 1922, May 10 1922, May 3 1922, June 22 1921. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund, Total gold held by banks, Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Legal tender notes, silver, &c., Total reserves, Bills discounted, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, All other, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U. S. bonds and notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, One-year certificates (Pittman Act), All other, Municipal warrants, Total earning assets, Bank premises, 5% redeem. fund ager, F. R. bank notes, Uncollected items, All other resources, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Surplus, Reserved for Govt. franchise tax, Deposits—Government, Member banks—reserve account, All other, Total, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liab., Deferred availability items, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined). Distribution by Maturities and Federal Reserve Notes are also included.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 21 1922

Table with columns for Federal Reserve Bank of: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund—F. R. B'd, Total gold held by banks, Gold with F. R. agents, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserves, Legal tender notes, silver, &c., Total reserves, Bills discounted: Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, U. S. other, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U. S. bonds and notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, One-year cts. (Pittman Act), All other, Total earning assets).

Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, June 23 1922.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The stock market has shown a decided tendency to hysteria during much of the time this week. This condition was the result chiefly of a sensational movement in Mexican Petroleum shares, during which they fluctuated over a range of nearly 43 points. All classes of stocks have, of course, been affected and in many cases closing figures are near the highest, especially in the railway group. New York Central sold to-day 4 3/4 points higher than on Monday; No. Pacific 3 3/4, Balt. & Ohio 4 and several other prominent stocks are up from 2 to 3 points. Industrial stocks have, as usual, covered a wider range. Studebaker, for instance, showing 9 5/8 points covered and Crucible about 6.

It is interesting to note, however, that during these gyrations in stocks the bond market has been for the most part steady, with former prices generally maintained and in a few cases new high records have been made. In both markets, the volume of business has been above the average.

Among other events which attracted more or less attention in Wall Street this week was the Federal Reserve Bank's reduction of its discount rate from 4 1/2 to 4%, and a statement to the effect that the steel output, including the independent companies, is now 70 to 75% of capacity.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Amer Tel & Cable, Assets Realization, Atlas Powder, etc.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing weekly transactions from Saturday to Friday, with columns for Shares, Par Value, Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for 1922 and 1921, categorized by Stocks, Bonds, and RR. and misc. bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions for Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, with columns for Shares, Bond Sales, and totals.

* Holiday—Bunker Hill Day.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices. Table with columns: Date (June 17-22), Price (High, Low, Close), and Total sales in \$1,000 units.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table showing registered bond transactions with columns: Bond description, Price, and Total sales.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, Etc.

Table showing maturities, interest rates, and bid/ask prices for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness.

Foreign Exchange.—The sterling exchange market broke sharply this week and prices sustained a sensational decline of nearly 7 cents during the week, though recovering partially before the close.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 37/64 @ 4 38 1/2 for sixty days, 4 40 @ 4 41 1/2 for checks and 4 40 3/4 @ 4 41 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 8 39 1/2 @ 8.46 for long and 8.45 1/2 @ 8.52 for short.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling, Actual—Sixty Days: High for the week 4 41 1/2, Low for the week 4 35 1/2.

Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 8.63 1/2, Low for the week 8.39 1/2.

Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 0.31 3/4, Low for the week 0.29 1/2.

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 38.27, Low for the week 37.94.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$15.00 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—Business on the Curb Market this week fell off considerably from recent totals, trading being devoid of any active features. Prices moved with considerable irregularity, though the changes for the most part were small. Cities Service was a feature; the announcement of a plan for the resumption of cash dividends beginning Sept. 1 caused sharp advances.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2813.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest) Range for previous year 1921.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. †† Ex-rights (June 15) to subscriber's share for share to stock of Glen Alden Coal Co. at \$5 per share and ex-dividend 100% in stock (Aug. 22).

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Table with columns for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CNT', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', and 'PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922'. Includes stock names like American Bank Note, American Beet Sugar, and various industrial and utility stocks.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend and rights. ‡ Assessment paid. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-dividend. † Par value \$10 per share.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see third page following.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICE—PBR SHARS, NOT PBR CNT., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PBR SHARS Range since Jan. 1 1922, PBR SHARS Range for previous year 1921. Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. a Ex-dividend and rights. x Ex-dividend. ** Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see fourth page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE NOT PER CENT, BUCKETS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and PER SHARE. Rows list various stocks like Owens Bottle, Pacific Development, etc., with their respective prices and share counts.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend and rights. ¶ Ex-dividend. * Reduced to basis of \$25 par.

Jan. 1 1908 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan 1. Includes sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and various Corporate Stocks.

* No price Friday, latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due April. c Due May. d Due June. e Due July. f Due Aug. g Due Oct. h Due Nov. i Due Dec. j Option sale

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, week ending June 23. Columns include Bond Name, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan 1 (Low/High). Rows list various bonds such as Delaware & Hudson, Erie, and others.

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, week ending June 23. Columns include Bond Name, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan 1 (Low/High). Rows list various bonds such as Lehigh Valley Coal Co, Erie, and others.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Bonds', 'Price Friday', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Range Since Jan. 1', 'No.', 'Low', 'High', 'Date', 'Price', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Range Since Jan. 1', 'No.', 'Low', 'High'.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June, d Due July, e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. i Option sale.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending June 23. Columns include Bond, Price Friday June 23, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like Winton-Salem S B 1st 4s, etc.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending June 23. Columns include Bond, Price Friday June 23, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like N Y Dock 60-yr 1st g 4s, etc.

*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDus Jan. dDus April. cDus Mar. eDus May. gDue June. hDue July. iDue Aug. oDue Oct. pDue Dec. fOption sale.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT						Sales for the Week	STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range since Jan. 1.		Range for previous year 1921								
Monday June 17.	Tuesday June 18.	Wednesday June 19.	Thursday June 20.	Friday June 21.	Saturday June 22.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest							
*145	146	147	146	147	147	147	148	48	Boston & Albany	100	180 1/4 Jan 4	152	May 22	119	Apr	133	Nov		
*151	82	83	83	83	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	272	Boston Elevated	100	73	Feb 4	84 1/2 May 2	67 1/2	Jan	79	Nov		
*151	102	99 1/2	100	99	99	100	100	64	Do pref.	100	94 1/2 Mar 1	104	June 14	78	Jan	100	Dec		
*25	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	490	Boston & Maine	100	14	Jan 10	31 1/2 May 20	13 1/2	Dec	25 1/2	Feb		
*27	30	30	30	30 1/2	30 1/2	30	30	305	Do pref.	100	30	Jan 9	37	Apr 8	10 1/2	Nov	30	Jan	
*36	36	35	36	35 1/2	35 1/2	36	36	211	Do Series A 1st pref.	100	22	Jan 5	44 1/2 Apr 26	19	Aug	33	Jan		
*50	54	49	50	50	52	51	51	43	Do Series B 1st pref.	100	38	Jan 17	62	May 29	27	Nov	47	Feb	
*45	51	47	50	49	50	49	50	50	Do Series C 1st pref.	100	30	Jan 9	54	May 25	24	Nov	40	Jan	
*69	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	50	Do Series D 1st pref.	100	40	Jan 12	77 1/2 May 1	35	Nov	58	Jan		
*155	*100	*100	*100	*100	*100	*100	*100	10	Boston & Providence	100	125	Jan 12	155	June 3	110	June	133	Jan	
*6	7 1/4	*6	7 1/4	*6	7 1/4	*6	7 1/4	10	Bost & Wore Elec pref. No par	100	34	Jan 20	8	May 19	34	Jan	34	Feb	
								10	Chic June Ry & U S Y	100	130	Jan 19	140	June 23	130	Feb	130	Feb	
								10	Maine Central	100	80 1/2	Jan 9	95 1/2 May 11	63 1/2	June	82 1/2	Dec		
*40	44	*40	45	*40	45	*40	45	5	Central Vermont	100	27 1/2	Jan 30	48	Apr 15	30	Dec	43 1/2	Feb	
*27 1/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/4	29	29 1/4	1,597	N Y N H & Hartford	100	1 1/2	Jan 3	3 1/2 May 22	12	Dec	23 1/4	Jan		
								10	Northern New Hampshire	100	69	Jan 10	83 1/2 May 9	60	Apr	75	Feb		
96	96	96	96	96	102	96	96	10	Norwich & Worcester pref.	100	58	Jan 17	100	June 1	51	Nov	76	Jan	
94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	68	Old Colony	100	57	Jan 6	98 1/2 May 23	60	Oct	71	Jan		
*41	45	45	45	45	49	47	49	55	Rutland pref.	100	15	Jan 20	52 1/2 June 5	15	Apr	21	Jan		
*96	98	*96	98	*96	96	*96	98 1/2	21	Vermont & Massachusetts	100	78	Jan 23	98	June 1	69	Nov	78	Dec	
									West End Street	50	48 1/2	Jan 6	52	Mar 16	40	Jan	51 1/2	Dec	
									Do pref.	50	57	Mar 1	62 1/2 May 5	40	Jan	61	Dec		
									Miscellaneous	10	02	Feb 8	05	Jan 26	04	Aug	3	Jan	
									Amer Oil Engineering	25	24	Feb 4	41	Jan 27	2	Jan	34	Dec	
									Amer Pneumatic Service	25	24	Feb 4	41	Jan 27	2	Jan	34	Dec	
									Do pref.	25	13	Feb 20	17	Jan 10	8 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	Nov	
									Amer Telephone & Teleg	100	114 1/2	Jan 3	124 1/2 Mar 14	90 1/2	Jan	119 1/2	Nov		
									Amoskang Mfg	100	104	Jan 10	117	Jan 24	74	Jan	109	Dec	
									Do pref.	100	80 1/2	Jan 17	85 1/2 June 21	73	Feb	84 1/2	Dec		
									Art Metal Construc Inc	10	14 1/2	Feb 20	20 1/2 May 19	12	Jan	16	Sept		
									Atlas Tack Corporation No par	100	13	Jan 7	22	May 4	12 1/2	Dec	20	Apr	
									Beacon Chocolate	15	25	Jan 20	75	Feb 21	15	Dec	4	Jan	
									Boston Mex Pet Trustees No par	100	15	Apr 27	50	May 4	15	July	95	Jan	
									Century Street of Amer Inc	10	05	Jan 20	15	Apr 27	08 1/2	Oct	11	Jan	
									Conner & Co	10	15 1/2	Jan 3	23 1/2 Mar 3	9 1/2	July	17 1/2	Dec		
									East Boston Land	10	3	Jan 4	4	Apr 1	3	Oct	4 1/2	Feb	
									Eastern Manufacturing	5	9 1/2	Jan 19	11 1/2	Feb 10	9 1/2	Oct	23	Jan	
									Eastern SS Lines Inc	25	38 1/2	Jan 4	73 1/2 June 22	16	Jan	42	Dec		
									Do pref.	25	42	Jan 7	47 1/2 Apr 13	42	Nov	45	Dec		
									Eldon Electric Illum	100	156	Mar 2	175	Apr 10	142 1/2	Oct	165 1/2	Dec	
									Edgar Electric	100	3	Mar 14	13	May 17	3	Nov	17	Jan	
									Gardner Motor	No par	10	Jan 12	10 1/2	Apr 6	9 1/2	Sept	23 1/2	Apr	
									Gorton-Pew Fisheries	50	30	Mar 21	1	Jan 10	1	Dec	8	Jan	
									Greenfield Tap & Die	25	19	Jan 28	27 1/2	Feb 27	19 1/2	Dec	29	Nov	
									Internat Cement Corp. No par	25	28	Jan 20	37 1/2 May 13	19	July	23 1/2	Dec		
									Internat Cotton Mills	50	28	Mar 25	32	Jan 27	33	Dec	41 1/2	Feb	
									Do pref.	100	64 1/2	Apr 4	78 1/2 Jan 6	74	Dec	86	Mar		
									Internat Products	No par	3 1/2	Jan 9	6 1/2	Mar 25	3	Sept	13	Jan	
									Do pref.	100	7	Jan 5	17	Apr 1	5	Nov	32	Jan	
									Island Oil & Transp Corp	10	62	Apr 15	3	Jan 24	2	Sept	4 1/2	Mar	
									Libby, McNeill & Libb	10	1 1/2	Apr 24	1 1/2	June 3	5 1/2	Dec	12	Jan	
									Lyons' Theatre	25	8 1/2	Jan 3	13	Jan 16	8 1/2	Dec	15	June	
									McElwain & Co 1st pref	100	81	Jan 24	97 1/2 May 1	73	June	92 1/2	Feb		
									Massachusetts Gas Cos	100	63	Jan 3	77	June 14	63 1/2	Oct	64	May	
									Do pref.	100	62	Jan 3	69	Apr 8	63	Oct	86	Nov	
									Mergenthafer Linotype	100	130	Jan 3	156	May 10	117	Sept	136	Nov	
									Mexican Investment Inc	10	20	Mar 27	20 1/2	Apr 15	18 1/2	Sept	25 1/2	Apr	
									Mississippi River Power	100	13	Jan 6	25 1/2	May 5	11	Sept	14 1/2	Mar	
									Do stamped pref.	100	72 1/2	Jan 9	82	Feb 25	60	June	84	Apr	
									National Leather	10	8	Jan 4	11 1/2	Jan 21	2 1/2	Dec	9 1/2	Jan	
									New England Oil Corp.	25	2	June 22	5	Jan 28	4	Aug	6	Aug	
									New England Telephone	100	109	Jan 4	118	Apr 13	95 1/2	Jan	112 1/2	Dec	
									Ohio Bell & Blow	No par	10	Jan 18	1	Mar 16	7	July	11 1/2	Dec	
									Orpheum Circuit Inc	1	13	Jan 10	21 1/2	May 3	1 1/2	Dec	30 1/2	Apr	
									Pacific Mills	2	21 1/2	Apr 26	17 1/2	Mar 11	14 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	Dec	
									Plant (Thos G) pref.	100	78	Feb 21	82	May 13	72 1/2	Nov	87	Feb	
									Reece Button Hole	10	12 1/2	Apr 18	15 1/2	June 3	12 1/2	Apr	14	Jan	
									Shing Magneto	5	7	Feb 20	7 1/2	Apr 5	4	Dec	9 1/2	May	
									Swift & Co	100	92 1/2	Mar 27	106 1/2	Feb 23	83 1/2	July	105 1/2	Jan	
									Torington	25	60	Jan 3	81 1/2	June 5	47	Dec	61 1/2	Feb	
									Union Twist Drill	5	8	Mar 29	14 1/2	Feb 3	10	Dec	23	Jan	
									United Shoe Mach Corp.	25	34	Mar 3	45	Mar 24	83	Sept	39 1/2	Jan	
									Do pref.	25	25	Jan 3	27	Jan 21	22 1/2	Apr	25 1/2	Dec	
									Ventura Consol Oil Fields	5	2 1/2	Jan 27	3 1/2	June 2	1 1/2	July	2 1/2	Dec	
									Waldorf System Inc	10	30 1/2	Jan 4	31 1/2	June 2	16 1/2	Jan	29 1/2	Dec	
									Waltham Watch	100	7	Jan 3	14 1/2	Apr 26	6	Dec	17	Jan	
									Walworth Manufacturing	20	7 1/2	Feb 7	12 1/2	June 15	6	Sept	17	Feb	
									Warren Bros	50	17 1/2	Jan 4	35	May 29	11	Apr	22 1/2	Apr	
									Do 1st pref.	50	30 1/2	Jan 4	37 1/2	June 14	17	Aug	33 1/2	Dec	
									Do 2d pref.	50	33 1/2	Feb 18	44	May 29	16	Oct	35 1/2	Dec	
									Wicklow Special Steel	5	13 1/2	Mar 27	21	May 13	8	July	18 1/2	Jan	
									Wollaston Land	5	80	June 10	1 1/2	Jan 4	35	Oct	14	Dec	
									Mining										
									Adventure Consolidated	25	50	Jan 31	1	Apr 15	4	Mar	7 1/2	Mar	
									Alhook	25	69	May 11	68	May 29	40	Oct	63	Dec	
									Algonah Mining	25	20	Jan 13	50	Apr 17	15	July	50	Apr	
									Allouez	25	22	Jan 9	32 1/2	Jan 25	16	Apr	24 1/2	Nov	
									Arriadan Consolidated	25	2	Mar 10	4 1/2	May 23	1 1/2	Sept	3 1/2	Jan	
									Arizona Commercial	5	8 1/2	Feb 20	10 1/2	June 5	6 1/2	Jan	10	Apr	
									Bingham Mines	10	13	Jan 5	16 1/2	June 6	8	Mar	14	Oct	
									Calumet & Hecla	25	265	Jan 6	298	May 31	310	Apr	380	Dec	
									Carson Hill Gold	1	10	June 19	16 1/2	Mar 29	11	Dec	16 1/2	Jan	
									Centennial	25	9 1/2	Jan 16	13 1/2	Feb 1	7	Jan	10	Jan	
									Copper Range Co	25	37 1/2	Jan 3	46 1/2	May 31	27	Jan	40 1/2	Dec	
									Daly-West	20	1	Apr 5	2 1/2	Mar 7	1 1/2	Nov	4 1/2	Jan	
									Daly-Baldy Copper	10	6 1/2	Jan 3	9 1/2	Jan 26	5 1/2	Nov	7 1/2	Jan	
									East Butte Copper Mining	10	10	Mar 13	12 1/2	Jan					

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange June 17 to June 23, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like All G & W I S S 5s, Chic Tel Ry & U S Y 5s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange June 17 to June 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists.

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, Armour & Co, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, June 17 to June 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Arundel Sand & Gravel, Baltimore Brick, Benesh (D), etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Ga Caro & Nor 1st 5s, Lexington Ry 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 17 to June 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Cities, pref., American Gas of N J, American Milling, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—This week's record on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange will be found on page 2795.

New York Curb Market.—Below is a record of the transactions in the New York Curb Market from June 17 to June 23, both inclusive, as compiled from the official lists. As noted in our issue of July 2 1921, the New York Curb Market Association on June 27 1921 transferred its activities from the Broad Street curb to its new building on Trinity Place, and the Association is now issuing an official sheet which forms the basis of the compilations below.

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Industrial & Miscell., Aene Coal Mining, Aene Packing, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., Other Oil Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for Rights, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, and Mining Stocks.

Table with columns: Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Mining (Concluded) Par, Bonds, and Foreign Government and Municipalities.

Table titled 'Quotations for Sundry Securities.' with columns: Standard Oil Stocks, Other Oil Stocks, Tobacco Stocks, Rubber Stocks, Sugar Stocks, Industrial & Miscellaneous. Includes various company names and their market prices.

* Odd lots. * No par value. † Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. ‡ New stock. § When issued. ¶ E. = dividend. † Ex-rights. ‡ Ex-stock dividend. x Dollars per 1,000 lire. flat. † Dollars per 1,000 marks. ‡ Marks. & Correction.

* Par share. † Basis. ‡ Purchase. § 100 days accrued dividend. ¶ New stock. † Flat price. ‡ Last sale. nNominal. x Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Ex-stock div.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

The following table shows the gross earnings of various STEAM roads 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 Jan. 1 to and including the latest week or month. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week of Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows list various railroads such as Akron Young & Y., Alabama & Vicksb., Am Arbor, etc.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %). Rows show weekly and monthly aggregates for various periods.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of June. The table covers 18 roads and shows 1.81% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Second Week of June, 1922, 1921, Increase, Decrease. Lists 18 railroad companies and their earnings for the second week of June 1922 and 1921, along with percentage changes.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroad and industrial companies reported this week:

Table with 6 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, 1922, 1921. Lists monthly earnings for various railroad and industrial companies.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Large table with 6 columns: Companies, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Current Year, Previous Year, Current Year, Previous Year. Lists earnings for various electric and public utility companies.

Table with 4 columns: Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Fixed Charges, Balance, Surplus. Lists earnings for Philadelphia & Western, Pine Bluff Co, United Gas & Electric Corp, Yachin River Power, etc.

b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. z After allowing for other income received.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies published since and including reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Bold-faced figures indicate reports published at length.

Table with 3 columns: Steam Roads, Industrial Companies (Concl.), Page. Lists various companies and their report pages.

Reading Company.

(24th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Agnew T. Dice, Phila. May 24, reports in substance: Results.—The income for year ended Dec. 31 1921 shows Receipts, \$16,028,040 (1920 \$16,066,533); expenses, \$144,051 (1920 \$125,883); interest, taxes, &c., \$6,337,354 (1920 \$6,218,602); surplus for year, \$9,546,635 (1920 \$9,721,743).

The accumulated surplus on Dec. 31 1921 was \$33,996,983. Deduct: (a) Dividends paid during the year 1921, \$8,400,000, viz.: 1st Pref. stock (\$2), \$1,120,000; 2d Pref. stock (4%), \$1,680,000; Common stock (8%), \$5,600,000; (b) Gen'l Mtge. sinking fund, \$584,868; (c) miscellaneous adjustments, \$206,510. Balance was \$24,805,604, and total surplus Dec. 31 1921 \$34,552,239.

The directors have arranged for the following dividend payments from the above surplus: (a) 4% or \$1,200,000 on the 1st Pref. stock, payable Q-M, in 1921. (b) On the 2d Pref. stock, a quarterly div. of 1% was declared, payable Jan. 12 1922, and the sum of \$1,260,000 was set apart to make provision for the remaining quarterly dividends upon that stock in 1921. (c) On the Common stock, a quarterly dividend of 2% was declared, payable Feb. 9 1922 (and the same amount was paid on Jan. 13 1921 of the div. of 1% upon 2d Pref. stock, company paid to the trustees of its General Mtge. \$584,868, being the amount required for the sinking fund, which represented 5 cents per ton on all anthracite coal mined during the calendar year 1920 from lands owned and controlled by Phila. & Reading Coal & Iron Co. and pledged under the Gen. Mtge. This sum of \$584,868 was also paid out of surplus earnings and was applied by the trustee to the purchase and cancellation of \$725,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds.

Equipment.—During the past year the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. to whom practically all of this equipment was leased, performed all its obligations in respect to the maintenance and replacement of the equipment, on the basis of tractive power, carrying capacity or gross registered tonnage, as provided in the several leases from the Reading Co.

The balance of 5 switching locomotives, 5 Pacific type locomotives and 25 consolidation type locomotives, constructed under Reading Co. Equipment Trust Series "H," dated Sept. 1 1920, have been delivered and are now in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry.

the Philadelphia & Reading Ry. and the usual rental therefor has been set aside pending the final settlement.

Funded Debt.—Funded debt was decreased \$764,630 during the year, as follows: Mortgages and ground rents on real estate canceled, \$39,630; Gen. Mtge. bonds canceled through sinking fund, \$725,000.

Of the authorized issue of \$135,000,000 Gen. Mtge. bonds, a total of \$106,174,000 were issued to Dec. 31 1921. The bonds outstanding were reduced, however, by the \$10,919,000 bonds heretofore purchased and canceled through the operation of the Gen. Mtge. sinking fund, leaving outstanding \$95,255,000. The amount of the Gen. Mtge. bonds owned by Reading Co. Dec. 31 1921 amounted to \$2,361,000.

Reading Iron Co.—The balance sheet of the Reading Iron Co. on Dec. 31 1921 showed assets of the value of \$22,117,226, while the current liabilities amounted to \$2,718,405. Company has no funded debt.

Equity Proceedings by the U. S. Government.—In compliance with the decree on mandate of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, entered Oct. 8 1920, the directors on Feb. 14 1921 filed in the District Court at Philadelphia a plan for the segregation of the properties in accordance with the opinion of the U. S. Supreme Court rendered April 26 1920 (V. 112, p. 745). Argument on this plan was had before the District Court on May 2 1921, when Reading Co. was granted leave to file a modified plan eliminating the payment which it had proposed to make to the General Mortgage bondholders in consideration of certain releases.

A modified plan was thereupon filed in the District Court on May 12 1921 (V. 112, p. 2084), which was approved by the Court in an opinion handed down on May 31 1921 (V. 112, p. 2306). On June 6 1921 a decree was entered by the District Court making the modified plan effective (V. 112, p. 2538).

On June 11 1921 the District Court appointed Newton H. Fairbanks of Springfield, Ohio, and Joseph B. McCall of Philadelphia, as trustees of the stock of Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., and G. S. W. Packard of Philadelphia and R. E. McCarty of Pittsburgh, Pa., as trustees of the Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey stock owned by Reading Co. (V. 112, p. 2643).

On June 16 1921 the Continental Insurance Co. and the Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. of New York, holders of Common stock of Reading Co., filed an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court from the decree of the District Court entered June 6 1921, contesting the right of the Preferred stockholders to participate in any distribution of "riches" under the modified plan of segregation (V. 112, p. 2643). This appeal was later followed by appeals from the so-called Prosser committee, representing Common stockholders, the Iselin committee, representing the Preferred stockholders, and others (V. 113, p. 629). These appeals, which were allowed by the District Court were heard by the U. S. Supreme Court in Jan. 1922. In an opinion handed down in June 1922 the original dissolution decree was modified by the U. S. Supreme Court. Compare V. 114, p. 2431.

The income account was published in V. 114, p. 2574.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1921 and 1920. Assets include Locomotives, Sea tugs, Real estate, Leased equipment, Ferryboats, etc. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1921 and 1920. Assets include Property, Impts. on leased, Deposits in lieu, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Funded debt, etc.

Fonda Johnstown & Gloverville RR.

(51st Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

President J. Ledlie Hees says in substance:

Results.—Gross revenues for the year were \$1,355,659 and while showing a decrease of \$75,903, compared with the previous year, exceeded all prior years except 1920. Operating expenses amounted to \$865,245 and were \$55,635 less than the previous year. Taxes continued to show an increase and amounted to \$71,065. The increase was \$17,168 or 32% over previous year. Miscellaneous operating income (Sacaudaga) and non-operating income both showed increases for the year, aggregating \$17,802. The net income, after depreciation reserves and fixed charges, amounted to \$101,122, a decrease, compared with 1921 of only \$10,454. These results were gratifying considering the general business depression during the year. The company's operating payroll, included in operating expenses, amounted to \$617,227, or 45% of gross revenue, a decrease of \$45,307.

Operating Expenses.—Capital expenditures for the year have been confined to paving in cities, required by statute, and to the improvement of existing property, primarily for increasing efficiency and economy of operation. There were charged to investment, road and equipment expenditures for additions and betterment a total of \$40,644. One-Man Cars.—On the electric division, operation of "one-man cars" was started on the Amsterdam "Local" line Aug. 1 1921 and the "Belt" line in Gloverville Oct. 1. These cars have also been operated on the Johnstown and Gloverville "Local" line since Nov. 1921. Their operation will reduce expenses approximately \$25,000 per annum.

Funded Debt, etc.—During the year \$11,000 Cayadutta Electric RR. 1st Mtge. bonds were retired with funds received from sale of real estate, not used in operation of road. No securities have been issued since 1911 and all additions to property since then amounting to \$471,039, are subject to capitalization and have been financed from surplus earnings.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Miles operated, Operating Revenue, Freight revenue, Passenger, steam division, Passenger, elec. division, Mail, express, &c., etc.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Total operating rev., Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way and struc., Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Power, Transportation, General expenses, etc.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Total op. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Ry. tax accruals, Railway op. income, Miscellaneous income, Non-operating income, etc.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Gross income, Deductions, Divs. on Pref. stock, Balance to profit & loss, GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31, Assets, Liabilities, etc.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Total assets and liabilities, with total of 10,994,116 for both years.

Ann Arbor Railroad.

(36th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Newman Erb, April 1, reports in substance: Settlement with U. S. Government.—The accounts between the Federal RR. Administration and company, as well as those with the U. S. C. Commission covering the guarantee period, were adjusted in Feb. 1922. When property was returned by the Director-General, at the end of the period of Federal control, only a small percentage of our freight cars were on our own rails. With the end of the calendar year most of this equipment had been returned undermaintained because these cars were widely scattered and only light running repairs sufficient to keep this equipment in operation had been made. In the settlement made with the Director-General partial allowance for this undermaintenance was made, as well as some allowances for many other items resulting in a credit, which, with the results of operation for the year, increased the total corporate surplus from \$1,722,667 to \$2,505,089, or an increase of \$782,422.

Government Loans.—On Feb. 1 last two loans were made through the U. S. C. Commission, one for \$400,000, payable in quarterly installments of \$20,000 each, running for a period of 5 years, and the other for \$250,000, to reimburse the company for additions and betterments already made and to be made, which loans bear 6% int., and are due 5 years after date. It is intended to ask the Commission to refund the various obligations to the Government (amounting to \$1,927,800) for a period of 15 years from the date of termination of Federal control.

The 2-Year 6% Gold notes, due May last, were retired. The loan of \$150,000 made by the War Finance Corp. to the company in 1919 was reduced to \$50,000.

Additions & Betterments.—There was charged to depreciation account during the year \$102,032, and additions and betterments were paid for from operating income amounting to \$235,345.

Ref. & Est. Bonds.—At the close of 1920 company had outstanding and under hypothecation with the U. S. RR. Administration, and as collateral to the 2-Year 6% Gold notes, the entire \$2,500,000 outstanding issue of

Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co.

(24th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Agnew T. Dice, Phila. May 24, reports in substance:

Additions and Betterments.—The sum of \$3,084,585 (of which \$3,055,961 was charged to income) was expended by the company during 1921 in additions and betterments to its property, as compared with \$2,718,047 in the previous year, an increase of \$366,537.

During the year ended Dec. 31 1920 improvements on leased railway property was charged and profit and loss was credited with \$2,542,345, representing expenditures made by this company to equipment leased from Reading Co. during a period of years prior to June 30 1917. These charges had been absorbed in operating expenses and were added to capital investment.

During 1921 Reading Co. assumed this charge as the owner of the equipment upon which these betterments were made and the charge to the capital account of this company was eliminated. By order of the U. S. C. Commission, the credit to profit and loss in 1920 was transferred to operating expenses in 1921, the cancellation of this credit appearing as miscellaneous adjustments in the determination of accumulated surplus.

Equipment.—The rolling stock and floating equipment leased from Reading Co. in service on Dec. 31 1921 was as follows: Total rolling equipment, 40,817 (against 42,282 in 1920); total floating equipment, 129 (against 134 in 1920).

Funded Debt.—The funded indebtedness was decreased \$151,398 during 1921, as follows: Mortgages and ground rents on real estate canceled, \$1,308; City of Philadelphia subway loan bonds canceled, \$150,000. The entire \$2,782,000 Subway Mortgage bonds of 1907-1937 issued by the company to Dec. 31 1921 are in its treasury.

Settlements Account Federal Control and Guaranty Periods.—Settlements with the U. S. RR. Administration and with the U. S. Government for the period of Federal control ended Mar. 1 1920 and the guaranty period ended Sept. 1 1920 had not been effected at the close of 1921. (The Commission early in June issued a final certificate stating the amount necessary to make good this company's guarantee for the six months of 1920 at \$9,509,080, of which \$1,656,060 was still to be paid.—Ed.)

Valuation.—The physical valuation by the U. S. C. Commission was continued during 1921 at a cost to the company of \$120,633. The total expenditure incurred by the company on account of the Federal valuation was \$544,606 to Dec. 31 1921. These expenditures have been included in operating expenses.

The usual comparative income account was published in V. 114, p. 2575.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Mileage, Merchandise carried, Anthracite coal (revenue), Bituminous coal (rev.), Total tons all freight, All freight 1 mile (0000), Av. rev. per ton per mile, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, etc.

5% Ref. & Ext. Mtge. bonds. With the retirement of the notes referred to and release of the collateral thereto, the company retired and cancelled \$500,000 bonds, reducing the issue to \$2,000,000, of which amount \$1,705,000 are in the treasury and \$1,705,000 held as collateral for by the U. S. Government, and \$100,000 by the War Finance Corp. It is intended to retire the latter loan during 1922 whereby the bonds held as collateral thereto will be returned to the Treasury.

Contract with Pennsylvania RR.—A contract has been negotiated with the Pennsylvania RR. for the use of one of Ann Arbor's main tracks extending from a connection with the tracks of Penn. Co. at Toledo, to Alexis, 4.37 miles, and the construction of an additional track for joint use which it is believed will be of material benefit to both companies; the funds for such construction estimated to cost \$500,000 are to be provided for by the Penn. Co., and beginning with 1923 it is estimated that approximately one-third of the fixed interest charges of the company will be derived from trackage and terminal rentals from the several companies using company's facilities.

Outlook for Dies. on Prof. Stock.—The board believes that the company's financial condition and the development of its business justify the payment of dividends at least on its Prof. Stock, from surplus income to be inaugurated at an early date, and for the purpose of stabilizing such payments, and to guard against unforeseen eventualities, \$100,000 1st Mtge. 4% bonds have been purchased in the open market to be used as a guarantee fund for that purpose.

Valuation.—Federal valuation, so far as the same has been completed, concedes a value as of June 30 1915 with the value of the additions and betterments since made of an amount approximating the capitalization of the company. Differences with respect to land values and other items aggregating approximately \$5,000,000 have been protested by company and it is believed that on a hearing soon to be had by the Valuation Board the value thus far established will be substantially increased.

OPERATING STATISTICS.

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917), Miles operated, Passengers carried, Rate per pass. per mile, Tons carried, etc.

The comparative income account was given in V. 114, p. 2710.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Assets: Inv. in road equip., Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Advances, Cash, Other investment, Special deposits, Traffic & car serv., balances reconv., Agts. & cond., bal., Misc. accts. receiv., Material & supp., Other curr. assets, Work. fund adv., U. S. Govt. def'd assets, Rents & ins. prem., prepaid, Other unadj. debits. Liabilities: Capital stock, Government grants, Long term debt, Oblig. to U.S. Gov., Traffic & car serv., balances pay'le, Audited accts and wages payable, Misc. accts pay'le, Int. mat'd unpaid, Funded debt, mat'd unpaid, Unmat. def. acer'd, U.S. Govt. def. llab., Other def'd liabil., Taxable debt, Acer. depr., equip., Other unadj. equip., Adds to property thro. inc. & surp., Profit & loss, cr. bal.

Total 29,757,003 22,325,500

-V. 114, p. 2710, 1761, 1531, 1061.

British Empire Steel Corporation, Ltd.

(Report and Statement—April 16 to Dec. 31 1921.)

The remarks of Pres. R. M. Wolvin, together with the consolidated statement of profit and loss for the 8½ months ending Dec. 31 1921 and the consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1921, will be found under "Reports and Documents," on a subsequent page of this issue.—V. 114, p. 2237, 1894.

Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. E. L. Doheny, June 1, wrote in substance:

Holdings in Mexican Petroleum Co.—Company's holdings of stock of Mexican Petroleum Co. now represent 73.4% of the total outstanding stock of that company, as compared with 71% held at the beginning of the year. Notwithstanding the false reports spread during last summer, we have neither sold nor loaned any of the Mexican Petroleum Co. stock; on the contrary, there was acquired an additional 17,400 shares of that company's Common Stock.

Tonnage.—The total dead weight tonnage of the vessels which make up the fleet of tank steamers engaged in the transportation of petroleum for our subsidiaries in Mexico and elsewhere amounts to 402,376 tons.

Earnings.—Earnings for 1921 amounted to \$18,162,613, after making provision for depreciation, depletion, taxes and all other deductions allowed by law, as compared with \$12,987,753 earned in 1920, and as compared with \$6,591,422 for 1919; an increase of 40% over that for 1920, and an increase of 175% over the earnings of 1919.

The increase in earnings for 1921 over those for previous years is principally accounted for by the greater earnings from steamship operations, and the increased earnings of the Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., and its other controlled companies. This is augmented by the greater proportion of the profit of the Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., which accrues to our company by reason of its increased holdings in said company.

Net profit for the year is equivalent to \$12.94 per share, or nearly 26% on the entire capital stock outstanding.

Dividends & Taxes.—During the year 1921 dividends paid in cash amounted to \$8,420,000, being 12% upon the outstanding capital stock.

Taxes paid during, and accrued in respect of the year 1921, including this company's proportion of the taxes paid by its controlled companies, amounted to a total of approximately \$5,200,000, which is equal to \$5.84 per share (11 7/10%) on the average outstanding capital stock.

California Oil Properties.—In respect of our California oil properties, the operating profit derived from the operations thereof amounted to approximately the same in 1921 as they did in 1920. During the year, however, over \$3,000,000 was expended in the acquisition and development of new properties. On Dec. 31 1921 our California company held in fee, or under lease, in California, Oklahoma and Louisiana approximately 31,000 acres of land, over 25,000 of which is situated in California.

The prospects for production from these fields makes the Pan American Petroleum Co. rank as the fourth in importance among the oil companies in that State. The present year promises to be the banner year in both production and earnings for the Pan American Petroleum Co. of California.

Caltoric Co.—The Caltoric Co., whose business is entirely confined to South America, has not been as prosperous during the year 1921 as during 1920, because of the depression in business and the lower prices obtaining. Its profits for 1921 were \$146,000, after deducting depreciation and United States taxes, as compared with a net profit for 1920 of \$470,000.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

(No Figures Available for 1919.)

Table with 5 columns: 1921, 1920, 1918(etc.), 1917, 1916. Profit from operation, Deduct—Interest, &c., Depreciation, &c., Federal taxes, &c., Net income, Other income, Total income, Bond & miscel. interest, Inc. & exc. prof. taxes, Prof. divs. (7%) approx., Com. divs., approx., Com. Cl. B divs. (12%) approximate, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Investment adj.—Cr., Stock dividend, Profit & loss surplus, z Approximation inserted by Editor.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1921, 1920, 1921, 1920. Assets: x Properties, Investments, Mex. Pet. Co. of Del., Other companies, Bankers Mex. Petroleum Co., Notes receivable, Divs. receivable, Insur. claims, Liberty bonds, Cash, Inventories, Deferred chgs., Total. Liabilities: Common stock, Common stock B, Marine equip't bonds, Accts. payable, Purchase money obligations, Divs. payable, Res. for taxes, Surplus, Total.

Total 111,212,807 103,121,634. Total 111,212,807 103,121,634. x Properties shown in table, after deducting depreciation of \$7,109,286 in 1921 included as of Dec. 31 1921, steamships in commission, \$38,017,280; oil lands and development, \$10,831,785.

y Auth. capital stock: Common, 1,100,000 shares of \$50 each, \$55,000,000; Common Class B, 1,400,000 shares of \$50 each, \$70,000,000; Preferred 7% cumulative, 250,000 shares of \$100 each, \$25,000,000.

Note.—Investments for 1921 include: (a) Mexican Petroleum Co. of Del. \$9,035,000 preferred par value, and \$31,461,000 common par value; (b) Caltoric Co., \$225,472 preferred par and \$619,928 common par; (c) British Mex. Petroleum Co. capital stock \$750,000 or \$2,923,870; (d) Bankers & Shippers Insurance Co. (\$100,000) capital stock, \$250,000.

The 15-year 8% sink fund convert. gold bonds of Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., of Del., of which \$9,500,000 were outstanding Dec. 31 1921 (V. 112, p. 1746) are guaranteed by Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.—V. 113, p. 2077.

Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd., of Delaware.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. E. L. Doheny, New York June 1, says in substance:

Earnings.—The volume of business done during 1921 was approximately the same as during 1920, nevertheless the profits from operations were \$22,449,427 for 1921 as compared with \$15,469,735 for 1920. The difference in these amounts is accounted for largely in the following manner: In 1920 a great many companies, the majority of which company purchased considerable quantities, thus increasing to itself the cost of the oil handled, while at the same time conserving its own underground supply. As a result of the intensive campaign of development carried on in 1920-21 and still continuing, when the production from the Amatlan and other fields waned as a result of partial exhaustion, company was in a position to, and did supply its oil requirements from its own wells—the result was a substantial saving.

Likewise the expiration of some low-priced contracts of former years made the average prices obtained in 1921 somewhat higher than those obtained in 1920, hence the increased profits, notwithstanding the facts that the taxes paid to the Mexican Government were heavier during 1921 and that the earning power of the company was handicapped by a two months' shutdown in July and August.

Quick Assets & Cash Position.—Current assets are \$26,410,395 as compared with current liabilities of \$10,369,898. Accounts receivable and cash-on-hand amount to over \$17,000,000 as compared with the accounts payable to outsiders plus dividends payable to stockholders of \$6,800,000. The cash, and cash equivalent, is equal to the sum of the entire bond indebtedness, plus the accounts and dividends payable—in other words strengthened each month so that its cash-on-hand is now sufficient to enable it to call, whenever it desires, all of its outstanding bond obligations on the terms provided in the bond indentures.

Dividends & Taxes.—After deducting from the profits on operations the amount of the interest and amortization charges, depreciation and depletion, the provision for income and other taxes, the net profit for the year is \$12,540,884. There was paid in dividends \$6,199,550, being the \$8 per share on the Preferred stock, and \$12 per share on all of the outstanding Common stock.

During the year the taxes paid to the Mexican Government amounted to \$6,700,000, representing over \$15 per share on the outstanding Common stock. The amount set aside to provide for taxes payable to the U. S. Govt. is the equivalent of nearly \$7 per share on the outstanding Common stock. Thus it will be observed that the taxes paid to the U. S. and Mexico is equivalent to \$22 per share of Common stock outstanding, whereas \$12 per share was distributed to stockholders as dividends.

Expenditures.—During the year, approximately \$13,500,000 has been expended on capital improvements in Mexico, the United States, South America and elsewhere, \$8,770,000 having been expended in Mexico. Of the aggregate expenditures, \$2,924,000 was on new pipe line construction, \$1,750,000 on oil well development, \$2,125,000 on refinery extensions, \$3,625,000 on storage stations, &c., in the United States, South America and elsewhere, \$750,000 on lands, &c., and \$2,326,000 on buildings, storage facilities, movable equipment, &c.

Cerro Azul-Totecoc Pool.—In addition to the large amount of oil which has been and which will yet be delivered from the Cerro Azul-Totecoc pool, there has been developed by the wells already drilled by company an area which is at least ten times as great and no doubt will be at least ten times as productive as the Cerro Azul-Totecoc pool. This may seem incredible, but it is a true reiteration of opinions that we have expressed in your annual reports during the past 16 years.

American Production.—The statistics show that the production of Mexico in 1920 was 163,540,000 bbls.; in 1921, notwithstanding the predictions of the salt water experts, this amount was increased to 193,397,587 and in the first five months of the present year it has averaged at the annual rate of 214,000,000 bbls.

Pipe Lines, Refining, &c.—The capacity of our pipe lines from the fields to Tampico, completed in Nov. 1921, is approximately 130,000 bbls. per day. The capacity of our refinery at Tampico, completed in Dec. 1921, is 130,000 bbls. of crude petroleum, which yields 756,000 gals. of gasoline and 140,000 bbls. of fuel oil daily. The capacity of some of our new wells can only be estimated because there has not yet been provided at each well facilities for measuring, but that the potential yield of your present wells is from 500,000 to 800,000 bbls. per day, there can be no question.

During the last quarter of 1921 the actual production or takings from our companies' wells amounted to over 200,000 bbls. daily, and during the first quarter of this year the takings continued at the same rate. During the six months from Oct. 1921 to April 1922 the amount of oil taken from our wells was approximately 100,000 bbls. per day more than our pipe line capacity, the excess being sold and delivered to various companies. This large production, which was made possible by the completion of our pipe

lines and the outside deliveries, is more than was ever before produced by any oil company in an equal period of time, amounting to over 45,000,000 bbls. of oil in 7 months. The wells already drilled make it possible to continue the desired rate of production for an indefinite length of time, not to be measured or even approximated by any accepted means of determination.

Combined Taxes Paid Mex. Govt. on Co.'s Imports, Exports & Production 1921.

Production taxes paid by Huasteca Petroleum Co.	\$5,510,000
export taxes paid by Huasteca Petroleum Co.	\$1,297,000
Production tax paid by other cos. on oils produced by & sold to them by the Huasteca Petroleum Co.	\$1,495,000
export taxes paid by other cos. on oils produced by & sold to them by the Huasteca Petroleum Co.	\$585,000
Additional taxes paid by Huasteca Petroleum & Mexican Petroleum Cos.: (1) Bar dues, \$159,000; (2) Port charges, \$402,000; (3) Import taxes, \$418,500; (4) Stamp taxes, \$67,000	2,080,000
Total taxes paid & accruing to Mexico by reason of Mexican Petroleum Co.'s subsidiaries production & commerce, 1921	\$9,933,500

In addition, company paid in Mexico in 1921, in wages, operations, permanent investment, &c. 16,984,000 U. S. Govt. Taxes—Estimates of company's revenue payable to the U. S. Govt. for 1921 are approximately \$3,900,000.

Outlook—As last year was the period of greatest activity in drilling ever carried on by oil companies, so this year promises to be the year of greatest production of oil, and of greatest net earnings, and again we feel safe in assuring you of the wisdom of your investments and continuing and increasing prosperity of our companies.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1917.
Gross earnings	—	\$619,181	—	—
Oper. exp., deprec., &c.	See below	See below	12,482,203	11,906,309
Mexican Govt. taxes	See text	a	1,917,512	—
Net earnings	\$22,449,427	\$15,469,733	\$11,920,801	\$6,215,480
Other income	—	—	225,481	—
Total net income	\$22,449,427	\$15,469,733	\$12,146,282	\$6,215,480
Bond interest	—	—	125,668	608,460
Amortization	647,966	190,839	260,293	60,877
Bond discount & expense	—	—	—	—
Depreciation	6,260,776	3,006,246	—	—
Balance	\$15,540,685	\$11,672,648	\$11,699,444	\$5,607,020
Inc. & excess profit taxes	3,000,000	1,898,750	5,000,000	621,000
Balance	\$12,540,685	\$9,773,898	\$6,699,444	\$4,986,020
Preferred dividends (3%)	960,000	960,000	960,000	960,000
Common dividends (12%)	5,239,950	3,881,939	3,168,008	3,180,263
Balance, surplus	\$6,340,734	def.\$4,010	def.\$4,010	\$2,845,757
Tot. sur. end prev. year	\$18,810,787	\$3,814,827	\$18,426,639	\$17,308,868
Adjustments, deprec'n & operating expenses	—	—	4,531,182	1,727,986
Balance	\$25,151,521	\$3,810,787	\$16,466,893	\$18,426,639
Inv. in prop. & wkg. cap.	—	15,000,000	15,000,000	—
Profit & loss sur. Dec. 31	\$25,151,521	\$18,810,787	\$1,466,893	\$18,426,639

a Taxes to the amount of \$5,744,000 were paid to the Mexican Govt. in 1920. b No report was issued for 1919, but the bond offering in V. 112, p. 1746, shows that the total net income for that year was \$8,210,372, contrasting with \$11,860,487 in 1920 and \$11,920,801 in 1918, and net after interest and Federal taxes was \$6,080,440, as against \$9,773,899 in 1920 and \$6,699,445 in 1918. x Dividends for 1920 were paid in cash, \$4,735,299, and \$4,082,640 in Common stock.
Note.—No figures available for 1919.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

1921.		1920.		Liabilities—		
\$	\$	\$	\$	1921.	1920.	
Assets—		Oil lands & leases, wells, &c.	70,277,371	65,978,597	M. P. Co. (Del.):	
Inv. in B. M. Petr. Co.	2,923,870				Common stock	43,165,700
Miscell. investm'ts	140,000				Preferred stock	12,000,000
Cash	5,148,695	2,570,988			M. P. Co. (Cal.) stck.	69,261
Accts. receivable	11,901,281	10,893,957			Bonded & debent.	10,503,300
Oil stocks	5,597,037	2,885,007			Accounts payable	5,330,180
Materials & suppl.	3,763,378	3,903,618			Divs. pay. Jan. 1	1,534,806
Deferred charges	1,510,045	775,048			Reserve for taxes	3,514,932
					Profit and loss	25,151,521
Total	101,261,681	87,145,115			Total	101,261,681
	— V. 114, p. 744, 635.					87,145,115

The Davison Chemical Company.

(Annual Report for Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. C. Wilbur Miller, May 30, reports in substance:

Davison Chemical Co.—The many statements of companies engaged in manufacturing agricultural chemicals, showing enormous losses last year, make it unnecessary to explain why operations of this company were not more satisfactory. We feel very confident of our future position. Our surplus account is practically intact. Inventories and operating costs are back to normal.

The war left the country with over-productive capacity and this condition was made worse last year by the collapse of purchasing power, for even a normal production. The farmer planted about the most expensive crop ever put in and sold his harvest on one of the lowest priced markets for years. This year the planting cost is one of the lowest and the market for the crop to be produced will be on a basis considerably above normal. The farmer should be placed in a position where he has not been for two years and it will allow the paying of back bills and his return to normal or increased consumption. The future holds a much brighter picture. Our plant has been kept in the best condition and is ready for full production.

Davison Sulphur & Phosphate Co.—We found it necessary to close down the Cuban mine owing to the difficulty in getting the ore transported to the pier at Cienfuegos. A suit was brought in Cincinnati against the Cienfuegos, Palmira & Cruces Electric Ry. & Power Co. on an attachment of certain of their car equipment located there. A judgment has been given us against the railway company (see V. 114, p. 2364). A reorganization of this railway company is pending and when it is accomplished and the property completed, our Cuban mine should produce the results we have always hoped for. Our property is entirely completed and ready to produce at capacity when the ore can be moved.

Bonds—On March 1 1922 \$1,222,000 of the \$1,896,000 bonds outstanding were exchanged by the holders for stock of Davison Chemical Co., leaving the present total debt of this company, held by the public, \$774,000.

Silica Gel Corp.—In July 1921 this corporation was formed, assuming ownership and control of the property and patents heretofore held by Davison Chemical Co. as trustee. The stock was divided in proportion to ownership as recorded in the trustee agreement; namely, 49% to Davison Chemical Co. and 51% to the owners of the patents. This corporation has an authorized and issued capital of 600,000 shares of no-par value stock, 400,000 shares divided in the proportion mentioned above and 200,000 shares held in the treasury of the company.

Silica Gel is an indestructible material which, when in use, becomes a part of the equipment. It is not a product manufactured, sold and consumed. There are three types of apparatus which cover its many uses; one for cleaning liquids, one for gases and drying air, and one for refrigeration. Our first problem was to get the equipment giving the best results so that the savings effected would be the greatest and our royalties established on a fair basis. All of this takes time, but in the long run will be greatly to our advantage.

We started with an oil refining plant in Boston to develop the practical application for refining oils. This plant demonstrated everything we claimed for Silica Gel as a refining agent and its operation revealed the best method of application. The plant was built entirely by the Silica Gel Corp., was its own property and was used as a pilot plant. It was put

at a refinery instead of at our works simply because we had no other way of getting the raw material to work with. The information gained at this Boston plant was not only satisfactory to us but was most helpful in demonstrating the advantages of Silica Gel to the experts of every large oil company who visited it. We have recently built a commercial plant for absorption of gases and removing moisture from the air and it has been a signal success. Our first refrigerating machine has been completed and is operating splendidly. Improvements will follow as we get more practical experience with this operation, but its present success makes refrigeration one of our most interesting fields.

We are not selling an article which fluctuates in price with market conditions but we are dealing with contracts running 17 years, never to be changed, and our problem has been not to make contracts until the best results from Gel were obtained. In addition to refining gasoline, lubricating oil, benzol, &c., several times cheaper than the process now in use, a much better product is obtained.

The consolidated general balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1921 was given in V. 114, p. 2364.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross trading profits	\$440,971	\$1,818,784	Data not available.	\$904,994
Other income	89,990	167,238		135,459
Gross income	\$530,961	\$2,016,022	\$1,119,417	\$1,040,453
Administration expenses	253,540	286,333	185,107	217,832
Net profit	\$277,421	\$1,729,689	\$934,310	\$822,621
Interest and discount	845,072	230,592	149,611	127,882
Net income	def.\$68,251	\$1,509,096	\$784,699	\$694,739
Reserve for depreciation	\$167,338	\$206,211	\$204,697	\$185,304
Reserve for contingencies	51,853	196,040	105,025	125,311
Reserve for Fed. taxes	—	—	—	—
Rev. of stocks, Cuba	—	276,381	—	—
Cuban mine non-op. exp.	71,710	—	—	—
Depletion ore	31,408	—	—	—
Other deductions	21,380	7,854	93,149	48,963
Dividends (\$2)	—	400,000	—	—
Surplus	def.\$411,938	\$422,002	\$381,917	\$335,161

Durham Hosiery Mills and Affiliated Companies.

(Report for Period 15 Months Ending Dec. 31 1921.)

President C. McD. Carr, May 10, says in substance:

In keeping with present-day conditions, many operating economies have been effected, and plants are now being operated at minimum cost. Necessary repairs and replacements, however, have not been neglected, and all plants are in excellent physical condition. Every known dollar of loss from inventory shrinkage at all plants (including subsidiaries) has been written off; and as general conditions improve, the directors feel that the affairs of the company will show a general improvement.

Like most manufacturing concerns, your company has been through a trying period during the last two years, but through it all the high quality of Durable-Durham Hosiery has been maintained, and we have kept also our high standing with the trade. Business in all textiles is now more nearly approaching normal, however, than at any time in the past five years; and we look forward confidently to the future.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM SEPT. 30 1920 TO DEC. 31 1921

Balance, surplus, Sept. 30 1920	\$2,656,912
Deduct—Net deficit for periods after deducting all known losses, shrinkage in inventory values, &c.: (a) 3 mos. ended Dec. 31 1920, \$66,966; (b) year ended Dec. 31 1921, \$1,742,391; total	1,809,170
Dividends paid in cash on pref. stock; (1) quarter ended Dec. 31 1920, \$50,925; (2) year ended Dec. 31 1921, \$203,700; total	254,625
Dividends on Common "A" and Common "B" scrip	78,771
Discount on sale of Common "B" stock	124,288
Adjusting book value of investment in affiliated companies to agree with their net worth at Dec. 31 1921	216,851
Balance, surplus, Dec. 31 1921	\$173,289

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Dec. 31 '21.		Sept. 30 '20		Liabilities—		
\$	\$	\$	\$	Dec. 31 '21.	Sept. 30 '20	
Assets—		Real est., bldgs., less deprec'n	8,349,544	7,482,274	Preferred stock	2,910,000
Cash	638,151	855,662			Old pref. stk. called for retirement	15,000
Accounts receivable	1,117,521	809,599			Com. stk. Class "A"	1,250,000
Advts. inventories	1,859,501	5,058,920			Com. stk. Class "B"	3,750,000
U. S. securities	1,167	—			Notes payable	1,946,000
Cap. stk. other cos.	26,000	—			Accounts payable	61,287
Cash to retire old pref. stock	17,550	17,550			Accrued accounts	987
Notes rec. & bonds for sale of bldgs. and real estate	636,492	—			Deferred scrip div.—common stock	78,771
Sundry acct's rec.	22,231	21,095			Min'y Int., affil. cos	530,844
Deferred charges	47,959	142,893			Surplus	173,208
Total	10,716,098	14,389,193			Total	10,716,098
	— V. 114, p. 1657.					14,389,193

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.

(15th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

The Trustees, under date of St. Paul, May 31, wrote in substance:

Report.—The report of the Trustees is, as heretofore, in two divisions. The first division presents matters of the trust proper, that is, in the relation of the Trustees with the holders of their Certificates of beneficial interest.

The statements show the securities held by the Trustees, the receipts and disbursements of the trust proper for the year 1921, and the receipts and disbursements of the trust from its formation to Dec. 31 1921.

The second division covers the business of the proprietary companies, the shares of capital stock of which are held by the Trustees. Under this division, all business of a general character is conducted in the name of the Arthur Iron Mining Co., which company has been constituted, in all matters of finance and operation, the agent of each of the other proprietary companies, excepting that the Leonard Iron Mining Co. and the North Star Iron Co. of West Virginia have separate bank accounts.

Leases.—During 1921 the Jackson Iron Mining Co. leased to Orwell Iron Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, the S $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ -NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, all in Township 56 North, Range 24 West, Itasca County, Minn., now known as Orwell Mine.

A supplemental agreement was executed under date of July 15 1921 between the Arthur Iron Mining Co. and the Orwell Iron Co., for the purpose of changing the royalty rates on Dunwoody Mine ore from a dock-delivery basis to a mine-delivery basis so as to place this agreement on the same basis as all other leases.

Lease covering the Carmi Mine, which was being negotiated at the close of last year between the Taylor Iron Mining Co. and the Mead Iron Co. and referred to in the 1920 report, has not yet been executed, but is still under consideration, as exploratory operations have not yet been completed.

Under date Jan. 3 1921 the Grant Iron Mining Co. entered into an agreement covering its interest in the Leotonia Mine, giving the Leotonia Mining Co. additional time in which to remove the underground ore and increasing the royalty rate from 36c. to 45c. per ton.

The Harrison Mining Co., together with other fee owners and John A. Savage & Co. of Duluth, Minn., were, at the close of the year, negotiating a lease of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 56 North, Range 23 West, St. Louis County, Minn., which will probably be known as Draper Annex Mine.

[Signed, Louis W. Hill, James N. Hill, Edward T. Nichols, and Ralph Budd, Trustees.]

I. Developed Mines, Operated by Others, Showing (1) Whether Held on Feehold or Leasehold; (2) Shipments and Minimums; also Royalties Receivable by Trust.

Table with columns: Mine, Interest of Trust, Number of Gross Tons Shipped, Royalty to Trust, Minimum c1923, and 1922. Lists various mines like Mahoning, Utica, Leetonia, etc.

Grand Totals

Nos. 1 to 43 Operating Interests.—(1) Mahoning Ore & Steel Co.; (2) Crete Mining Co.; (3) Leetonia Mining Co.; (4) Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.; (5) McKinnon Steel Co.; (6-8) McKinley Steel Co.; (9-12) Donora Mining Co.; (13-15) Steel Corporation; (16-18) Hanna Ore Mining Co.; (19) Mead Iron Co.; (20-22) Hanna Ore Mining Co.; (23) Dean Iron Co.; (24-26) International Harvester Co.; (27-31) Mesaba Cliffs Iron Mining Co.; (32-35) Inter-State Iron Co.; (36) Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co.; (37-41) Mesaba Cliffs Iron Mining Co.; (42) International Harvester Co.; (43) disposition of interest in this mine was explained in report for 1919; (44) Idle (not now under lease).

Total shipments and royalty rates are shown in this table, the proportions of the trustee held as indicated where their interest is less than the whole. (a) Lease to Butler Brothers provides for exhaustion of mine before June 30 1931. (b) Includes both feeholds and leaseholds. (c) Minimum shipments for year 1922 called for by lease of property to others.

II. TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with columns: Receipts from, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Lists items like Leonard Iron Mining Co., North Star Iron Co., Arthur Iron Mining Co., etc.

III. PROPRIETARY COMPANIES—RESULTS OF MINING, &C., OPERATIONS.

[Part of the disbursements are in the nature of investments. See footnotes.]

Table with columns: Revenues from, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Lists items like 'Old Leases', Arthur Iron Co., 'New Leases', etc.

(b) These items are in the nature of investments; some of the amounts have already been greatly reduced by collections. (c) Represent balances owing from lessees as reimbursement of amounts principally reported as mine expenditures in previous years. (d) Credit for payments of this character to the State of Minnesota expires with the year for which made.

IV. SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS—"OLD LEASES" AND ARTHUR MIN. CO.

Table with columns: (1) Under 'Old Leases', (2) Great West, (3) Arthur M. Co. Tons Shipped, Royalty, Revenue, Tons Shipped, Royalty, Net Inc. Lists years 1907-1921.

Note.—The "old leases" cover the Mahoning, Utica, Leetonia (1/2), Stevenson and Sweeney (1/2) mines (owned in fee by the controlled companies above named, along with the other fee holds), and were made prior to March 1 1912. They are held by the several companies above mentioned. The "new leases" have been made to various interests (see above) in and since 1913. The "shipments" here excludes the proportions belonging to outside interests.—Ed.

On account of leasing its operating properties, mining operations by the Arthur Iron Mining Co., ceased as of June 30 1917, and all ore in stock piles has been disposed of.

V. SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS UNDER "NEW LEASES."

Table with columns: Shipments, Total Royalty, Mines Included. Lists years 1915-1921 and various mines like Dean and Mace No. 1, Harrison, North, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(Trustees Great Northern Iron Ore Properties and their interests in proprietary cos.)

Table with columns: Assets, 1921, 1920. Lists items like Mineral and non-mineral lands and leases, Automobiles, furniture, office building, etc.

Pierce Oil Corporation.

(8th Annual Report Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. Clay Arthur Pierce, June 1, says in substance:

Contracts Prove Unprofitable.—August to Nov. 1920, incl., corporation made contracts to sell its products consisting principally of fuel oil having a total value of approximately \$7,000,000 at very profitable prices, for deliveries over the following several months, and to make delivery under these contracts, it increased its purchases of crude oil at the then prevailing high prices and the output of its refineries during the last quarter of 1920. Due to the extraordinary declines in values, which began in Nov. 1920, and continued with increasing severity through the first 3 months of 1921, customers took delivery of only approximately \$3,000,000 value of these sales and their failure to take approximately \$4,000,000 value of these sales left the corporation with a corresponding increase in its inventories at the close of the year. This surplus inventory, together with the normal inventories on hand Dec. 31 1920, were produced with high-cost materials and labor, and consequently corporation, like practically all others, was forced to dispose of high-cost inventories during the year 1921 at constantly falling prices and in the face of a decreasing demand. Loss for Year \$5,535,659.—Notwithstanding these most unfavorable conditions, the corporation succeeded in conducting its business during the year at an operating profit of \$1,093,696. It suffered inventory losses over which it had no control (due completely to shrinkage in market values) of \$3,946,843. It wrote off for depletion and depreciation, \$1,702,667. It established various reserves for accounts receivable, insurance premiums and adjustments, amounting to \$705,786. Its interest charges were \$385,710. Leaving a loss, after all charges, of \$5,535,659. Bond Issue.—Owing to inventory losses the corporation suffered through 1921 from shortage of working capital. Conditions were not favorable to adequate financing, but partial financing was done in Dec. 1921 through the sale of \$2,000,000 10-year 8% Debenture bonds (V. 113, p. 2511). Inventory.—Inventory losses were completely written off by the close of 1921 so that the corporation entered the year 1922 on a basis that should permit of good results, and the accomplishment of satisfactory financing to provide the necessary working capital to insure maximum production sales and profits, and a more intensive development of the corporation's valuable oil leases. Drilling Operations.—During 1921 conditions obliged the corporation to materially curtail its oil drilling operations, but the drilling done was successful. During the early part of the year it drilled 10 wells on its United States leases—9 of which were producers. In Mexico the corporation drilled 2 wells, both of which were producers, the first was brought in on May 20 on Lot 189 in the Amatlan Field, at 80,000 bbls. per day, and the second on Aug. 25 on Lot 224, in the same field, at 30,000 bbls. per day, both produced high-grade 19-21 Baums gravity oil. The impossibility of quickly obtaining transportation facilities prevented exploiting the production of the 80,000 bbl. well until Aug. 25, but between

that date and Nov.—when water encroached in this field and greatly reduced production from these wells—a substantial amount of crude was taken from them, 567,759 bbls. being taken to Dec. 31 1921. The two wells are still producing a moderate amount of clean oil.

Acres Acquired.—During the year corporation acquired 1,854 oil acres as follows: In the United States, 759 acres, in Mexico, 1,095 acres.

ACREAGE JAN. 1 1922, HELD UNDER LEASE AND OWNED IN FEE.

Table with columns: In the United States, In Mexico, Developed, Underdeveloped, Total. Includes acreage for 1921 and 1920.

Dividends.—Because of adverse conditions of practically all business the directors deemed it advisable to defer the Pref. dividend for the fourth quarter of 1921. A Pref. div. was paid on Feb. 1 1922.

COMBINED INCOME & PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR CAL. YEARS.

Income and Profit & Loss Account table for 1921, 1920, and 1919. Includes Gross Income, General Expenses, Trading Profits, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet table for 1921 and 1920. Includes Assets (Cash, Receivables, etc.) and Liabilities (Common Stock, etc.).

Total 52,895,416 58,748,984. Includes capital stock and advances to Mexican Fuel Co. and Midwest Producing Co.

The claim of Mr. H. C. Pierce for \$345,817 and 108,000 shares of Common stock referred to in balance sheet of April 30 1919 has not yet been adjusted.

Craddock-Terry Company, Lynchburg, Va.

(Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

President John W. Craddock reports in substance:

Business.—Now operates one wholesale house and 3 factories in Lynchburg, one wholesale house and 3 factories in St. Louis, Mo., and one factory at Louisiana, Mo., and the business recently acquired of the Harsh & Chapline Shoe Co., Milwaukee, Wis., consisting of tannery, shoe factory and wholesale distributing house.

Accounts Receivable.—All developed losses have been charged off and liberal reductions made from receivables for doubtful accounts, and in addition, a substantial reserve is carried to cover possible future losses.

Operations.—Notwithstanding the generally adverse conditions prevailing the volume of business for 1921 in unit pairs was in excess of any previous year, which has enabled company to operate its factories at a constantly increasing production.

Acquisition.—During the year, company acquired the business of Harsh & Chapline Shoe Co. at Milwaukee, Wis. Company is enlarging its Milwaukee plant by the erection of an addition which will increase its output by about 30%.

Outlook.—The outlook for the ensuing year is encouraging, and promises most satisfactory results.

Operation and Distribution of Profits—Calendar Years.

Table showing Operation and Distribution of Profits for 1915 through 1921. Columns include Gross Income, Net Income, Dividends, etc.

x Includes for 1921 net sales, \$15,377,610, premium on Common, \$250,000 and income from other sources, \$120,333.

y Includes extra dividends paid in Common stocks as follows: For 1918, 20%; 1920, 25%; 1921, 25%, and for 1919, 10% paid in U. S. Liberty bonds.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Balance Sheet table for 1921 and 1920. Includes Assets (Cash, Receivables, etc.) and Liabilities (Common Stock, etc.).

Total 9,848,723 9,006,270. —V. 113, p. 2823.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

General Railroad and Electric Railway News.—The following table summarizes recent railroad and electric railway news of a more or less general character, full details concerning which are commonly published on preceding pages under the heading "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either in the week the matter becomes public or shortly thereafter.

- U. S. RR. Labor Board Orders \$26,500,000 Cut in Wages of Clerical and Station Forces.—Times June 17, p. 1.
Railroads Had Coal Supply for 75 Days on Hand June 1.—Times June 21, p. 2.
I-S-C Commission's Hearings on Railroad Consolidations' Progress.—Financial America June 22, p. 1.
Alternative Plan for Consolidation of Southeastern Roads Proposed by North Carolina and Mississippi.—Journal of Commerce June 21.
Southern Pacific Co. Cuts Cotton Freight Rates 10% July 1 Between Gulf and Atlantic Seaboard.—Evening Post June 22, p. 1.
President Harding Will Support U. S. RR. Labor Board Decisions in Event of Strike.—Evening Post June 21, p. 1.
Voting on Strike Is Slow but Favorable.—Times June 21, p. 8.
Association of Railway Executives to Consider New Express Contract.—Wall Street Journal June 20, p. 2.
I. R. T. Tie-Up Caused by Lack of Proper Coal Supplies Owing to Strike.—Times June 20, p. 1.
Wage Dispute on Berkshire Street Ry. (Mass.) to be Arbitrated.—Men demand 10% increase and company proposes 10% reduction. Boston Financial News p. 3.
Canadian Railway Association Announces 10% Wage Cut July 10.—Philadelphia News Bureau June 16, p. 2.
Car Loadings.—Loading of revenue freight during the week ended June 10 totaled 846,002 cars, compared with 750,645 cars during the previous week of June 3, or an increase of 95,357 cars.
Practical changes compared with the week ended June 3 were: Coal, total, 94,824 cars, increase 8,000; coke, 9,008 cars, increase 4,124; forest products, 62,355 cars, increase 11,329; ore, 45,372 cars, increase 16,463; merchandise and miscellaneous freight (which includes manufactured products), 563,640 cars, increase 93,988; grain and grain products, 40,035 cars, decrease 905; live stock, 29,765 cars, increase 794 cars.
Idle Cars Further Decreased.—Freight cars idle on June 8 were 465,837, compared with 480,266 on May 31, or a decrease of 14,429 cars.
Of the total, 284,189 were serviceable freight cars, decrease 21,009 compared with the total on May 31. The remaining 181,648 were in bad order. Surplus coal cars numbered 180,831, decrease 14,608; box cars 65,161, decrease 4,553; coke cars, 4,899, decrease 376; stock cars, 13,087, decrease 830.
Idle Cars on or About 1st of Month, and on June 8 1922.
Good order 284,189 372,000 207,000 245,000 331,000 471,000
Bad order 181,648 158,000 161,000 173,000 159,000 148,000
Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 17.—(a) Railroad gross and net earnings for month of April, p. 2648; (b) rail union chiefs to comply with strike vote, p. 2679; (c) B. M. Jewell's reply to Chicago railroad heads on wage reductions, p. 2679.

Attchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Sub. Co. Bonds.—The I-S-C Commission has authorized the Gulf & Northern Ry. to issue not exceeding \$326,000 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds, to be delivered to the Attchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. at par in satisfaction of a like amount of indebtedness to that company.—V. 114, p. 2115, 1764, 1750.

Baltimore & Ohio R.R.—Guaranty.—See Morgantown & Keatwood R.R. below.—V. 114, p. 2578.

Benton Harbor & St. Joseph (Mich.) Ry. & Ltg. Co.—A dispatch from Indianapolis states that the company has been sold to F. A. Bryan and a group of associates of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. of South Bend, for \$1,000,000. The Michigan Co. will be affiliated with the South Bend Co. A \$1,500,000 power plant will be built at King's Landing, Mich.

Charles Minary is new Pres.; F. A. Bryan, Pres. Indiana & Michigan, has been elected Vice-Pres.; C. B. Calvert, Sec., and Leo Mason, Treas. Directors include the officers and C. K. Chapin, L. M. Chapin, H. K. Chapin and E. A. Saunders.—V. 109, p. 1079.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Jury Reports on "EI" Probe.—The Suffolk Grand Jury, which has been investigating the Boston Elevated Ry. Public Control Act, in a report to District Attorney O'Brien, of Boston, says in part:

While no evidence is disclosed in the present Grand Jury inquiry upon which the jurors could in good conscience base an indictment against any person or persons, the jurors do, however, take this occasion to call public attention to and express their unanimous condemnation of indiscreet practices indulged in by certain members of the General Court at a period of time coincident with the passage of these highly important legislative measures. We refer most particularly to loans made to members of the Legislature by the Fidelity Trust Co. and to investments made by legislators in street railway stocks at a time so closely related to the passage of the street railway legislation to question as to furnish a basis for reasonable suspicion in the public mind. In the language of the investigating committee of the General Court already referred to, a number of Senators and Representatives placed themselves in a position in which they might readily find it difficult to render their constituents and the State that unbiased service to which both are entitled.—V. 114, p. 2716, 2578.

Brigetown & Millville Traction Co.—Abandons Service.—Owing to financial difficulties and inability to operate the road at a profit, the company abandoned service June 16.—V. 114, p. 2239.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Reorganization May Be Expected Shortly—Report on Strike Expenditures.—The continued improvement of earning power of B. R. T., by reason of general reductions in operating costs and increases in gross receipts, appears to warrant discharge of receiver before end of present calendar year.

Earnings of the system as a whole are sufficient to meet full interest on funded debt; a surplus of \$2,360,127 remained after allowance for fixed charges for ten months' operation ended April 30 last, compared with a deficit of \$5,284,203 for corresponding ten months a year ago.

Protective committees representing various security issues are engaged independently in a study of the situation with a view to carrying through a plan of reorganization which will enable the system, with restored credit, again to resume operation as a solvent company.

Before appointment of reorganization managers by respective committees, which is believed to be planned, further development of several matters of vital importance to Brooklyn Rapid Transit settlement must be awaited. These are: (1) The plan of city-wide traction unification which Transit Commission has proposed; and (2) The \$20,000,000 suit which New York Municipal Railway Corp. has instituted against the City of New York for alleged defaults in subway contracts. ("Wall Street Journal.")

A report of losses incurred by the strike of 1920 on the system transmitted by the Transit Commission to Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien showed that the total expenditures of the entire system on account of the strike amount to \$2,483,483.—V. 114, p. 2358, 1764.

Cambria & Indiana R.R.—Bonds Authorized.—The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$1,000,000 Gen. Mtge. 6% bonds, Series A, to be sold at not less than 97 3/4 and interest, the proceeds to be used: (1) to pay the principal of a 6% promissory note to the Secretary of the Treasury for \$250,000; (2) to pay the principal of a 7% promissory note to the order of the Franklin Securities Corp. (Phila.) for \$500,000; and (3) to reimburse the treasury in part for expenditures for additions and betterments. Compare offering in V. 114, p. 2716, 2487.

Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.—Equip. Bonds.—The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to sell not exceeding \$2,000,000 6% Equipment Trust bonds, Series 1, at not less than 98 and

interest, and to pledge and repledge all or any part of said bonds, from time to time, until otherwise ordered, as collateral security for any note or notes that may be issued, without having first obtained authorization from the Commission. The company has made no arrangements for disposing of the bonds, but it desires authority to dispose of them as and when conditions may be favorable.—V. 11, p. 2716.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—White, Weld & Co., New York, have sold at prices to yield from 5% to 5-10%, according to maturity, \$8,085,000 Equipment Trust 5% Gold Certificates, Series "A," issued under the Philadelphia plan. (See advertising pages.)

Principal and dividends unconditionally guaranteed by company. Dated July 15 1922, due \$530,000 annually July 15 1923-1937, incl. Div. warrants payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Divs. payable at Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Security.—These certificates are to be secured by a first lien on new standard railway equipment costing \$10,700,000, of which \$2,705,000, or 25% of cost, is being paid by the company in cash. The equipment pledged as specific security consists of: 2,500 steel underframe composite 50-ton gondolas; 3,500 steel underframe 40-ton box cars; 500 automobile 40-ton box cars; 25 Mikado type locomotives.—V. 114, p. 2578, 2240.

Chicago & Northwestern RR.—Settlement.

A payment of \$3,723,520 to the road from the U. S. Government has been authorized by the I-S-C Commission, in complete settlement of accounts between the carrier and Government arising out of the guaranty against operating losses during six months of 1920. The total amount going to the company, according to the Commission, is \$16,633,520, all of which has been paid with the exception of the above amount authorized.—V. 114, p. 2716, 2003, 1764.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Repay Government.

The War Finance Corporation has received a repayment of \$5,500,000 on account of the loans, aggregating \$10,430,000, made to the company. It is expected that the balance now outstanding, \$4,930,000, will be repaid in the near future.—V. 114, p. 2468.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to construct a cutoff extending from a point on the Cincinnati division at or near mile post 111 in Brown Township, Delaware County, Ohio, in a northerly direction to a connection with its present main-line track at or near mile post 117 in Berlin Township, approximately 3 1/2 miles.—V. 114, p. 2719, 2468.

Columbus Electric & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.

Estabrook & Co., Parkinson & Burr and Stone & Webster, Inc., are offering at 97 and int., to yield about 6 1/4%, \$1,500,000 1st & Ref. Mgtg. 6% gold bonds, Series A.

Dated June 1 1922. Due June 1 1947. Int. payable J. & D. at Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, Boston. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Callable, all or part, on any int. date after June 1 1932 to and incl. June 1 1937 at 105 and thereafter decreasing 1/2 of 1% each year to 101 for year ending June 1 1945 and at 100 thereafter (plus int.). Company agrees to pay Federal income taxes on the interest up to 2%. A sinking fund of 2% per annum of the total amount of Series A bonds issued is provided. First payment Nov. 1 1923.

Data from Letter of Pres. C. F. W. Wetters, Boston, June 15 1922.

Company.—Formerly Columbus RR. Incorp. in Georgia; has acquired the properties of Columbus Power Co. and the properties and all the capital stock of the Gas Light Co. of Columbus (per plan in V. 114, p. 1406). Does entire electric lighting and power, street railway and gas business in city of Columbus, Ga., and vicinity and in the adjoining towns of Phenix City and Grand Central, in wholesale power business in West Point, Lanette, LaGrange, Rockyville, Trimble, Grantville, Moreland and Newnan. Total population served estimated at over 100,000.

Property.—Company owns 3 water power plants and one steam plant with a total generating capacity of 44,500 h.p., of which 32,500 hydro-electric and 12,000 steam. Undeveloped water power sites controlled have an ultimate capacity of over 50,000 h.p. Street railway includes 26 miles of equivalent single track and 48 passenger cars. Gas property consists of 38.5 miles of mains with a coal and water gas plant having a combined daily capacity of 555,000 cubic feet.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of This Financing.

Columbus Elec. & Power Co. 1st & Ref. M. 6% 1947 (this issue)	\$1,500,000
Columbus Power Co. 1st M. 5% 1936 (closed)	3,625,000
First Pref. 7 1/4% Cumulative stock, Series A (par \$100)	2,000,000
Second Pref. 7 1/4% Cumulative (par \$100)	1,428,700
Common stock (par \$100)	1,500,000

Gross and Net Earnings of the Properties—Calendar Years.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Gross	\$881,354	\$1,099,066	\$1,181,413	\$1,309,281	\$1,547,353	\$1,807,298
Net	530,121	675,605	614,100	612,055	582,363	1,009,229

Earnings for 12 Months ending April 30 1922.

Gross earnings	\$1,868,819
Net, after expenses and taxes	1,010,112
Annual interest on bonds (including this issue)	271,250

Security.—Mortgage is a lien, subject only to \$3,625,000 underlying closed mortgage 5% cumulative stock, Series A, and is a first lien on the retail electric light and power distribution system and the railway properties, and is also a first lien on the entire capital stock of the Gas Co. Compare V. 114, p. 1406.

Connecticut Co.—Discontinuance of Service Refused.

The Connecticut P. U. Commission has denied the petition of the company for permission to discontinue the interurban trolley lines which serve the cities of Rockville and Hartford.—V. 114, p. 2717.

Erie RR.—Verdict Sustained.

The New Jersey Court of Errors has sustained the verdict awarded in the Hudson County Circuit Court to the Republic of France against the road. The litigation grew out of the damage done to munition materials in the Erie's yard at the time of Black Tom explosion in June, 1916. The amount of the verdict is \$122,566, of which \$22,919 is interest.—V. 114, p. 2468, 2464.

Escanaba & Lake Superior RR.—Branch Line.

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to abandon the northwesterly 6.1 miles of the Northland Branch, which branch extends a distance of 14 miles from the station of Northland to a station called Camp Ten.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—Ordinance Passed.

The City Commissioners of Galveston, Tex., recently passed an ordinance establishing rules and regulations governing public utilities occupying the streets of the city, engaged in furnishing and selling electric light and power to the city, and in the operation of street railways. The ordinance provides for the creation of a depreciation reserve fund which shall be kept as a distinct fund and shall not be paid out in dividends nor for any other purpose than that for which it was created. The ordinance also sets up machinery for investigating and determining the reasonableness of rates and fares, and for changing such rates and fares when deemed advisable.—("Electric Ry. Journal" June 17).—V. 114, p. 2011.

Great Northern Ry.—Declares 3 1/4% Semi-Annual Div.

N. W. Director.—The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/4% on the Preferred stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record June 30.

This declaration is the first to be made on a semi-annual dividend basis instead of quarterly. Total dividend payments for the year (incl. the above) will be 5 1/4%, a dividend of 1 3/4% having been paid in Feb. last.

Three months ago the directors did not declare the usual quarterly dividend, but announced that the dividend period had been changed from quarterly to semi-annual. (V. 114, p. 1143, 1171).

Albert P. Loring, President of the Pillsbury Milling Co., has been elected a director, succeeding E. C. Lindley.—V. 114, p. 2717.

Interoceanic Ry. of Mexico, Ltd.—Moratorium.

See Mexican Southern Ry. below.—V. 114, p. 79.

Kansas City Mexico & Orient Ry.

Receiver W. T. Kemper is reported as stating that the road must be offered for sale as junk by July unless financial assistance is obtained; also appeals to the employees to accept voluntarily a wage reduction.—V. 114, p. 1890.

Kansas & Oklahoma Ry.—To Issue Stock.

The I-S-C Commission has authorized the company to issue not to exceed 14,000 shares of Common stock (par \$100) for the purpose of continuing construction of its road, at a cost of not to exceed \$15,000 per mile.

The company was organized March 20 1919 with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000, to construct a road between Liberal, Kan., and Forgan, Okla., with a branch line extending into Texas. The Texas project has been abandoned and company is arranging to build westward through the counties of Stevens and Morton, Kan., into Colorado. At the present time construction is being carried on between Liberal and Richfield, Kan. It is proposed to complete approximately 93 miles of line besides sidings and switches. Upon completion, company will have connections with the Missouri Kansas & Texas at Forgan, Okla., Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. at Liberal, Kan., and Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at Hugoton, Kan. Municipalities along the right-of-way have agreed to subscribe \$6,000 per mile of road completed. Company will issue to these municipalities stock at par and will receive aid bonds in lieu thereof. These bonds will be sold at par and the proceeds paid to the Liberal Construction Co.

Lake Erie & Western RR.—To Issue Notes.

The I. S. C. Commission June 21 authorized the company to issue and deliver to New York Central RR. \$1,300,000 6% promissory notes for the purpose of refunding \$800,000 of 5 1/2% demand notes and \$200,000 of 6% demand notes, and of funding \$300,000 of 6% book indebtedness.—V. 114, p. 2116, 1890.

Lake Shore Electric Ry. (Cleveland).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross Income	\$2,080,980	\$2,699,341	\$2,067,294	\$2,198,325
Oper. expenses and taxes	1,682,584	2,037,417	1,490,040	1,593,083
Interest paid	333,397	334,389	339,501	432,861
Balance, surplus	\$64,999	\$327,035	\$237,379	\$163,381

—V. 112, p. 1740.

Los Angeles Gas & Elec. Corp.—Bond Application.

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$5,000,000 Gen. & Ref. Mgtg. bonds Series "E" at not less than 92 1/4 and int. Proceeds will be used for expenditures, &c.—V. 114, p. 1659.

Manhattan Bridge (N. Y.) 3-Cent Line.—Franchise.

As the result of the first declaratory judgment under the New Practice Act, rendered April 15 by Justice Russell Benedict in the Supreme Court, the company has obtained an extension of its franchise for 15 years. The company is to pay to the city 5% of its gross annual earnings, but not less than \$7,000 a year.—V. 100, p. 1797.

Memphis Dallas & Gulf RR.—Sale.

The road was scheduled for sale June 22 at Nashville, Ark., by order of the Federal Court.—V. 114, p. 948.

Mexican Southern Ry.—Extension of Moratorium.

The holders of first mortgage debenture stock were to vote June 21, and extension of the moratorium. A circular says:

While it is hoped that negotiations between the bankers' committee and the Mexican Minister of Finance may result in the adoption of a plan satisfactory both to Mexico and her creditors, including a settlement of the railway claims, the directors are, nevertheless, of the opinion that in the circumstances the moratorium period should be extended. They have received a request from the Interoceanic Ry. of Mexico, to which railway the Mexican Southern Ry. is leased, for an extension for 6 months, to be increased, if necessary, to a date not later than May 29 1924, and they recommend you to give your consent thereto.

This will provide an opportunity for the consideration of any new and practicable agreement, acceptable to this company and the lending company, which may be found desirable if and when an early settlement with the Mexican Government is arrived at. The debenture stockholders of the Interoceanic Ry. have already agreed to an extension on this basis. A scheme of arrangement for giving effect to the extension, similar in all respects to that adopted in 1920, has been prepared accordingly. (Compare also agreement on Mexican debt adjustment in V. 114, p. 2663.)—V. 114, p. 1890, 79.

Minneapolis St. Paul & S. S. Marie.—New Comptroller.

C. W. Gardner, Comptroller, has resigned and is succeeded by E. J. Bond.

A payment of \$502,467 to the road has been authorized by the I. S. C. Commission in final settlement of accounts between the Government and the company arising out of the guarantee against losses in railroad operations in six months of 1920. The road has received \$5,127,267 under the guarantee.—V. 114, p. 2718, 2360.

Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.—Resumes Operation.

Officials of the company have announced restoration of all freight and passenger business from Helena to Neosho, Mo., effective June 18. This is the first operation of the line from Helena to Joplin since March 1 1920, when the employees went on strike.—V. 114, p. 1651, 1534.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Decision.

See Texas & Pacific Ry. below.—V. 114, p. 2116, 2110.

Monongahela Power & Ry.—New Control.

See West Penn Co. below.—V. 114, p. 2718.

Morgantown & Kingwood RR.—Equip. Trust Notes Offered.

J. S. Wilson Jr. & Co., Baltimore; Freeman & Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co., New York, are offering at prices to yield from 5% to 5.75%, according to maturity, \$1,502,800 6% Equip. Gold Notes, unconditionally guaranteed, principal and interest, by Baltimore & Ohio RR.

Dated Jan. 15 1920. Maturing \$115,600 annually Jan. 15 1923 to Jan. 15 1935 incl. Interest payable J. & J. in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Red, as a whole only on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 103 and int. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Issued under equipment trust agreements between Director-General, company and trustee. Through supplemental agreements, 33 1-3% of the notes of each maturity originally issued are stamped as subordinate in lien to the above prior lien notes.

These \$1,502,800 notes constitute the entire first lien indebtedness on equipment costing originally over \$2,601,000. This equity, together with the two annual installments which have matured, give these notes a present cash equity of over 42%.

Secured by a prior lien on 1,000 35-ton steel hopper coal cars. The road was purchased by the B. & O. in 1920 and under agreement with the Director-General of Railroads to assume responsibility for the payment of principal and interest of the Morgantown & Kingwood RR. Equip. 6% Trust of Jan. 15 1920, the Baltimore & Ohio RR. has caused its unconditional written guarantee covering the payment of principal and interest to be placed on each of these equipment trust notes.—V. 114, p. 1766.

National Ryts. of Mexico.—Agreement on Mexican Debt

Adjustment Relates to Railway Debts Also.—Roads to Be Operated by Private Management as Before the Revolution.

See "Current Events" in "Chronicle" June 17, p. 2663, 2664.—V. 114, p. 1408.

New Orleans Railway & Light Co.—Reorganization Plan.

The committee for the Gen. Mgtg. 4 1/2% bonds, R. S. Hecht, Chairman, has approved and adopted the reorganization plan outlined below. The plan conforms in all respects to the terms of the agreement with the City of

New Orleans, approved by ordinance of the City Council and has the approval of committees representing securities junior to the 4½s, including the 5% Ref. & Gen. Lien. gold bonds due 1949 and the 1-Year 7% notes, due 1919, and the Chase National Bank, New York.

Depositors of bonds are notified that unless they shall file with one of the depositories a written notice of dissent from the plan on or before July 5, they shall be conclusively assumed to have assented thereto.

Holder of 4½% bonds who have not yet deposited their bonds with the committee, must deposit same on or before July 5. The committee also announced that the coupon due July 1 1922, on all bonds which remain on deposit with the committee, will be cashed as heretofore by any of the depositories.

The depositories for the 4½s are: Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans; Canal Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, New Orleans; Interstate Trust & Banking Co., New Orleans, and New York Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization of the Old Company Proper Outstanding.

Preferred stock (over 87% owned or controlled by banks).....	\$9,904,770
Common stock.....	19,911,295
4½% Gen. Mtge. bonds, due 1935.....	18,502,000
5% Ref. & Gen. Lien bonds, 1949 Series A, payable in U. S. dollars.....	5,010,000
do Series B, payable in French francs.....	fr 7,475,292
1-Year 7% gold notes, due 1919.....	3,525,000
Underlying Bonds and Mortgages Outstanding (Not To Be Disturbed).	
New Orleans City RR. Gen. Mtge. 5s.....	\$3,200,000
New Orleans City & Lake RR. Cons. Mtge. 5s.....	2,324,500
New Orleans Power House Co., Ltd. 1st Mtge. 5s.....	200,000
New Orleans & Carrollton RR., 1st Mtge. 5s.....	1,674,500
Canal & Claiborne RR. 1st Mtge. 6s.....	719,000
Edison Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 5s.....	2,124,000
Merchants Electric Light & Power Co. 1st Mtge. 5s.....	300,000
St. Charles St. RR. 1st Mtge. 4s.....	375,000
Railways Realty Co. 1st Mtge. bonds.....	228,000

Plan of Reorganization Dated June 12 1922.

To Foreclose Mortgage.—The mortgage securing the 4½% bonds will be foreclosed and the property bid in by one of the committees at such price as shall be mutually satisfactory.

The bid at such sale shall be made to purchase the properties subject only to the lien of (1) Car Trust Certificates, if any, outstanding at date of confirmation; (2) such underlying mortgages, if any, as may cover any of the properties purchased; (3) taxes for the current year; and (4) such obligations of the receiver and other obligations as are to be assumed by the purchaser.

If the bid shall be accepted, any 4½s, 5s or 7s deposited with the committees may be used in paying the purchase price.

New Company.—New Orleans Public Service Corp. (or some appropriate name) will be incorp. in Louisiana, in which will be vested the properties and a so acquired at such sale.

Obligations Placed Upon New Company.—New company will (a) Assume the obligations as determined; (b) assume the payment of principal and interest of any car trust certificates outstanding at the date of acquisition (c) provide the necessary cash in connection with the reorganization expenses and for extensions, betterments &c., to rehabilitate the property; (d) provide for the 4½% committee cash equal to 25% of the principal amount of all 4½s, deposited with the committee and assenting to the plan, plus the defaulted unpaid interest thereon from July 1 1921 to the date when the new Gen. Lien 4½s of the new company shall commence to bear interest, together with interest upon all overdue instalments of interest on the 4½s.

New Securities To Be Issued by New Company.

(1) **1st & Ref. Mtge. Bonds.**—Not exceeding \$100,000,000, secured by a first and refunding mortgage having a first lien on all or so much of the property to be transferred (subject only to such underlying mortgages as may cover any of such property, the car trust certificates, if any and taxes for current year).

Amount To Be Presently Issued.—It is contemplated that it will be necessary to have issued not less than \$10,000,000 nor more than \$15,000,000 of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds to produce the cash which will be required.

(2) **Gen. Lien Bonds.**—Gen. Lien 4½s, maturing July 1 1945, secured by a closed mortgage on the same property as is covered or shall be covered by new 1st & Ref. Mtge. (subject only to such underlying mortgages, car trust certificates, and taxes for the current year as that mortgage).

Amount To Be Issued.—Amount to be issued equal to 75% of the principal amount of 4½% bonds of the old company now or hereafter deposited with the committee and assenting to this plan.

(3) **Income Bonds.**—6% Cumulative Income bonds, maturing Nov. 1 1949, designated respectively Series A and Series B (Series A to be payable in U. S. dollars and Series B payable, principal and interest, in French francs), secured by a closed mortgage on all or so much of the property to be transferred (subject only to such underlying mortgages, if any, as may cover any of such property, the car trust certificates, if any, the 1st & Ref. Mtge. and the 4½% Gen. Lien Mtge. and taxes for current year).

Amount To Be Presently Issued.—The aggregate amount of each series to be determined as follows: (a) \$84 34 principal amount of each Income bonds, Series A, to be issued for each \$100 principal amount of 5% bonds, Series A, of the old company outstanding; (b) 435 French francs principal amount of such Income bonds, Series B, to be issued for each 516 French francs principal amount of 5% Bonds, Series B, of the old company outstanding; or \$55 principal amount of such Income bonds, Series A, for each 516 French francs principal amount of such 5% Bonds, Series B, of the old company outstanding, as depositors of such Series B bonds with the 5% committee shall, on or before the date of the confirmation of the sale, respectively elect; (c) such additional Income bonds, Series A and Series B, as will equal in principal amount the interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the principal amount of said Income bonds, Series A and Series B, to be issued as above, provided from June 1 1922 to the date when interest upon said Income bonds, Series A and Series B, of the new company shall respectively commence to accumulate; provided that any or all of the Income bonds in (c) may at the request of the 5% committee be issued as Series A bonds on the basis of the rate of exchange provided for.

(4) **7% Non-Voting Cum. Pref. Stock.**—7% Non-Voting Cumul. Pref. Stock (par \$100) amount to be determined as follows:

Amount To Be Issued.—(a) \$112 19 thereof for each \$100 of 7% Notes of the old company outstanding plus such additional amount thereof as would be equivalent to the interest which would accrue upon such 7% notes from June 1 1922 to the date when the dividends upon such Preferred stock shall commence to accumulate; (b) such additional amount thereof as may be necessary to pay all of the unsecured general claims against the old company which arose prior to the date of the appointment of J. D. O'Keefe as receiver, Jan. 9 1919, provided such claims shall be allowed or admitted to be due; such claims to be paid on the basis of \$1 of such Pref. stock for each \$1 due on account of such claims, plus the same proportion of accrued interest thereon as provided for the 7% notes.

(5) **Common Stock.**—Common stock (par \$100 each) amount to be determined as follows:

Amount To Be Issued.—Niles & Niles, Certified Public Accountants, New York, shall certify the amount of the rat base concurrently with the acquisition by the new company of its property, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a certain ordinance of the City of New Orleans, passed April 18 1922, relating to the reorganization of the old company and the valuation of its properties. From the amount of such rate base so determined and certified, there shall be deducted: (a) The aggregate principal amount of underlying bonds [\$10,145,000] then outstanding in the hands of the public less the cash or cash value of securities in the sinking funds of the underlying mortgages; (b) the aggregate principal amount of the 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds of the new company (less unamortized discount) necessary to provide for the cash requirements as above; (c) the aggregate principal amount of 4½% Gen. Lien bonds of the new company required as above; (d) The aggregate principal amount of 6% Income bonds of the new company required; provided that for the purpose of determining the aggregate principal amount of Income bonds, such of the bonds as shall be payable in French francs shall be computed in U. S. dollars on the basis of the rate of exchange between U. S. dollars and French francs fixed by the Federal court (or approved by the parties hereto) having jurisdiction of the foreclosure in connection with the determination by it of the amount in U. S. dollars owed by the old company on account of its Series B 5% bonds; (e) the aggregate par value of the 7% Cumulative Preferred stock as required above; (f) the principal amount of the Car Trust certificates, if any, then outstanding and for the discharge of which cash has not been provided from the sale of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds.

The difference between the rate base so determined and the aggregate of the items mentioned shall be the par amount of Common stock to be so issued.

Distribution of New Securities (as Compiled by Editor).

(Compare also amounts of new securities to be issued as outlined above.)

Existing Securities	Out-standing	Gen. Lien 4½s	Will Receive		Cash.
			6% Income Bonds—Series A.	Prof. Stock.	
Gen. 4½s	\$18,502,000	\$13,876,500			\$4,625,500
R. & G. 5s		75			25
Series A	5,010,000		\$4,225,434		
do Series B	7,475,292 fr		81 34		
Ea. 516 fr			\$28,352,426 fr		
7% notes	3,525,000		435 fr		
Ea. \$100			\$3,525,000		
Unsec. cred.	(?)			100	
Ea. \$1				a(?)	
Pref. stock	9,904,770				\$1

x Holders of 4½% bonds assenting to the plan will also receive cash for the defaulted interest from July 1 1921, upon each of the bonds deposited and interest on all overdue instalments of interest thereon; the committee, however, to deduct all amounts previously advanced by it to its depositors on account of such interest together with the interest charges in respect of advances.

y Or at the option of the holder of any of Series B bonds of the old company at a date fixed not later than date of confirmation of the sale of the properties, \$55 principal amount of 6% Income Bonds, Series A, of the new company; provided, however, that as to each 516 French francs principal amount of Series B 5% bonds of the old company so deposited with the 5% committee and assenting to this plan subsequent to the date of the confirmation of said sale, the 5% committee will deliver \$55 principal amount of 6% Income Bonds, Series A, of the new company.

z The 7% committee may sell, on such basis as it shall seem best, any remaining shares of Preferred stock received by it, after reserving sufficient thereof to make distribution to holders of 7% notes hereafter deposited with it, and out of such then remaining shall be distributed pro rata among the holders of 7% notes of the old company deposited. If the committee shall not so sell the Preferred stock, it shall have the right to provide that before any part thereof shall be distributed each person to whom such distribution would be made shall pay to the committee a pro rata part of an amount sufficient to reimburse the committee for all expenses &c.

Should the holders of any 7% notes fail to deposit the same within time fixed the 7% committee may extend the time for such deposits, provided that the time shall not be extended for more than 6 months after the date of the confirmation of the sale. The 7% committee, unless otherwise agreed, shall when the time to make deposits finally ceases, deliver to the new company as its property all shares of 7% Preferred stock, together with all dividends. If any, paid thereon, of the new company which shall not have been distributed, to holders of the 7% notes of the old company who shall assent to the plan.

a Any of the Preferred stock so delivered to the Chase National Bank, New York, and not by it distributed within one year after the confirmation of the sale to the holders of the unsecured debt shall be delivered by it to the new company together with all dividends, if any, paid thereon to the bank, unless otherwise directed, whereupon the bank shall be discharged from all liability with respect thereto.

Treatment of \$958,000 Old 4½s Now Deposited as Collateral for 5s. \$958,000 4½% bonds of the old company, together with certain cash for accumulated interest thereon, are held as collateral security by the trustee under the mortgage securing the 5% bonds of the old company. The 5% committee will cause someone on its behalf to bid at the foreclosure sale of the properties of the old company for said \$958,000 4½% bonds; the price bid for said bonds to be such as shall be satisfactory to the 5% committee. If the bid of the 5% committee therefor shall be accepted, the 5% committee will immediately, upon delivery of the \$958,000 4½% bonds, cause the same to be deposited with the 4½% committee, and the 4½% committee shall receive the bonds and issue certificates of deposit therefor and make distribution with respect thereto on the basis provided above with respect to 4½% bonds.

The 5% committee may use any securities deposited with it in paying the purchase price for the \$958,000 4½s, and it may borrow any money for any purpose in connection with such purchase, and to secure the payment of the same it may pledge any securities and certificates of deposit at any time in its possession.

The 5% committee may sell, for such consideration as to it shall seem best, all or any of the Gen. Lien 4½s received from the 4½% committee, or any of the 6% Income bonds of the new company received. From any cash received the 5% committee shall pay all debts, expenses and compensation of the committee, &c. All cash securities, if any, then remaining in the hands of the 5% committee, after reserving sufficient thereof to make the distribution to the holders of 5% bonds of the old company thereafter deposited with the 5% committee shall be distributed pro rata among the holders of Series A and Series B 5% bonds then deposited with the committee. For the purpose of ascertaining what proportionate part of such cash and securities shall be paid or delivered to the holders of Series B 5s of the old company, which are payable in French francs, the value of such Series B bonds shall be computed in U. S. dollars on the basis of the rate of exchange (as determined under the plan).

Should the holders of any 6% bonds, Series A or Series B, fail to deposit the same on or before any date fixed by the 5% committee, the committee may, from time to time, extend the time for such deposits, provided the time shall not be extended more than 6 months after the date of the confirmation of the sale of the properties.

The 5% committee, unless otherwise agreed, shall, on the date when the right to make deposits with the 5% committee finally ceases, deliver to the new company as its property all Income bonds, Series A and Series B, of the new company, with all coupons appertaining thereto duly attached, which shall not have been distributed.

Acquisition of Certain Physical Properties.—If practicable, the new company will endeavor to acquire, by consolidation or otherwise, upon such basis as its directors shall seem desirable, all of the physical properties of as many as possible of the following corporations: New Orleans City RR., New Orleans & Carrollton RR., Light & Power Co., Jefferson & Lake Pontchartrain RR., St. Charles St. RR., Orleans RR., New Orleans & Pontchartrain RR., New Orleans Gas Light Co., New Orleans Lighting Co., Railways Realty Co.—V. 114, p. 2718, 2469.

Newport News & Hampton Ry., Gas & Electric Co.—**Pref. Stock Offered.**—John Nickerson Jr., New York, is offering at 93 and div. \$1,200,000 7% Cumul. Conv. Pref. (a. & d.) stock. Divs. payable Q.-J. Red. all or part after 3 years from issuance on any div. date, on 30 days' notice, at 110 and dividends (see advertising pages).

Listing.—Application will be made to list stock on N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. N. Shannahan, Hampton, Va., May 20.

Capitalization (After Present Financing)		Authorized Outstanding	
Preferred stock, 7% (par \$100)		\$4,000,000	\$1,500,000
Common stock (par \$100)		4,000,000	2,800,000
First & Ref. Mtge 5s, 1944		7,500,000	3,743,500
Predecessor companies' bonds		Closed	1,071,000

On Dec 31 1921 there were \$3,000,000 of 7% Pref. stock and \$2,000,000 of Common stock authorized, of which \$1,410,300 Pref. stock was outstanding and \$1,275,000 of Common stock outstanding. Company recently contracted for the sale of approximately \$1,500,000 Common stock, the proceeds from the sale of which will be used for the payment of the \$643,000 3-Year 7% notes due July 15 1922, at maturity, for the payment of floating indebtedness and for working capital.

Consolidated Income Statement, Calendar Years.

	1921	1920	1919	1918
Gross earnings x.....	\$2,566,397	\$2,766,461	\$2,732,740	\$2,176,886
Net earnings y.....	677,608	486,538	635,941	614,229
Balance after fixed charges.....	333,967	145,634	330,297	358,924
Preferred stock dividends.....	97,461	87,398	80,322	77,553

x Includes non-operating income.
y After operating expenses, taxes, maintenance and that part of depreciation charges (\$77,042 in 1921) actually used and not that part (\$147,369 in 1921) credited to the reserve account.

Company.—Organized in 1914 by the consolidation of three existing companies and furnishes, without competition, the entire electrical supply for

power and lighting, the entire gas supply, the electric railway transportation service, and manufactures substantially all the land on the Virginia Peninsula, serving a population estimated at 60,000, including Newport News, Hilton, Hampton, Phoebus and Fortress Monroe.

Property comprises a 15,000 k. w. steam turbine station, an electrical transmission and distribution system which covers the entire southern end of the Peninsula comprising 9.23 miles of 22,000 volt line, 17.8 miles of 10,000 volt line, 291.7 miles of distributing pole line, and 85 miles of arc circuit. There were connected 10,204 electrical meters Dec. 31, 1921. Gas manufacturing plant consists of two 8 1/2 foot water gas sets with necessary scrubbers, purifiers, &c., together with 3 gas holders having a total storage capacity of 300,000 cu. ft. Gas distribution system comprises 77 miles of mains, including 16 miles of high pressure mains. System had connected 7,081 gas meters Dec. 31, 1921. Electric railway system had connected 51 miles of equivalent single track. Equipment consists of 84 passenger cars of which 59 are double truck motor cars, 12 double truck trail cars and the balance single truck trail cars; also 34 service cars, 6 refrigerator cars and 2 freight cars. Company also owns a one-third interest in the 3 1/2-mile electric railway line connecting Hampton and Lanesfield. Ice manufacturing is conducted in 3 plants, one in Newport News, one in Hampton and one in Phoebus.

Stockholders Rights To Subscribe for Common Stock.
The stockholders of record June 27 may subscribe at \$50 per share for 15,250 shares of common stock, equal to 57% of their holdings. Subscriptions must be delivered at the office of the company in Newport News, Va., or Alexander Brown & Sons, Baltimore, or Brown Bros. & Co. 59 Wall St., New York, on or before June 29, in Newport News, Baltimore, or New York funds.

The entire offering has been underwritten at the subscription price free of commission.
The Preferred and Common stock now outstanding must be surrendered on or before Aug. 15 to the company and exchanged for new certificates of Preferred and Common stock, respectively, containing the terms of the Preferred and Common stock as now existing. Stock may be surrendered at any of the above offices.—V. 114, p. 2116.

New York Central Lines.—Equipment Trust Sold.
J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, National City Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., and Harris, Forbes & Co. have sold at prices ranging from par and div. to 96.92 and div. to yield from 5% to 5.30%, according to maturity, \$27,645,000 New York Central Lines Equip. Trust of 1922 5% Equipment Trust Gold certificates. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Dated June 1, 1922. Due \$1,813,000 annually, June 1, 1923 to 1937 inclusive. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (5%). Divs. payable J. & D. at office of trustee.
Assurance.—Issue subject to authorization by the I. S. C. Commission.
Security.—Certificates are for 75% of the cost of standard new equipment, the remainder of the cost to be paid by the railroad companies. The equipment will cost approximately \$36,500,000, and will consist of approximately 18,500 freight-train cars and 75 locomotives.
The following companies jointly and severally covenant to pay rentals sufficient to pay the certificates and dividend warrants as they mature: New York Central RR., Michigan Central RR., Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR., Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR., Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR., Cincinnati Northern RR.—V. 111, p. 2325.

New York Lackawanna & Western RR.—Application.
The company has applied to the I. S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$20,000,000 5% 1st & Ref. Mts. bonds and \$5,000,000 of additional Common stock. The Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. has asked the Commission for authority to guarantee the bonds. See also V. 114, p. 1498, 1891.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—President Pearson on the New Haven—Boston & Maine Control Reports.
Owing to misunderstanding in some quarters as to U. S. Judge Mayer's decision to the effect that the New Haven is entitled to 5 directors on the board of the Boston & Maine because the former road owns 28% of the latter's stock President Pearson has authorized the following statement on the situation.

In regard to statements that the New Haven or the Pennsylvania RR. is seeking to control New England railroads, President Pearson stated June 21 that the New Haven is making no attempt to control the Boston & Maine or interfere in any manner in the handling of matters between the Boston & Maine and those in the territory which it serves.
The only interest of the New Haven is to promote policies and practices that are of mutual interest toward such co-operation within New England with respect to its transportation as is brought about from time to time by the New England States and the public in regard to other matters of important but common interest.

Concerning the rumored attempt at control of the New Haven or of the New England situation by the Pennsylvania RR., Mr. Pearson quoted the statement of President Rea of the Pennsylvania RR. that there has been no change during the past 10 years in the holdings of New Haven stock by the Pennsylvania which approximates but 3% of the total, and that no attempt or arrangements have been or are being made for securing control of the New Haven, or purchasing its capital stock. The only purpose of the Pennsylvania is to be helpful to the New England railroads and their patrons by increasing the traffic exchange facilities, which is indicated by the large expenditure for the construction of the New York Connecting RR. for the unobtaining of the New York gateway, and the operation of joint through trains where required by the New England traffic.

This means the continuance and expansion of those long established friendly business and traffic relations of about 50 years between the New England States and the populous territory served by the Pennsylvania RR. System and the railroads west and south which it exchanges traffic.

President Pearson on Rail Situation.
President E. J. Pearson in a circular to employees discusses at length the wage reductions recently ordered by the Railroad Labor Board, which goes into effect July 1. He said, in part:
"There are 23,000 employees on the New Haven system. If a strike is called, it follows that the 17,000 employees of the maintenance of way and maintenance of equipment departments will have arrayed against them the public which is exclusively served of about 4,000,000 people. Can a strike be won against such odds?
"In line with this process of readjustment, the I. S. C. Commission ordered a reduction in freight rates, effective July 1, which it is estimated will reduce the revenues of this company approximately \$6,000,000 annually. The revision of rates and reduction in rates so far awarded by the Board, together with all prospective reductions for other classes, assuming they are made on the same percentage basis, will only offset about one-half of this loss in revenue. The reductions in rates were made in the hope and belief that business as a whole was waiting for them in order that it might drive ahead upon some basis of cost which might be regarded as reasonably permanent in every way to avoid disputes with its employees.
"This company seeks in the interest of itself and of society in general its employees should be well paid; but it also believes and knows that neither employee nor employer—be they on the farm, in industry or on the railroad—can hope to escape the inexorable effect of economic law."

Application to Issue Bonds.
The company has applied to the I. S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,900,000 1st & Refunding 5% Mortgage bonds, due 1942. The issue \$5,900,000 to deposit the bonds with the Secretary of the Treasury as part collateral for a \$2,400,000 loan from the Government.
The "Boston News Bureau," commenting on the above loan, says: Early in Feb. the New Haven applied to the Commission for a loan of \$31,324,000, including \$26,258,000 to pay off the European loan and the balance for additions and betterments, purchase of new equipment, and meeting of certain small maturities. The plan adopted for taking care of the European loan was the payment of 10% in cash and extension of the balance for three years at 7%. For the purpose of meeting the cash payment, the Government advanced \$2,758,000 to the New Haven, but the Commission did not at the time act on the balance of the road's requirements. In the present application

for authority to issue bonds to be deposited as collateral for loans, \$2,400,000 are to be issued dollar for dollar to cover a loan to meet maturities coming due between now and May 1, 1923, and \$3,500,000 are to cover a loan for additions and betterments.

For the balance of 1922 there come due July 1, \$750,000 Providence & Springfield RR. 1st 5s, and \$100,000 New Haven Station Debenture 5s, due Nov. 1 next, and there are some equipment obligations.—V. 114, p. 2718, 2470.

N. V. & Queens County Ry.—Ask Stay on Buses.
Slaughter W. Huff and Robert C. Lee, receivers of the Steinyay lines, have started an action in the Supreme Court to restrain the operation of a municipally supervised bus line. The action was brought against Mayor Hylan and the other members of the Board of Estimate.—V. 114, p. 2480, 2360.

New York State Railways.—New Wage Agreement.
Trolleyman in Rochester, Syracuse and Utica have voted to accept the contract offered to them by President James F. Hamilton, which calls for a reduction in wages of 3 cents an hour. The new wage scale is 46 cents an hour for the first 3 months, 48 cents an hour for the next 9 months and 50 cents an hour thereafter.—V. 114, p. 2718.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Signal Improvement.
Construction work on the \$700,000 signal improvement contracts of the company commenced June 19. The road this year will install automatic block signals on the main line of two complete divisions: Fargo Division 51.38 miles of single and 47.50 miles of double track, and on the Dakota Division 97.58 miles of single and 4.54 miles of double track, making a total of 151.52 miles of single and 54.39 miles of double track.—V. 114, p. 2464, 2354.

Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co.—Merger.
It is reported that negotiations for the merger of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Electric Co., the Mercer County Light, Heat & Power and the Northwestern Electric Co. of Erie is under way. The proposed plan, it is said, is for a super system of high-powered transmission lines insuring continuous service to all industries in Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.—V. 114, p. 2718.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Plan and Policy for 1922—Results for 5 Months—Dividends Resumed, &c.
President T. E. Mitten in a circular to the stockholders June 19 says in brief:

Results.—The result of operation for 1922 thus far, as evidenced by income account for 5 months ended May 31, shows the ability of the men and management to earn 6% on P. R. T. stock. Operating expenses to May 31 include to \$250,000 for the co-operative wage dividend. The co-operative economies, as promised by the men, will provide for the full co-operative wage dividend, and will also enable the company to establish higher standards of service to the public.
Dividend Payments.—The directors June 19 declared dividends of 3%, or \$1.50 per share, payable July 31, 1922 to stockholders of record July 15, viz.: Quarterly dividend No. 1, for period Jan.-March 1922, 1 1/2%, or 75c, per share; quarterly dividend No. 2, for period April-June 1922, 1 1/2%, or 75c, per share. Dividend record is as follows (per share): Oct. 1916, \$1; 1917, \$2.50; 1918, \$2.50; 1919, \$2.50. In 1920, Jan. \$1.25.

Property Valuation.—P. R. T. property valuation proceedings in fare complaint, now before P. S. Commission, have been in progress for over two years. Final determination can be reached only after appeal and judgment of the courts, which will, in the light of experience in comparable cases, consume an even longer period. Meantime the present fare—4 tickets for 25c, fare is assured of continuance.

Service Increase.—Co-operation of elevated and surface employees has effected marked economies in operation, which will be reflected in a higher standard of service. Philadelphia car riders and P. R. T. have both suffered because of continued warfare between city and company. The basis of agreement reached for operation of Frankford Elevated and Bustleton surface line includes an understanding between Mayor Moore, President Weidlin of City Council and President Mitten, by which the city government will hereafter co-operate with Mitten management when city and company interests are mutual.

Transit Development.—P. R. T. will operate Frankford Elevated and Bustleton surface line beginning Nov. 5, 1922 for a period of five years. P. R. T. pays rental of 1 1/2% during 1922 on construction cost of Frankford Elevated; rental to be increased 1% annually until a maximum of 5% is reached. This contract may be extended by the city so as to terminate in 1927 with the 1907 city agreement. (See V. 114, p. 2241.)

Freight Service.—Mitten management discontinued trolley freight June 1, 1922 because of the inroads of motor trucks, which have lately been carrying the best paying freight, and for the further reason that trolley freight, overburdened with passenger traffic should not be used for trolley freight.

Property Improvement.—Continued co-operation of 60 miles of track construction of repaving will require rebuilding upwards of \$4,000,000. This, together with other necessary expenditures for renewals and improvements during 1922 for maintenance and renewals on the same basis as in 1921, \$3,000,000 of the amount so set aside, representing renewal of existing property, will help to meet the \$4,000,000 construction budget. The remaining \$1,000,000, representing betterments and additions to property, will, as heretofore, be financed from the renewal reserve.

This method of financing P. R. T. capital requirements will be used until P. R. T. dividend earning ability is sufficiently established to make its securities salable under the terms of the 1907 city agreement, by which new capital must be obtained from P. R. T. stock sold at par, or by use of P. R. T. guarantee, which must be sufficiently good to make bonds issued for construction purposes readily salable.

Income Account	Month of May		5 Mos. to May 31—	
	1922.	1921.	1922.	1921.
Operating revenue	\$3,810,297	\$3,769,182	\$17,593,049	\$17,987,696
Operation and taxes	2,742,007	2,699,573	12,611,473	13,258,787
Operating income	\$1,068,290	\$1,069,609	\$4,981,576	\$4,728,910
Non-operating income	43,407	32,072	13,768	191,492
Gross income	\$1,111,697	\$1,101,680	\$5,195,344	\$4,920,402
Fixed charges	817,533	\$16,943	4,024,897	4,100,555
Net income	\$294,164	\$284,737	\$1,170,447	\$824,847

—V. 114, p. 2470, 2241.

Potomac Public Service Co.—Offer by American Water Works & Electric Co. To Acquire Common at \$30 per Share.

The American Water Works & Electric Co. has offered to the holders of the Common stock of the company an opportunity to dispose of their holdings at \$30 cash per share (par \$50), such offer being conditional upon the deposit with the Fidelity Trust Co. of Baltimore on or before July 12 of at least 70% of the total outstanding Common stock. It is understood that the owners of more than this amount of stock have already signified their acceptance of the offer.
The acquisition of this property, together with that of the Monongahela Power & Railway Co., recently acquired by West Penn Co. (see below), will another subsidiary of the American Water Works & Electric Co., will substantially increase the combined gross earnings of that company and its subsidiaries and the amount available for dividends on its stocks.—V. 114, p. 1767.

Reading Co.—Petition to Modify Plan.

The company has filed a petition in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia, asking permission to consult with the bondholders' protective committee for the presentation of a modified dissolution plan in the Reading case in conformity with the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. The Court has directed that the petition be filed and it will be acted on later. A petition also was filed by members of the bondholders' committee to intervene in the case because of the Supreme Court decision. The petition was allowed by the Court.
A petition of the stockholders in the Reading Co. asking for leave to intervene was also filed and granted by the Court.

Protective Committee.
In connection with the formation of the protective committee (V. 114, p. 2718), J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, and Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, will act as depositaries for the General Mortgage bonds.—V. 114, p. 2718.

Reid Newfoundland Co.—To Operate System.

Details of an arrangement under which the company will operate the Newfoundland Railway until Nov. 15 next were announced June 15. The railway system and its allied steamship services will be operated by Robert C. Morgan of Winnipeg, an official of the Canadian Pacific Ry., on behalf of the Government, and by Robert G. Reid, Vice-President of the Reid-Newfoundland Co., on behalf of the company, with Mr. Morgan as General Manager. The Government will meet the expenses of operation, but all revenues will be applied against operating costs.—V. 114, p. 2360, 2342.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Equipment.

Bids will be received by the company until July 3 for \$2,450,000 Equip. Trust certificates. They will bear 5% int. and mature serially in 30 semi-annual installments.—V. 114, p. 2718.

South Side El. RR., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

Wm. Hughes Clarke, Chicago, is offering a block of South Side Elevated RR. 1st Mtge. 4 1/2% bonds, due July 1 1924, to yield over 11% [present quotations are 85 bid to 87 asked]. The analysis of this situation, the quotations from official sources exceed twice the funded debt. Net earnings were \$895,952 in 1919, \$831,808 in 1920 and \$977,429 in 1921, or more than twice the interest charges.—V. 107, p. 1005.

Southern Pacific Co.—Relations with Union Pacific to Remain Friendly.—President William Sproule, June 20, in reply to the fear expressed by the Union Pacific Co. that the friendly relations now existing between the companies might be broken off, should the Central Pacific fall into unfriendly control, said:

"The Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific have had close and friendly connections from the time the overland route was opened. They continue so at this time and any competent management of the Southern Pacific will continue those friendly relations because they are to the self-interest of both companies while to the advantage of the public."

Mr. Sproule pointed out that the Southern Pacific has not sought, and is not seeking, ownership of other lines, but merely asks that the Southern Pacific lines as now in existence be allowed to remain unbroken; "that the public may have the advantage of its unbroken public service as a common carrier rather than substitute for it a disrupted service under two carriers."

Noting that the Supreme Court did not justify its recent decision order separating the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific lines by any reference to the Pacific Railroad acts, Mr. Sproule said that the Pacific Railroad acts required simply that the lines from Omaha to Ogden and Ogden to San Francisco should be operated as one continuous line without discrimination of one road against another, no matter who operated them. He continued: "That the Southern Pacific has at all times performed its duties and obligations under the Pacific Railroad acts was acknowledged by Union Pacific officials in their testimony in court."

Calling attention to the fact that the Central Pacific "is and has been for so many decades operated as part of the railroad system of the Southern Pacific that the whole operation has been a unit built up to serve the people of the Pacific Coast," Mr. Sproule continued:

"Every device suggested for tearing asunder this system is in the nature of a mere makeshift. The fact is that if such were undertaken it would be necessary first for this company to get rid of the Central Pacific, with or without a buyer. The Central Pacific would then have to connect up its separate lines and rearrange its terminals in order to connect up its service. The Southern Pacific would have to find means of connecting its separated terminals and separated lines in order to complete its service. "Both would involve expenditures from which the public would derive no benefit. After it was all done they would have no better service than before, but would have to deal with two lines instead of one. Then, to run the roads now operating organizations would have to be created, for the present operating divisions and train runs would become misfits. The breaking up of the lines would be without any relation to present divisions and train arrangements. This would seriously affect the yard, engine and trainmen and undo for them much that has required years to achieve."—V. 114, p. 2718, 2574.

Texas & Pacific Ry.—Decision Upheld.

Recent advice from New Orleans state that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of Judge Foster in the U. S. District Court, in the case of Missouri Pacific against the Texas & Pacific Ry., which was in favor of the latter company. The Missouri Pacific, in its claim against Texas & Pacific Ry., claimed 20 years' accumulated interest on \$23,700,000 Texas & Pacific 2d Income 5s which, roughly, amounted to \$25,000,000. The claim was dismissed, the lower Court holding that the interest was payable only if earned.

Another phase of the suit was question of the legality of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 notes issued by the Texas & Pacific. The question involved was as to whether the notes had been issued for adequate consideration. This issue was previously decided in favor of Missouri Pacific and according to the advice this phase of the decision was also upheld. It is reported that definite steps in a reorganization of the Texas & Pacific will shortly be taken.—V. 114, p. 1653.

Tri-City Railway & Light Co.—Wages.

Under an agreement effective June 12 the present wage scale of 55 cents an hour will remain in effect for one year.—V. 114, p. 949.

Twin States Gas & Electric Co.—Prof. Stock Offered.

The stockholders of record June 14 are given the right to subscribe to \$2,000,000 7% Prior Lien stock at par (\$100). Subscriptions in full must be made at the company's office, 160 State St., Boston, not later than June 30.

The stockholders recently increased the authorized capital stock from \$6,000,000 (consisting of \$2,500,000 Common, \$2,500,000 5% Pref. and \$1,000,000 7% Prior Lien stock) to \$8,000,000, the increase being in Prior Lien Stock.—V. 114, p. 2126.

Virginian Railway.—Bonds Authorized.

The I. S. C. Commission has authorized (1) the Virginian Terminal Ry. to issue not exceeding \$909,000 5% 1st Mtge. 50-Year Gold bonds; to be delivered to the Virginian Railway in reimbursement of advances made by it to the Terminal Co. (2) The Virginian Terminal Ry. to issue a temporary bond for the amount, pending the preparation of the bonds in definitive form. (3) The Virginian Railway to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of said bonds, and to pledge them with the trustee under its 1st Mtge. dated May 1 1912. (4) The Virginian Railway to issue not exceeding \$909,000 5% 1st Mtge. 50-Year Gold bonds; all or any part of said bonds to be pledged with the Director-General of Railroads in connection with the funding of its indebtedness to the U. S. for additions and betterments made during Federal control.—V. 114, p. 2361, 2354.

Virginia Railway & Power Co.—Jitney Ordinance.

The Common Council of Richmond, Va., on June 5 concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen by passing the new Jitney regulating ordinance to become effective on June 24. The ordinance, which was signed by the Mayor on June 8, provides five routes, over which 515 jitneys operate.—V. 114, p. 2581.

Wabash Ry.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have purchased \$4,245,000 5% Equip. Trust certificates, maturing in equal annual installments from Aug. 1 1923 to Aug. 1 1937, which have been placed privately.

The company, according to Chicago dispatches, has ordered 1,500 40-foot automobile box cars, 750 steel hopper car bodies and 2,050 composite coal car bodies and 25 all-steel passenger cars.—V. 114, p. 2361.

West Penn Co.—Debentures Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York; Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh, and W. A. Harriman & Co., New York, are offering at 98 and int., to yield about 6.75%, \$2,500,000 3-Year 6% Gold Debentures (see advertising pages):

Dated June 15 1922. Due June 15 1925. Int. payable J. & D. 15 at Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York and Chicago, without deduction for normal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company agrees to refund Pennsylvania 4-mills tax. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Red. all or part on 30 day

notice at 103 and int. to June 15 1923, less 1% for each year ending June 15 thereafter to maturity. Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund to retire \$100,000 of debentures annually (if purchasable at or below par and int.) will be provided for. Debentures so purchased shall be canceled.

Listing.—Application will be made to list debentures on Boston Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of President A. M. Lynn, Pittsburgh, June 12.

Company.—The West Penn Co. (formerly West Penn Traction & Water Power Co.) was incorporated July 11 1911 in W. Va. Stockholders voted June 21 to change the name to West Penn Co.

Company is the holding company for the West Penn System and owns the entire Common stock of West Penn Rys., which in turn owns the entire Common capital stock of West Penn Power Co. System includes these companies and their various subsidiaries.

Company operates in 9 counties of Western Pennsylvania. Four other electric companies which are included in the West Penn System operate in or are now extending into 10 counties of West Virginia, two counties of Pennsylvania and one county of Maryland. These 5 companies serve at present a total of 412 cities, towns and communities, located at distances of from 3 to 110 miles from Pittsburgh.

West Penn Rys. Co. owns directly and through stock ownership electric railways doing a passenger and freight business, largely interurban, covering a total of about 341 miles (measured as single track), of which it has direct ownership of approximately 192 miles, the remainder being owned through the holding of the entire outstanding capital stock of 9 other electric railway companies. The lines serve more than 250 cities, town and communities.

System comprises 16 electric generating stations, aggregate installed capacity 141,580 k. w.; 142 substations, transformer capacity 159,700 k. w.; and about 658 pole miles of high-tension transmission lines. Transmission system includes 44 miles of steel-tower lines constructed for 132,000 volts. There is now being constructed at the station on the Ohio River additional generating capacity of 60,000 k. w., which should be in service early in 1923.

Capitalization After This Financing.—

3-Year 6% Gold Debentures (this issue) \$2,500,000 \$2,500,000
Preferred stock, 6% cumulative (par \$100) 8,500,000 8,054,700
Common stock (par value \$100) 22,500,000 22,500,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to acquire a substantial controlling interest in the Monongahela Power & Railway Co.

Consol. Earnings West Penn Co. and Sub. Cos. 12 Mos. ended April 30 1922.

Gross income \$14,758,299
Operating expenses, incl. maintenance and all taxes 8,912,983

Net income \$5,845,316

Interest charges of sub. cos. and divs. on Pref. stock of sub. cos. held by public 3,133,412

Annual int. requirement of \$2,500,000 6% debts. (this issue) 150,000

Balance available for depreciation, amortization and divs. \$2,561,904
—V. 114, p. 2381.

West Penn Tr. & Water Power Co.—Name Changed.—See West Penn Company above.—V. 114, p. 2719.

York (Pa.) Railways.—Initial Common Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on Common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record July 5. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on Preferred stock has also been declared payable July 30 to holders of record July 20.—V. 114, p. 2471.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

General Industrial and Public Utility News.—The following table summarizes recent industrial and public utility news of a general character, such as is commonly treated at length on preceding pages under the caption "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either concurrently or as early as practicable after the matter becomes public.

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

The "Iron Age" of June 22 says in brief: "The uncertainties of the coal situation figure more largely in the steel industry this week than at any time since April 1.

Output.—An increase of a few thousand tons of coal in a week and the starting of 350 Frick coke ovens in the Uniontown district is the net change in the Connelville situation, but it is not significant. The Steel Corporation maintains input output at 2 to 3 points above 75%. The average of all steel works operations in the Pittsburgh and Youngstown districts is between 70 and 75%. More is heard of labor scarcity at Central Western steel plants and rolling mills, particularly at sheet mills, where the shortage is not only in common labor but in heaters and rollers.

Prices.—Some Central Western mills have fallen farther behind on deliveries of bars, plates and shapes. There are indications that the minimum of 1.60c., Pittsburgh, on bars, plates and shapes, and that only on extended deliveries, will be advanced to 1.70c. from July 1. The cotton tie season will open early in July, but the basis of prices has not yet been announced. A 5% advance is expected shortly in the prices of steel castings. In the extension of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co.'s current prices on sheets to cover August and September, as well as July, the expected has happened, in line with the Steel Corporation's policy, as shown in other products, to hold the situation in check. Lower prices and easier credit arrangements are diverting world business from the United States. An order for 1,500 tons of steel bars was lost to Europe at a price delivered in Buenos Aires \$7 below the American quotation. Canadian purchases of Wash tin plate for four months are nearly three times those of the American product, quite reversing the ratio of pre-war times.

Demand.—Over 5,600 railroad car and car body purchases came to light in the past week and contracts were closed for the repairs to 6,000 cars. The steel's business in fabricated steel was fully 30,000 tons in sizeable projects, including 18,000 tons for oil tanks for the Sinclair company. The May total proved larger than expected, amounting to 82% of the country's capacity and greater than any May record.

Buyers of foundry pig iron have been getting along on small shipments lately in view of the freight reduction of July 1. The stiffening of prices continues. Philadelphia, Chicago and Buffalo reporting a 50-cent advance on very moderate business. More makers are willing to do business reaching into fourth quarter. Several thousand tons of Middleborough and Scotch irons will arrive at Atlantic ports this month and about 3,000 tons of French foundry iron is to follow.

The tightening of the ferromanganese situation is indicated in the fact that domestic makers have bought some of the British product and are inquiring for additional quantities. Consumers also are buying in lots of 500 to 1,000 tons and there is an evident effort to get deliveries before the new high duty goes into effect. In some cases sales of foreign ferromanganese have been made with the stipulation that the buyer pay any duty that may be in effect at the time of delivery.

British iron and steel exports for May were 272,437 gross tons, which compares with an average of 268,890 tons in the 4 preceding months. American exports for the same 4 months averaged 175,640 tons. Steel rails have been booked by Great Britain for Victoria, 5,000 tons, for the Bengal-Nagpur RR. in India, 8,500 tons, and for Siam, 10,000 tons. The South Manchurian Ry. is again in the market, this time for 40 miles of 100-lb. rails, or about 6,300 tons.

Lack of Opposition to Steel Merger.—Attorney-General Daugherty invites "legitimate" argument against merger. "Times" June 22, p. 2. **Youngstown District Operations Approach Nearer 100%.**—Only 3 mills idle of the 113 in district; best condition since war boom. Phila. "News Bureau" June 21, p. 3.

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

The U. S. Geological Survey on June 17 (the 11th week of the strike) reported as follows in brief:

Bituminous production reached the highest figure since the strike began during the week June 10 (5,078,000 tons), but will do well if it reaches the 5,000,000-ton mark this week. Anthracite output remains practically zero. The principal reason for the falling off in production during week ended June 17 was not any fresh gain by the strikers, who are steadily losing ground in the border territories, but the disposition of the buyers to reduce

their purchases to the minimum until after the low freight rates become effective on July 1. They apparently have enough confidence in the stability of the voluntary price control system introduced by Mr. Hoover to believe that procrastination will not be penalized by higher prices.

Estimated United States Production in Net Tons.

Table with 5 columns: Product, Week, Cal. Yr. to Date, Week, Cal. Yr. to Date. Rows include Bituminous, Anthracite, and Beehive Coke for weeks May 27, June 3, and June 10, 1922 and 1921.

The "Coal Trade Journal" of June 21 reports the following on market conditions:

"Comparing spot quotations with those reported for the week preceding, changes are shown in 69.86% of the prices. Of these changes, 66.66% represent reductions. The average reduction was 20 cents, while the average advance was 22 94 cents per ton. Pier prices and western Kentucky quotations, which had advanced most sharply since the Hoover conference of last month, both broke.

"There was no change in the anthracite situation except that buckwheat had grown still more scarce and a steady pull was being made upon the storage reserves of pea. Beehive coke operations held their ground, but registered no gains. By-product output, on the other hand, is increasing. May output was only 28,000 tons under the monthly average for 1920."

Joint Appeal to End Coal Strike Presented to President Harding by Three Representative Organizations of Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

Chairman W. J. Tollerton of American Railway Executives Fears Strike Will Be More Disastrous Than Believed. When production is resumed railroads will be unable to cope with situation. Secretary of Commerce Hoover Names \$3 25 Base for West Pennsylvanian Gas Coal. Chairman Thomas Kennedy, Anthracite Wage Scale Committee, Declares Referendum Vote Now Being Taken Is for Strike.

Petroleum Production, Prices, &c.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates daily average gross production as follows:

Table with 5 columns: In Barrels, June 17 '22, June 10 '22, June 3 '22, June 11 '21. Rows include Oklahoma, Kansas, North Texas, Central Texas, No. Louisiana & Arkansas, Gulf Coast, Eastern, Wyoming and Montana, California, and Total.

Independents in Oklahoma Advance Price of Gasoline Two Cents a Gallon—Price Met by Larger Oil Cos.

Gulf Coast Lubricating Oil Advances 1 and 2 Cents a Gallon (depending on grade).

Mexican Oil Conferences Begin June 20.—At office of Mexican Government's financial agency, 120 Broadway, no official announcements obtainable until end of negotiations.

Mexican Light Oil Production Falls Slightly.—Production week ended June 10 totals 3,045,000, decrease 42,000 barrels from previous week.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

Commodity Prices.—Wholesale cash prices in New York for week ended June 22 reached the following high points: Wheat, June 22, \$1.28 3/4; sugar, 5.75c, 5.2c; lard, June 19, 12.20c; iron, June 21, 27.75c; lead, June 22, 5.75c; copper, June 16, 13.62 1/2c; tin, June 16 and 21, 31.37 1/2c; cotton, June 20, 23.30c.

Sugar Price Advances.—Arbuckle Bros. advanced price 20 cents to 6.25c, a lb. American, Bevere and Warner Sugar Refining Cos. and Edgar Franklin, McCahan, Pennsylvania and National Cos. all advanced to 6.20c, a lb. Federal Sugar Refining advanced to 6.30c, a lb.

Sugar Price Advances in Montreal.—Gains 25c, per 100 lbs. to \$6.75 (main 85c. in one week). Atlantic and St. Lawrence Sugar Refineries, Ltd., have withdrawn from market.

Developments in Textile Strike.—(a) In Rhode Island all workers of Pennsylvania Textile Co. at Central Falls returned to work June 19. (b) Five plants controlled by Goddard Bros. have reopened. (c) Pawtuxet Valley strikers returning on 54-hour-20% wage cut basis. (d) Blackstone Valley strikers returning on 48-hour-20% wage cut basis. The Pawtuxet gains are larger, since proposition figures out equivalent to a 10% wage cut.

(e) Lawrence (Mass.) remains shut down waiting for better market conditions. (f) New Hampshire progress slow, Nashua and Amoskeag making only noticeable gains. Pacific Mills at Dover report less than half-a-dozen workers compared with normal quota of 1,800. (g) State Department of Labor and Industries (Mass.) announced no report on conditions would be made before the fall, pending thorough investigation in the State and the South.

Royal Securities Corporation Reports Spruce Lumber Price Advances from \$2 to \$5 per Thousand Feet.—

Typographical Strike Cost \$8,800,000.—75,000 members bear \$8,800,000 burden to attempt to maintain 9,000 men on strike from May 1921 to June 1922, with no positive results for the industry.

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Walk Out.—Demand that manufacturers' contract work be let out to only registered union shops.

Milk Production Rises from 89,658,000,000 lbs. to 98,862,276,000 lbs. in 1921.—

Automobile Production Increases.—Department of Commerce shows gains in industry as follows (as reported by 91 passenger-car and 82 truck-manufacturing companies):

Table with 6 columns: 1922, January, February, March, April, May. Rows include Passenger cars and Trucks.

Ford Motor Co. May Production Totals 134,762.—Domestic production, 121,073; 6 foreign plants, 7,170; Canadian plant, 6,519.

Fire Production in U. S.—Tire production in the United States has increased from 2,400,000 in 1910 to current rate of more than 30,000,000 annually, as shown in the following table:

Table with 6 columns: Year, Production. Rows include 1922, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910.

*Estimate for first six months.—"Wall Street Journal" June 20, p. 6.

Legal Matters, Legislation, Taxation, &c.

Allied Taxi Owners' Association Fight Statute Requiring Them to Carry Accident Liability Insurance.—

American Federation of Labor Proposes Giving Congress Power to Overrule U. S. Supreme Court Decisions.—

Bill to Be Drafted for Settling of Alien Enemy Property Claims.—

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" June 17.—

(a) Further steps by N. Y. Stock Exchange to promote solvent and sound trading (editorial), p. 2645.

(b) French mission coming to U. S. to confer on funding of war debt, p. 2661.

(c) Offerings of foreign bonds: (1) \$25,000,000 40-year 8% secured external gold loan of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia), p. 2664; (2) 10,000,000 pesos 8% sinking fund bonds of the Republic of Chile, p. 2665; (d) Four Joint Land Stock banks organized on Pacific Coast (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Salt Lake City), p. 2665.

(e) Organization of First Joint Stock Land Bank of Dayton, O., p. 2666.

(f) War Finance Corporation powers extended for one year, p. 2666.

(g) Fred Starek made a director of War Finance Corporation, p. 2666.

(h) Advances approved by War Finance Corporation, p. 2666.

(i) North American Steel Co. stock stopped on N. Y. Gurb Market, p. 2666.

(j) Failure of Stillwell, Loeffler & Lowe, 27 William St., N. Y. City, p. 2670.

(k) Text of Act increasing Federal Reserve Board, p. 2673. (l) Subscriptions to U. S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness T-1923 closed, p. 2674. (m) Subscriptions to U. S. Treasury notes remain open until June 22, p. 2674. (n) \$140,000,000 Victory Notes redeemed to June 15, leaving \$240,000,000 outstanding, p. 2671. (o) Anthracite miners refuse to arbitrate, referendum being taken on strike, p. 2678. (p) Government will not take action in coal strike, p. 2678.

Acme Tea Co., Inc.—To Redeem Preferred Stock.—All the outstanding 1st and 2d Pref. stock have been called for redemption Sept. 1, the 1st Pref. stock at 110 and divs., and the 2d Pref. at 105 and divs.—V. 112, p. 471.

Ajax Rubber Co., Inc.—Obituary.—William G. Grieb, a director of the Ajax Rubber Co., died at Scarsdale, N. Y., on June 14.—V. 114, p. 2118.

American Cynamid Co.—Two Dividends of 1 1/2% Each.—Two quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% each have been declared on the Pref. stock for quarters ended March 31 1922 and June 30 1922, both payable July 7 to holders of record June 27.—V. 114, p. 1893.

American Gas Co., Philadelphia.—Earnings.—Results for Month and Five Months ending May 31. Net earnings after all chgs.—

Table with 4 columns: 1922—May—1921, 1922—5 Mos.—1921, Net earnings, Net earnings for the 12 months ending May 31 1922 were \$749,635.—

Aluminum Co. of America.—To Take Over Manufactures. See Aluminum Manufactures, Inc., below.—V. 114, p. 2720.

Aluminum Manufactures, Inc.—To Lease Properties, &c.—The stockholders will vote June 29 on the propositions outlined below:

The Aluminum Co. of America has made a proposition to lease all the real estate, buildings, machinery and equipment of the Aluminum Manufactures Co., Inc., for the term of 25 years from July 1 1922. The Aluminum Co. of America is also to obtain the benefits of the Aluminum Manufactures Co. patents, trade name and trade marks during that period.

The proposition is also to purchase the entire inventory at market value July 1 1922, and also to purchase the capital stock of the Aluminum Die-Casting Corp. and of the Aluminum Screw Machinery Products Co., owned by the Aluminum Manufactures Co., for the sum of \$321,200.

The Aluminum Co. of America is also given an option to purchase not exceeding \$708,700 of the Preferred stock of the Aluminum Manufactures Co., Inc., at any time within a year, beginning June 29 1922, at \$65 and divs.

Further Data from Letter of President W. P. Kinz.

If this transaction, including the proposition to amend the certificate of incorporation of the company, which will permit payment of dividends on Common stock, is carried out and the lease made, the rental under the lease, together with other provisions of the proposition, will place this company in a position to continue to pay the 7% dividends on the Preferred stock to retire in each year, beginning 1922, at least 2,000 shares of the Preferred stock; and to pay dividends on the Common stock approximately as follows: In 1924, \$1 a share; 1925, \$1.50; and thereafter, during the remaining term of the lease, at \$2 a share.

If the proposition of the Aluminum Co. of America is not accepted, dividends on the Preferred stock will have to be discontinued and dividends on the Common stock will be remote at best.

Shortly after formation in Nov. 1919, it was found that the condition of Aluminum Castings Co., whose property and business were taken over by Aluminum Manufactures, Inc., was not as prosperous as supposed. During the first four months of 1920 the Aluminum Manufactures, Inc., lost more than \$750,000. Drastic efforts to stop this loss resulted in a profit during the second four months of 1920 of approximately \$200,000.

At the close of this four months' period, however, the general business depression set in and it was impossible for the company to operate profitably on the small amount of business obtainable, so that during the last four months of 1920 the company lost approximately \$160,000. Conditions were improved and the rate of loss cut down during 1921, the loss for that year being slightly in excess of \$250,000. During the first five months of the current year the improvement in general business has permitted the company to just about break even. None of the figures above given include any charge for depreciation, and the amounts for the last two periods are arrived at by figuring metal costs at market prices.

Because of the foregoing facts, and of the fact that it takes nearly \$350,000 per annum to pay the dividends on the Preferred stock, and that 2,000 shares of Preferred stock must be retired each July, beginning July of this year, and in view of the fact that the certificate of incorporation of the company prohibits the payment of a dividend upon the Common stock so long as the net assets of the company are not twice the par value of the outstanding Preferred stock, it has seemed to the stockholders who have been exerting every effort to improve the position of the company that some readjustment or reorganization should be effected.—V. 110, p. 972, 168.

American Metal Co., Ltd.—Dividend of \$4.—

A dividend of \$4 per share has been declared on the old stock, payable June 23 to holders of record June 20. This, it is stated, will be the last dividend paid on the old shares, which are to be exchanged into new shares on the basis of 3 1-3 shares of new Common stock for each share of old stock held. Compare V. 114, p. 2582.

American Paper Products Co., St. Louis.—Bds. Offered.—

Potter, Kauffman & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 109 and int. \$400,000 1st Mtge. 7% gold bonds. Dated June 1 1922, due June 1 1937. Int. payable in A. D. at St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Auth., \$600,000. Callable as a whole or by lot on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 107 1/2 during first year and thereafter at a premium decreasing 1/2 of 1% for each full year until maturity. Company—Incorp. in Missouri. Is a continuation of the American Roll Paper Co., organized in 1884. Factories located at St. Louis, Mo., and Carthage, Ind. Manufactures corrugated and solid fiber shipping cases. Earnings for 6 years ended Dec. 31 1921, before deducting int., Federal taxes, depreciation and officers' bonuses, have averaged \$134,084.

American Pneumatic Service Co.—Appropriation.—

President Harding has signed the Post Office Appropriation Bill. This bill includes a provision for the resumption of pneumatic mail tube service in New York and Brooklyn at an annual expenditure not in excess of \$18,500 per mile of double tubes. Company has slightly under 28 miles in New York and Brooklyn. The appropriation therefore calls for \$513,911. The bill is effective on passage.—V. 114, p. 2244, 2582.

American Refrigerator Transit Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Equip. Trusts Sold.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, announce the sale at 102 1/2 and div. (for equal amounts of all maturities, at which price average yield is 5.60%) of \$4,662,000 6% Serial Equip. Trust Certificates. (See adv. pages).

Certificates mature as follows: \$338,000 on July 1 1923 and \$333,000 July 1 each year from 1924 to 1937, both incl. Divs. payable J. & J. at agency of trustee, New York, without deduction for any taxes (other than Federal income taxes) which company or trustee may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the U. S. or of any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein. Denom. \$1,000 (c*).

Company has agreed to acquire and cancel, simultaneously with the issuance of the new Equipment Trust Certificates, the \$338,000 certificates of the proposed issue maturing July 1 1923.

Data from Letter of President H. B. Kooser, St. Louis, June 13.

Company—Organized in New Jersey. All capital stock owned by Missouri Pacific R.R. and Wabash R.R. For last 41 years engaged in business of furnishing refrigerator cars to railroad companies for the transportation of all perishable freight. Maintains a soliciting organization for the purpose of securing traffic.

Revenue.—Company's net revenue for 1921, after payment of property taxes, available for fixed charges and depreciation, amounted to \$195,006.

During this year abnormally heavy repairs to cars were made. It is estimated that net revenue, after payment of property taxes, for 1922, without attributing any earning value to the new cars, deliveries of which are

to begin in August, available for fixed charges and depreciation, will be approximately \$525,000. For 1923, giving full consideration to the use of all of the new cars, it is estimated that net revenue, after payment of property taxes, available for fixed charges and depreciation, will be approximately \$1,125,000.

Security, etc.—Certificates are to be issued by Commercial Trust Co. of Philadelphia, trustee. Title will be vested in trustee to new equipment costing not less than \$5,000,000, consisting of not less than 2,000 40-ton capacity steel underframe refrigerator cars.

Guaranty—Principal and dividends unconditionally guaranteed by company. See also V. 114, p. 2720.

American Sugar Refining Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.
Definitive 15-year 6% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1937, are now ready for delivery in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds at the Chase National Bank, 57 Broadway, N. Y. City. (See bond offering in V. 113, p. 2724).—V. 114, p. 2118.

American Sumatra Tobacco Co.—Meeting Adjourned.
The special meeting of shareholders to consider the sale of the company's rights to subscribe to the Common stock of Consolidated Cigar Corp. and to ratify approval of the offering has been adjourned to June 29. See V. 114, p. 2720, 951.

American Thread Co.—New Director.
J. H. Crook has been elected a director to fill a vacancy. V. 113, p. 288.

American Tobacco Co.—Case Adjourned.
The hearing in the Federal Trade Commission case against this company and P. Lorillard Co., before Judge John C. Knox in the Federal District Court, in which the Court directed that the defendants show cause why writs of mandamus should not be granted against them if the Commission's orders that they open all their books and documents for its inspection were not complied with, has been adjourned until July 7.—V. 114, p. 2721, 1183, 1173.

American Water Works & El. Co.—Proposed Acquisition.
See Potomac Public Service Co., under "Railroads" above.—V. 114, p. 2018.

Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.—Acquisition.
See International Cotton Mills below.—V. 114, p. 2721.

Arundel Corp., Baltimore.—Dividend Rate Increased on Common Stock from 6 to 7% Per Annum—Declares An Extra Dividend of 6%, Payable in Common Stock.

The directors have declared (a) a quarterly dividend of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the Common stock, payable July 6 to holders of record June 28; (b) a 6% stock dividend on the Common stock, payable June 28 to holders of record June 26; (c) the regular semi-annual dividend of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the Pref. stock, payable July 6 to holders of record June 28.

Atlantic Fruit Co.—Redeemment of Debt & Capital.
A large majority of all the creditors have already consented to the Plan of Reorganization of June 1 1922 (V. 114, p. 2582). The stockholders and debenture bondholders, who have not deposited, are urged to deposit their securities with Columbia Trust Co., depository, 69 Broadway, New York, on or before July 1 1923. Thereafter deposits will be received only upon such terms as the committees may determine.—V. 114, p. 2721.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$15,000,000 15-year 5% gold debentures, due July 1 1937, "when issued." See offering in V. 114, p. 2721, 2583.

Atlas Portland Cement Co.—Retrial.
Federal Judge Knox May 26, dismissed a jury in the "Cement Trust" case, when unable to bring in verdict against the 19 corporations and 44 individuals charged with violating Anti-Trust law. Re-argument of Jus ice has announced the retrial of the eastern group of the so-called cement case has been postponed until the fall.

The case against the central group in the cement combination will come to trial in Chicago, June 15.—V. 114, p. 2119.

Beaver Products Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Central Trust Co. of Ill., Federal Securities Corp. and Hambleton & Co., Balt., are offering at 100 and int. \$3,000,000 1st and Ref. Mtge. 20-Year 7 $\frac{1}{2}\%$ Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.

Dated July 1 1922, due July 1 1942. Red. as a whole only except for sinking fund purposes on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 110 and int. Int. payable J. & J. in Chicago or New York without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penna. 4 mill tax and present Maryland security tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (e.). Central Trust Co. of Illinois, trustee.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for redemption prior to maturity or payment at maturity of the entire issue at 110 and int. On Jan. 1 1924 and on each semi-annual interest date thereafter, \$100,000 must be retired at the above price through drawings by lot.

Data from Letter of Pres. Beverly L. Worden, Buffalo, June 19.
Company.—Formed to acquire either directly or through stock ownership properties formerly owned and operated by Beaver Board Companies and subsidiaries. Is one of the most important producers of building material in the United States and Canada, ranking first in the manufacture of fibre wallboard, second in the production of gypsum products, and occupying an important position in the roofing products trade. Company will own and operate 17 manufacturing plants in the U. S., and through subsidiaries 5 plants in Canada.

Security.—Secured by direct first mortgage (subject to \$868,250 underlying liens upon certain properties for the retirement of which provision is made) upon all fixed assets in the United States of an appraised depreciated sound value of \$8,850,555 and by collateral deposit of approximately 94% of the capital stock of the Canadian holding company, whose fixed assets are appraised at a depreciated sound value of \$4,458,763.

Earnings.—Consolidated statement of the earnings of properties now owned directly or through subsidiaries, after depreciation and exhaustion totaling \$2,532,410, and after inventory adjustments, but before Federal and Canadian income and profits taxes, interest on underlying bonds and certain other interest charges no longer applicable to the present company, are as follows:

Cal. Yrs.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Net earnings	\$1,687,271	\$1,227,213	\$2,059,376	\$2,427,932	lossy\$2,363,915

x After inventory reduction of \$1,032,300. y After depreciation and exhaustion of \$933,941, and inventory reduction to market of \$539,112.—V. 114, p. 2583.

Booth Fisheries Co.—New Financing.
The stockholders will vote July 14 on authorizing an increase in the Capital stock to 625,000 shares and on authorizing an issue of \$10,000,000 refunding debenture 7s subordinate to present outstanding debentures, of which \$3,500,000 will be sold and proceeds applied to reduction of the floating debt. See also V. 114, p. 1656, 2363, 2583.

Boston & Wyoming Oil Co.—Time Extended.
The directors of the Mutual Oil Co. have extended until July 7 the time for depositing stock of the Boston & Wyoming Co. to be exchanged for Mutual Oil Co. stock.

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—Dividend Increased.
A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the stock, payable July 10 to holders of record June 30. Three months ago a dividend of $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ was declared.—V. 113, p. 1363.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Additional Stock to Be Offered—Strong Financial Condition.—President John Borg, June 21, says in substance:

The stockholders will vote July 24 on increasing the capitalization from 500,000 to 1,000,000 shares. The purpose of the proposed increase is to permit company to increase its holdings in other mining enterprises and to expand its operations in general, although our present plans contemplate the sale of not more than 20% of the new issue this year. Stockholders will be given the right to subscribe to part of the new issue at par from time to time and when additional capital can be profitably employed for the above purposes.

The company is in excellent financial condition, with sufficient cash on hand for more than three years' requirements on a basis of present maintenance operations. The company has no debt aside from current accounts payable. During the past 7 years earnings from operations have enabled the company to pay its stockholders a total of \$17 25 per share in dividends, which is equivalent to an average of about \$2 50 per annum during the 7-year period. During the same period our shares have fluctuated in this market from a high of \$28 to a low of \$4, with an average selling price of about \$13 50 per share over the 7-year period.—V. 114, p. 2583.

Canadian Cottons, Ltd.—Earnings.

	1921-22.	1920-21.	1919-20.	1918-19.
Total sales	\$8,233,378	\$11,231,103	\$11,148,439	\$10,828,326
Total income	x\$568,571	\$887,805	\$1,838,443	\$1,563,103
Bond interest, &c.	176,934	188,607	177,660	209,700
Prof. divs. (6%)	219,690	219,690	219,690	219,690
Common dividends	(8%)217,240(8%)217,240(6½)176,508			162,930
Depreciation	x	400,000	400,000	400,000
Res. for spec. replace.			400,000	200,000
Other reserves	30,490	5,674	10,000	15,000

Balance, surplus,..... \$24,218 \$26,595 \$451,586 \$355,784
x After expenses of operation, administration expenses, Government taxes, depreciation, &c.—V. 113, p. 2194.

Canton Co. of Baltimore.—Extra Dividends.
An extra dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 28.

The outstanding stock consists of approximately 22,000 shares of no specified par value, though \$100 per share is generally recognized as par.—V. 113, p. 74.

Central Illinois Light Co.—Offer to Retire Bonds.
The company in a notice, June 22, to the holders of Peoria Gas & Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 5s. due Jan. 1 1923, states that it has made arrangements to anticipate the payment at par and interest, should a bondholder desire to obtain the amount of his bond at this time. Holders accepting the offer should send their bonds to Hosenpyl, Hardy & Co., Inc., 14 Wall St., N. Y.—V. 113, p. 1679.

Cities Service Co.—Plan to Pay Dividends in Cash on Pref. and Preference Stock and Redeem Scrip Paid on These Stocks.—The directors June 21 authorized the announcement of a plan for the payment of dividends in cash on the Preferred stock on Sept. 1 and the Preference stock on Oct. 1 and the redemption of all scrip issued for dividends on these stocks.

It is proposed to give the holders of Preferred and Preference stocks, or the holders of the scrip issued in lieu of cash dividends on these stocks, either cash or, at their option, a special debenture bond created solely for this purpose. Some of the details of this special bond will be that it will bear 8% interest and will be convertible into 85% of Preference stock and 15% of Common stock, with the cumulative feature on the Common stock as in previous issues of debentures, and to carry an initial call price of 115% of par.

The directors feel this bond will serve as a reward and through the high call price and high interest rate will insure a minimum profit of 15% to the stockholders who have temporarily foregone cash dividends and that the conversion feature is such as to offer the probability of a profit much in excess of what is provided by the high interest rate of 8% and the high call price.

The company has declared the regular monthly dividends of $\frac{1}{4}\%$ of 1% on the Common, Preferred and Preference "B" shares, payable in scrip; and $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the Common stock in Common stock scrip, all payable Aug. 1 to stock of record July 15.

Statement by President Henry L. Doherty.
The action of the board is evidence of the improved earning power of company and its subsidiaries. In the public utility dividend conditions have improved considerably beyond estimates and earnings are at a rate higher than they have ever been. At this season of the year a decreased demand for electrical energy is expected, due to a smaller demand for electric lighting purposes. The increased demand for electrical energy by the industries in territories served by our subsidiary utility companies has more than offset this seasonal decline.

It is evident that the corner has been turned and the future looks most promising. Earnings of company have increased steadily since the early part of last fall. The increase in Cities Service earnings has been consecutive, month by month, since July 1921. The earnings statement of the company for the month of May not only showed decided improvement over preceding months, but over May 1921. Net Common stock and reserves earned last month totaled \$812,844 and was the best reported since March 1921. When underlying conditions in the commodity markets and in basic industries give evidence of particular strength, the outlook for general business and for the business of company is necessarily improved.

In spite of a record production of oil, there is every reason to believe that no great time will intervene before demand for petroleum will again far outrun the supply. The result is obvious, because company, through its subsidiaries, is one of the largest producers of high grade refinable crude oil in this country.—V. 114, p. 2363.

Commercial Cable Co.—Obituary.
George Gray Ward, Vice-President and General Manager of the Commercial Cable Co., died in N. Y. City, June 16.—V. 114, p. 1412.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—Stock Sold.—Huntington Jackson & Co. and Farnum, Winter & Co., New York, have sold at \$45 per share 40,000 shares Cumulative Convertible Class A stock of no par value (see advertising pages.)

The stock is preferred as to dividends and assets. Dividends payable Q.-J. Class A stock is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$4 per share per year and is convertible in any div. date into Class B stock share per share. In event of liquidation, Class A stock is entitled to \$50 per share and divs. on any div. date upon 60 days' notice, but when so called shareholders may elect to convert upon notice given to the corporation not less than 20 days before the date fixed for redemption.

Data from Letter of Pres. P. G. Mumford, New York, June 15.
Company.—Manufactures solvents, particularly Butanol (butyl alcohol) and other alcohol products, under the Weizmann processes, for which the corporation owns an exclusive license in the United States and the patents or rights throughout the rest of the world. Also manufactures acetone, ethyl alcohol and various important derivatives. Owns in fee 81 acres in Terre Haute, Ind., on which are situated one large modern fireproof plant, constructed of steel and brick and one reserve plant of the same character, with a total floor space of about 1,000,000 sq. ft. Maintains highly equipped chemical and bacteriological laboratories where extensive research in derivatives is being conducted.

Customers.—Eastman Kodak Co. and Du Pont de Nemours & Co. are under long term contracts for their entire requirements. The Chemical Branch of the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co. purchases all its high grade acetone from the corporation. Practically all of the other film and lacquer manufacturers in the United States and many of the European manufacturers also secure their entire requirements from this corporation.

Net Profits, Before Federal Taxes, Quarters Ended.

Sept. 30 1921.	Dec. 31 1921.	Mar. 31 1922.	June 30 1922.
\$52,319	\$77,109	\$120,195	*\$140,181

* 6 weeks estimated.

Capitalization—			
Cumulative Class A stock (no par)-----	40,000 shs.	40,000 shs.	
Class "B" stock (no par)-----	80,000 shs.	40,000 shs.	
Interests identified with P. A. Rockefeller and E. R. Stettinius as the principal shareholders of the Class B Common stock of the corporation, it is said.]			

Commonwealth Public Service Co.—Successor Co.—

See Mississippi Valley Power Co. below.—V. 114, p. 632.

Community Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Wm. L. Ross & Co., Inc., Chicago; Whitaker & Co., and Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 1st M. Coll. S. F. 7½% gold bonds, ser. "A"

Dated April 1 1922. Due April 1 1942. Int. payable A. & O. at Liberty Central Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, or Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c*). Red., all or part, on 60 days' notice on any int. date at 110 and int. during 1927, redemption price thereafter being reduced ¼% per ann. until it is 105, which rate prevails until maturity.

Data from Letter of President F. M. Stone, St. Louis, June 1 1922.

Company.—Through subsidiaries serves without competition entire electric light and power business in 7 communities in Kansas and Arkansas; total population 30,000. In addition, 13,000 population in these communities is furnished gas and steam heat service and 8,000 population water service.

Security.—Secured by 1st Mfge. lien on all properties of subsidiaries through pledge of their 1st Mfge. bonds.

Earnings.—Net earnings for year ended May 31 1922 were \$91,221, or nearly 2½ times annual interest charges of \$37,500 on this issue.

Management.—North American Light & Power Co.

Capitalization.—1st Mfge. bonds, \$500,000; Common stock, \$500,000.

Consolidated Copper Mines Co.—Reorganization Plan.—

The reorganization committee named below, at the request of a majority of the bondholders and creditors and a large number of the stockholders, has prepared a plan of reorganization which has received the approval of a large majority in amount of the bonds and creditors and many stockholders:

The company has not been able to pay the interest on its bonds for more than a year past, or any of its other obligations, and all efforts to raise further working capital from stockholders or otherwise secure financial assistance failed.

Plan of Reorganization, Dated June 5 1922.

The reorganization plan (in substance) proposes:

(1) Foreclose the mortgage and have the property bid in by the reorganization committee.

(2) Organize a new company with an authorized capital of \$8,000,000 (par \$5).

(3) Issue approximately 740,000 shares of stock in the new company at \$5 per share for the face value of all bonds, unpaid coupons, notes, accrued interest and all forms of indebtedness if and as approved by the reorganization committee. Total outstanding indebtedness is approximately \$3,700,000 (consisting of about \$2,988,600 1st Mfge. 7% Conv. bonds, promissory notes guaranteed by Giroux Consolidated Mines Co. and unsecured claims and obligations).

(4) Offer approximately 500,000 shares to present stockholders on the basis of 2 shares of stock and \$2.50 in cash for each share of the stock of the new company. The stock offered to stockholders has been underwritten.

The plan makes no provision for payment in cash, under the terms of any bid at foreclosure or otherwise, to any holder of bonds foreclosed or to any shareholders of the old company who do not participate in the plan. Any securities which would be deliverable under the plan to such bondholders or shareholders, had they participated, may remain unissued or be disposed of by the reorganization committee for the purpose of the reorganization.

Bases of Exchange for Existing Securities and Claims.

Bondholders.—Bondholders will receive stock of the new company at par, to wit, \$5 per share, for the face value of their bonds and of all unpaid coupons up to Aug. 1 1922.

Stockholders.—Stockholders will receive, for each 2 shares of the stock of the old company deposited and \$2.50 paid in cash to the depository, 1 share of stock in the new company of the par value of \$5.

Noteholders.—Noteholders will receive for the amount thereof, principal and interest up to Aug. 1 1922, stock of the new company at the par value of \$5 per share.

Claim Holders.—Claim holders of the old company, if claims are approved and accepted by the committee, will receive, for such amounts as shall be allowed or adjusted by the committee, stock of the new company at the par value of \$5 per share.

New Company to be Clear of All Debts.—The plan clears the new company from debt with the consequent heavy burden of interest charges and provides, besides 335,000 unissued shares, approximately \$1,250,000 cash in its treasury for working capital and future corporate purposes.

Depository.—The New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, will act as depository of the bonds and stock of, and all notes and claims against, the company.

Arrangements have been made to supply enough shares of the old company to permit each depositing stockholder whose holdings may be an uneven number of shares to purchase an additional share of the stock of the old company for \$1.50. Bonds deposited must have Feb. 1 1921 and subsequent coupons attached.

Deposits of bonds, stock, notes and claims and cash payments will be received by the depository until July 14.

Reorganization Committee.—Edwin O. Holter, Chairman; Charles L. Hoffman, Joseph B. Cotton, Thomas A. Merritt, Herbert W. Morse, Martin Paskus, Howard D. Smith, with A. C. Downing Jr., Secretary.—V. 112, p. 2310, 1921.

Consolidated Gas, Elec. Lt. & Pr. Co. of Balt.—

All of the outstanding 7% Secured Conv. gold notes, due Aug. 1 1922, will be purchased at the option of the holder any time before maturity at par and int. and in addition, interest on the notes at the rate of 1% per annum from date of purchase to Aug. 1 1922. Payment will be made at the Bank of the Manhattan Co., N. Y. City, or at Alexander Brown & Sons, Baltimore.

All of the outstanding Consolidated Power Co. of Baltimore 5-Year 6% secured gold notes, maturing Aug. 1 1922, will be purchased at the option of the holder, at any time before maturity at par and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y. City, or at Alex. Brown & Sons, Balt.—V. 114, p. 2584.

Consolidated Textile Corp.—B. B. & R. Knight Mills.—

See that company below.—V. 114, p. 2722.

Converse Rubber Shoe Co., Malden, Mass.—Bonds

Sold.—Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago, have sold, at 100 and int., \$1,000,000 15-Year 7½% Sinking Fund Conv. Gold Bonds (see advertising pages). Dated July 1, 1922, due July 1, 1937. Denom. \$100, \$500, \$1,000. (c*)

Interest payable J. & J. at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Penn. 4 mills tax refunded. Redeemable, all or part, at any time after July 1 1932, upon 30 days' notice, at 106 and int. if called prior to Jan. 1 1932, less ½% of 1% for each six months thereafter.

Sinking Fund.—A normal sinking fund is to be provided beginning 1925, equal to 10% of net earnings, for purchase of bonds if obtainable at or below 102 and int.; and, beginning 1932, a sinking fund equal to 15% of net earnings, to purchase bonds or by call at the redemption price.

Data from Letter of Pres. M. M. Converse, Malden, Mass., June 10.

Company.—Organized in 1908. Plants have a daily capacity of 18,000 pairs of rubber footwear. Manufactures a complete line of rubber footwear,

including outing and athletic shoes. Through a subsidiary (Converse Tire Co.), also manufactures a superior quality tire casing and inner tube. Manufacture of rubber footwear comprises over 90% of volume of business. Earnings.—Company has operated at a substantial profit every year since organization. Volume of business has increased 1,500% since 1909, net sales advancing from \$400,000 in 1909 to \$1,556,000 in 1915 and to over \$6,000,000 in 1921. Net earnings, applicable to interest charges, have increased from \$166,000 in 1915 to \$983,318 for year ended April 30 1922.

Present net earnings applicable to interest charges are running at the rate of nearly nine times maximum interest requirements on funded debt. At present time unfilled orders will require maximum operation for practically all remaining months of the year.

Conversion.—Bonds will be convertible until 1932 into 7% Cumulative non-redeemable Pref. stock on basis of 100 for stock and 106 for the bonds, or a premium of \$6 cash with an adjustment of interest and dividend, or a premium of \$6 cash will be used to anticipate the maturity of the 7% Serial Coupon Notes due Dec. 1 1922 and Dec. 1 1923, aggregating \$200,000; to reduce bank loans and increase working capital.—V. 113, p. 2188, 539.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Usual Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of ¼ of 1% has been declared on the Common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1%, both payable July 20 to holders of record July 3. An extra of ¼ of 1% has been paid quarterly since Jan. 1920.—V. 114, p. 1895.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—New Officers.—

G. A. Knapp, formerly Assistant Treasurer, has been elected Secretary, and B. A. Lyman as Treasurer, succeeding H. F. Kroyer, who held both positions.—V. 114, p. 2722.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—Defers Dividends.

The directors state that although demand for diamonds has improved they are unable to declare dividends either on Preference or Deferred shares.—V. 112, p. 376.

Donner Steel Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to the list \$5,000,000 1st Ref. Mfge. 20-Year 7½% Sinking Fund gold bonds, Series "AA," due Jan. 1 1942, "when issued." See offering in V. 114, p. 2584.

Durant Motors, Inc.—To Double Capital.—

The stockholders will vote June 27 on increasing the authorized capital from 1,000,000 shares (no par value) to 2,000,000 shares (no par value).

President W. C. Durant, New York, June 10, says in brief: "The proposed increase in the capital stock is necessary to carry out in full the development of the company's operations. The plan, prepared by the directors, embraces in its scope an exchange of the stock of the several allied or divisional corporations for the securities of this corporation. This exchange can be made at the option of the stockholders of such allied companies at any time between Aug. 1 1924 and Aug. 1 1926, and will be based upon a price of \$30 per share for Durant Motors, Inc., payable in full for such allied companies at the original issue prices of such stock. This plan is designed to facilitate the acquisition by this corporation of large interests in the allied companies. For this purpose approximately 500,000 shares is required. The balance of the increase will be available for such use as the directors may determine.—V. 114, p. 2722, 2584.

Elder Steel Steamship Co., Inc.—Receivership.—

Under bill of equity filed June 19 in U. S. District Court at New York, company was placed in hands of Arthur E. Mitrnacht and John B. Johnston as receivers. Liabilities were placed at about \$5,365,222. No assets were named. The appointment of receivers, it is stated, is for the purpose of reorganizing the company.—V. 112, p. 2195.

Elgin National Watch Co.—New Director.—

Solomon A. Smith, President of the Northern Trust Co., has been elected a director to succeed the late A. C. Bartlett.—V. 114, p. 2722.

Fairbanks Co., N. Y.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

	1921.	1920.		1921.	1920.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—		
Plant, equip. & acc.	2,835,704	2,917,432	First Pref. stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
Contracts and goods	2,098,500	2,000,000	Preferred stock	2,000,000	2,000,000
will	898,500	898,500	Common stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
	1,415,173	1,463,909	Cuba Co. stock	500	500
Cash	5,516,723	6,661,510	Accounts payable	742,156	2,167,514
Merchandise	2,661,247	5,387,049	Notes payable	6,625,000	6,702,000
Raw material	6,087	—	Miscellaneous liabilities	32,024	402,925
Stocks & acq. adv.	6,087	—	Deprec'n reserve	1,278,906	1,112,523
Misc. investments	151,773	—	Reserve for taxes	22,617	23,607
Misc. accts. reciev.	35,220	82,093	Other reserves	245,800	84,478
Advances	165,135	100,000	Surplus	606,364	3,898,528
Sinking fund	352,895	256,628			
Deferred charges	—	—			
Total	14,037,368	18,892,075	Total	14,037,368	18,892,075

—V. 114, p. 2722.

Famous Players-Lasky Corp.—Lease, &c.—

See Prudence Co., Inc., below.—V. 114, p. 2723.

Federal Motor Truck Co.—Dividend of 2%.

A dividend of 2% has been declared payable June 30 to holders of record June 24. This compares with 1½% paid in Dec. last.—V. 114, p. 2475.

Fensland Oil Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has acquired a one-half interest in 9,000 acres of leases covering the North Geary Dome in Wyoming, lying between the Tea Pot Dome and the Big Muddy Field.—V. 114, p. 1657.

Ford Motor Co. of Detroit.—Production.—

May production of cars and trucks at all plants totalled 134,762, a new high monthly record. Domestic production was 121,073 vehicles, against 109,187, best previous record, made in June 1921. Production of American and foreign plants for the first five months of this year was 400,309 cars and trucks, against 329,813 for the same period in 1921.—V. 114, p. 2723.

1493 Broadway Corp., N. Y. City.—Bonds, &c.—

See Prudence Co., Inc., below.

(H. C.) Fry Glass Co.—Bonds Offered.—Peoples Sav-

ings & Trust Co. and First National Bank, Pittsburgh, in Apr. offered at 96¼% and int. \$600,000 1st. (closed) Mortgage 6% Gold Bonds.

Dated May 1 1922. Due May 1 1932. Int. payable M. & N. without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%, at Peoples Savings & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Callable, all or part, for sinking fund purposes, on any int. date, at 103 and int. upon 40 days' notice. Free of Pennsylvania 4 mill tax.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. C. Fry, Rochester, Pa., April 15.

Company.—Successful manufacturer of glass for more than 20 years. Owns and operates large plants in Rochester, Pa., manufacturing lead blanks for the cut glass trade, the famous Fry oven glass for baking purposes, cut glass, parabolas and motion picture lenses, refined plate and needle etchings, stemware, table tumblers, cylinders for gasoline pumps, as well as numerous other specialties.

Earnings.—Average annual net profits available for interest after taxes during the 10½ years ending Jan. 1 1922, were approximately 5 times the \$36,000 annual interest charges on these \$600,000 bonds.

Equity.—Followed by \$1,200,000 Common Stock with a market value of approximately \$1,800,000. Cash div. averaging 10% have been paid continuously from 1908 to 1921 and in 1913 a stock div. of \$900,000 was declared.

Purpose.—Proceeds will fund money spent for additions to plants in 1920 and 1921 and provide additional working capital.

(Robert) Gair Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Definitive Bonds.—

The Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver definitive 1st Mfge. 7% gold bonds upon surrender of temporary outstanding bonds. See offering in V. 113, p. 2620.—V. 114, p. 2019.

General Electric Co.—New Vice-Presidents.—

Allan H. Jackson and J. G. Barry have been elected Vice-Presidents.—V. 114, p. 2585.

Great Eastern Paper Co., Ltd.—Bids for Bonds.—

Tenders are invited for the purchase of \$1,625,000 7% bonds, part of an authorized issue of \$2,000,000 due on Jan. 6 1941. Tenders will be received at the Head Office of the United Financial Corp., 112 St. James St., Montreal, up to July 4.—V. 112, p. 1871.

Hamilton, Brown Shoe Co., St. Louis.—Extra Div.—

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the outstanding \$4,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable July 1.—V. 114, p. 1540.

Hanover (Pa.) Power Co.—Bonds Sold.—West & Co. and Lewis & Snyder recently announced the sale of a block of 1st Mtge. Sinking Fund gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Dec. 1 1921, due, Series A, June 1 1928; Series B and C, June 1 1941. Int. payable J. & D. Authorized \$3,500,000, outstanding \$630,000. York Trust Co., York, Pa., trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$100 (c*). Free of Penn. property tax and 2% normal Federal income tax. Callable on any int. date on 60 days' notice on a 5/8% basis.

Company.—Operates under a franchise considered perpetual. Serves with electric light and power the boroughs of Hanover, McSherrytown, Littlestown and New Oxford, and townships of Penn. Mount Pleasant, Conewago, Union, Germania and Oxford, Pa. Also supplies current to the Gettysburg Electric Co. Through a subsidiary company operates a street railway line which serves practically the same territory as is served by the parent light company. Company has a total of 6,515 h.p. installed, and operates with an approximate peak load of 2,000 h.p. Owns approximately 10 miles of transmission pole lines, 326 miles of electric distribution wire and 25 miles of railway distribution wire.

Consolidated Earnings for Years—

	1920.	1921.
Gross operating revenue	\$209,106 75	\$234,952 30
Net after taxes	77,578 90	82,802 57

Hayes Wheel Co., Jackson, Mich.—Stock Sold.—

McClure, Jones & Reed, New York; John Burnham & Co., Chicago; and Otis & Co., Cleveland, have sold, at \$27 50 per share, 30,000 shares no par value Common Stock. A circular shows:

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock (no par)	200,000 shs.	200,000 shs.
First Mtge. 10-Year 7s	\$1,000,000	\$771,000

There are also authorized 10 shares of Common Stock, par value \$25, to comply with the Michigan Law.

Company.—Established in Jackson, Mich., in 1908. Manufactures complete automobile wheels and rims, and is the largest manufacturer of automobile wheels in the world. Customers include Buick, Chevrolet, Durant, Earl, Ford, Gardner, Nash, Willys-Overland. Company is manufacturing wheels at the rate of over 16,000 per day.

Earnings After All Charges, But Before Taxes.

1915	\$364,602 1917	\$735,628 1919	\$1,501,564 1922	\$528,102
1916	480,649 1918	553,292 1920	624,746 1921	1,000,000

Estimated, based upon actual net earnings for first five months.

Dividends.—Cash dividends have been paid in every year since 1912, and have aggregated \$877,330. Stock dividends have been as follows: May 13 1911, 100%; Aug. 6 1912, 125%; Oct. 9 1915, 166 2-3%; May 18 1922, 22.45%.—V. 114, p. 2365.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.—Resumes Div.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share, payable July 5 to holders of record June 25. A dividend of 15 cents per share was paid in Oct. 1921, none since.—V. 114, p. 2247.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—Acquisition.

It has been announced that the company has purchased the property of the Schumacher Gold Mines, Ltd., which admits their property on the east. The Hollinger company has been given an option on the entire assets, plant and undertaking of the Schumacher company for \$1,650,000. See also the Schumacher Gold Mines, Ltd., below.—V. 114, p. 1292.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Sales.—

The company in May last sold 6,200 cars.—V. 114, p. 2723.

Hupp Motor Car Co.—Earnings.—

Gross profits for the six months ending May 31 1922 are reported as \$4,829,798; total income, \$5,149,819; net after interest charges, expenses and depreciation, but before taxes, \$3,024,623; surplus after dividends for the six months, \$2,024,623 (compared with approximately \$434,834 for the full year 1921). "Chicago Economist"—V. 114, p. 2020.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Capital.—

The Illinois Commerce Commission has authorized the company to issue \$10,000,000 more stock, raising the capitalization to \$60,000,000. The new stock goes to present stockholders (Amer. Tel. & Tel. owns about 98 1/2% of outstanding stock). No public offerings will be made, it is said. It is reported that the company plans offering 7% Cumulative Preferred stock at par to customers and employees.—V. 114, p. 2475.

International Cotton Mills.—Sale Approved.—

The stockholders on June 19 approved the sale, to the Amoskeag Mfg. Co., of the Stark Mills, at Manchester, N. H. See V. 114, p. 2724.

Interstate Electric Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

A. E. Fildin & Co. are offering this company's 1st Lien 6% Coll. Sinking Fund Gold bonds of 1913, due Mar. 1 1933. A circular shows:

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Preferred stock (7%)	1,500,000	1,077,100
First Lien 6% (closed mortgage)	2,000,000	1,930,000
3-Year 7% Gold Notes	1,000,000	293,300

x \$70,000 retired by skg. fl., \$635,500 reserved to retire underlying bds.

Company.—Organized in 1913. Owns all of the outstanding stock of 16 gas, electric light, ice, water and power companies in operating Pennsylvania, Kansas, Texas and Missouri. The Commonwealth Light & Power Co. has recently acquired in excess of 74% of the Common stock and in excess of 66% of the Preferred stock of the Inter-State Electric Corp. Earnings of All Subsidiary Companies Owned, Year Ended April 30 1922.

Gross earnings	\$965,532
Net earnings, after operating expenses (incl. taxes)	\$343,725
Sub. cos.' bond, note and other int., pref. divs. & int. on this issue	163,635

Balance—\$180,000
—V. 114, p. 2476.

Kansas Electric Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Bonbright & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co., New York, are offering at 97 and int., to yield about 6.30%, \$3,000,000 15-year non-callable 1st Mtge. 6%, series "A," gold bonds. (See advertising pages.)

Dated June 1 1922. Due June 1 1937. Int. payable J. & D. at American Exchange National Bank, New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c* & r*). Company will pay the Federal normal income tax to the extent of 2%. Pennsylvania and Connecticut 4-mill tax refunded.

Issuance.—Bonds authorized by Kansas Public Utilities Commission. Data from Letter of President Albert Emanuel, New York, June 20.

Company.—Succeeded Kansas Electric Utilities Co. (V. 107, p. 1570), which was incorp. Sept. 16 1915 as a consolidation. There will be merged with the company the properties of the Leavenworth Light, Heat & Power Co. (V. 93, p. 1792) and Bonner Springs Electric & Mfg. Co. Company also owns the entire capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) of Miami Valley Electric Co., Union City Electric Co. and the United Lighting Co. of Albion, Pa. Will do entire electric light and power business in Leavenworth, Emporia, Lawrence, Parsons and 14 other communities in Kansas. Will also supply gas to Leavenworth. Electric light and power is furnished in 16 communities in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio through subsidiaries. Estimated population served 100,000. Company will own and operate electric light and power plants in Leavenworth, Parsons, Lawrence and Emporia with a total capacity of 15,365 k.w. There are 522

miles of distribution lines, 108 miles of transmission lines and 50 miles of gas mains.

Capitalization—

	Authorized	Outstand'g.
1st Mtge. Series "A," due 1937	\$25,000,000	\$3,000,000
Preferred stock 7%	5,000,000	750,000
Common stock	3,334,000	1,000,000

Purpose.—Proceeds from sale of bonds and from sale of \$750,000 Pref. stock will be used to refund bonds, of the acquisition of the properties of the Leavenworth Light, Heat & Power Co. and Bonner Springs Electric & Manufacturing Co. and for the building of additions, extensions, &c.

Earnings Year ended April 30 1922.

Gross earnings	\$1,565,310
Operating expenses, taxes and interest on subsidiary bonds	1,097,831

Net earnings applicable to this issue \$467,479
Annual interest charges on this issue \$180,000

Kansas & Gulf Co., Chicago.—Earnings.—

Net earnings for the first four months of this year are reported at \$347,000.—V. 114, p. 1897.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—

Definitive 1st Mtge. 6 1/2% Gold bonds are now ready for delivery at the Central Union Trust Co., N. Y., in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. (For offering, see V. 114, p. 85.)—V. 114, p. 1413.

(B. B. & R.) Knight, Inc.—To Sell Four Mills.—

The company will offer for sale at public auction on June 27 and 28 its Roadville mill plant and its Manchang mills plant. The company has decided to concentrate and develop all its cotton textile manufacturing within a few number of plants. The Roadville plant at Hyde Park has a capacity of 20,000 spindles and the Manchang group of 3 mills a capacity of 50,000 spindles.

The "Boston News Bureau" says: "The B. B. & R. Knight, Inc., the Hope Co. and the Interlaken Mills, with plants in Putnam Valley, R. I., will receive \$1,750,000 in lump sum from the city of Providence as result of a settlement just reached between these corporations and Water Supply Board of city for damages which grow out of city's interference with their water rights."—V. 114, p. 1413.

Koppers Company, Pittsburgh.—Contract.—

The company is reported to have received a contract from the Rochester Gas & Electric Co. for a 6,000,000-foot capacity Koppers Liquid Purification plant.—V. 113, p. 424.

Lafayette Motors Co.—Reorganization Approved.—

The shareholders June 20 approved the reorganization plan. See outline in V. 114, p. 2585.

(Wm. J.) Lemp Brewing Co., St. Louis.—Sale.—

The company will sell at auction on June 28 its plant at Broadway, Cherokee St. and Lemp Ave. The estimated value of the plant is \$3,500,000 according to reports.

Lockwood, Greene & Co., Inc.—Preferred Stock Offered.—

Jackson & Curtis, Boston, are offering, at 100 and div., with a bonus of 15% in Class B stock, \$1,000,000 7% Cum. Pref. (a. & d.) Stock. A circular shows:

Dividends payable Q.-J. First quarterly dividend payable Oct. 1 1922. Callable as a whole at \$110 and dividends. National Shawmut Bank of Boston, transfer agent.

Capitalization—Authorized, Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financ'g.)

Preferred Stock 7% Cumulative	\$1,500,000
Common Stock (all held by directors)	1,740,000
Class B Stock	200,000

Company.—Business which started in 1832, is closely related to the textile industry and the building industry of the country. Primary business of company and its subsidiaries is engineering and management for industrial plants, particularly in the textile field. In 1901 the business was incorporated and is now being reincorporated as a Massachusetts corporation under above name.

Net Profits.—Earnings available for dividends for the last five calendar years after all expenses and charges, including taxes, have averaged \$321,804, or three times dividend requirements on the pref. stock, and after preferred dividend and sinking fund, are equivalent to 9 1/2% on the Common and Class B Stocks.

Mackay Companies.—New Trustee.—

Charles R. Hosmer of Montreal, a director of the Canadian Pacific Ry., has been elected a trustee to succeed the late George G. Ward.—V. 114, p. 851.

Mack Trucks, Inc.—New Director.—

F. C. Dumaine, Treasurer of Amoskeag Mfg. Co., has been elected a director, succeeding E. R. Hewitt.—V. 114, p. 2477.

Magna Copper Co.—Bonds Taken.—

It is stated that the stockholders subscribed for the entire amount of \$3,600,000 10-Year 7s. Rights expired June 15.—V. 114, p. 1897, 2124.

Manufacturers Light & Heat Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter ended March 31—

	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$3,590,110	\$3,204,758
Operating expenses, taxes, &c.	2,375,513	2,349,599

Net earnings \$1,214,597 \$855,189
Other income 21,171 22,070

Gross Income \$1,235,768 \$877,268
Profit and loss debits \$1,052 \$2,213

Balance \$1,234,716 \$875,055
Dividends 460,000 460,000

Surplus \$774,716 \$415,055
—V. 114, p. 1069.

Maple Leaf Milling Co.—Dividend Decreased.—

A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared on the Common Stock, together with the regular quarterly 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, both payable July 18. This reduces the dividend rate on the Common stock from 12 to 8% per annum.—V. 114, p. 204.

Marland Oil Co. (Del.).—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the Capital stock, no par value, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Aug. 31. An official statement says in substance: "The directors have adopted a resolution instructing the executive committee to declare and pay quarterly dividends until further instructed, at the rate of \$1 per share, quarterly, the first dividend to be paid Sept. 30 to holders of record Aug. 31."

"This August date was fixed in order to afford the stockholders of Marland Refining Co., Kay County Gas Co., Kenney-Clearly Oil Co., Tom James Oil Co. and Francoma Oil Co. opportunity to complete the exchange of their shares of stock for the stock of Marland Oil Co. under the existing offers for such exchange, all of which will be withdrawn after that date, and to give the warrant holders on the bonds opportunity to exercise their warrants."

An official states that the company's crude oil production is now at the rate of 15,300 barrels gross daily, having recently been increased by several new wells in the Osage and Tonkawa districts of Oklahoma.

Definitive Bonds Ready—Listing—Acquisitions.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y. is now prepared to exchange the outstanding temporary 7 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds due April 1 1931, Series "B" for definitive bonds. (See offering of bonds in V. 114, p. 314.)

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of (a) 9,523 additional shares of its capital stock, no par value, upon official notice of issuance in exchange for the capital stock of the Marland Refining Co. and the Kay County Gas Co., with authority to add (b) 93,014 shares, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding stocks of Kenney-Clearly Oil Co., Tom James Oil Co., and Francoma Oil Co., with authority to add (c) 75,000 shares, on official notice of issuance to holders of stock subscription warrants under the provisions of the 7 1/2% Sinking Fund gold bonds, series B, each \$1,000 bond of which carries a detachable warrant

entitling the holder thereof to subscribe to 25 shares of stock on or before April 1 1931. at the rate of \$40 per share, making the total amount applied for 1,131,610 shares without nominal or par value.

The Exchange has also authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 7 1/2% Sinking Fund gold coupon bonds, Series B, maturing April 1 1931, making a total amount to be listed \$3,785,000 Series A 8% bonds and \$3,000,000 Series B 7 1/2% bonds.

The directors on Jan. 26 1922 authorized the issuance of 7,671 16-20 shares of stock in exchange for 76,718 shares of the capital stock of the Marland Refining Co., and 1,020 shares of stock for 30,400 shares of the capital stock of Kay County Gas Co.; and to issue \$32 3/20 shares of Kay Co., in exchange for 16,643 shares of the capital stock of Kay County Gas Co., which had been issued by the latter company to employees in payment for salaries during the year 1921.

The directors Feb. 28 1922 authorized the President to submit to the stockholders of Tom James Oil Co., Kenny-Clearly Oil Co. and Franconia Oil Co. a proposition for exchange of its stock for the outstanding stocks of these three companies on the following basis: 1 share of Marland Oil Co. for 4 shares of stock of Tom James Oil Co.; 3 shares of Marland Oil Co. for 1 share of stock of Kenny-Clearly Oil Co.; 1 share of Marland Oil Co. for 2 1/2 shares of stock of Franconia Oil Co.

The proposition for exchange provides that, until 75% of the outstanding stock of each of the three above companies shall have been deposited for exchange, no stock of Marland Oil Co. shall be listed in exchange therefor. Privilege to make exchange on above basis has been extended stockholders of Tom James Oil Co. to and incl. May 1 1922; to stockholders of Franconia Oil Co. and Kenny-Clearly Oil Co. to and incl. April 20 1922. The proposition provides that Marland Oil Co. may extend the period of time within which the stockholders of the above-named companies may accept the foregoing proposition for a period not exceeding 30 days from each of the above dates.

Metropolitan Trust Co., New York, has been appointed to accept for exchange the stock of Kenny-Clearly Oil Co.; Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed to accept for exchange the stock of Tom James Oil Co.; Francis Bros. & Co. of St. Louis, Mo., have been appointed to accept for exchange stock of Franconia Oil Co.—V. 114, p. 1772.

Metropolitan 5 to 50c. Stores, Inc.—Balance Sheet.—The company's balance sheet as of April 30 1922 shows cash, \$69,586; inventories, \$2,069,059; accounts and advances receivable, \$23,819; notes and accounts payable, \$1,457,545; surplus supporting no par value common stock, \$4,533,308.—V. 114, p. 2724, 2124.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Dividend of 15%.—A dividend of 15% has been declared on the Preference and Ordinary shares for the 6 months ended Dec. 31 1921.—V. 114, p. 2247.

Mexican Petroleum Co.—New President—Annual Report.—Herbert G. Wylie has been elected President, succeeding Edward L. Doheny, who has been elected Chairman of the Board.

For annual report see under "Financial Reports" on a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 744.

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.—Production.—

June 10 1922. June 3 1922. Week ended— Oil production (in barrels) 774,579 781,376. Compare V. 114, p. 2724.

Miner-Edgar Co., New York.—Bonds Offered.—E. Howard George & Co., Inc., Boston, and Ralph W. Voorhees & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at 99 and int., to yield about 7.10%, \$1,500,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 20-Year 7% Sinking Fund Conv. Gold bonds.

Dated Oct. 15 1921. Due Oct. 15 1941. Red. on 3 months' notice serially in annual amounts not exceeding \$100,000 commencing Oct. 15 1927. Int. payable A. & O. at National Bank of New Jersey, trustee, New Brunswick, N. J. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c). Callable all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice prior to Oct. 15 1927 at 107 1/2% and int., the premium decreasing 1/2% per annum to maturity. Sinking fund beginning Oct. 15 1927, will retire entire issue by maturity. Convertible at any time into 8% Cumul. Pref. stock on the basis of one share of stock for \$100 of bonds, with adjustment of interest and dividends. Company agrees to pay the normal Federal income tax up to 2%, and to refund Pennsylvania 4 mill tax.

Date from Letter of President Henry M. Miner, New York, May 1. Company—is the largest distributor of American paper clay to the book, news and wall paper trades in the U. S. Is the largest distributor of denatured alcohol in the New York territory, and the second largest distributor of wood alcohol in the country. Is one of the leading manufacturers of pyroxylin solutions for spirit and artificial leather and lacquer trades. It is an important producer of acetates, formaldehyde and other basic chemicals.

Purpose.—To refund prior liens, to repay the treasury for plant expenditures, to pay bank loans and to provide additional working capital.

Earnings.—Total earnings applicable to bond interest of all the companies now consolidated have been \$1,587,892 during the last 7 years. Average earnings were at the rate of \$396,973 per annum or nearly 4 times annual interest requirements of this issue.

For first 4 months of 1922 earnings applicable to the bond interest were \$163,229, or at an annual rate of over 4 1/2 times interest requirements.—Compare V. 114, p. 1294.

Mining Corp. of Canada.—Annual Report for.—The annual report shows: Profit at mines, \$77,643; interest, exchange and profits on investment, \$61,660; combined total, \$139,303; expenses, \$661,738; net loss for year, \$522,434.—V. 112, p. 1746.

Mississippi Valley Power Co.—Takes Over Trans. System.—The company, recently organized, is now operating about 60 miles of 33,000- and 13,200-volt transmission lines from Alma, Ark. to Clarkesville and Paris, Ark., formerly owned by the Commonwealth Public Service Co. [sold at receiver's sale, in Feb. 1922.—V. 114, p. 632] and will assume ownership of these properties on July 1 1922. It will also acquire distributing systems at Alma, Dyer, Mulberry, Ozark, Webb City, Altus, Denning, Alb., Hartman, Lamar and Spadra, all located in Arkansas, and will serve the customers in these towns at retail; Coal Hill and Clarkesville will be served on a wholesale basis. The company purchases current under a 25-year contract from the Fort Smith Light & Traction Co. Compare V. 114, p. 2366.

Missouri Portland Cement Co., St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.—Smith, Moore & Co., Francis, Bro. & Co. and Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int., \$2,000,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. Serial Gold 6 1/2%.

Interest payable J. & J. at Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee, Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c). Normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% assumed by company. Red. on any interest date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. Bonds are dated July 1 1922, and are due serially, 1923 to 1937.

Data from Letter of Pres. H. L. Black, St. Louis, June 12. Company.—Organized June 3 1891, as Union Sand Co. In 1906 name changed to Union Sand & Material Co., and in 1917 name was again changed to the Missouri Portland Cement Co. Changes in name were due to growth, and the enlargement of field of business and operations by the acquisition of a gravel plant in Memphis and by the purchase of cement plants in St. Louis and in Kansas City.

Property consists of (1) the St. Louis Portland Cement Works, located in St. Louis; (2) other plants and equipment in St. Louis, consisting of gravel plant at Jedburg and the gravel plant at Drake, the sand holding plant on the Mississippi River and the several distributing yards in St. Louis; (3) the Kansas City Portland Cement Works and equipment located near Kansas City; (4) plants and equipment at Memphis, Tenn.; (5) sand plant at East St. Louis, Ill.; (6) boats, barges, dredges, steam shovels, etc.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for retirement of \$674,000 Union Sand & Material Co. 1st & Ref. Bds., which are to be called for payment Nov. 1; remodeling cement plant at Prospect Hill, Mo., and for additional working capital.

Net Earnings, after Deprec., Deple. & Obsolescence, but Before Interest & Income Taxes, Applicable to Int. on Bonds.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1913-1915), Total Earnings, Depreciation, and Net Earnings. Values range from \$489,497 to \$685,632.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1921 (After This Financing).

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1921. Assets: Land, bldg. & equip. \$6,245,763. Liabilities: Capital stock \$5,100,000. Total assets \$8,904,145. Total liabilities \$8,904,145.

Moon Motor Car Co.—Initial Dividend—Earnings.—An initial dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding 154,213 shares of Common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15.

Earnings for the first six months of the present year, June partly estimated, amount to \$225,648.—V. 114, p. 2586.

Mother Lode Coalition Mines Co.—Production.—

Month of: May, April, March, February, January. Copper produced (lbs.): 2,104,402 2,021,601 2,017,035 2,071,951 1,915,863.—V. 114, p. 2477.

Municipal Gas Co., Texas.—New Name—Increase.—See North Texas Gas Co. below.

Mutual Oil Co.—Boston & Wyoming Stock.—See Boston & Wyoming Oil Co. above.—V. 114, p. 2724.

Nash Motors Co.—Common Dividend of \$6.—A dividend of \$6 per share has been declared on the outstanding 54,000 shares of Common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20.

National Brick Co.—New President.—The Hon. C. C. Ballantyne has been elected President and a director, succeeding T. A. Trenholme. Mr. Trenholme will remain a member of the board.—V. 113, p. 1161.

Natoma Land & Mining Co.—Bonds Called.—Twenty-seven of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6% bonds due Jan. 1 1927 have been called for payment July 1 at par and int. at the Mercantile Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 110, p. 2662.

Natomas Co. of California.—Annual Report.—

Annual Report of Natomas Co. of California. Calendar Year 1921-1920. Gold dredging, Operation of dredges on property not owned by company, Rock crusher (plants leased), Water department, Crop & lease income from lands, Miscellaneous interest, Total, Bond interest, Taxes & insur. on assets other than gold dredging & rock properties, etc.

x In 1920 the company showed a deficit of \$2,694,695 in the balance sheet after charging during 6 years \$5,409,345 for exhaustion of dredging ground and depreciation of plant.—V. 113, p. 1894.

Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 5% has been declared on the stock, together with the regular semi-annual dividend of 5%, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 22. A like amount was paid extra in July 1919; in Jan. and July 1920, and in Jan. 1922.—V. 113, p. 2827.

Nevada-California Electric Corp.—Bonds Called.—Certain 6% First Lien gold bonds, series "A" aggregating \$50,000 have been called for payment July 1 at 103 and int. at the International Trust Co. of Denver, Colo., trustee.—V. 114, p. 1772.

New Jersey Tube Co.—Sale.—Robert J. Metzler, Inc., of Newark, N. J., at a receiver's sale on June 19, bought the company's plant at Harrison, N. J., for \$280,100.—V. 114, p. 2586; V. 113, p. 269.

Newton Steel Co.—Initial Dividend of 1 1/2%.—An initial dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$1,500,000 Common stock, par \$100, together with the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the Preferred stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 20.

The company recently issued \$750,000 7% sinking fund bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for the construction of six additional sheet mills.—V. 114, p. 2477.

New York & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—Report.—

Report of New York & Honduras Rosario Mining Co. Calendar Year 1921-1920. Operating income, Net income after expenses, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, taxes, &c., Dividends, Balance, surplus or deficit.

National City Co. are offering at 94 and int., to yield about 6 1/2%, \$5,000,000 First Mtge. Gold Bonds, Series A, 6%, due 1947. A circular shows:

Dated May 1 1922. Due May 1 1947. Interest payable M. & N. at National City Bank, New York, trustee, without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Four mills tax in Penn. refunded. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 e.v.'s. \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Red. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice, at 107 1/2% from May 1 1932 to Nov. 1 1936, inclusive; at 105 from May 1 1937 to Nov. 1 1941, inclusive, and at 102 1/2% thereafter but prior to maturity.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Company.—Supplies steam for power and heating purposes in the downtown financial district and in an extensive uptown commercial and residential section, serving over 1,400 buildings, including some of the largest on the Island of Manhattan.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund of at least 2% each year will be applied toward the purchase of bonds or the acquisition of additional property, and provision will also be made in the mortgage for the maintenance and replacement of the property through the operation of a strong general reserve fund.

Earnings.—For the 12 months ended May 31 1922, gross earnings were \$3,246,088, and net earnings \$753,705, or over 2 1/2 times annual bond interest charges.

Franchise.—The franchise under which the corporation operates is entirely satisfactory, and grants the right, without limit as to time, to lay mains and pipes in any of the streets on the Island of Manhattan and to supply steam for power, heating and cooking.—V. 113, p. 767.

Nipissing Mines Co.—Regular Dividend—Cash, &c.—

The regular quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared on the outstanding \$5,000,000 Capital stock, par \$5, payable July 20 to holders of record June 30.

Financial Statement June 10 1922, Showing Total Cash, &c., \$4,510,128.

June 10 '22. Mar. 18 '22.
Cash in bank, including Canadian war bonds, &c. \$3,615,329 \$3,395,046
Bullion and ore in transit and on hand, &c. 894,799 802,948
During May the company mined ore, containing 274,604 ozs. of silver, of an estimated value of \$197,715 and shipped bullion of an estimated net value of \$250,750. The value of the month's silver production was estimated at 72c. per oz. Cobalt produced was 34,578 lbs.—V. 114, p. 1898.

(Chas. F.) Noble Oil & Gas Co.—New President.—

T. B. Preston of Toila, Mich., was recently elected President, succeeding Chas. F. Noble.—V. 114, p. 2477.

North Adams Gas Light.—Additional Stock.—

The Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities has approved the issuance of 6,050 shares additional capital stock (par \$100), to be issued at par. Proceeds of 3,820 shares are to be applied to the payment of an equal amount of coupon notes which mature in 1930 and 1931; the proceeds of 1,579 shares to be applied to an equal amount of its so-called "open account" due Mass. Lighting Companies, and the proceeds of 651 shares to be applied to the cost of additions to plant made subsequent to Dec. 31 1921.—V. 114, p. 1415.

North American Steel Co.—Trading in Stock Suspended—Correspondence With Samuel Untermyer.—

See "Current Events" in "Chronicle" June 17, p. 2669.—V. 114, p. 2725, 2886.

North Boston Lighting Properties—Prof. Shares Offered.

The company is offering for subscription to its shareholders of record June 16, 18,000 additional Prof. shares at \$85 per share in the ratio of one new share for each 6 shares of either Common or Preferred stock held. Rights expire July 5.

The purpose is to provide funds with which to pay for 4,761 shares of Malden Electric Co. stock and 6,179 shares of Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. stock (both companies controlled by the North Boston company) and also to retire \$300,000 4-year 6% notes of the company, due Dec. 15. The new issue will bring the capitalization up to 87,704 shares of Prof. and 30,376 Common shares.

The company is a voluntary association owning or controlling the stock of Malden & Melrose Gas Light; Malden Electric, Suburban Gas & Electric, Salem Electric Lighting, and Eastern Massachusetts Electric.—V. 107, p. 1672.

North Texas Gas Co.—New Name—Increase.—

The company has filed an amendment to its charter changing its name to the Municipal Gas Co. and increasing its Capital stock from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000, par \$100.—V. 104, p. 2238.

Northwestern Leather Co.—Reorganization Plan.—The stockholders will vote June 30 on the following plan:

Plan of June 12 1922.
New Corporation.—All the assets to be acquired by a new corporation which shall authorize (1) \$500,000 7% Cumulative Preferred stock (par \$100), callable at 110 and divs.; (2) about 42,500 shares of Common stock, no par value; (3) such management stock as may be fixed. Old company to be liquidated.

Debt.—Each creditor to receive in full payment of the amount due him notes of the new corporation payable on or before one year from date, renewable at the option of the new corporation for further periods not exceeding in the aggregate one year, bearing interest at rate of 5% per annum, of an aggregate par value equal to 75% of the amount so due him.

Present Preferred Stock.—Each holder to have the following rights: (a) Rights of purchase, on or before July 15 1922; (1) For each share of present Preferred stock to buy two-tenths of a share of new Preferred stock and eight-tenths of a share of new Common stock, paying for the block \$20. (2) Subject to the foregoing, and subject in case of oversubscription to allotment by the committee to buy additional blocks at \$20 each, such allotment to be approximately ratable to subscriptions for such additional blocks. In every case payment to be made either in full on or before Aug. 1 1922, or at the option of the subscriber 50% on or before Aug. 1 1922 and balance on or before Sept. 1 1922, with int. from Aug. 1 1922 to date of payment at 6% per annum. (b) The additional right to receive two-tenths of a share of new Common stock for each share of present Preferred stock. This right shall accrue to every holder of present Preferred stock, whether or not he exercises a right of purchase.

Present Common Stock.—To have the right, on or before July 15, to exercise the rights of purchase accorded to the holders of present Preferred stock above, so far as such rights are not exercised by such Preferred stockholders. Allotments in case of oversubscription to be made approximately ratably to subscriptions made.

Present Scrip.—2,500 shares of the Common stock of new corporation to be delivered to the company and to be available for payment of holders of scrip issued April 15 1921 for the Preferred stock dividend of that date, so far as said scrip holders are entitled thereto.

Underwriting.—Estabrook & Co. and Parkinson & Burr to underwrite without compensation the receipt of an aggregate of \$500,000 of new money from holders of present Preferred and Common stock. The underwriters agree to exercise all rights of purchase not exercised by holders of present Preferred or Common stock.

Voting Rights of New Corporation.—Through the issue of nominal amount of a new class of stock created for the purpose, or in such other manner, including the creation of voting trusts of new Preferred stock or new Common stock, voting rights to be vested for not longer than 10 years, as the committee determines, in such persons or in such stock as committee shall fix.

Committee.—Clifton H. Dwinell, Vice-President First National Bank, representing bank creditors; Charles F. Adams, and Philip L. Spalding of Estabrook & Co., representing underwriters.

Exercise of Purchase Rights.—Stockholders, Preferred and Common, desiring to exercise their rights of purchase under the plan should execute and return their subscription agreements on or before July 15 1922 to C. H. Dwinell, First National Bank, Boston. Payments are due as above.

Estabrook & Co., and Parkinson & Burr in a circular to the stockholders say in brief:

The company owed the banks on June 1 some \$3,409,000, all but \$47,300 being on demand. The banks have agreed to reduce their present debt 25%, will take notes for the balance (as above), and will lend \$1,000,000 new money if and as needed, such new money to be a preferred claim over the existing debt if \$500,000 of new money is raised and put into the business as capital and present management is continued.

To carry out the plan, the affirmative vote of 80% of the Preferred stock and 66 2/3% of Common stock is necessary.

If the consent of the holders of the requisite amount of stock, both Preferred and Common, is not obtained, there is grave danger that the banks will call their notes and enforce their rights through a receivership. We are of opinion that it is for the interest of the Preferred stockholders that the opportunity offered by the banks should be taken advantage of.

To this end Estabrook & Co. and Parkinson & Burr, the two firms that placed some \$1,900,000 of the \$2,500,000 of Preferred stock (the other \$600,000 being issued in exchange for a stock retired), have agreed to underwrite, without compensation, the \$500,000 of new capital, if the plan is adopted.

As an illustration of the way in which the plan will work out for the Preferred stockholders, we give the following example:

On the basis of a holding of 5 shares of the present Preferred stock; (a) A stockholder who subscribes his pro rata amount will pay \$100 and will receive 1 share (par \$100) 7% Preferred stock and 5 shares Common stock (no par value). (b) A stockholder who does not subscribe will receive 1 share Common stock (no par value). The underwriters, taking the place of those stockholders who do not subscribe, will receive, for each \$100 of cash paid in, 1 share 7% Preferred stock and 4 shares Common stock (no par value).—V. 114, p. 2725.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Sales—Production.—

May retail sales, it is reported, amounted to approximately \$6,900,000, while production totaled 1,485 passenger cars, of which 1,150 were single xes.—V. 114, p. 2587.

Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years.—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Profit for year.....	£1,469,237	£1,059,864		
Int. & divs. on invest. &c abt.	160,800	312,294	£1,746,624	£1,341,542
Total income.....	£1,630,037	£1,372,158		
Debiture interest.....	78,255	83,713	89,262	94,731
Income tax.....	266,755	222,460	298,365	324,738
Depreciation.....	438,967	388,112	397,521	317,793
Miscellaneous.....	1,500	1,500		
Reserves.....	25,000		128,000	100,000
Dividends.....	(15%) 750,000	(15) 750,000	(20) 750,000	(17) 637,500

Balance, sur. or def.—sur. £69,560 def. £73,627 sur. £83,476 def. £133,220
A Profit for the year after providing for excess profits duty and contingent liabilities.

This company is known as the White Star Line. Its entire £5,000,000 Capital stock is owned by the International Mercantile Marine Co.—V. 112, p. 2419.

Peet Bros. Mfg. Co. (Soap, &c.).—Notes Called.—

All of the outstanding 5-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold notes dated July 1 1918 have been called for payment July 1 at 101 and int. at the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., and Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston and New York.—V. 111, p. 395.

Penn Seaboard Steel Corp.—To Increase and Reclassify Stock—Acquisition of Carpenter Steel Co.—To Create New Bond Issue and Retire Notes—To Change Name.—The stockholders will vote July 7 on the following:

- (a) On classifying the capital stock (provided the same shall have been increased from 700,000 shares, no par value, to 1,200,000 shares), so that the stock shall be divided into 500,000 shares "Class A Common stock" and 700,000 shares "Common stock." Holders of Class A shall be entitled to receive non-cumulative dividends at rate of \$3 per share per annum before any dividend shall be paid on Common stock. Further dividend distributions shall be made ratably to the holders of Class A Common and Common stock. In liquidation the assets shall be distributed ratably to the holders of Class A Common and Common stock.
- (b) On authorizing the creation and issuance of \$5,000,000 7% bonds.
- (c) On approving the purchase or acquisition of all the property and assets or the capital stock of Carpenter Steel Co. of New Jersey.
- (d) On authorizing the issuance of 250,000 shares of Class A Common stock in part payment for the property.
- (e) On authorizing the issuance and sale of all or any part of the above bonds for corporate purposes, including payment of providing funds to pay in part for the property of Carpenter Steel Co., and the use of so much of the proceeds as may be necessary to redeem \$1,600,000 3-Year 7% Conv. Notes.
- (f) On changing the name of the corporation to "Carpenter Steel Corp."—V. 114, p. 2248.

Philips Petroleum Co.—Earnings—New Wells.—

Net earnings for May, after interest and taxes, but before depreciation, amounted to \$1,104,390. Net earnings for June before depreciation are estimated at \$1,250,000. Gross production at present amounts to 35,000 bbls. per day, and net production after royalties, &c., amounts to about 20,000 bbls. per day. During May the corporation completed 25 new wells, which produced during that month 15,919 bbls. The new wells are located in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas. By July 15 the company, it is stated, will be producing 60,000 gallons of natural gasoline per day and its management now has under consideration the erection of an additional plant to make from 10,000 to 15,000 gallons of gasoline per day.—V. 114, p. 2587.

Pierce Oil Corporation.—Retires \$100,000 of Bonds.—

Vice-President Harold B. Thorne recently announced that arrangements had been made to retire \$100,000 10-year sinking fund debenture bonds on June 15.—V. 114, p. 2725.

Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc.—Earnings—No Financing.—

President Clarence Saunders states that net profits for May after all charges and depreciation are \$93,000, and that there is absolutely no truth in any rumors that the company is contemplating any additional financing at this time.—V. 114, p. 2713.

Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co.—Listing.—

The London Stock Exchange has granted an official quotation to 283,620 Ordinary shares of £2 10s. each.—V. 114, p. 2125.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of \$2.—

An extra dividend of \$2 per share has been declared on the outstanding \$27,000,000 Capital stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$3 per share, both payable July 31 to holders of record June 30. In April 1918 an extra of 5% was paid; none extra since.—V. 114, p. 2477.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Annual Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 5% on the Common stock and an extra stock dividend of 4%, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 15. Company has paid a 4% stock dividend in August each year since 1913.—V. 114, p. 955.

Prudence Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.—The Prudence Co., Inc., New York are offering at par and int., \$4,000,000 5½% Prudence bonds, Secured by the 1493 Broadway Corp. building leased by Famous Players-Lasky Corp. Principal and interest guaranteed by endorsement by Prudence Co., Inc.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. is participating in the sale of this issue and will offer to the public its portion of these securities on exactly the same basis.

Interest payable J. & J. at offices of Prudence Co., Inc. Normal Federal income tax paid up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (cr). Callable at 103 and interest.

Security.—Bonds are secured by an absolute first mortgage on the 1493 Broadway Corp. building occupying the block front on the west side of Broadway from 43d to 44th streets, N. Y. City, and also the group of buildings in the rear of this property, on 43d and 44th streets.

Of the authorized issue of \$5,500,000, \$4,000,000 will be advanced at this time on a first mortgage on the present improvements, consisting of the 8-story store and office building known as the Putnam Building, occupying the Broadway block front and the group of buildings fronting on 43d and 44th Sts., known as Westover Court.

Guaranteed Rentals.—As an additional security, a lease made by the Famous Players-Lasky Corp. will be assigned to Prudence Co., Inc. The lease is for a period of 21 years and guarantees a net rental of \$600,000 annually, which is more than sufficient to pay all amortization and interest charges.

Future Improvements.—An additional \$1,500,000 will be advanced upon completion of additional improvements to be made on the property consisting of the erection of what will be the second largest theatre in the world to be under the control of the Famous Corp.—V. 113, p. 858.

Pueblo (Col.) Gas & Fuel Co.—Gas Rates.—

The Cities Service Co. has been advised that the Pueblo City Commissioners have asked the Pueblo Gas & Fuel Co. to accept a rate of \$1.40 per 1,000 cu. ft. and a service charge of \$1 as a compromise on the rate of \$1.60 per 1,000 cu. ft. with a service charge of \$1.25, which the company notified the Commissioners it would install.

The new rates are the result of a decree handed down in favor of the Pueblo gas pay by Judge Lewis in the Federal Court in Pueblo. See V. 114, p. 2587.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Resumes Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding Common stock, par \$100, payable July 15 to holders of record June 26. Quarterly dividends at the rate of 4% per annum were paid on the Common stock from April 1912 to July 1914, incl.; none since.—V. 114, p. 2116, 1892.

Pure Oil Co.—New Director.—

Colonel A. E. Humphreys has been elected a director, succeeding P. J. Jones.—V. 114, p. 2466.

Racine Horseshoe Tire Co.—Bonds Offered.—Jelke, Hood & Co., New York, and Francis Johnson & Co., Chicago, are offering at 97 and int., to yield from 7½% to 8.30%, according to maturity, \$300,000 1st (closed) Mtge. 15-year 7% bonds.

Dated June 1 1922. Due June 1 1937. Int. payable J. & D. at Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Red., all or part, at 105 and int. after June 1928.

Data from Letter of President J. C. Lawrence, Racine, Wis., June 1.
 Company.—Owns and operates a modern well equipped plant, used for the manufacture of automobile tires; located at Racine, Wis. Racine horseshoe tires have been produced since 1913 and company has connections with distributors throughout the country.

Earnings.—It is estimated that net annual sales should be at the rate of at least \$2,000,000 (the net sales of Racine horseshoe tires by the predecessor company for the years 1918-21 incl. averaged over \$3,000,000). It is also estimated that annual earnings available for int. on the 1st Mtge. bonds should equal at least 10% of such net sales, or \$200,000.

Capitalization.—1st M. bonds, \$300,000; capital stock, 1,000 shares of no par value.
Voting Trustees.—O. W. Johnson, Pres. Mfrs. National Bank, Racine, Wis.; H. J. Haigh, Treas. F. R. Henderson & Co., New York; H. H. Whitman, V.-Pres. Wm. Whitman Co., Inc.; W. L. Lyall, Pres. Brighton Mills, Passaic, N. J.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Interim Dividend of 20%.—The Bankers Trust Co., depository for the issuance of "American shares" has been advised of the declaration of dividend No. 38, an interim dividend of 20%, equivalent to one shilling sterling per ordinary share. The dividend will amount to 2s. 6d. sterling per "American share," and will be paid in full amount on or about Aug. 11. Holders of "American shares" will be notified as to the date of the payment of their dividend by the Bankers Trust Co. as soon as funds are received for that purpose.—V. 114, p. 745.

Remington Cash Register Co., N. Y.—Capital Increased.
 The company has filed a certificate in Albany, N. Y., increasing its Capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Republic Rubber Co., Youngstown, O.—Earnings.—May gross business totaled approximately \$550,000; an increase of 20% over April.—V. 114, p. 2478.

Royal Dutch Co.—Results for Calendar Years.
 1921. 1920. 1919.
 Profit, after exp., taxes, &c (guldens). 104,098,178 129,450,364 100,099,883
 —V. 114, p. 2725, 2478.

Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.—Stock Increased.
 The stockholders have: (a) Voted to increase the authorized Common stock from 42,493 shares to 134,852 shares, no par value; and (b) authorized the issuance of 92,358½ shares of Common stock, no par value, in liquidation of the \$2,368,972 dividends on the Preferred stock as of, and which would be accumulated on, July 17 1922, at the rate of one share of Common stock in place of each \$25 of accumulated and unpaid dividends. See also V. 114, p. 2367, 2587.

Saguenay Pulp & Paper Co.—Bond Issue Proposed.
 The stockholders will vote June 29 on authorizing an issue of \$6,400,000 6% Gold Collateral Trust bonds.—V. 112, p. 1874, 1151.

Santa Barbara Telephone Co.—Bonds.
 The \$100,000 bonds offered in April last by Wm. R. Staats & Co., San Francisco, are 6½%. The offering was noted in V. 114, p. 2725.

Saxon Motor Car Co.—To Increase Common Stock.
 The stockholders will vote shortly on increasing the Common stock from 200,000 to 400,000 shares, no par value.—V. 112, p. 940.

Schumacher Gold Mines, Ltd.—Sale.
 The stockholders will vote June 30 on ratifying and confirming the action of the directors in giving the option on the assets, plant, &c., to the Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines, Ltd., for \$1,650,000, and to authorize the sale.
 President F. W. Schumacher is said to own about 1,280,000 shares of the \$2,000,000 authorized Capital Stock, par \$1. About 570,000 shares were issued to the public. The property has been closed down for about four years. See also the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd., above.

Scranton (Pa.) Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. are offering at 95 and int. \$693,000 1st & Ref. (now 1st) Mtge. 5s of 1907, due July 1 1937.

Callable on any int. date at 110 and int. Int. payable J. & J. in New York, U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, trustee. Free of Penna. State tax. Of present normal Federal income tax, company pays the 2% tax deductible at the source.

Earnings Year ended April 30 1922.

Gross earnings	\$3,928,928
Net, after oper. exp., taxes, maint. and depreciation	\$1,325,803
Annual int. charges on \$6,365,000 1st & Ref. 5s and \$1,000,000 Secured 8s	398,250
Balance	\$927,553

—V. 111, p. 1377.

Silica Gel Corp.—Status, &c.
 See Davison Chemical Co. under "Reports" above.—V. 113, p. 1162.

Sinclair Pipe Line Co.—Output—Shipments, &c.
 Crude oil runs in May, it is reported, totaled 2,945,000 bbls., an increase of 1,319,500 bbls. over May 1921; deliveries, 1,127,000 bbls., an increase of 66,000. Total stocks of crude oil on hand May 31 1922 were 21,787,500 bbls.—V. 114, p. 1543.

Sperry Flour Co.—Bonds Called.
 All of the outstanding 1st Mtge. 6½ 15-year sinking fund bonds dated Feb. 1 1919, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 102½ and int. at the Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.—V. 114, p. 2587.

Spicer Manufacturing Corp.—Merger Rumors Denied.
 President C. A. Dana, in response to our inquiry regarding the rumor of a merger with the Hydraulic Steel Co., says: "There is no proposed merger; it is only idle newspaper gossip."—V. 114, p. 2023.

(John P.) Squire & Co., Boston.—Bonds Offered.
 Tucker, Bartholomew & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Jackson & Curtis, and Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, are offering at 96½ and interest, \$1,750,000 1st (Closed) Mtge. 25-Year 5½% Gold Bonds. The bankers state:

Dated June 1 1922. Due June 1 1947. Interest payable J. & D. at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee, without deduction for any Federal normal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c*). Callable, all or part, or for the sinking fund, on any interest date at 103 and interest upon 60 days' notice.

Company.—Originally organized in 1850. Is the oldest and largest establishment in the packing industry in the New England States. Approximately 90% of the capital stock is owned by the Swift interests. Plant consists of 23 buildings and Cambridge, Mass.

Earnings.—For the ten years ending Dec. 31 1921, average earnings available for bond interest have been as follows: (a) After taxes, current interest and maintenance but before depreciation, \$387,078; (b) after taxes, current interest, maintenance and depreciation, \$285,165. Earnings for the five months ending May 27 1922 are at a rate materially in excess of the above figures.—V. 80, p. 1239.

Stamford (Conn.) Water Co.—Bonds Offered.—Watkins & Co., New York, are offering at 103 and int., \$400,000 1st Mtge. 5% Gold bonds. A circular shows:

Dated July 1 1922. Due July 1 1952. Not redeemable before maturity. Interest payable J. & J. in New York and Stamford. Denom. \$1,000 (c*). Stamford Trust Co., Stamford, Conn., trustee. Authorized, \$800,000. Presently outstanding, \$400,000.

Company.—Incorp. in 1868. Serves directly and without competition city of Stamford, Conn., and vicinity, and supplies water to local distributing companies in neighboring communities.

Purpose.—Construction of a new 2,253,400-gallon reservoir to be known as the Laurel Reservoir.

Security.—An absolute first mortgage upon the property now owned, including a reservoir at Trinity Lake and surrounding lands, 412 acres (capacity 450,000,000 gallons); a reservoir at North Stamford and surrounding lands, 320 acres (capacity 512,000,000 gallons); a reservoir at Mead Pond and surrounding lands, 95 acres (capacity 88,000,000 gallons); the new Laurel Reservoir about to be constructed (capacity 2,253,400,000 gallons); 74 miles of distributing mains, &c.

Earnings & Dividends.—Company's steady growth and thoroughly established earning power are evidenced by the following table of dividends paid upon its capital stock: 1878 to 1893 incl., 5% p. a.; 1894 to 1896 incl., 6% p. a.; 1897 to date incl., 8% p. a.

Average net earnings during the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1921 were equal to more than 5 times the annual interest requirements of the new issue of bonds.

Sterling Coal Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.
 The company shows a profit for the year ended March 31 1922 of \$6,788 after deducting operating expenses, cost of management, bond interest and reserves for replacement, depreciation and depletion. Total profit and loss surplus \$200,572.—V. 114, p. 1899.

Sterling Products (Inc.)—Earnings.
 Net earnings for the first quarter, after deducting taxes, amounted to \$1,147,212.—V. 114, p. 2024.

Stern Bros. (Dry Goods), N. Y. City.—Obituary.
 Pres. Louis Stern died in Paris, France, on June 21.—V. 114, p. 1417.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation.—Sales.
 Sales for the first ten days of June, it is stated, were 135% over those for the corresponding period a year ago, and a slight increase over the first ten days of May 1922, which was the record month.—V. 114, p. 2368.

Submarine Boat Corp.—Unable to Pay for Ships.
 A Washington dispatch June 23 states that Chairman Lasker of the U. S. Shipping Board has announced that the company has informed the Shipping Board that it would be unable to pay for the 32 ships which it purchased from the Government.—V. 114, p. 2126, 1899.

Sweetwater Water Corp., San Diego, Calif.—Sale.
 A report says that the company has sold its land holdings in San Diego County for a sum said to be around \$1,000,000.—V. 110, p. 1194.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Merger Assured.
 Executives of the United Retail Stores and the Tobacco Products Corp. have announced that all necessary proxies to assure success of the proposed merger had been received.—V. 114, p. 2479.

Toledo Edison Co.—Bonds Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. are offering at 91 and interest to yield about 5.63% \$768,000 1st Mtge. Gold bonds, 5%, Series, due 1947.

Dated Sept. 1 1921. Due March 1 1947. Interest payable M. & S. in New York without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company agrees to refund Pennsylvania 4 mills tax, Callable at 107.38 and interest on Sept. 1 1922, and thereafter on any interest date on 4 weeks' notice at prices which, except for redemption, would equal a 4½% yield basis if bonds were held to maturity, plus interest. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c* & c*). \$1,000 and authorized multiples, Bankers Trust Co., New York, trustee. Issuance authorized by Ohio P. U. Commission.

Company.—Does entire commercial electric light and power business in Toledo, Ohio, and certain suburbs. Also supplies electric power at wholesale to companies serving other neighboring communities. Total population, estimated, 310,000. In addition, does artificial gas distributing business and a hot water heating business in Toledo.

Earnings—Years ended April 30—

	1922.	1921.
Gross earnings	\$6,173,243	\$6,293,682
Net, after oper. exp., maintenance and taxes	2,568,823	2,177,236
Annual bond interest	1,077,170	

Balance	\$1,491,654
Capitalization	Authorized, Outstanding
Common stock	\$15,000,000 \$13,875,000
Preferred stock, 7% Cumulative, Series A	4,000,000 1,500,000
Prior Pref. stock, 8% Cumulative, Series A	6,000,000 2,475,000
1st Mtge. bds., 5s (this issue), \$768,000; 7% Series, due 1941 (V. 113, p. 1368)	13,500,000 14,268,000
Toledo Gas, Elec. & Heating Co. Consol. Mtge. 5s, due 1935 (closed)	1,875,400

—V. 114, p. 2729; V. 113, p. 1683.

Trumbull Steel Co., Youngstown, O.—Dividends.

A dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, par \$25, payable July 1 to holders of record June 30. In the last four quarters, dividends of 15 cents per share each were paid. President Warner says of the company more than earned all its dividends for the first half of the current year.—V. 114, p. 637.

Turners Falls Power & Electric Co.—Notes Called.
 All of the outstanding \$2,500,000 5-year 7% gold coupon notes, dated Feb. 2 1920, have been called for payment Aug. 1 at 101½ and interest at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.—V. 114, p. 2479.

United Alloy Steel Co.—Earnings.
 Net profit, before Federal taxes and depreciation, in May was approximately \$480,000, an increase of 30% over April last.—V. 114, p. 2726.

United Drug Co., Boston.—Listing—Earnings.
 The company has applied to the New York Stock Exchange for authority to list \$5,000,000 additional Common stock, to provide for conversion of \$5,000,000 Class "A" Liggett's International, Ltd. Inc. stock, which form July 1 1922 to July 1 1927 is convertible into United Drug on share-for-share basis.

Results for Quarter Ending March 31 1922

Sales (net)	\$14,194,082
Cost of mds. sold, \$9,802,394; operating expenses, \$3,332,160	13,134,554
Merchandise profit	\$1,059,528
Other income	2,025
Total operating profit	\$1,061,553
Depreciation, \$175,306; taxes, \$151,594; doubtful accounts receivable, \$22,508	349,408
Net profit	\$712,145
Profit and loss surplus March 31 1922	\$893,618

After adding previous surplus (adjusted) of \$856,435, and after deducting interest charges, \$332,479, and dividends paid, \$299,483.—V. 114, p. 956, 944.

United Iron Works, Inc.—To Retire Pref. Stock.
 President Cole states that the company is planning to retire its Preferred stock by giving to each holder of one share of the present 7% Preferred stock, 5 shares of new Common stock of no par value. Holders of the present voting trust certificates for Common stock of \$50 par value will be asked to exchange their certificates, share for share, for the new Common stock and the voting trust will be terminated.—V. 112, p. 1290.

United Shoe Machinery Co.—Acquisition.
 The company is reported to have purchased an interest in the F. W. Mears Wood Heel Co., Slipper City Wood Heel Co. of Haverhill, and Maple Wood Heel Co. of Newburyport, Mass., involving a commitment of less than \$100,000.—V. 114, p. 2479.

For other Investment News see page 2836.

Reports and Documents.

BRITISH EMPIRE STEEL CORPORATION LIMITED

REPORT AND STATEMENT 16TH APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER 1921.

To the Shareholders:

Your Directors beg to report that immediately upon the ratification of the several Agreements made with respect to the acquisition by this Corporation of the capital stocks of Dominion Steel Corporation, Limited, Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, and Halifax Shipyards, Limited, by the holders of the common stock of these Companies, the permanent organization of the Corporation was undertaken and the provisional Directors and Officers having resigned the Board was constituted by the election of the following Directors: Messrs. J. W. Norcross, D. H. McDougall, W. D. Ross, R. M. Wolvin, H. B. Smith, Galen L. Stone, Sir Wm. Mackenzie and Major-General Sir H. M. Pellatt, C.V.O.

Mr. R. M. Wolvin was elected President and Mr. D. H. McDougall, Vice-President.

The operations of the Constituent Companies have been continued under the direct supervision of the Boards of the several Companies.

Transfer Agents and Registrars were appointed at Montreal, Toronto and New York.

The relative amounts of the Cumulative 2nd Preference and Common Stock to be exchanged for the Common Stocks of the Companies acquired under the Agreements in that regard were issued and on the 16th April, 1921, certificates thereafter were deposited with National Trust Company, Limited, and Eastern Trust Company for delivery to the parties entitled to receive them.

Similar action was taken with regard to the issue of the Cumulative 7% Preference Stock, Series "B," of the Corporation to holders of preference and preferred stocks of the Companies included in the agreement in that regard with Prudential Trust Company, Limited.

Arrangements were made to have the stocks of the Corporation listed by the Stock Exchange in Montreal, Toronto and New York.

Up to the present time certificates of this Corporation have been distributed for over 86 per cent of the total amount of the stocks issued and lodged with the depositories for distribution to former holders of the common stocks of the three Companies.

Holders of about 36 per cent of the preference and preferred stocks of the Companies have exchanged their holdings for First Preference Series "B" Stock of this Corporation.

Your Directors have made arrangements for the more effective operation of the properties of the several Constituent and Subsidiary Companies and for the disposal of the output of their Mines and Works, through which the cost of operation will be reduced and the returns therefrom increased.

Your Directors have pleasure in submitting herewith the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the period from 16th April to 31st December, 1921, and the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Corporation and its Constituent Companies as at the latter date.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The earnings for the period were \$4,416,450 65 after deducting all expenses incident to operations, current repairs, taxes, administrative and selling expenses and after reserving sufficient amounts to provide for shrinkage of inventories and other contingencies.

The sum of \$1,501,178 11 was set aside for depreciation of Plant and Properties and to provide for Sinking Funds and \$1,181,681 54 was deducted for Interest on Bonds and Debenture Stock, leaving \$1,733,591 00 net Profit for the period. After payment of Dividends declared on the First Preference shares of the Corporation and the Preference shares and Preferred stocks of the Constituent Companies, amounting to \$718,276 73, and making provision for those

which had accrued upon 31st December, amounting to \$259,387 74, there remained to be carried over the sum of \$755,926 53.

No dividends were paid upon the Second Preference or Common Stocks.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Balance Sheet now presented is the first to be issued to shareholders since the Corporation assumed definite form and will form a basis for comparison with the Balance Sheets to be issued from time to time in the future.

With respect to Cost of Properties it may be explained that previous to the 16th April, 1921, when your Company's stocks were issued, the amount which formerly was carried in the current accounts of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, in respect of payments on account of the purchase of the stock of the Acadia Coal Company, was transferred to Cost of Properties. Some other smaller items were treated in the same way with the effect of reducing current investments and increasing capital assets.

No new expenditures of any kind were undertaken and those made were confined to the completion and adjustment of items which originated in a previous period. These relate chiefly to the new battery of 60 Coke Ovens for Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Limited, and to such general extensions as are inseparable from the operation of properties of the extent and importance of those in which your Company is interested.

Your Directors after careful consideration decided that it would be advisable to adjust the cost of some important items of property and equipment installed by Constituent Companies during the war period, when cost of construction was abnormal. To effect this the sum of \$3,339,841 65 has been deducted from Cost of Properties and a corresponding reduction has been made in the amount of the Consolidated Surplus.

Your Directors are glad to report that Bank Loans have been reduced \$2,542,197, and other Current Liabilities \$5,119,948, a total reduction of \$7,662,145.

The excess of Current and Working Assets over Current Liabilities at 31st December, 1921, was \$14,364,860 18.

During the year 1921 the Funded and Mortgage Debts of the Companies were reduced \$404,965 34 through the operation of the various Sinking Funds.

The 6% Mortgage Debentures of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, were increased by the issue of \$478,000 in connection with the acquisition of the property and stock of the Acadia Coal Company, which as already noted was concluded previous to the date of the consolidation.

The amount at credit of accounts for Renewals, Taxes and Contingencies is \$5,274,208 73. Included in this is \$2,500,000, part of amount received by Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Limited, as part payment of its claim for damage due to the cancellation of the contract for the supply of Ship Plates to the Government of Canada.

Business conditions during the period covered by the statements submitted herewith have been for the most part unfavorable. During the months of May to October a considerable tonnage of coal was disposed of in the St. Lawrence market, which for some years had been practically closed to coal from Nova Scotia. During the same months the Steel Works at Sydney and New Glasgow were moderately employed.

In the last quarter of the year there was a marked decline in the operations of all the Companies.

For the Board of Directors,

R. M. WOLVIN,

President.

Montreal, P. Q., 3rd May, 1922.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1921.

ASSETS.

Cost of Properties:		
Representing the Ore and Coal Properties, Plant, Buildings, Machinery and Equipment, etc., of the Constituent Companies, the aggregate value of which is supported by Independent Appraisals (less Reserves for Depreciation and Exhaustion of Minerals and after deduction of the Special Appropriation of \$3,339,841 65 from Surplus Account as at December 31, 1921).....		\$135,695,354 80
Investment in Capital Stocks of, and advances to, other Companies.....		622,776 58
Cash in hands of Trustees for Bondholders.....		80,300 15
Bonds purchased for Sinking Funds.....		314,341 86
Current Assets:		
Inventories of Finished Products, Goods in Process and Materials and Supplies, less Reserves.....	\$15,061,416 21	
Trade Accounts and Bills Receivable, less Reserves.....	5,637,530 30	
Other Accounts Receivable.....	722,260 84	
Investment in War Bonds, etc.....	514,880 13	
Cash on hand and in Bank, and Call Loans.....	1,080,673 43	
		23,016,760 91
Deferred Charges to Operation:		
Development Expenditures, etc.....	\$387,495 49	
Insurance and Other Expenses paid in advance.....	409,551 50	
		797,046 99
		<u>\$160,526,581 29</u>

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock of the British Empire Steel Corporation Limited:			
	Authorized.	Issued.	
8% Cumulative First Preference Stock Series "A".....	\$100,000,000 00		
7% Cumulative First Preference Stock Series "B".....	40,000,000 00	\$6,888,920 00	
7% Cumulative Second Preference Stock.....	135,000,000 00	57,350,000 00	
7% Non-Cumulative Preference Stock.....	15,000,000 00		
Common Stock.....	210,000,000 00	24,450,000 00	
	\$500,000,000 00	\$83,688,920 00	
Deduct—Held by Constituent Companies:			
7% Cumulative Second Preference Stock.....	\$7,419,925 00		
Common Stock.....	3,156,600 00	10,576,525 00	
			\$78,057,395 00
Note: Out of the total authorized issue of 7% Cumulative First Preference Stock Series "B" \$13,116,080 00 is reserved for exchange of the outstanding Preference Stocks of Constituent Companies.			
Preference Stocks of Constituent Companies outstanding:			
Dominion Steel Corporation, Limited.....		4,877,900 00	
Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Limited.....		4,036,900 00	
Dominion Coal Company, Limited.....		2,837,200 00	
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited.....		856,900 00	
Eastern Car Company, Limited.....		335,800 00	
			12,944,700 00
Capital Stock of the Acadia Coal Company, Limited, Outstanding:			
6% Non-Cumulative Second Preferred Stock.....		\$6,500 00	
Ordinary Stock.....		107,800 00	
			114,300 00
			<u>91,116,395 00</u>
Capital Stock Reserve:			
Par Value of the 7% Cumulative First Preference Stock Series "B" reserved for exchange of the outstanding Preference Stocks of Constituent Companies.....	\$13,166,080 00		
Less—Par Value of the Preference Stocks of these Companies outstanding.....	12,944,700 00		
			171,380 00
Funded and Mortgage Debt, represented by Bonds and Debenture Stock of Constituent Companies.....			31,167,899 98
Deferred Payments on Properties.....			1,604,000 00
Current Liabilities:			
Bank Loans.....	4,682,024 16		
Current Accounts Payable, Wages and other Accrued Liabilities.....	3,471,647 75		
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Debenture Stock.....	498,228 82		
			8,651,900 73
Reserves:			
Furnace Relining and other Operating Reserves.....	1,787,778 15		
Reserve for Contingencies, including Taxes, etc.....	727,042 84		
Dividends accrued on the First Preference Stock of the British Empire Steel Corporation, Limited, and on the outstanding Preference Stocks of the Constituent Companies.....	259,387 74		
	2,774,208 73		
Balance of amount received from the Dominion Government in respect of cancellation of Contract for Ship Plates.....	2,500,000 00	5,274,208 73	
Surplus as at date of Organization, less Organization Expenses and Adjustments in respect of Inventories, etc.....	\$25,124,711 97		
Deduct—Appropriation in reduction of Plant Values on account of high construction costs during the war period.....	3,339,841 65		
			21,784,870 32
Surplus for the period from April 16, 1921, to December 31, 1921, as per Statement attached.....			755,926 53
			<u>\$160,526,581 29</u>

We have examined the books and accounts of the British Empire Steel Corporation Limited and its Constituent Companies from the date of its organization on April 16, 1921, to December 31, 1921, and have been furnished with all the information and explanations which we have required; and we certify that in our opinion the above Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 1921, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true correct view of the state of the affairs of the Corporation and its Constituent Companies, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the various Companies.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO., Auditors.

Montreal, May 3, 1922.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 16, 1921, TO DECEMBER 31, 1921.

Total Earnings of the Properties after deducting all Manufacturing, Selling and Administration Expenses, but before charging Sinking Funds, Depreciation and Interest.....	\$4,416,450 65
Deduct—Provision for Sinking Funds and Depreciation.....	1,501,178 11
	\$2,915,272 54
Deduct also—Interest on Bonds and Debenture Stock.....	1,181,681 54
	<u>\$1,733,591 00</u>
Net Profit for the period.....	
Less—Preference Dividends Paid.....	\$718,276 73
Preference Dividends Accrued but not declared at December 31, 1921.....	259,387 74
	977,664 47
(Representing Dividends on the first Preference Stock of British Empire Steel Corporation Limited and on the Preference Stocks of the Constituent Companies for the period from April 16, 1921, to December 31, 1921.)	
Balance at December 31, 1921.....	\$755,926 53

United Zinc Smelting Corp.—Annual Report.

The annual report for the year ending Dec. 31 1921 shows gross sales, \$765,208; cost of sales, \$746,042; gross profit on sales, \$19,166; selling, gen., admin. &c., expenses, \$65,029; operating loss, \$45,862; int. and discount, \$88,617; depreciation and amortization, \$110,309; adjust. of inventory, \$27,143; other expenses, \$18,556; other income, \$4,802; total loss carried to balance sheet, \$285,686.—V. 112, p. 2092.

Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.—Individual Trustee.

Henry F. Wilson Jr., of Upper Montclair, N. J., has been appointed successor "Individual Trustee" to Benjamin Joy, resigned, under the "First Mortgage and Deed" executed July 1 1920 to Bankers Trust Co., trustee.—V. 114, p. 1900; V. 113, p. 1369.

Vancouver Lumber Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding bonds dated Jan. 1 1912 have been called for payment July 1 at 102 and int. at the Michigan Trust Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.—V. 95, p. 55.

Waltham Watch Co.—New President.

Gifford K. Simonds of Fitchburg has been elected President, succeeding E. C. Fitch, who becomes Chairman of the Board.—V. 114, p. 1418.

(Charles) Warner Co.—Acquires Interest.

See American Lime & Stone Co. above.—V. 112, p. 2776.

Western Electric Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.

Dean, Onativia & Co. are offering a block of 7% cum. pref. stock at a price to yield about 6.35%. This issue is preferred as to assets and dividends and is redeemable in whole or in part, at the option of the company, at \$110 and dividend. There are 500,000 shares of this issue authorized, a sufficient number of which are reserved for the conversion of 7% convertible notes due 1925.—V. 114, p. 2588, 2598.

Weymouth Light & Power Co.—Stock Application.

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue 4,000 shares additional capital stock, par \$100, to be sold at \$115 a share, the proceeds to be used to pay for cost of extensions and additions to plant.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.

Earnings for May, before depreciation and depletion, totaled \$375,000, equivalent to over \$1.25 per share, as against an estimated net of \$300,000.—V. 114, p. 2588.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Outlook.

President H. T. Parsons says in substance: "The company expects to do \$160,000,000 worth of business this year in the U. S. and Canada, as against \$147,000,000 sales in 1921. Our increase has been steady so far during 1922. The company has 110 stores in the British Isles which are operated along the same lines as those in America, but the company there is known as the F. W. Woolworth & Co., Ltd., in which we have a controlling stock interest."—V. 114, p. 2588.

(Wm.) Wrigley Co., Chicago.—Dividends.

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the Common stock, payable on the first day of every month up to Jan. 1 1923, to stockholders of record on or about the 25th of each preceding month.—V. 114, p. 2588, 746.

Yellow Cab Manufacturing Co.—Stock Rights—Earnings.

The stockholders June 2 authorized an additional 100,000 shares of Class B stock (par \$10 per share). The holders of the outstanding shares of the Class B stock of record June 12 will be entitled to subscribe for such additional stock at \$30 cash per share, pro rata in accordance with their respective holdings. Rights expire July 5 and payment in full must be made on or before that date at the office of First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.

The present authorized stock consists of \$675,000 Class A stock (par \$100), and \$2,000,000 Class B stock (par \$10). Net profits for the 4 months ending April 30 1922 amounted to \$779,470.—V. 114, p. 2588.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, is issuing monthly a publication entitled "Trade Winds." The purpose and scope of the publication are defined as follows:

"It is our desire to make this publication an occasional and wholly informal reflection of the current of business thought and achievement, dealing with all the many angles of the business machine without bias or restraint.

"Since 'Trade Winds' will at times partake of the nature of a forum, the Union Trust Co. does not necessarily endorse views, opinions or statements contained therein, except such as bear the authorship of our officers."

Copies of "Trade Winds" may be secured by addressing the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

—F. B. Keech & Co. are distributing a circular showing the income account and balance sheets of twelve prominent corporations, the common stocks of all of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The circular analyzes the financial position and earnings of these corporation and contains considerable other important data.

—Mr. Emil Fleischmann, for many years one of the managers of the London & Liverpool Bank of Commerce, London, and latterly Vice-President of the American Foreign Banking Corporation, New York, is now connected with E. Naumburg & Co., bankers, 14 Wall Street, New York.

—Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent of stock of the Empire Fuel Products Corporation, consisting of 15,000 shares of 8% Cumulative Preferred stock, par value \$100, and 350,000 shares of Common stock, par value \$10.

—Columbia Trust Co. has been designated transfer agent of the 7% prior preference stock, series A, of the Portland Railway Light & Power Co., and registrar of preferred stock of the New York State Gas & Electric Corporation.

—Special facilities for the storage and financing of cotton are offered by the Independent Warehouses, Inc., and its affiliated company, the Warehouse Finance Corporation, whose executive offices are located at 141 Broadway, New York.

—Messrs. W. J. Wollman & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York, announces that Harold B. Smith has become associated with their bond department in charge of the trading desk.

—Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York and Boston, are distributing a booklet on their travellers' letters of credit. Copies of which may be had on request.

—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent of stock of the Minerals Separation North American Corporation, consisting of 500,000 shares of capital stock without nominal or par value.

—Bonbright & Co. are issuing an explanatory circular of the recent plan by the United Light & Railways Co. of the conversion of the Common Stock into Participating Preferred Stock, for distribution to investors.

—Courtenay-Hinesline, Inc., of Minneapolis, have opened a New York office at 115 Broadway, under the management of Robert J. Saldewind. Phone Rector 9278.

—Herman R. Lange, formerly with Harris, Forbes & Co., has become associated with West & Co., 36 Wall St., in charge of their New York sales organization.

—A. Y. Cowen & Co., dealers in investment securities, announce the removal of their offices from 67 Exchange Place to 74 Broadway, Room 1012.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, June 23 1922.

There is a gradual improvement in American trade. In some sections it is more than gradual; it is very noticeable. The outlook for the crops in the main is favorable, although it has been very hot in the Southwest, even as high as 112 degrees, and too dry in Nebraska and South Dakota. But things are looking better in the cotton belt. The big rains have ceased; temperatures are much higher and they hasten the growth of a backward plant. Crop reports are better, and latterly cotton prices have declined in consequence. Retail and jobbing trade in the West is improving very noticeably. Some concerns report the best trade since 1920. The wheat harvest has begun, prices are pretty good and the buying capacity of the big grain belt of the country has undoubtedly increased during the last six months. Mail order houses feel it. Their sales are noticeably larger than they were. Another sign of widening business is the increase in carloadings, even in the teeth of a persistent coal strike. The textile strike in New England seems to be gradually subsiding, although in Massachusetts there is not much change for the better. Grain prices have advanced. Raw wool is somewhat lower, with some falling off in the demand at the moment. Iron and steel are in steady demand and tending upward, partly owing to the growing scarcity of coal. Also the record breaking activity in the automobile industry has a bearing on the strength of the steel market. It is significant that there are beginning to be complaints of a scarcity of coal, notably in the steel business, although the week's coal production is said to be in all likelihood the largest for 60 days or more. It is noteworthy, too, that collections are improving. They are now said to be the best since 1920. In the manufacturing world the tendency is towards a larger output in response to a growing consumption in spite of the coal strike and the menace of a strike of some of the railroad workers. The railroads, as already intimated, are doing a larger business. This may be taken as a sign of the times. Also a sharp cut in cotton rail freights has been made. Woolen mills are operating close to capacity. Cotton mills in the South are very active. The shoe industry feels a gradually increasing demand, both in the Middle West and in New England. Building continues very active. And the demand for cement, lumber and brick has expanded accordingly. Recent sales of copper have been notably large. But of late the price of this metal has declined.

It is a regrettable fact, however, that the coal strike continues and that there is danger of a strike of some of the railroad workers. Yet it is pointed out that the price of labor has fallen less than the price of anything else; also that wage values have not fallen at all; in fact they have increased. That is to say, the buying power of a day's wage is noticeably larger than it was when prices were at their peak. Small wonder that critics see nothing very equitable in all this. In fact, the attitude of labor, it is insistently pointed out, is delaying the return to normal times, that is, the recovery of normal prosperity, although one other thing is also to blame. That is high taxation. That continues to be a well-nigh intolerable burden. Yet incredible as it sounds, there is a project on foot in the shape of the Bonus Bill to pile Ossa on Pelion by adding still further to the burdens of an already tax-ridden people. Meanwhile the coal strike is beginning to tell. Conceivably the day is not far distant when if the strike continues there will be a general coal shortage in this country. To make matters worse coal miners in Illinois are shooting down fellow miners who wish to work. Merchants in that State, to their credit, are calling on the Governor to act decisively in the matter. Meanwhile, too, the European situation could be much better than it is. The settlement of German and Russian problems will tax the ingenuity of the most enlightened statesmanship. And the state of affairs in Ireland will be further envenomed by the assassination, in London of all places in the world, of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson with a treachery and an audacity that has evoked expressions of horror throughout the civilized world.

Coming back to this country, the business outlook is in the main promising. Rediscount rates have been reduced. Hope is rising as demand for commodities gradually increases. And if the basis of costs can be reduced to something like a normal level the upward pace of trade and commerce will naturally be increased.

Boston wired on June 21 that New Hampshire textile mills were readily maintaining their position and the tendency continues to be for operatives to go to work. Reports from the Amoskeag plant indicate that there are very nearly double the number of operatives at work at the moment than there were a week ago and at Nashua there are similarly satisfactory gains. With a continuance of the gains it is believed that the strike will not be of much longer duration. Several additional Rhode Island mills plan to resume operations next week. Another Knight mill in Pawtucket Valley resumed on Wednesday and only three mills of this company are not operating. Church workers in Rhode Island will discuss plans to end the textile strike in that State and to bring about a general inquiry into the situation prevailing in the

cotton manufacturing industry throughout the United States. A temporary injunction forbidding workers to picket the shop of the Henry Doherty Silk Company at Clifton, N. J., has been issued by Vice-Chancellor Lane. The complaint objects in particular to the workers' persistent and systematic picketing in relays, accompanied by intimidation and coercion designed to implant fear in the minds of persons seeking work in the complainant's silk mill. The injunction may be made permanent next Tuesday.

In Boston on June 19 a committee of 18 from the Building Trades Employers' Association met in executive session, and after a discussion of the strike of 250 union lathers, demanding a wage of \$1 12 1/2 per hour, voted to resist the strikers' demand. The latter have refused an advance of 10 cents an hour to \$1.

Several persons were reported killed and a number injured in rioting on Wednesday in the mines at Herrin, Ill., and 30 to 40 on Thursday, while 20 are missing. Strikers shot down workers. Some who surrendered to armed strikers attacking the mines were, it is said, massacred while bound. The situation there calls for summary measures. The Illinois Manufacturers' Association demands that the Governor of the State take steps at once to end the reign of murder and lawlessness in the coal mines in southern Illinois. Oklahoma coal operators have begun a movement to reopen coal mines of the State on an open shop basis.

Formal notice has been served on the Railroad Labor Board by the chiefs of ten railroad unions, of their intention to declare a strike in the event one is authorized by the 1,225,000 workers whose wages are to be reduced on July 1. Practically a unanimous strike vote, it is said, is being turned in by employees of local railroads here. The Chairman of the Railroad Labor Board predicts a disaster for railroad unions if they walk out.

The W. L. Douglas Shoe Company announced that its factories will run on full time schedule of 48 hours a week instead of 44 as previously. Portland, Ore., wired on June 22 that the longshoremen's strike which had been in progress there for two months was ended that night with the signing of an agreement whereby the union agreed to accept the employers' scale with a reduction of less than 10% of pre-strike wages.

The Department of Labor says that with a single exception of dyes and chemicals, wholesale prices made a sharp advance during May over the previous month, and are generally on a higher level than one year ago. Of 404 commodities, or price series, for which comparable data for the two months were obtained, increases were found to have occurred in 153 commodities, and decreases in 94 commodities. In the case of 157 commodities there was no change in average prices.

Under the menace of a short crop as a result of unfavorable weather, raw jute prices in Calcutta have risen 6 1/2% in the last six weeks. Burlap prices also have advanced of late.

LARD quiet; prime Western, 12.30@12.40c.; refined to Continent, 13.15c.; South American, 13.40c.; Brazil, in kegs, 14.40c. Futures advance somewhat at one time, though lower hogs and a slim export demand were drawbacks. Offerings, however, were not large and with a subsequent rise in hogs lard rallied. Speculative interest in the market, however, is small. New York cleared 4,528,000 lbs. of bacon and 8,907,000 lbs. of lard last week. Liverpool advanced, but packers gave little support. Hog prices fell and there was liquidation in July lard. Clearances have increased somewhat but fall short of consumptive requirements of Europe, where stocks are supposed to be much depleted. This is particularly the case in Central Europe. To-day prices were practically unchanged. Hogs were unchanged to 5c. lower. Range, \$9 75 to \$10 75; Western run 96,200, against 88,600 a week ago and 91,600 last year. Lard ends 5 points higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July delivery	11.42	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.47	11.47
September delivery	11.72	11.77	11.77	11.80	11.77	11.77

PORK quiet; mess, \$29 50; family, \$28 @ \$29; short clear, \$24 @ \$27. Beef dull; mess, \$13 50 @ \$14 50; packet, \$13 @ \$14; family, \$16 @ \$17; extra India mess, \$24 @ \$26; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$2 25; No. 2, \$3 20. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 25 1/2 @ 26 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 16 1/2 @ 17 1/2c. Butter, creamery extras, 37 1/2 @ 38c. Cheese, flats, 19 1/2 @ 20 1/4c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 25 1/2 @ 30c.

COFFEE on the spot steady; No. 7 Rio, 10 1/2c.; No. 4 Santos, 14 1/4 @ 14 3/4c.; fair to good Cucuta, 14 1/4 @ 14 3/4c. Futures advanced with higher Brazilian cables and the technical position stronger. To some the market had a sold-out look. Shorts covered. Brazilian prices kept rising. The total quantity of Brazilian in sight for the United States is 967,127 bags, against 1,616,051 a year ago. To-day prices declined again, however, under long liquidation despite higher cables. Intimations that some valorization holdings may have been sold are denied. Hedge selling seems to have increased. The closing is 7 points lower on July and 7 points higher on December than a week ago.

COFFEE PRICES CLOSED AS FOLLOWS:

Spot (unofficial)	10 1/2c	September	9.89 @ 10.90	March	9.65 @ Nom
July	10.02 @	December	9.81 @	May	9.60 @ Nom

SUGAR has been firm and in fair demand. Spot Cuba sold early in the week at 3 1/4c. cost & freight. The United Kingdom asking price was 16s. 6d. Refined up to 6 to 6.20c. Cuban raws for the second half of August shipment sold later at 3 1/4c. cost & freight. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 59,708 tons against 90,531 tons last week, and 43,961 last year; exports 93,684 against 120,216 last week and 31,478 last year; stock 958,594 against 992,570 last week and 1,403,127 last year. New crop exports to U. S. Atlantic ports 53,539 tons, including to New Orleans 9,000 tons, to Savannah 2,800 tons to Galveston 2,517 tons, to Canada 5,428 tons and to Europe 20,400 tons. Old crop exports 1,610 tons to United States Atlantic ports, stock 27,501 tons. Willett & Gray put the receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week at 68,760 tons against 113,052 last week and 41,355 last year; meltings 82,000 tons against 84,000 last week and 42,000 last year; total stock 209,580 tons against 222,820 last week and 204,006 last year. Some argue that the statistical situation warrants higher prices especially if Europe should continue to absorb Cuban sugars. And this seems probable as reports about its beet crop are unsatisfactory. According to the latest official figures from the beet factories says the Federal Refinery Co.'s German correspondent, the area under cultivation is 361,740 hectares (a hectare is 2.47 acres) as compared with 336,205 hectares in 1921-22. This represents an increase of 7.6% instead of 1.12% increase which was previously reported here from other sources and which obtained wide currency and affected the market. New Orleans wired July 21st:—With two firms already licensed as traders, plans are almost complete for the formal opening of the New Orleans future sugar market, the second to be established in the United States, on Thursday, July 6th. The new market will be under the direction of the New Orleans Sugar Clearing Association, recently organized with the election of E. A. Rainold, President; C. E. Fenner, Vice-President. It is estimated that refiners have bought about 200,000 bags of Cuba, prompt and July at 3 1/4c. c & f. An operator bought 3,000 tons of Cuba, 3.075c. f. o. b. July loading. Later raw was active and strong; 5,000 tons sold for July loading at 3.15c. f. o. b. Cuba to an outpost refiner supposedly Galveston and 3,000 tons also for July loading at 3.12c. f. o. b. Cuba to an operator; also 39,000 bags Porto Rico for middle of August shipment to New Orleans at 4.89c. c. i. f. Refined up to 6.20 to 6.30c. with a keen demand. Spot raws to-day were 3 1/4 to 3 5/16c. prompt and July shipment with sales reported at these prices. Today futures declined 6 to 12 points ending however 9 to 20 points higher than a week ago.

Spot (unofficial) 4.86c | September 3.22 @ 3.23 | March 3.17 @ 3.18
 July 2.07 @ 2.08 | December 3.29 @ 3.30 | May 3.18 @ 3.19

OILS.—Linseed steady. But business has not improved. It is confined to small lots generally. Many are awaiting the Government report which is expected early in July. Developments in the tariff situation are also awaited with much interest. Tanks, 78 @ 80c.; June carloads, 82 @ 84c.; less than carloads, 85 @ 87c.; less than 5 barrels, 88 @ 90c. Coconut oil, Ceylon barrels, 8 1/4 @ 9c.; Cochin, 9 1/4 @ 9 1/2c. Corn, crude, barrels, 11c. Olive, \$1 15 @ \$1 20. Lard, strained winter, N. Y., 11 1/2c.; extra, 10 3/4c. Cod, domestic, 55c.; Newfoundland, 57 @ 58c. Spirits of turpentine, \$1 40. Rosin, \$5 60 @ \$8 35. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 8,800, including swiches. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	11.00 @	August	11.35 @ 11.38	November	9.54 @ 9.57
June	11.00 @ 11.50	September	11.38 @ 11.40	December	9.37 @ 9.39
July	11.16 @ 11.18	October	10.80 @ 10.83	January	9.37 @ 9.40

PETROLEUM.—Bunker oil easier. Offerings are reported to have been made at below \$1 26 1/2 f. a. s. New York. Local consumption of heavier fuel oil has increased. Stocks are large, however. Light fuel oils are moving more freely. Gas oil in good export demand. Gasoline does not improve much. In fact the demand has fallen off a little. The recent bad weather has had not a little to do with this. New Navy for export meets with a fair inquiry. Cased gasoline holds firm. A good deal of this oil is going to the Near and Far East. Kerosene quiet. Stocks are of only moderate proportions. Export demand for cased kerosene is fair, but bulk oil is moving slowly. New York prices: Gasoline, cargo lots, 33.25c.; U. S. Navy specifications, 20c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 22c.; 63-66 deg. 25c.; 66-68 deg., 26c.; cases, New York, 15 1/2c. Refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 13c.; motor gasoline, to garages, steel bbls., 27c. The daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended June 17 was 1,445,700 bbls., against 1,459,100 last week and 1,330,950 last year. In Oklahoma it was 383,600, against 389,600 last week and 304,500 last year; in Kansas 84,200 bbls., against 85,000 last week and 193,750 last year; in North Texas 50,450 bbls., against 59,550 last week and 67,800 last year; in Central Texas 137,750, against 137,600 last week and 127,830 last year; in North Louisiana and Arkansas 131,200, against 133,750 last week and 97,250 last year; in Gulf Coast 113,100, against 113,700 last week and 103,820 last year; in Wyoming and Montana 82,900, against 76,900 last week and 66,400 last year; in California 350,000, against 360,000 last week and 337,100 last year.

Pennsylvania	\$3 50	Utah	\$2 48	Corsicana, heavy	\$0 75
Cornlng	2 05	Indiana	2 28	Electra	2 25
Cabell	2 36	Princeton	2 27	Strawn	2 25
Somerset	2 15	Illinois	2 27	Ranger	2 25
Somerset, light	2 40	Kansas and Okla-		Moran	2 25
Ragland	1 25	homa	2 00	Heraldton	1 00
Wooster	2 60	Corsicana, light	1 30	Mexia	1 50

RUBBER higher on better cables from London. For a time sterling exchange advanced, and this appeared to give sellers a little more confidence. According to a cable from London on the 21st inst., a proposition was put to growers which permitted them an outturn of 60% of the average crop produced in 1919 and 1920, with the provision that those who wish to exceed that tonnage must pay a tax of 2c. a pound on the first 5%. It was also reported that a meeting will be held at Amsterdam on June 27th for the purpose of discussing the question of restriction. In the main business here is small. Little credence was given to the report from London. Smoked ribbed sheets and first latex crepe spot 15c.; July-September 15½c.; October-December 15¾c.

HIDES have been in fair demand and steady. Leather is said to be selling better. Of frigorifico hides at the River Plate, United States buyers purchased large quantities of both cow and steer hides. Newark tanners of automobile leather are credited with much of the buying. It is said that 6,500 La Blanca and Montevideos sold at \$34 25 to \$34 50; 2,000 Swift Montevideos at \$34 50, the approximate equivalent of \$13 ¾c.; 1,000 Swift La Plata cows at \$34 50, equivalent of 14c.; 1,000 Wilsons at \$34, and 2,000 Sansinas at \$34 50. Of steers, 4,000 Armours sold, it is said, at \$42 80, equivalent of 17½c.; 4,000 Swift La Platas at \$43; 5,000 Campanas at \$43, equivalent of 17½c.; 2,000 Ortigas at \$43 75, equivalent of 17½c. Some 12,000 other steer hides were also sold. Bogota 16 to 17c. Some quote higher than this. Chicago reports that stocks of packer hides are well sold up until the end of June. Prices firm. Country hides, 14c. for good extremes. Bull weights at 12c. First salt calfskins, 17½c. Later 4,000 Swift Montevideo steers sold at \$44, the equivalent of 17½c. sight credit. It is said that most all of the Brazil hides are going direct to Europe.

OCEAN FREIGHTS dull and weak. Rates on heavy grain have been quoted as follows: Atlantic range to United Kingdom ports 2s. per 480 pounds; Antwerp, 14 cents; Havre, 17@18 cents; Rotterdam, 14@15 cents per 100 pounds; Hamburg, 14 cents; Bremen, 13@13½ cents per 100 pounds. Gulf ports to Antwerp and Rotterdam, 16 cents per 100 pounds. Hamburg and Bremen, 16 cents per 100 pounds. Coastwise steamship lines reduced the freight rate on cotton from Gulf to North Atlantic ports 30% effective at once.

Charters included grain from New York to Baltic, 26c. prompt; from Boston to Rotterdam, 14c. first half July; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 21s. 6d. July; grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 19½c. June; option of two ports at 1c. extra; three months' time charter in West Indies trade, \$1 75 prompt; three months' time charter in Gulf-West Indies trade, \$1 90 prompt delivery; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 14c. early July; option Montreal loading at 15c.; ore from Blzerta to Philadelphia, 8s. prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Boston, 95c. prompt; coal from Hampton Roads to Providence, 95c. prompt; grain from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 15c. early July; bagged grain from Atlantic range to Russia Baltic, 32c. prompt; from Montreal to west coast of Italy basis 20c. one port July 20, cancelling; three months' time charter in West Indies trade, \$1 90 prompt; one round trip to the West Indies, \$1 50 prompt delivery at Boston; grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 13½c. one port; 14½c. two ports July; from Montreal to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 15c. early July; from Montreal to Mediterranean, 4s. 6d. one port, 4s. 7½d. two ports June; from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy 19½c. one port and 20½c. two ports prompt; bagged grain from Atlantic range to Black Sea, 38c. June; lined from Rosario to New York, \$5 50 July.

TOBACCO has been in fair demand, especially for Burley and Sumatra, and prices are still reported steady. There is no real activity and there may not be for a time. But a pretty good distribution is going on and to all appearances the feeling is somewhat more hopeful. Frankfort, Ky., reports state that there were about 4,500,000 lbs. sold during May. The largest percentage of tobacco handled was Burley.

COPPER in better foreign demand but domestic business is small. Electrolytic 13¼@13½c. There is said to be a lot of copper available at 13¾c., and offerings of so-called distressed copper were made, it is reported, in 50-ton lots at 13½c. Latterly Lake copper prices have fallen ½c. to 13¼c. in sympathy with electrolytic. Casting iron was quoted at 13½c. refinery. Standard copper declined in London on the 21st inst. 7s. 6d. Tin steady but quiet; spot 31½c. Lead steady; spot New York, 5.75@5.80c.; spot East St. Louis, 5.55@5.60c. Zinc lower; spot New York 5.65@5.70c.; East St. Louis 5.30@5.35c.

PIG IRON is tending upward, with the coal situation becoming more and more acute. Just at the moment the demand is confined to small lots, as buyers naturally are awaiting to get the benefit of the reduced freight rates, which go into effect on July 1. But the demand is there and it is insistent. Chicago iron advanced 50c. to \$1 a ton. Iron ore buyers are taking hold freely at the latest prices. It is said that open market sales up to this time amount to over 1,000,000 tons. It is calculated that they will have to be 6,000,000 tons a year to keep pace with the demand. Philadelphia and Buffalo raised foundry pig iron 50c. on moderate sales. At the same time more makers are disposed to sell for delivery in the fourth quarter. Birmingham reported sales on a \$20 base for the third and fourth quarters on June 21 by the three principal makers. One large maker however there still quotes the \$18 50 base. So that there is a swing of \$1 50 in the Birmingham market. London reports iron and steel improving.

STEEL output is hampered by the scarcity of fuel. Yet mills and idle departments continue to start up. Some of them have been idle for a year or more. There is a growing demand for steel, and prices have an upward tendency.

Production has increased somewhat despite all obstacles. The largest producer of plates, shapes and bars is said to be practically sold up for the third quarter. And sheets are also heavily sold ahead, owing to a big demand from the automobile industry, as well as other consumers. Automobile sheets command premiums for prompt delivery. That seems suggestive. Not since the war period has the sheet output in the Mahoning Valley been as large as it is now, namely, 98%. Some central Western mills are behind on deliveries on bars, shapes and plates. It looks as though 1.60c. Pittsburgh, the minimum price on these products, will soon be changed to 1.70c. Meanwhile foreign competitors are getting some South American business. They are naming lower prices and make more accommodating credit arrangements. Europe sold Buenos Aires 1,500 tons of steel bars, it is said, at \$7 under the American price. Meanwhile railroads are buying cars, &c., on quite a liberal scale.

WOOL has been less active and prices hardly so firm. Kerrville, Texas's, recent decline is taken by some to mean that the advance has culminated at least for the time. Kerrville advices state that the wool which was offered there was sold to Winslow & Co., of Boston, who took both the 12 and 8 months' wools. The consensus of opinion in Kerrville is, it seems, that the wool was sold for slightly under the extreme level of values which was prevailing a week or so ago. For 12 months' wools it is believed by some that about \$1 30 clean landed basis was paid; for the 8 months' wool, \$1 10. In Boston prices have dropped this week. The supply has, to all appearance, increased. Good wools are not so scarce. In the country prices are also lower. The high prices which were paid 10 days or 15 days ago, were due to the short supply of good wools. Good fine and fine medium clips in the Far West sell now on a clean landed basis, Boston about \$1 15 to \$1 20, it seems. Some of the wools offered in Texas this week were withdrawn because of reduced bids.

A dispatch from Cuero, Texas, said that the advance in the price of wool has led a number of farmers of that section who have been without sheep to stock up with them. The wool crop has been found to be much more certain than the cotton crop. In London on June 16 at the wool auction, the joint offerings were 12,000 bales, of which more than 8,000 bales consisted of New Zealand crossbreds, chiefly medium and coarse greasy. Bids in many cases were below owners' rather high limits. Frequent withdrawals. Prices for medium quoted 10 to 12% and coarse, 7½% below May prices. Fine grades, unchanged to 5% lower than in May. The merino selection was mostly West Australian. Greasy combings were well distributed among home and foreign sections. The best brought 23d. The present series will now close on June 28 instead of June 30, the Realization Association having reduced its total offerings by 5,000 merinos and 15,000 cross breds. Liverpool cabled June 18 that the East Indian wool closed there this week with the best wools up 10% compared with the April series. Other descriptions were unchanged to 5% higher.

At Melbourne, Australia, sale on June 19 the selection was a good one. Demand fair. The best merinos and fine comebacks, suitable for America, showed little change from the May prices. Other descriptions were irregular at 10 to 15% lower. The highest merino brought 28½d. and comeback 25d. In London on June 19 the joint offerings were 12,300 bales including over 6,400 bales of New Zealand crossbreds, chiefly medium and coarse. Few withdrawals; prices were maintained. Holders sold more readily, however. Australian merinos were active; the best Sydney and Victorian greasy, 27½d. Queensland scoured was mostly bought by France and Germany. Combing ranged from 37d. to 46d., pieces, 27½ to 40d. In London on June 20 joint offerings were 13,000 bales, comprising good selections of merinos and crossbreds. Demand brisk. Merinos firmer. Crossbreds selling more freely at late prices. Details: Sydney 2,258 bales, greasy merino 16½d. to 27d.; scoured, 27d. to 38d. Queensland, 2,952 bales; greasy, 18½d. to 25½d.; scoured, 36d. to 43d.; the best parcels of the latter to Germany. Victoria, 1,026 bales; greasy merino, 22½d. to 31½d. West Australia, 1,273 bales; greasy, 16½d. to 24½d.; lambs, 9d. to 19d. New Zealand, 6,287 bales, crossbreds, the bulk to Yorkshire; best greasy, 18½d.; slipe, 18d.

In London on June 21 the offering was 13,000 bales of free wool. Full attendance. Australian merinos plentiful; prices unchanged; demand good. Best greasy, both Sydney and West Australia sold at 26d. Victorian scoured, 37½d. to 45½d. New Zealand crossbreds mostly to Yorkshire; best greasy, 20d.; slipe, 18½d.; liberal supply. Puntas sold readily, chiefly to France and Germany. Limits led to many withdrawals; greasy crossbreds, 10½d. to 13½d.; merino, 9½d. to 15½d. In London on June 22 the joint offerings were 12,500 bales. Few withdrawals. Prices unchanged. New Zealand provided 7,500 bales crossbreds, the bulk being taken by Yorkshire. Greasy brought 6d. to 16½d.; scoured 13d. to 34d., slipe 8d. to 16½d. Other details: Sydney, 2,043 bales; merinos, greasy, 12½d. to 27d.; scoured, 22d. to 45½d.; distributed chiefly to the Continent. Queensland, 1,116 bales; greasy merino, 18½d. to 25½d. Victoria, 591 bales; crossbreds, greasy 9½d. to 19½d.; scoured 10½d. to 26d. West Australia, 655 bales; greasy merino, 14½d. to 23½d.

COTTON ACREAGE REPORT.—In our editorial columns will be found to-day our annual Cotton Acreage Report, with an account at length of the condition of the plant in each section of the South. The report has been prepared in circular form, and the circulars may be had in quantities with business card printed thereon.

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COTTON.

Friday Night, June 23, 1922.

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 75,711 bales, against 70,575 bales last week and 94,570 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1921 5,848,119 bales, against 6,228,801 bales for the same period of 1920-21, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1921 of 380,862 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	4,000	4,680	8,107	3,288	3,741	798	24,614
Texas City						87	87
Houston		273					273
New Orleans	4,086	1,682	4,653	5,107	3,254	2,861	21,643
Mobile	179	832	415	984	599	86	3,145
Savannah	1,759	3,845	3,025	2,102	1,003	4,341	15,075
Brunswick				483	367	257	1,080
Charleston	446	1,500	1,068		367	257	4,127
Wilmington	219	61	102	85	289	273	1,029
Norfolk	518	615	618	356	337	497	2,941
Boston				10		157	167
Baltimore						430	430
Philadelphia			100				100
Totals this week.	11,207	13,544	18,088	12,415	9,500	10,867	75,711

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1921 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to June 23.	1921-22.		1920-21.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	1922.	1921.
Galveston	24,614	2,451,308	36,443	2,918,865	141,755	402,192
Texas City	87	30,717	191	40,111	1,809	18,632
Houston	273	455,673	8,050	407,606		
Port Arthur, &c.		10,395	2,986	66,819		
New Orleans	21,643	1,209,121	24,129	1,417,950	174,996	450,322
Gulftort		8,123		9,993		
Mobile	3,145	155,865	960	94,728	7,828	17,748
Key West		3,350		5		
Jacksonville		3,912	30	4,822	1,427	1,634
Savannah	16,075	729,542	17,104	654,392	82,015	137,064
Brunswick	1,080	28,831		13,140	2,459	3,174
Charleston	4,127	150,365	340	87,257	58,674	253,146
Georgetown						
Wilmington	1,029	104,106	2,342	92,357	31,538	29,683
Norfolk	2,941	345,028	4,253	283,454	51,701	108,944
N'port News, &c.		583	43	2,060		
New York		30,424	1,236	31,205	206,172	153,795
Boston	167	42,663	524	37,749	5,396	10,268
Baltimore	430	58,627	925	49,091	2,666	2,913
Philadelphia	100	29,576	614	14,287	3,912	10,801
Totals	75,711	5,848,119	100,160	6,228,801	772,344	1,600,316

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

Receipts at—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Galveston	24,614	36,443	6,536	42,448	12,591	14,108
Texas City &c.	87	11,227	847	9,745	392	
New Orleans	21,643	24,129	10,450	35,475	13,942	14,456
Mobile	3,145	960	342	3,334	831	1,923
Savannah	16,075	17,104	2,108	32,339	9,088	17,722
Brunswick	1,080			5,000		6,000
Charleston	4,127	340	54	3,269	377	1,264
Wilmington	1,029	2,342	27	4,598	1,336	33
Norfolk	2,941	4,253	1,665	3,550	854	4,873
N'port N., &c.		43		46		17
All others	970	3,319	1,169	76	3,002	3,656
Tot. this week	75,711	100,160	23,204	140,572	42,413	65,302
Since Aug. 1.	5,848,119	6,228,801	6,653,656	5,509,746	5,650,824	6,687,761

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 79,707 bales, of which 29,784 were to Great Britain, 11,483 to France and 38,440 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1921 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending June 23 1922.				From Aug. 1 1921 to June 23 1922.			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	26,723	10,668	21,801	59,192	625,582	384,938	1,319,383	2,329,903
Houston					111,612	83,724	260,064	455,400
Texas City							5,142	5,142
Gulftort					5,334		2,889	8,123
New Orleans			1,857	1,857	353,410	128,892	693,556	1,175,858
Mobile		254	1,000	1,254	38,210	6,987	47,689	112,786
Jacksonville					1,480		894	1,000
Pennacola					1,480		770	2,250
Savannah			6,300	6,300	201,000	72,385	364,752	638,227
Brunswick					24,163		2,460	26,613
Charleston					61,113	4,000	102,508	167,621
Wilmington					9,000	8,500	68,725	86,225
Norfolk	750		2,150	2,900	119,202	5,450	104,033	228,685
New York	649	16	4,492	5,157	32,369	8,176	82,235	122,780
Boston	206	145		351	3,421	371	7,989	11,781
Baltimore			450	450	2,059	450	2,994	5,603
Philadelphia					424	250	1,353	2,009
San Fran.	1,450	400		1,850	24,368	1,882	20,628	46,758
Seattle			390	390			55,490	55,490
Tacoma							67,914	67,914
Port'l'd, Ore.							22,005	22,005
Total	29,784	11,483	38,440	79,707	1,633,437	706,005	3,233,781	5,673,223
Total '20-21	66,546	5,546	55,751	127,843	1,635,533	523,979	2,747,158	4,906,670
Total '19-20	11,291	3,611	21,558	36,460	2,975,140	545,822	2,543,599	6,165,831

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named.

June 23 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'nt.	Const-wise.		
Galveston	8,738	4,500	4,000	10,769	2,500	30,567	111,188
New Orleans	12,661	3,908	9,983	2,188	673	29,413	145,583
Savannah	1,000	2,700			300	4,000	78,015
Charleston	500	1,000		1,000	300	3,400	55,274
Mobile	2,734	100		4,500		7,334	494
Norfolk			100			100	51,601
Other ports	6,000	500	2,000	1,000	500	10,000	245,375
Total 1922.	31,693	12,708	16,683	19,457	4,273	84,814	687,530
Total 1921.	41,986	9,319	27,256	72,013	6,270	156,844	1,443,472
Total 1920.	22,296	5,760	18,856	46,120	19,644	112,676	824,944

* Estimate.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active at irregular prices, falling 70 points to-day on better crop accounts, and the publication early in the morning of this newspaper's cotton acreage report indicating the possibility of a very large crop under favorable weather conditions. Prices advanced for a time on rains, bad crop reports and big buying, trade and speculative. Liverpool spot sales most of the week have been 15,000 to 18,000 bales. There was heavy buying there by the trade and bull speculators. Manchester has been fairly active. A decline in sterling exchange tended to brace up Liverpool prices. Liverpool, moreover, has continued to buy in this country, both spots and futures. Lancashire is evidently uneasy over the crop outlook. Latterly, it is true, the prospects have improved. Rains have largely ceased east and west of the Mississippi and also in some parts of the eastern belt. And some of the crop news there has been noticeably better. But for all that there is an undercurrent of doubt as to the prospects for the crop. Seldom in the history of the cotton business has the trade been more anxious in regard to future supplies. Stocks are dwindling, consumption is increasing. Trade interests are steady buyers here and in Liverpool. New England of late has been buying the actual cotton at New York in small lots. North Carolina and South Carolina mills have been covering hedges, it is understood, in this market. It is said that 15,000 bales will soon be shipped from the New York stock to Barcelona and another 15,000 bales to Naples, Italy. Some express the opinion that it would not be surprising if in the near future nearly 100,000 bales should be exported from New York. The cotton here is of excellent quality. True, for an exception New York holds a good deal more than it did a year ago. Whereas the big Southern markets have very much less cotton than then.

While weather reports of late have been in the main favorable, it is noticed that rains in some parts of the Atlantic States have persisted. And they interfere with cultivation. They tend to propagate the weevil and to make fields grassy. And in Texas, although conditions have improved, the season is said to be anywhere from two to four weeks late. Under the circumstances the mills have become more or less uneasy. At the South the supply of low grades has been greatly depleted and spinners have had to take the better grades. The basis has been rising. So have the quotations at times. And in New York sales of print cloths of late are said to have reached 300,000 pieces. In other words, mills are doing a pretty good business. Meanwhile the strike in New Hampshire and Rhode Island is said to be gradually subsiding. In the New York market the supply of contracts has frequently run out. At times it was very difficult to buy at all without advancing prices. Statistics grow stronger and some are now inclined to put the carry-over into next season at not over 3,500,000 bales.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that the crop outlook is better. The other day the Texas Board of Trade put the condition in that State at 76%. That may possibly be too high; some think it is. But supposing it is 76, it would contrast strikingly with 61 on May 25 in the last Government report, 72 on June 25 last year and 71 in 1920. It would be only 2 points under the 10-year average of 79 for June 25.

Also, the Arkansas Board of Trade stated the condition in that State a few days ago at 78.3 against 76 in the last Government report, 78 on June 25 last year, 72 in 1920 and a 10-year average of 80. The last weekly Government report was the most favorable that has been issued this season. It emphasized the improvement in Texas. It said that the weather conditions during the week had been favorable in nearly all sections of the belt. Substantial improvement was widespread. The weather was favorable for cultivation. That work was making satisfactory progress. High temperatures helped to check the weevil, though admittedly they continue numerous in most sections of the cotton country. In parts of Oklahoma conditions are excellent. In Texas they are fair in the southern portion and very good in the northern and northwest. Warm dry weather has helped Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia and the Carolinas, although of late the Atlantic States have had more rain than they desired. Lately spot demand in the South has fallen off. Exports have been small. Some reports say, too, that buyers of goods are not following the advance readily. Manchester seems to be rather less active. Wall Street, uptown and Southern "wire" interests have for three days been heavy sellers here. Many are now awaiting the month-end private crop reports. They are expected to show improvement. Others are looking more to the July notices to be issued on next Tuesday; they are expected to be large. Still others are awaiting the Government report, which will appear on July 3. It is expected to make a noticeably better showing than the last one. Experienced cotton men point out that under especially favorable conditions, the cotton belt could still raise a good-sized crop. This was confirmed by the "Chronicle" acreage report, which summed up the situation by saying that "all of the constituent elements exist, and to a degree never before enjoyed, for a crop of large dimensions, provided future weather conditions are favorable." The report, moreover, showed 3,347,000 acres increase over the area planted last year and 4,516,000 acres increase as compared with the area picked. Accordingly, prices to-day broke heavily. Liquidation was very heavy. Those who had been predicting 25c. are less vocal. There is a greater fear of the July notice, of the private reports that are to appear next week and of the July Government report. The closing prices showed a decline for the week of 8 to 21 points. At one time they were about 100 points higher than at the close last Friday. Spot cotton closed at 22.20c. for middling, or 20 points lower than a week ago.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the June 22 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on June 29.

Middling fair	1.81 on	*Middling "yellow" tinged	1.63 off
Strict good middling	1.40 on	*Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged	2.40 off
Good middling	.95 on	*Low middling "yellow" tinged	3.25 off
Strict middling	.56 on	Good middling "yellow" stained	1.30 off
Strict low middling	.56 off	*Strict mid. "yellow" stained	2.23 off
Low middling	1.33 off	*Middling "yellow" stained	3.10 off
*Strict good ordinary	2.23 off	*Good middling "blue" stained	1.50 off
*Good ordinary	3.15 off	*Strict middling "blue" stained	2.28 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged	.55 on	*Middling "blue" stained	3.05 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged	.05 on	*These ten grades are not deliverable upon future contracts.	
Strict middling "yellow" tinged	.56 off		

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

June 17 to June 23—		Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands		22.55	23.25	23.30	23.00	22.90	23.20

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 23 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1922	22.20c.	1914	13.25c.	1906	10.90c.	1898	6.38c.
1921	11.00c.	1913	12.30c.	1905	9.30c.	1897	7.81c.
1920	38.25c.	1912	11.65c.	1904	10.95c.	1896	7.62c.
1919	33.50c.	1911	15.10c.	1903	12.90c.	1895	7.19c.
1918	30.40c.	1910	15.05c.	1902	9.25c.	1894	7.31c.
1917	27.15c.	1909	11.75c.	1901	8.62c.	1893	7.00c.
1916	13.30c.	1908	11.80c.	1900	9.50c.	1892	7.44c.
1915	9.60c.	1907	12.85c.	1899	6.12c.	1891	8.38c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'l.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady			
Monday	Steady, 70 pts. adv.	Steady			
Tuesday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Barely steady			
Wednesday	Quiet, 30 pts. dec.	Barely steady			100
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Easy			100
Friday	Quiet, 70 pts. dec.	Easy			
Total					NH. 100 100

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week ending June 23.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thursday	Friday
Galveston	22.70	23.40	23.40	23.15	23.15	22.65
New Orleans	21.88	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.63	22.25
Mobile	21.25	21.75	22.00	22.00	21.50	
Savannah	22.04	22.76	22.87	22.48	22.44	21.50
Norfolk	22.00	22.63	22.75	22.50	22.38	21.63
Baltimore	22.00	22.60	22.75	22.50	22.38	21.75
Augusta	21.88	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.75
Memphis	22.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50
Houston	22.65	23.25	23.35	22.95	22.95	22.25
Little Rock	21.50	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.25	21.75
Dallas	22.00	22.70	22.85	22.35	22.35	21.70
Fort Worth		22.60	22.70	22.30	22.30	21.60

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently 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.

June 23—		1923.	1921.	1920.	1919.
Stock at Liverpool	..... bales.	899,000	1,089,000	1,092,000	534,000
Stock at London	.....	1,000	2,000	12,000	13,000
Stock at Manchester	.....	57,000	93,000	158,000	68,000
Total Great Britain.....					
Stock at Hamburg	.....	957,000	1,184,000	1,262,000	615,000
Stock at Bremen	.....	33,000	34,000	30,000	.....
Stock at Havre	.....	237,000	183,000	65,000	.....
Stock at Rotterdam	.....	145,000	141,000	274,000	156,000
Stock at Barcelona	.....	11,000	14,000	.....	5,000
Stock at Genoa	.....	80,000	124,000	94,000	58,000
Stock at Ghent	.....	10,000	26,000	111,000	45,000
Stock at Antwerp	.....	8,000	32,000	.....	16,000
.....	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Total Continental stocks.....					
		525,000	554,000	574,000	280,000
Total European stocks.....					
		1,482,000	1,738,000	1,836,000	895,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	.....	75,000	41,000	86,000	18,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	.....	298,000	277,362	221,000	306,463
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Eur's	.....	89,000	52,000	51,000	34,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	.....	251,000	265,000	95,000	295,000
Stock in Bombay, India	.....	1,150,000	1,182,000	1,320,000	1,098,000
Stock in U. S. ports	.....	772,344	1,600,316	937,620	1,328,371
Stock in U. S. interior towns	.....	588,332	1,339,017	988,406	1,062,591
U. S. exports to day	.....	7,949	49,785	2,925	22,315
Total visible supply.....					
		4,713,625	6,544,480	5,538,523	5,149,740
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:					
American—					
Liverpool stock	..... bales.	540,000	689,000	785,000	346,000
Manchester stock	.....	41,000	77,000	140,000	45,000
Continental stock	.....	442,000	472,000	463,000	249,000
American afloat for Europe	.....	298,000	277,362	221,372	306,463
U. S. port stocks	.....	772,344	1,600,316	937,620	1,328,371
U. S. interior stocks	.....	588,332	1,339,017	988,406	1,062,591
U. S. exports to day	.....	7,949	49,785	2,925	22,315
Total American.....					
		2,689,625	4,504,480	3,538,523	3,449,740
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock	.....	359,000	400,000	307,000	188,000
London stock	.....	1,000	2,000	12,000	13,000
Manchester stock	.....	16,000	16,000	18,000	23,000
Continental stock	.....	83,000	82,000	113,000	31,000
India afloat for Europe	.....	75,000	41,000	86,000	18,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat	.....	89,000	52,000	51,000	34,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	.....	251,000	265,000	95,000	295,000
Stock in Bombay, India	.....	1,150,000	1,182,000	1,320,000	1,098,000
Total East India, &c.....					
		2,024,000	2,040,000	2,000,000	1,700,000
Total American.....					
		2,689,625	4,504,480	3,538,523	3,449,740
Total visible supply.....					
		4,713,625	6,544,480	5,538,523	5,149,740
Middling uplands, Liverpool	.....	13,594	7,004	26,384	20,394
Middling uplands, New York	.....	22.20c.	11.05c.	38.25c.	34.75c.
Egypt, good saket, Liverpool	.....	22.25d.	17.50d.	65.50d.	30.58d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	.....	14.00d.	11.00d.	47.00d.	20.75d.
Broach fine, Liverpool	.....	12.10d.	7.15d.	20.35d.	18.30d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool	.....	13.00d.	7.65d.	21.60d.	18.55d.
Continental imports for past week have been 80,000 bales.					
The above figures for 1922 show a decrease from last week of 100,931 bales, a loss of 1,830,855 bales from 1921, a decline of 824,898 bales from 1920 and a falling off of 436,115 bales from 1919.					

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

Towns.	Movement to June 23 1922.					Movement to June 24 1921.				
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks June 23.	Total.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks June 24.	Total.
	Week.	Season.				Week.	Season.			
Ala., Birmingham	41	32,174	747	2,753	370	22,368	282	6,709	4,301	
Enfauila	500	6,467	100	3,020	50	9,498	229	28,436	15,535	
Montgomery	376	48,660	1,540	13,893	201	49,738	219	9,590	15,535	
Seima	68	40,292	765	2,047	88	33,214	311	29,754	15,535	
Ark., Helena	8	31,546	650	8,652	194	60,009	787	9,590	15,535	
Little Rock	536	182,857	4,809	28,566	2,082	216,865	2,072	64,011	15,535	
Phn. Bluff	237	126,423	3,065	35,012	3,430	133,773	3,589	60,410	15,535	
Ge., Albany	734	66,918	2,088	21,273	450	14,882	3,000	32,393	15,535	
Atlanta	2,198	332,627	3,306	21,853	2,219	173,916	3,950	30,331	15,535	
Augusta	5,592	385,690	9,145	83,497	1,869	355,014	7,113	120,309	15,535	
Columbus	1,790	60,800	2,010	7,865	37,828	1,015	24,608	882	14,095	
Macon	639	37,350	912	8,488	1,025	37,863	3,000	9,626	15,535	
Rome	134	30,846	100	8,488	1,025	97,506	8,000	68,047	15,535	
La., Shreveport	100	62,813	2,900	10,809	93	20,743	193	767	15,535	
Miss., Columbus	93	20,743	193	767	177	134,170	1,434	16,810	15,535	
Clarkdale	201	91,363	1,144	14,896	59	91,547	960	33,221	15,535	
Greenwood	178	33,518	822	3,520	84	25,467	305	13,152	15,535	
Meridian	77	32,125	656	3,848	18	17,700	200	1,634	15,535	
Natchez	68	27,043	323	3,521	10	12,668	628	10,449	15,535	
Vicksburg	31	30,496	532	4,402	55	28,801	381	10,352	15,535	
Yazoo City	9,437	798,656	9,636	21,400	14,747	790,577	13,788	32,344	15,535	
Mo., St. Louis	804	61,446	1,707	11,509	1,096	28,177	856	8,435	15,535	
N.C., Gr'nboro	238	12,998	300	150	174	6,919	100	296	15,535	
Raleigh	1	83,418	322	2,181	353	107,433	2,204	14,801	15,535	
Okla., Atmus	407	61,539	737	2,351	1,673	81,136	1,121	10,137	15,535	
Chickasha	207	63,696	1,151	6,869	.....	60,689	.....	20,785	15,535
Oklahoma	3,627	175,125	3,171	30,811	1,812	86,657	.....	9,318	15,535
S. C., Greenville	.....	14,472	.....	9,230	124	21,444	124	9,318	15,535
Greenwood	8,019	915,041	13,745	84,853	7,804	895,875	14,901	285,213	15,535	
Tenn., Memphis	.....	362	108	460	.....	967	.....	1,239	15,535
Nashville	120	13,073	152	2,794	128	12,281	147	3,764	15,535	
Texas, Abilene	.....	28,463	.....	2					

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

	Saturday, June 17.	Monday, June 19.	Tuesday, June 20.	Wed. day, June 21.	Thursd'y, June 22.	Friday, June 23.	Week.
June—							
Range	21.95	22.70	22.75	22.65-72	22.22	22.30	22.22-72
Closing	21.95	22.70	22.75	22.45	22.30	22.30	
July—							
Range	21.78-306	22.26-90	22.61-95	22.40-87	22.23-52	21.67-145	21.67-95
Closing	22.04-06	22.76-77	22.81	22.47-48	22.38-40	21.67-70	
August—							
Range	22.15	22.87	22.87	22.79-85	22.58	22.43	22.15-87
Closing	22.20	22.90 bid	23.00 bid	22.62 bid	22.53	21.82	
September—							
Range	22.10	22.50	22.90	22.52	22.45	21.75	22.16-50
Closing	22.10	22.80	22.90	22.52	22.45	21.75	
October—							
Range	21.70-05	22.20-87	22.57-95	22.10-80	22.22-48	21.68-144	21.68-95
Closing	21.98-00	22.70-74	22.80-82	22.42-45	22.38-40	21.68-70	
November—							
Range	21.87	22.55	22.75	22.33	22.27	21.60	22.15-50
Closing	21.87	22.55	22.75	22.33	22.27	21.60	
December—							
Range	21.40-85	22.05-63	22.36-75	22.25-65	22.02-30	21.50-127	21.40-85
Closing	21.76-80	22.48-51	22.60-61	22.25-28	22.19	21.50-52	
January—							
Range	21.35-65	21.83-145	22.23-55	22.10-50	21.90-117	21.40-114	21.35-55
Closing	21.60-65	22.34-38	22.46-50	22.18	22.08	21.40	
February—							
Range	21.52	22.27	22.43	22.11	22.00	21.35	
Closing	21.52	22.27	22.43	22.11	22.00	21.35	
March—							
Range	21.20-54	21.75-130	22.10-47	21.92-138	21.80-106	21.30-99	21.20-138
Closing	21.46-50	22.20-23	22.33-35	22.04-10	21.92-95	21.30-34	
April—							
Range	21.35	22.10	22.25	21.92	21.82	21.20	
Closing	21.35	22.10	22.25	21.92	21.82	21.20	
May—							
Range	21.05-33	21.55-105	21.90-129	21.82-110	21.62-82	21.10-78	21.05-129
Closing	21.25	22.00	22.15-19	21.82	21.72	21.10	

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1921-22		1920-21	
	Since Week, Aug. 1.	Since Aug. 1.	Since Week, Aug. 1.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	9,656	786,010	13,786	771,011
Via Mounds, &c.	4,680	359,561	3,224	240,382
Via Rock Island	861	80,106	1,062	35,899
Via Louisville	3,981	243,373	5,361	141,776
Via Virginia points	8,611	419,848	24,304	513,301
Via other routes, &c.				
Total gross overland	27,789	1,896,884	47,737	1,770,860
Deduct shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	697	166,170	3,289	135,332
Between interior towns	437	27,308	1,602	46,570
Inland, &c., from South	3,776	371,415	6,689	296,989
Total to be deducted	4,910	564,893	11,580	478,891
Leaving total net overland*	22,879	1,331,991	36,157	1,291,969

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 22,879 bales, against 36,157 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 40,022 bales.

	1921-22		1920-21	
	Week, Aug. 1.	Since Aug. 1.	Week, Aug. 1.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings				
Receipts at ports to June 23	75,711	5,848,119	100,160	6,228,801
Net overland to June 23	22,879	1,331,991	36,157	1,291,969
Southern consumption to June 23 ^a	81,000	3,292,000	65,000	2,790,000
Total marketed	179,590	10,472,110	201,317	10,310,770
Interior stocks in excess	739,131	528,437	335,648	479,076
Came into sight during week	140,459		165,669	
Total in sight June 23	9,943,673		10,789,846	

Nor. spinners' takings to June 23. 34,453 2,100,439 22,550 1,870,715
* Decrease during week and season.
^a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Movement into sight in previous years:
1920—June 25 90,349 1919-20—June 25 11,709,405
1919—June 27 156,015 1918-19—June 27 10,885,142
1918—June 28 118,754 1917-18—June 28 11,699,913

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, June 17.	Monday, June 19.	Tuesday, June 20.	Wednesday, June 21.	Thursday, June 22.	Friday, June 23.
June	22.16	22.99	23.08	22.67	22.66	21.87
July	22.16-22.18	22.99	23.08-23.12	22.67-22.70	22.66-22.68	21.89-21.91
August	22.01 bid	22.79 bid	22.88 bid	22.42 bid	22.41 bid	21.69 bid
October	21.57-21.58	22.39-22.43	22.47-22.50	22.09-22.12	22.05-22.08	21.28-21.32
December	21.26-21.28	22.07-22.09	22.16-22.17	21.76-21.79	21.73-21.76	20.99-21.00
January	21.03-21.06	21.84-21.87	21.96-22.00	21.57	21.52-21.55	20.84
March	20.78-20.80	21.60-21.64	21.80	21.40-21.44	21.35-21.37	20.65-20.67
May	20.53 bid	21.35 bid	21.46	21.07 bid	21.00 bid	20.34 bid
Tone						
Options	Firmly Barely st'y	Steady	Steady	Steady Barely st'y	Quiet	Easy Quiet

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that generally favorable weather has prevailed over practically the entire cotton belt. Temperatures were above normal and precipitation light to moderate. The hot dry weather was beneficial not only in promoting growth but also in helping to check the activities of the boll weevil, which, however, still continue numerous in many sections. Good progress was made in cultivation, which in some sections was badly needed. As a result of the favorable weather the crop outlook has improved.

Texas.—Cotton made very good progress except in a few localities in the South, where frequent showers were unfavorable.

Mobile.—Hot dry weather generally with a few scattered showers. Good progress made in growth and cultivation.

Weevils reported more numerous and there are fears of serious damage later.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer		
Galveston, Texas	3 days	2.34 in.	high 90	low 72	mean 81
Ahlhene	2 days	0.03 in.	high 94	low 64	mean 79
Brenham	1 day	0.05 in.	high 95	low 69	mean 82
Brownsville	3 days	1.98 in.	high 96	low 74	mean 85
Corpus Christi	3 days	1.14 in.	high 92	low 74	mean 83
Dallas	dry		high 96	low 70	mean 83
Honrietta	1 day	0.45 in.	high 100	low 64	mean 82
Kerrville	dry		high 92	low 62	mean 77
Lampasas	1 day	0.08 in.	high 105	low 67	mean 86
Longview	1 day	0.21 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Luling	2 days	0.15 in.	high 98	low 67	mean 83
Naogdoches	2 days	0.28 in.	high 96	low 65	mean 81
Palestine		0.02 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Paris	dry		high 100	low 65	mean 83
San Antonio	4 days	2.78 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82
Taylor	2 days	1.70 in.	high 95	low 61	mean 81
Weatherford	dry		high 95	low 67	mean 81
Ardmore, Okla.	dry		high 97	low 65	mean 81
Atus	2 days	0.68 in.	high 102	low 64	mean 83
Muskogee	dry		high 96	low 63	mean 80
Oklahoma City	3 days	0.07 in.	high 102	low 64	mean 83
Brinkley, Ark.	dry		high 98	low 66	mean 82
Eldorado	dry		high 97	low 68	mean 83
Little Rock	1 day	0.05 in.	high 94	low 70	mean 82
Pine Bluff	1 day	0.02 in.	high 101	low 75	mean 88
Alexandria, La.	1 day	0.16 in.	high 99	low 71	mean 85
Amite	5 days	1.99 in.	high 96	low 64	mean 80
Shreveport	3 days	0.61 in.	high 97	low 68	mean 83
Oxoloma, Miss.	2 days	1.04 in.	high 103	low 66	mean 85
Columbus	2 days	0.90 in.	high 104	low 66	mean 85
Greenwood	4 days	0.75 in.	high 102	low 66	mean 84
Vicksburg	3 days	1.23 in.	high 94	low 69	mean 82
Mobile, Ala.	4 days	0.05 in.	high 95	low 77	mean 81
Decatur	2 days	1.02 in.	high 96	low 64	mean 80
Montgomery	1 day	0.13 in.	high 95	low 71	mean 83
Selma	4 days	0.85 in.	high 98	low 67	mean 81½
Gainesville, Fla.	3 days	0.96 in.	high 91	low 66	mean 79
Madison	4 days	1.02 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80
Savannah, Ga.	3 days		high 93	low 67	mean 82
Athens	dry		high 95	low 67	mean 81
Augusta	3 days	0.57 in.	high 96	low 70	mean 83
Columbus	2 days	0.29 in.	high 96	low 69	mean 83
Charleston, S. C.	4 days	0.78 in.	high 90	low 71	mean 80
Greenwood	3 days	0.23 in.	high 90	low 67	mean 79
Columbia	3 days	0.92 in.	high	low 66	mean
Conway	4 days	3.58 in.	high 92	low 66	mean 79
Charlotte, N. C.		0.33 in.	high 93	low 62	mean 78
Newbern	5 days	1.45 in.	high 96	low 65	mean 81
Neldon	3 days	1.01 in.	high 93	low 67	mean 80
Dyersburg, Tenn.	2 days	3.45 in.	high 97	low 65	mean 81
Memphis	2 days	1.59 in.	high 95	low 67	mean 82

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	June 23 1922.	June 24 1921.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge. 12.3	9.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge. 16.3	11.8
Nashville	Above zero of gauge. 9.8	8.1
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge. 10.9	19.3
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge. 24.4	21.4

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

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1921-22.		1920-21.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply June 16	4,814,556		6,556,309	
Visible supply Aug. 1		6,111,250		4,956,257
American in sight to June 23	140,459	9,943,673	165,669	10,789,846
Bombay receipts to June 22	51,000	3,241,000	70,000	2,526,000
Other India shipm'ts to June 22		215,000	4,000	234,000
Alexandria receipts to June 21	9,500	690,000	6,000	597,000
Other supply to June 21*	84,000	635,000	2,000	366,000
Total supply	5,019,515	20,553,923	6,803,978	19,469,103
Deduct—				
Visible supply June 23	4,713,625	4,713,625	6,544,480	6,544,480
Total takings to June 23. ^a	305,890	15,840,298	259,498	12,924,623
Of which American	233,390	11,328,278	171,498	9,270,623
Of which other	72,500	4,512,020	88,000	3,654,000

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. ^a This total includes the estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,292,000 bales in 1921-22 and 2,790,000 bales in 1920-21—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 12,548,298 bales in 1921-22 and 10,134,623 bales in 1920-21, of which 8,036,278 and 6,480,623 bales American. ^b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, for three years, have been as follows:

Receipts at—	1921-22.		1920-21.		1919-20.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	51,000	3,241,000	87,000	2,540,000	50,000	3,302,000
For the Week.						
Exports.						

Exports (Bales)—Table with columns for destination (To Liverpool, To Manchester, etc.), Week, and Since Aug. 1.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week were 60,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 16,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet for both yarns and cloths in consequence of Liverpool news.

Table comparing 1921-22 and 1920-21 with columns for 32s Cop Test, 8 1/4 lbs. Strains, and Cot'n Mid. Upl's.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments and details.

Shipping news table listing destinations (NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, BOSTON, LOS ANGELES, MOBILE, NORFOLK, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SAVANNAH) and ship names with dates.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port: Table with columns for Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stock, etc.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing daily closing prices for Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below: Table with columns for June 17 to June 23 and days of the week (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.).

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, June 23 1922.

Flour has been quiet and more or less unsettled with wheat. And certainly wheat has been irregular, up one day and down the next. The trouble is that the recent decline in wheat unsettled confidence in the flour market.

Wheat advanced after declining early on a preponderance of good crop news and liquidation. Also, the visible supply in the United States decreased last week only 1,194,000 bushels. That was less than was expected.

Later on crop reports became conflicting. Some Kansas reports spoke of yields 15 to 20 bushels and, for an exception, it is true, even as high as 30 bushels.

The area of Durum wheat in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana is estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to be 5,276,000 acres, or 35.2% of the total spring wheat acreage of these States.

Winnipeg, Man., wired that Western Canada will have a wheat board for the marketing of this season's crop, Alberta and Saskatchewan agreements promising to supplement impending Dominion legislation by enactments before the wheat movement starts.

The Capper-Tincher bill was again postponed by the House Rules Committee. Representative Rainey, of Illinois, opposed its consideration until the committee had granted further hearings.

Kansas City wired June 21 that the first car of new wheat arrived there to-day from Jefferson, Okla. It graded No. 1 hard winter and tested 62 lbs. to the bushel.

On Thursday prices advanced on the hot wave in the Central West and dry weather in the Northwest. It was as high as 112 in the Southwest. Rain is needed in Nebraska, South Dakota and Canada. Black rust is mentioned in some Minnesota dispatches.

badly needed there for all grain. But reports from the Northwest as a rule were favorable. The export demand fell off. The closing was about unchanged for the day, but 3 to 3 1/4c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK. Table with columns for No. 2 Red and dates from Sat. to Fri. with corresponding prices.

Indian corn advanced somewhat after sagging for a time. Wheat helped it upward. It is true that the visible supply in the United States last week increased 2,129,000 bushels, against an increase in the same week last year of 1,010,000 bushels.

Later prices advanced. Chicago reported sales of half a million bushels to arrive to elevator interests. It was hot and dry in some parts of the belt.

Speculative buying became more general. Three days' receipts were only half as large as for the same days last week. To-day prices advanced with considerable activity.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK. Table with columns for No. 2 Yellow and dates from Sat. to Fri. with corresponding prices.

Oats have advanced of late with other grain. The visible supply in the United States decreased 1,436,000 bushels. This encouraged the bulls, although the total remaining supply is even now 45,836,000 bushels, against 31,557,000 a year ago.

Unfavorable crop news later gave more individual strength to oats. They moved upward more on their own initiative. With the supply decreasing bullish sentiment is more general.

Fears for the crop caused a rise on Thursday. To-day prices advanced 1c., with traders and commission houses buying. They ended 3 to 3 1/4c. higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. Table with columns for No. 2 White and dates from Sat. to Fri. with corresponding prices.

Rye declined with wheat, or rather it rose and fell with wheat, showing no individual strength or weakness. It took its cue always from the other grain. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,077,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same week last year of 292,000 bushels.

On Thursday prices advanced 3/4 to 1c. on complaints of bad weather and export sales of 300,000 bushels. To-day prices advanced. At one time this week they were 2 to 3c. lower than last Friday, but they end 1/2 to 1 1/4c. higher than then.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns for July, September, and December delivery and dates from Sat. to Fri. with corresponding prices.

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN, FLOUR, and other market data. Includes prices for Wheat, Corn, Rye, Flour, and various grades of grain.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 20.—Weather conditions in their relation to the crops are summarized as follows by the Department of Agriculture in its weekly weather bulletin issued on June 21:

The week was warmer than normal in nearly all parts of the cotton belt and sunshine was generally ample. Precipitation was light to moderate generally, although there were rather heavy rainfalls in some Atlantic coast districts the latter part of the week and there was too much moisture in some sections in southern Texas.

The weather conditions were favorable for cotton in nearly all sections and substantial improvement was widespread. It was also favorable for cultivation and this work made satisfactory progress while the high temperatures were instrumental in checking weevil activity, although they continued numerous in most sections.

Under influence of warm dry weather in Arkansas cotton made excellent progress and its condition was very good in some southern, central and eastern localities. Improvement was reported from Alabama while the warm dry weather and adequate sunshine was very beneficial in Georgia where very good progress was reported with plants fruiting well.

Temperatures were unseasonably high during the week throughout the principal winter wheat belt and the crop ripened very rapidly. It was entirely too hot for wheat in Kansas, where there was much complaint of premature ripening in many central and northern counties with consequent shriveling of grain.

Corn made good growth in most sections under favorable temperatures and moisture conditions. The temperature was above the normal except in the Northeast and there was much sunshine in central districts. While the crop was not seriously suffering for moisture, the need for rain was beginning to be felt in many fields in central and southern districts.

Oats and barley were favorably affected by the rains of the week in the more northern States from the Great Plains eastward, but it was mostly unfavorable for oats in the central valley States, where it was too warm and too dry in many localities.

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table showing receipts of Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Includes columns for Receipts at various ports and cumulative totals since Aug. 1 for 1921-22, 1920-21, and 1919-20.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday June 17, 1922, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday June 17, 1922, with columns for Receipts at various ports and cumulative totals.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, June 17 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Peas.
New York	Bushels 475,214	Bushels 492,290	Barrels 181,818	Bushels 1,049,778	Bushels 388,969	Bushels 240,415	Bushels 1,859
Boston	40,000	43,000					
Philadelphia	529,000	285,000	13,000				
Baltimore	195,000	777,000	14,000	160,000	75,000	94,000	
Newport News		13,000	7,000				
Mobile				15,000			
New Orleans	104,000	192,000	23,000	4,000			
Galveston	280,000						
Montreal	1,134,000	587,000	43,000	591,000	286,000	262,000	
Total week	2,760,214	2,369,290	288,818	1,819,778	749,969	596,415	1,859
Week 1921	4,637,828	2,706,092	309,715	1,027,650	280,000	297,529	

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1921 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week June 17	Since July 1	Week June 17	Since July 1	Week June 17	Since July 1
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom	74,354	5,826,205	843,604	81,701,291	632,134	36,615,862
Continent	96,670	5,935,067	1,906,610	173,999,433	1,700,156	102,228,796
So. & Cent. Amer.	36,800	591,318	2,000	3,321,137	1,500	2,217,910
West Indies	64,500	981,850		7,000	31,500	1,131,910
Brit. No. Am. Colon.		6,100				
Other Countries	10,494	612,612	8,000	2,746,111	4,000	87,050
Total 1922	288,818	13,983,152	2,760,214	261,774,972	2,369,290	142,312,529
Total 1921	309,715	14,287,660	4,637,828	332,357,778	2,706,092	46,635,540

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, June 16, and since July 1 1921 and 1920, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1921-1922.		1920-1921.	1921-1922.		1920-1921.
	Week June 16.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week June 16.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	5,569,000	390,859,000	427,451,000	2,397,000	245,718,000	49,951,000
Russ. & Dan.	48,000	4,576,000	440,000	799,000	15,071,000	14,749,000
Argentina	3,051,000	104,174,000	81,065,000	1,296,000	111,813,000	101,808,000
Australia	1,672,000	110,492,000	77,988,000			
India		712,000	10,308,000			
Oth. Countr's			230,000	856,000	9,319,000	5,017,000
Total	10,340,000	610,813,000	597,482,000	5,348,000	381,921,000	171,525,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 17, was as follows:

United States—	GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	856,000	1,179,000	2,640,000	207,000	153,000	
Boston		1,265,000	157,000	1,000	1,000	
Philadelphia	791,000	687,000	109,000	45,000		
Baltimore	298,000	1,899,000	423,000	850,000	45,000	
Newport News			8,000			
New Orleans	695,000	408,000	113,000	127,000	16,000	
Galveston	1,149,000			36,000		
Buffalo	3,763,000	3,501,000	3,571,000	672,000	421,000	
Toledo	288,000	131,000	315,000	1,000	1,000	
Detroit	8,000	24,000	59,000	9,000		
Chicago	6,160,000	10,040,000	13,000,000	319,000	143,000	
afloat	596,000	212,000	602,000			
Milwaukee	62,000	1,732,000	1,219,000	46,000	167,000	
Duluth	1,162,000	1,488,000	2,043,000	414,000	72,000	
St. Joseph, Mo.	368,000	595,000	55,000	2,000	4,000	
Minneapolis	4,053,000	1,698,000	17,024,000	20,000	361,000	
St. Louis	549,000	714,000	334,000	22,000	1,000	
Kansas City	1,808,000	3,623,000	1,147,000	32,000		
Peoria	2,000	244,000	304,000			
Indianapolis	66,000	340,000	152,000			
Omaha	309,000	1,231,000	1,909,000	16,000	27,000	
On Lakes	1,364,000	1,130,000	564,000	25,000	116,000	
On Canal and River	267,000	221,000	88,000	647,000	230,000	
Total June 17 1922	24,614,000	32,342,000	45,836,000	3,491,000	1,758,000	
Total June 10 1922	25,808,000	30,213,000	47,272,000	4,568,000	1,638,000	
Total June 18 1921	11,280,000	22,962,000	31,557,000	939,000	1,605,000	

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 182,000 bushels; Buffalo, 324,000; Boston, 162,000; Baltimore, 182,000; total, 850,000 bushels, against 121,000 to 1921; barley, New York, 127,000 bushels; Duluth, 17,000; Buffalo, 89,000; total, 263,000 bushels, against 26,000 bushels in 1921; and wheat, New York, 246,000; Baltimore, 116,000; Buffalo, 1,863,000; Philadelphia, 1,228,000; Boston, 61,000; On Lakes, 255,000; total, 3,700,000 bushels in 1922.

Canadian—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
Montreal	1,830,000	1,795,000	1,549,000	1,005,000	393,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	19,182,000			2,098,000	943,000
Other Canadian	1,834,000		1,564,000		121,000
Total June 17 1922	22,846,000	1,795,000	5,211,000	1,005,000	1,457,000
Total June 10 1922	24,326,000	1,983,000	4,750,000	842,000	1,698,000
Total June 18 1921	8,288,000	2,626,000	11,566,000	525,000	1,890,000

Summary—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
American	24,614,000	32,342,000	45,836,000	3,491,000	1,758,000
Canadian	22,846,000	1,795,000	5,211,000	1,005,000	1,457,000
Total June 17 1922	47,460,000	34,137,000	51,047,000	4,496,000	3,215,000
Total June 10 1922	50,134,000	32,196,000	52,031,000	5,410,000	3,236,000
Total June 18 1921	19,568,000	25,588,000	43,123,000	1,464,000	3,495,000

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, June 23 1922.

Moderate activity has prevailed in markets for dry goods during the past week, and while the tendency of prices has continued upward, buyers have appeared less willing to meet the advances. Sales in many instances are being confined to actual needs, and the hand-to-mouth method of doing business is said to be cutting into selling profits and forcing sellers into keener competition. On the other hand, in view of the continued strength of raw material, mills are less willing to commit themselves very far ahead at prevailing quota-

tions. This is particularly true as regards the cotton trade, and it is not uncommon to hear that while shipments are liberal, all mills are not well booked with business beyond the next five to six weeks. It is generally believed that much of the activity in recent weeks has been largely the result of cleaning up stock goods and not an accumulation of forward business. Normally, the current month should be witnessing an active demand for bleached and brown cottons, but buyers are only making purchases in sufficient quantities to meet their well defined needs of the next few weeks. Despite the many uncertainties surrounding the situation, however, manufacturers feel that business fundamentally is steadily improving and is better than it was a few months ago. With few exceptions stocks in first hands are not plentiful, while curtailment of production because of the New England strike has resulted in a loss in output of more than 215,000,000 yards to date, and the latter is becoming more and more an important factor in the situation. Unless all signs fail, it is thought certain by many that buying of many lines of cotton goods will sooner or later become more active and possibly at higher price levels.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS: Although sales of domestic cotton goods during the past week have for the most part consisted of small lots, the aggregate volume has been satisfactory. The margin of profit has been less, as competition for business has been keener. As a result of the increasing competition, buyers throughout the trade are finding it easier to restore pre-war conditions of purchasing. Mild attempts were made during the week to advance prices on denims, tickings, print cloths and a few other lines, but the higher named prices met with little response from buyers. Still, there are many cotton goods traders who do not look upon prices as being excessively high. It is claimed that some of the tickings, denims, chambrays, chevots and gingham are selling at cost or below if compared with present replacements costs. Print cloths have been fairly active, purchases centering chiefly in the constructions that have lately been most popular. Probably much heavier sales could have been consummated had mills been willing to sell farther ahead. Manufacturers as a rule have not been inclined to make commitments for deliveries beyond July, pending a clearer outlook as to the possible or probable course of the staple. It has been stated that if cotton holds around its present level, cotton goods must go higher, as many lines are selling at or below the cost of production. Sheetings, on the other hand, have ruled comparatively quiet, though in moderate request. The market for drills and other gray goods has continued firm with many constructions displaying an advancing tendency. Cotton duck holds very steady despite the fact that new business is slow. While the settlement of textile labor troubles in New England is said to be making slow progress, sentiment in many localities is changing and workers in mills are being encouraged to return. Print cloths, 28-inch, 64 x 64's construction, are listed at 7c, and the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch, 68 x 72's, are quoted at 9½c, and the 38-inch, 80 x 80's, at 12c.

WOOLEN GOODS: Despite the fact that it is generally believed that there is a latent demand for woolen and worsted goods which will have to be satisfied within the near future, there is increasing evidence that buyers are deliberately holding off in the hope that a lull in the buying will bring about lower prices. Sellers, however, do not share this view. They claim that prices are not high enough, and are unable to see any justification for the attitude of resistance on the part of buyers. Business in the women's wear division of the market is comparatively quiet, with most of the demand at present confined to coatings and cloakings. The men's wear fabrics market is more active, although the high prices asked are having a tendency to check buying. Worsted yarns rule quiet, but firm.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS: Demand for linens has been less active, as buyers are displaying resistance to the prices asked. Dress linens are more active than other lines, although demand for the latter is showing signs of falling off. Some business is being transacted in cheap household linens, notably towelings. Damasks are not moving as well as expected, as buyers claim prices are too high. Buying in general continues of hand-to-mouth character and is confined largely to actual needs. Conditions in primary channels remain about unchanged. Production is being curtailed, while the unsettled political situation in Ireland is causing the weavers considerable trouble. Burlaps were inactive and easy during the early part of the week, due to falling off in demand and more pressure to sell. During the latter part of the week, however, firmer advices from Calcutta, where at first it was stated the dock strike had been settled, stimulated more activity and prices advanced. Late cables from Calcutta, however, made it plain that the reports to the effect that the strike had been settled were unfounded. Spot light weights are quoted at 6.25c, and heavies at 9.40c.

State and City Department

STATE AND CITY SECTION.

A new number of our "State and City Section," revised to date, appears to-day, and all readers of the paper who are subscribers should receive a copy of it. As previously announced, this Supplement is now printed in two parts, Part One containing the New England, Central and Middle States, being issued to-day, while Part Two, embracing the rest of the country, will be published next December.

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MAY.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of May, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 2622 of the "Chronicle" of June 10. Since then several belated May returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$102,214,220. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in May was 597 and the number of separate issues 800.

MAY BOND SALES.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Contains detailed data for 800 municipal bond issues across various states and cities.

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Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis	Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
2749	Otero Co. S. D. No. 5	6	1932-1952	13,500	97.10	---	2512	Seneca Co., Ohio (3 Iss.)	5 1/2		68,200	102.12	---
2510	Owen Co., Ind. (2 Issues)	5	1923-1932	15,415	100	---	2512	Seneca County, Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1931	81,000	102.63	5.17
2629	Pacific County Sch. Dist. No. 6, Wash	5		42,000	100	5.00	2512	Sequim, Wash	6		17,000	100.50	---
2510	Palo Alto, Calif	5		40,000	105.76	---	2512	Seward, Neb	6		62,000	106.312	3.41
2159	Palmer, Mass	4 1/2	1923-1942	35,000	102.149	3.97	2512	Seymour Sch. City, Ind	5	1927-1947	105,000	104.68	4.98
2159	Pampa Ind. S. D., Tex	5	1941-1961	14,000	---	---	2512	Shafter Sch. Dist., Calif	5 1/2	1923-1946	24,000	105.65	5.075
2159	Parke County Sch. Dist. No. 16, Wyo	6		40,000	---	---	2512	Shelby, Mich	5	1923-1935	19,500	100.75	---
2273	Paterson, N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1957	785,000	102.56	4.27	2275	Shelby County, Iowa	5		24,000	100.75	---
2273	Patchogue, N. Y.	4 1/2	1925-1936	13,000	100.22	4.47	2159	Sherburne County, Minn	4 1/2	1929-1942	32,000	100	4.50
2510	Paton Ind. Sch. Dist. Ia	5	1942	50,000	104.79	4.23	2396	Sheridan Co., No. Dak	5 1/2		50,000	---	---
2159	Pelham Manor, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1940	7,000	101.61	4.36	2150	Shiloh Sch. Dist., La	6	1924-1945	10,000	100	6.00
2159	Pelham Manor, N. Y. (2 Iss.)	4 1/2	1927-1951	87,000	---	---	2100	Sierra County Sch. Dist. No. 12, N. Mex	6	1942	12,000	---	---
2511	Pender School Dist., Neb	6		50,000	---	---	2512	Slater Falls Ind. Sch. Dist., So. Dak	6		300,000	105.18	4.60
2511	Penn Sch. Twp., Ind	5		13,000	102.59	4.564	2630	Slator Ind. S. D., Tex	6	1923-1962	50,000	---	---
2050	Penn School & Civil Twp. Ind. (2 Issues)	5	1923-1941	44,000	103.175	4.60	2396	Sodus, N. Y.	5	1923-1942	40,000	104.04	4.48
2740	Penn Yan, N. Y.	5	1923-1936	4,000	100	5.00	2396	Somerset, N. Y.	4.85	1923-1932	66,718	100	4.85
2273	Perry County, Ind	5	1923-1942	25,000	103.408	4.58	2396	Somerville, Mass	4	1923-1942	325,000	100.26	3.97
2659	Perth Amboy, N. Y.	5 1/2	1924-1932	18,000	---	---	2375	Spokane, Wash. (4 Iss.)	6		17,400	---	---
2050	Perth Amboy, N. Y.	5 1/2	1923-1927	5,000	---	---	2630	Spencer, Wis.	5	1932-1941	40,000	104.55	4.45
2629	Pescadero Reclamation Dist. No. 2058, Calif	5	1931-1942	300,000	100.90	5.91	2160	Star Co. Common Sch. Dist. No. 1, Tex	6	1931-1961	12,000	---	---
2749	Peterson Bend Protection District, Neb	6		68,000	---	---	2630	Stevens Point, Wis	5	1932-1941	100,000	---	---
2511	Philadelphia, Pa	4	1942-1952	2,447,000	101.76	---	2512	Stevensville Sch. Dist. No. 6, Mich	5	1923-1947	60,000	---	---
2511	Phillips County School Dist. No. 7, Colo	4		5,000	---	---	2512	Stillwater S. D., Minn	5	1929-1937	150,000	103.05	---
2511	Phillips County School Dist. No. 9, Colo	6 1/2		4,000	---	---	2161	Stockton S. D., Calif	5	1930-1943	277,000	105.29	---
2394	Pittsburg, Calif	5	1923-1932	35,000	105.24	---	2512	Sulphur Springs, Ind	6		3,500	100.32	---
2394	Pleasant Sch. Twp., Ind	5		46,000	104.40	4.16	2161	Suffolk County, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1930	117,000	102.17	4.18
2159	Pleasant Twp. Rural Sch. District, Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1936	60,000	102.43	5.11	2161	Sullivan County, Ind	5	1923-1932	11,000	101.672	4.65
2394	Pleasantville N. Y.	5	1923-1938	8,000	---	---	2161	Summit County, Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1937	75,000	---	---
2394	Pleasantville Ind. Con. School Dist., Iowa	5		60,000	97.33	---	2512	Summit County, Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1930	193,000	101.60	4.61
2394	Polk County, Iowa	5	Yearly	10,000	---	---	2512	Summit County, Ohio	5 1/2		106,000	102.03	---
2159	Poplar Bluff, Mo.	5		75,000	101.61	---	2159	Susanville S. D., Calif	5		50,000	---	---
2394	Portage, Ohio	6	1923-1930	1,600	100r	6.00	2161	Susquehanna Co., Pa.	4 1/2	(27 '32 '37 & '42)	111,000	103.85	4.09
2159	Port Chester, N. Y. (2 Iss.)	4 1/2	1923-1927	15,000	---	---	2751	Tacoma, Wash. (5 Iss.)	6		8,488	---	---
2159	Port Chester, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1935	13,000	100.061	4.49	2161	Tahoka Ind. S. D., Tex	5	1940-1960	30,000	---	---
2159	Port Chester, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1931	4,500	---	---	2631	Tama County, Iowa	5		24,000	---	---
2159	Port Chester, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1932	2,500	---	---	2631	Taurasa S. D., Calif	6		6,000	100.34	---
2159	Porter County, Ind	5	1923-1932	40,000	101.412	4.70	2396	Taylorville Twp. Sch. Dist. No. 1, No. Caro	5		50,000	104.31	---
2050	Porter Union Free School Dist. No. 1, N. Y.	5	1924-1951	28,000	104.956	4.46	2512	Tekamah, Neb	5		50,000	---	---
2511	Phillips & Sedgewick Co's. Jt. S. D. No. 36, Colo	6		5,000	---	---	2512	Tekona, Wash.	5 1/2		25,000	---	---
2050	Porterville Gr. S. D., Calif	5 1/2	1952	600,000	97.62	4.65	2161	Tekline, Tex. (2 Issues)	6	1937-1952	15,000	96.50	---
2395	Portsmouth, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1942	40,000	101.25	4.84	2396	The Plains Rural Sch. Dist., Ohio	6	1923-1942	40,000	---	---
2394	Poundridge, N. Y.	5	Serially	12,788	101.619	---	2396	Thorn Twp. Rural Sch. Dist., Ohio	6	1923-1932	10,000	---	---
2511	Pike County, Ind	4 1/2	Serially	128,273	104.28	---	2276	Thurston County Sch. Dist. No. 1, Neb	5	1928-1952	100,000	102.35	4.82
2511	Pike County, Ind	4 1/2	1923-1932	42,000	---	---	2396	Tiffin Sch. Dist., Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1941	190,000	105.268	4.76
2273	Prowers County School Dist. No. 6, Colo	5		75,000	---	---	2512	Tilden Sch. Dist., Neb	5		90,000	---	---
2511	Portland, Ore	5	1923-1932	317,955	101.77	4.645	2161	Tioga County, Pa	5		20,000	100.50	4.58
2511	Pulaski County, Ind	5		10,000	101.07	---	2161	Tioga County, Pa	5		10,000	100.10	4.98
2629	Puyallup, Wash	5 1/2	1923-1933	65,000	100.15	---	2512	Tippecanoe County, Ind. (3 Issues)	5	1923-1932	18,700	101.99	4.60
2511	Quincy, Mass	4 1/2	1923-1942	800,000	101.136	3.84	2161	Tippecanoe Sch. Twp. Ind	5	Yearly	100,000	102.587	---
2159	Quincy, Mass	4	1925-1952	350,000	100.11	4.74	2051	Tonawanda, N. Y.	4 1/2	1925-1932	8,000	100.49	4.42
2395	Raleigh Twp., No. Caro	4 1/2	1921-1930	17,400	100.195	4.48	2051	Tonawanda, N. Y.	4 1/2	1927-1942	16,000	101.47	4.35
2629	Randolph Co., Ind. (9 Iss.)	5	1923-1942	230,200	102.19	4.57	2076	Troy, N. Y.	4 1/2	1923-1942	70,000	102.63	4.18
2050	Randolph Co., Ind. (9 Iss.)	5	1923-1939	51,000	101.03	4.855	2396	Tulahoma, Tenn	5	1926-1940	60,000	100	---
2159	Reno S. D. No. 10, Nev	5 1/2		200,000	102.55	5.19	2513	Tulash Sch. Dist., Calif	5 1/2		150,000	107.95	---
2511	Roosevelt & Curry Co's. Con. S. D. No. 3, N.M.	6		10,600	---	---	2396	Union Twp., N. J.	5 1/2	1923-1942	14,750	101.728	5.28
2273	Rio Linda Un. S. D., Calif	6		41,000	---	---	2513	Valley City S. D., Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1942	50,000	103.37	---
2511	Roslyn Con. Sch. Dist. No. 1, So. Dak	5 1/2	1942	15,000	101	5.18	2396	Vanderburgh Co., Ind	5	1923-1942	87,200	103.573	4.54
2395	Ripley, Ohio	5 1/2	1923-1930	7,500	100.71	5.32	2161	Vanderburgh Co., Ind	5	1923-1932	50,400	103.31	4.32
2395	Riverhead Sch. Dist. No. 9, N. Y.	5	1923-1942	28,000	---	---	2276	Vanderburgh Co., Ind	5	1923-1942	207,600	103.22	4.66
2630	Robertson Co. Rd. Dist. No. 7, Tex	5		140,000	---	---	2276	Versailles, Mo	5		81,000	101.01	---
2630	Rock County, Wis	5	1923-1931	300,000	103.578	---	2161	Vigo County, Ind	5	1923-1932	9,500	101.42	4.70
2630	Rocky River, O. (2 Iss.)	6		22,000	104.63	4.85	2396	Vigo County, Ind	5	1923-1932	13,300	101.66	4.65
2395	Roosevelt County School Dist. No. 16, Mont	6	1942-1952	45,000	104.70	6.00	2052	Vishalia Sch. Dist., Calif	5 1/2		110,000	110.74	---
2395	Roswell, N. Mex	5 1/2		35,000	102.73	4.58	2161	Wabash, Ind	5 1/2		8,174	104.61	4.76
2159	Round Grove School Twp., Ind	5	1923-1937	94,000	102.25	---	2396	Wabash County, Ind	5	1923-1932	10,000	101.91	4.61
2274	Royal Oak Twp. S. D.	5 1/2	1952	210,000	101.11	4.43	2396	Wabash County, Ind	5	1923-1932	15,000	101.85	4.635
2750	Royal Oak Twp. S. D.	4 1/2	1923-1932	24,960	102.07	4.585	2396	Wabash County, Ind	5	1923-1932	5,000	101.45	4.70
2395	Rush County, Ind	5	1923-1932	18,400	102.03	4.585	2396	Wabash County, Ind	5	1923-1932	2,700	101.33	4.73
2395	Rush County, Ind	5	1923-1961	317,000	102.635	4.30	2161	Waco, Tex	5		400,000	102.87	---
2395	Rutherford S. D., N. J.	4 1/2	1923-1939	8,500	103.85	4.49	2276	Wadsworth Village Sch. Dist., Ohio	6	1922-1962	40,000	107.55	5.38
2051	Rye, N. Y.	5		18,000	---	---	2052	Walnut S. D., No. Caro	5		25,000	100.12	---
2630	St. Charles S. D. No. 1, So. Dak	6		25,000	---	---	2397	Washington County, Ind	5	1923-1932	7,800	101.467	4.70
2750	St. Clair County, Mich	5 1/2	serially	250,000	---	---	2052	Washington County, Pa	4 1/2	1932-1945	500,000	105.027	4.08
2630	St. Francis Xavier Dist., Mo.	5	1927-1942	340,000	105.225	---	2276	Washington, No. Caro	6		390,000	100	6.00
2511	St. Joseph, Mo. (4 Iss.)	5	Serially	225,000	101.57	---	2513	Washington Sch. Twp. Ind	5		30,000	103.05	4.715
2511	St. Joseph County, Ind. (2 Issues)	5	1923-1932	48,500	101.90	4.62	2052	Washington Sub. Sanitary District, Md	4 1/2		500,000	---	---
2272	St. Francis Co. Rd. Dist. No. 2, Ark	6		225,000	101.57	---	2052	Watertown, Mass	4 1/2	1923-1927	21,500	100.897	3.97
2511	St. Joseph County, Ind	5	1923-1933	49,000	101.93	4.61	2052	Watertown, Mass	4 1/2	1923-1932	17,000	---	---
2511	St. Joseph County, Ind	5	1923-1932	31,000</									

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Whatcom County S. D., Wiconico Co., Md., West Feliciana Par. Road, etc.

Total bond sales for May (597 municipalities covering 800 separate issues) \$102,214,220

REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reasons for these eliminations may be found:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Includes entries for Pacific County Sch. Dist. No. 6, Wash. (Feb. List) \$42,000 and Phoenix, Ariz. (April list) 70,000.

We also have learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes entries for Drain, Ore., Eastchester (Town) Un., Fr. Sch. D. No. 3, N.Y., Hartford, Wash., etc.

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for April. These additional April issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$137,348,046.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN MAY.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various Canadian municipalities such as Ancaster Twp., Ont., Belton, Ont., etc.

Total amount of debentures sold in Canada during May 1922 \$18,876,337

a Average date of maturity. b Subject to call in and during the earlier year and mature in the later year. c Not including \$13,535,000 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. d Taken by sinking fund as an investment. e And other considerations. f Refunding bonds.

NEWS ITEMS

Norway (Kingdom of).—Deposit Certificates Offered.—Reference is made to an item in our department of "Current Events & Discussions" giving the details of the offering to investors by Paine, Webber & Co. and F. J. Lisman & Co. of New York, of deposit certificates issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. for a 12,500,000 kroner, Kingdom of Norway 6% Internal Loan of 1921-1931. The certificates are in coupon form in denominations of 1,000, 500 and 100 kroner, are free from all Norwegian taxation, and bear 6% interest payable semi-annually April 1 and Oct. 1. Redeemable by Oct. 1 1931, in sixteen semi-annual installments beginning April 1 1924, by drawings at par or purchased in the open market if below par; the Government reserves the right to increase the rate or amortization on and after Oct. 1 1926. The certificates, unless previously drawn, are exchangeable for bonds at the option of the holder up to Sept. 1 1931, except that on such exchanges made within 30 days prior to any interest date the holder shall retain the next maturing interest warrant (to be collected by him in the usual manner) and shall receive bonds minus the maturing coupon.

The official advertisement of the offering of these certificates may be found on a preceding page.

Postponement of Publication of Lists of Legal Investments for Savings Banks in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.—We had expected to publish the lists of legal investments for saving banks in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont in this department to-day and make announcement to that effect in the new number of our "State & City Supplement," which accompanies to-day's issue of the "Chronicle." Owing, however, to the great pressure on our columns, we are obliged to postpone publication of the lists until next Saturday.

Santa Catharina (State of), Brazil.—Bonds Issued.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, Cassatt & Co., Philadelphia, and the Second Ward Securities Co., of Chicago and Milwaukee, this week offered \$5,000,000 bonds of Santa Catharina, one of the States of Brazil. The bonds are in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and bear 8% interest, payable semi-annually (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1) at the office of Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York and Chicago. Principal is payable Feb. 1 1947; bonds are callable on Feb. 1 1932, or any interest payment date thereafter, only as a whole, at 110 and interest. The bonds were offered at 101 and interest, to yield over 7.09%. Further details may be found in our department of "Current Events and Discussions" and in an advertisement appearing on a preceding page.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS this week have been as follows:

ABINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brownsville), Wayne County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Emmet J. Wright, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 1, for \$30,500 5% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann (J. J.), payable at the Centerville State Bank, Centerville. Due \$1,000 semi-ann. from July 1 1923 to July 1 1934, incl., and \$1,500 semi-ann. from Jan. 1 1935 to Jan. 1 1937, incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to Emmet J. Wright, Trustee, is required. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

ADA, Pontotoc County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 6—V 114, p. 2505—the \$110,000 memorial convention hall site purchase and building were voted.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The six issues of 4 1/2% macadam road bonds, aggregating \$40,960, were sold at par and interest as follows:

- \$8,240 James Murphy Macadam Road, Root and Washington Townships, bonds, to the People's Loan & Trust Co. Denom. \$412.
6,000 Simon Sprunger Macadam Road, Monroe Township, bonds, to the Old Adams County Bank. Denom. \$300.
6,480 Pleasant Grove Macadam Road, Union and Root Townships, bonds, to the People's Loan & Trust Co. Denom. \$324.
5,840 Albert Shell Macadam Road, St. Marys Township, bonds, to the Adams County Bank. Denom. \$292.
9,680 Emanuel Sprunger Macadam Road, Monroe Township, bonds, to the Old Adams County Bank. Denom. \$484.
4,720 Ernst Balsiger Macadam Road, French Township, bonds, to the People's Loan & Trust Co. Denom. \$236.

Date June 15 1922. Interest semi-annual (May 15-Nov. 15). Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Adams City), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—On June 6 \$40,000 5 1/2% 11-20-year (opt.) school building bonds were voted. These bonds have already been reported sold to Este & Co. of Denver, subject to being sanctioned at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 114, p. 2265.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 20 the following five issues of bonds, offered on that date (V. 114, p. 2622), were sold to Estabrook & Co. and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, both of New York, the first two issues of 5s at 105.21 and interest, a basis of about 4.48%, and the remaining three issues of 6s at 106.55 and interest, a basis of about 4.71%:

- \$400,000 5% sewage collection and disposal bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$16,000 in 1924, 1927, 1930, 1933, 1936, 1939, 1942 and 1945, and \$17,000 in 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1946 and 1947.
90,000 5% land purchase bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1924, 1925, 1932, 1936, 1940 and 1944, and \$4,000 in all other years from 1925 to 1947, inclusive.
86,600 6% Newton St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$700 and \$600. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$9,500 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive, except in 1927 and 1931, in each of which years \$9,700 shall become due.
84,900 6% South Maple St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$400. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$9,400 from 1924 to 1932, inclusive, except in 1926, 1929 and 1932, in each of which years \$9,500 shall become due.
42,400 6% Fifth Avenue improvement bonds. Denom. \$2 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$400.

Date of fourth listed issue (\$84,900) is April 1 and of all others May 1. Coupon bonds with privilege of full registration or as to principal only Principal and interest payable at the National Park Bank, New York.

ALBA, Jackson County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. June 29 by Wm. P. Hesh, Town Clerk (P. O. Rural Route No. 3, Heron Lake) for the purchase of \$25,000 5% road and

bridge bonds. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due from 1932 to 1942. A certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Town of Alba, required.

ALBANY, Athens County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—John Lindley, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$4,000 6% electric light, heat and power works bonds. Denom. \$400. Date Mar. 1 1922. Int. payable annually. Due from 1 to 10 years. Certified check payable to the Village Treasurer, for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required.

ALLEGANY COUNTY (P. O. Belmont), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—D. S. Burdick, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 28 for \$250,000 4 1/2% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable in gold coin of the United States, of the present standard of weight and fineness. Due \$50,000 yearly on March 1 from 1932 to 1936 incl. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the supervisor of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal impressed thereon. The opinion of John C. Thomson of N. Y. City, will be furnished to the successful bidder or bidders.

Financial Statement table with columns for item and amount. Includes Assessed valuation—Real property, 1921 (\$33,363,318), Special franchises (713,410), Total (\$34,076,728), Bonded indebtedness (None).

ALTAMONT, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Sherwood & Merrifield of New York were recently awarded \$6,000 5% filtration bonds at 101.32. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. payable annually on July 1. Due from 1927 to 1938 inclusive.

ALVARADO, Johnson County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 6—V. 114, p. 2505—the \$19,000 street improvement bonds were voted by a count of 196 to 27.

ANAHEIM, Orange County, Calif.—PRICE PAID—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The price at which the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles acquired the \$50,000 5% joint sewer construction bonds—V. 114, p. 2743—was \$53,638, equal to 104.54. These bonds were purchased on June 8 and are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. J. & D. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1923 to 1962 inclusive.

Financial Statement table for Anaheim bonds. Includes Estimated real value (\$10,389,160), Assessed valuation, 1921-22 (5,194,580), Bonded debt (155,987), Revenue producing debt (95,638), Net debt (\$360,349), Present estimated population (6,500).

ANSON, Jones County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 6% water-extension bonds (V. 114, p. 2505) have been purchased by Breg, Garrett & Co., of Dallas.

ARCHER COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$8,000 6% serial bonds was registered on June 12 with the State Comptroller.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—On June 21, an issue of \$15,000 4 1/2% sewer notes was awarded to the Arlington Five Cent Savings Bank at 100.70, a basis of about 4.25%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$3,000 yearly from 1923 to 1927 inclusive.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The improvement bonds offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2623—were awarded to the Seacoast Trust Co. of Asbury Park at its bid of par for \$111,861 \$1 4/5. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$7,861 \$1 in 1923, \$7,000 from 1924 to 1931 inclusive, and \$6,000 from 1932 to 1939 inclusive.

ASCENSION PARISH (P. O. Donaldville), La.—BOND SALE.—The Iberian Securities Co. of New Orleans was the successful bidder for the following bonds offered on June 14—V. 114, p. 2265: \$85,000 Road Dist. No. 3 bonds at 102.64, a basis of about 5.70%. Date July 15 1922. Int. payable Jan. 15 and July 15. Due \$3,400 yearly on July 15 from 1923 to 1947 inclusive. *\$7,000 Refunding bonds at 100.78, a basis of about 5.40%. Date April 15 1922. Int. payable April 15 and Oct. 15. Due \$2,850 yearly on April 15 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive. * Although these bonds were offered as 6s, they were awarded as 5 1/2s.

ASHTABULA, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received for the \$150,000 5 1/2% coup. bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2623—due to the fact that the maturities were not in conformity with a new law.

ASHLAND, Hanover County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Ashland has purchased the \$70,000 6% coupon water works bonds offered on June 21—V. 114, p. 2623—at 106.85. Due yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl. The following bids were also received: Spitzer, Rorick & Co. 102.59, W. L. Slayton & Co. 100.57, Seasongood & Mayer 103.60, Harris, Forbes & Co. 101.35, Tucker, Robison Co. 105.08, Stacy & Braun 102.02, W. K. Terry & Co. 101.33, Well, Roth & Co. 104.03.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5 1/2% Mansfield-Wooster Road Impt. bonds offered on June 16—V. 114, p. 2623—were awarded to the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$1,701 (102.43) and int. Due yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1931, incl. The following bids, all including accrued int., were also received:

Bid table for Ashland County bonds. Columns for bidder name, bid amount, and premium. Includes Tucker, Robison & Co. (1,596.00), W. L. Slayton & Co. (1,449.00), etc.

ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—E. B. Gearheart, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 3 for \$668,000 funding bonds at not exceeding 5 1/2% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and int. payable in New York City. Cert. check for 2% required. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$800,000.

ATCHISON COUNTY (P. O. Atchison), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The Guaranty Co. of Kansas City has purchased \$100,000 4 1/2% road bonds at a premium of \$1,211, equal to 101.21.

ATHENS, Clark County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 6 by Jas. Barrow, City Treasurer, for \$175,000 school, \$50,000 street and bridge, and \$30,000 sewer 5% bonds. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

AURORA (P. O. East Aurora), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Erie County Trust Co. was recently awarded \$20,000 5% road improvement bonds at 102.983. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & D.). Due yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1931 incl.

AUSTINTOWN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Austintown), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul Wilcox, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 29, for \$64,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (A.-O.). Due yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1938, incl. Cert. check for \$500 payable to the Clerk, Board of Education.

AVALON, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper accounts, water works improvement bonds, amounting to \$158,000, have been sold.

AVOCA, Casa County, Nebr.—BONDS VOTED.—Recently 15,000 electric light and \$5,500 transmission line 6% 10-20-year (opt.) bonds were voted.

BAIRD, Callahan County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered \$14,000 6% serial street improvement bonds on June 12.

BALLINGER, Runtella County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 water works and the \$50,000 paving bonds recently voted (V. 114, p. 2041) have been awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$2,825, equal to 106.45.

BATESVILLE, Panola County, Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 3 \$75,000 sewer bonds will be voted upon.

BAYAMON, Porto Rico.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 9 a. m. July 24 the Commission of Public Service will receive sealed bids for \$500,000 improvement bonds not to exceed 5 1/2% interest.

BEATRICE, Gage County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of March the State of Nebraska purchased \$9,500 paving district bonds at par. Date March 1 1922. Due March 1 1930; optional after 1 year or any interest payment date thereafter.

BELHAVEN, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 3 by D. S. Smith, Town Clerk, for \$30,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) electric-light system bonds not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, New York City, and interest on registered bonds will at option of holder be paid in N. Y. Exchange. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000 1925 to 1950 incl. and \$2,000 1951 and 1952. A cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for 2% of bid, payable to the town, is required. Successful bidders will be furnished with the approving opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, N. Y. City. Purchaser to pay accrued interest to date of delivery.

BELLE PLAIN, Benton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased the \$50,000 5% water bonds offered on June 14—V. 114, p. 2623—as 4 1/2s at 95, a basis of about 5.25%. Date June 1 1922. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1926 to 1931 incl.; \$3,000, 1932 to 1937 incl., and \$4,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.

BELLEVUE, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Victor Greenslade, City Auditor, until 12 m. June 26, for \$9,200 5 1/2% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$ for \$1,000 each and 12 for \$100 each. Date June 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,200 from 1924 to 1927 incl. and \$1,100 from 1928 to 1931 incl. Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

BIG STONE COUNTY (P. O. Ortonville), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—A. V. Randall, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 27 for \$49,717 40 5/8% trunk highway bonds.

BLAIR, Washington County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$10,000 7% district paving bonds at par during the month of March. Date Dec. 1 1920. Due Dec. 1 1940; optional after 2 years or any interest paying date thereafter.

BLANCO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 13 an issue of 5 1/2% serial bonds, amounting to \$25,000, was registered with the State Comptroller.

BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bastrop), Morehouse Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 11, by S. A. Caldwell, Sec'y of the Parish School Board, for \$5,000 5% school bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-J.), payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago. Due on June 1 as follows: \$500, 1923 to 1926, incl., and \$1,000, 1927 to 1929, incl. A cert. check on a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Treasurer of the School Board, for \$250, required. Bids for less than 90 will not be considered.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Boulder), Colo.—BOND SALE.—James H. Causey & Co. of Denver have purchased \$70,000 5% school building bonds offered on June 14 at 100.80. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. The following bids were also received: Bankers Trust Co. 100.71, Bosworth Chanute & Co. 100.38, Este & Co. 100.50, First Nat'l Bank, Boulder 100.08, American Bank & Tr. Co. and International Trust Co. 100.08, Antolides & Co. 100.45, Boettcher-Porter & Co. 100.00, Sidlo, Simons, Fels & Co. 100.43.

BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$6,000 6% bonds has been voted. These bonds have already been reported sold to Bonwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, subject to be sanctioned by the voters. The notice of the election and sale appeared in V. 114, p. 2389.

BOWLES SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 6% 10-year (aver.) school bonds, offered on June 6—V. 114, p. 2505—have been purchased by P. E. Bowles of San Francisco for \$15,115, equal to 107.43, a basis of about 5.044%. Date May 11 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 11 from 1925 to 1939 incl. The only other bidder was the Wm. R. Staats Co. of Los Angeles, whose offer was \$16,226.

BRADY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brady), McCulloch County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 3 \$10,000 school building bonds will be voted upon.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bridgeport), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. June 29, for \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon (releasable as to principal) school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and int. payable at the Bridgeport National Bank. Due \$20,000 on July 1 in each of the years 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947 and 1951. Bonds subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. Certified check for 2% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to Bridgeport School District, is required.

BRISTOL, Bristol County, R. I.—CORRECT OFFERING DATE.—The date on which bids are to be received for the purchase of the \$110,000 4 1/2% coupon highway construction bonds is June 28, not July 28, as was erroneously reported in V. 114, p. 2744.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive bids until 12 m. June 27. It is stated, for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$200,000, dated June 29, 1922 and maturing June 29 1923.

BROWN COUNTY (P. O. Nashville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—L. J. Snider, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 3, for the following 4 1/2% highway impt. bonds: \$22,000 H. B. Poling et al., Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$1,100. \$11,000 Orville Brunmet et al., Jackson Township bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M.-N. 15). Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

CALCASIEU PARISH (P. O. Lake Charles), La.—BONDS VOTED.—On June 12 an issue of \$2,750,000 bonds, to dig a deep-water canal, was voted. The New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of June 14 says: "Victory was celebrated to-night because of the deep-water \$2,750,000 bond election being carried by a vote of 2 to 1 after a hot fight in which the Union Sulphur Co. opposed the tax. After thousands of persons had waited for the announcement of the returns, an impromptu parade was formed with bands, horns and bells and the throngs paraded the streets, singing and shouting until a late hour. "The vote for Lake Charles in favor of the bonds was 1,466 to only 52 votes against. The total vote of the parish was 1,730, with 876 against. "The vote in this city virtually was unanimous and business was almost wholly suspended during the day while men and women co-operated in bringing out the maximum vote. "The proposition contemplates a connection with Sabine pass by the deepening and widening of the Intracoastal canal between the Calcasieu River and the Sabine River to a depth of 30 feet and a bottom width of 125 feet. The Government participation amounts to approximately \$780,000. While the bond issue is for \$2,750,000, virtually the whole work necessary will be in the deepening of the Intracoastal canal, although a small amount of dredging will be necessary in Prien Lake and Moss Lake, as well as deepening and widening the cut off near the city."

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Henry F. Lehan, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. June 27, for the purchase at discount of a temporary loan of \$400,000, dated June 29 and maturing Dec. 22 1922. The notes will be issued under the supervision of the First National Bank of Boston, which will certify as to their genuineness, and their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this loan will be filed at the aforesaid bank, where they may be inspected.

CAMDEN, Kerahaw County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. July 14 by H. C. Singleton, City Clerk, for \$100,000 5% street impt. bonds. Date July 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000.

CAPE CHARLES, Northampton County, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—By a majority of over 2 to 1, \$40,000 water system improvement bonds were voted.

CARROLL, Wayne County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—During the month of April the State of Nebraska purchased \$40,000 6% intersection paving bonds at par. Date Dec. 1 1920. Due Dec. 1 1930, 1935 and 1940.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. July 3 by Luther Fothergill, Clerk of the County Court, for \$75,000 5% coupon road bonds. Denom. to suit purchaser. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due July 1 1949. A certified check for \$750 required. Purchaser to pay cost of printing bonds and designate place where interest and principal shall be payable. The official announcement states: "There is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or the boundaries of Carroll County, Ky., title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of these bonds."

CASS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 5 1/2% 12-year (aver.) coupon bldg. bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2506—were awarded to Blanchett, Thornburgh & Vandenberg of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,705 (103.10) and int., a basis of about 5.15%. Date June 1 1922. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,400 from 1923 to 1933, incl., and \$2,200 from 1934 to 1946, incl. The above bid also includes the furnishing of the bonds. The following bids were also received:

Citizen National Bk.	Premium	\$1,700	W. L. Slayton & Co.	Premium	\$1,958
Detroit Trust Co.		1,650	*Conditional bid.		

CATTLE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on June 15 registered \$6,500 6% 5-20 year (opt.) bonds.

CHAMBERLAIN, Brule County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$12,000 6% 15-year city hall bonds was recently authorized by the voters by a vote of 118 "for" to 56 "against."

CHARLOTTE, Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 5% gold (registerable as to principal) bonds offered on June 23 (V. 114, p. 2744) were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati and other Cincinnati houses for \$289,669 10, equal to 100.93, a basis of about 4.88%:

- \$40,000 refunding bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1943, inclusive.
- 150,000 funding bonds. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$8,000 1925; \$10,000 1926 to 1928 incl.; \$13,000 1929 to 1932 incl.; and \$20,000 1933 to 1935 incl.
- 60,000 public imp't. bonds. Due \$20,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1936 to 1938 incl.
- 37,000 street widening bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1931 incl.

CHEYENNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Kit Carson), Colo.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver has purchased \$40,000 16-25-year and \$20,000 11-15-year funding 5 1/2% bonds at 105.19.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 6 at Room 700, 910 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, for \$3,000,000 4 1/2% bonds, registerable as to principal. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of Chicago Sanitary District. Due \$150,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl. Certified check, payable to the Clerk of Chicago Sanitary District, or cash, in an amount equal to 3% of the amount of the bid, is required. Bonds to be paid for and delivered at the office of the Treasurer of the Sanitary District of Chicago. An opinion by Wood & Oakley will be furnished certifying the legality of said bond issue.

Equalized value of property, 1921	\$1,824,157,564
Authorized indebtedness 3%	54,724,726
Outstanding bonds, July 1 1922	\$25,030,000
Amount of present issue	3,000,000
Total bonded debt, including present issue	28,030,000
Fixed contract liabilities	5,432,573
Total	\$33,462,573
Unexercised debt incurring power	\$21,282,153

CHICAGO SOUTH PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Kidder, Peabody & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Foreman Bros. and Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. were awarded \$1,500,000 4 1/2% serial Grant Park imp't. bonds at 98.15.

CISCO, Eastland County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 6% funding bonds has been disposed of. They answer to the following description: Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$5,000 yearly on June 1 from 1943 to 1962 inclusive.

Actual value of taxable property (estimated)	\$25,000,000
Assessed value of taxable property	16,110,106
Net debt (less than 3%)	457,163
Population, 12,000.	

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of 4 1/2% 5-2-3-year (aver.) highway bonds offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2506—were awarded as follows:

- \$3,300 Frederick Scholl et al., Union Township bonds sold to J. F. Wild & Co., State Bank of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$71 30 (102.16), a basis of about 4.066%. Denom. \$165.
- 5,000 John S. Robertson et al., Charlestown Township bonds sold to C. D. Nicholson at a premium of \$111 (102.22), a basis of about 4.048%. Denom. \$250.

Date May 15 1922. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—O. B. Fifer, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 30, for the following 5% highway imp't. bonds: Denom. \$415.

- 4,000 R. D. Riley, Charlestown Township bonds. Denom. \$200.

Date June 5 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15-Nov. 15). Due one bond of each issue six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On June 16 the \$22,000 water extension \$20,000 street paving and \$3,000 incinerator plant bonds carried at the election held on that day.—V. 114, p. 2624.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 16 1922 Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis were awarded \$23,600 5% Chris. Schafer et al. Harrison Township gravel road bonds at a premium of \$543 (101.543). Denom. \$500. Date April 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15 and Nov. 15). Due from 1 to 10 years.

CLIFTON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Clifton Trust Co. was awarded on June 20 \$900,000 4 1/4% sewer bonds for \$901,111 (100.1234), a basis of about 4.7295%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due June 1 1928.

COKE COUNTY (P. O. Robert Lee), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 15 \$60,000 5 1/2% serial special road bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

COLONIE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Albany), Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% school bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2745—were sold to the City Savings Bank of Albany at a premium of \$102 (100.408). Date Dec. 1 1922. Due yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1940 inclusive.

COLORADO (State of).—BIDS REJECTED.—Our Western representative advises us by a special telegraphic dispatch that the \$530,000 3% 10-50-year (opt.) State funding bonds offered on June 22 (V. 114, p. 2745) were not sold, as all bids received were rejected. He also states that the State Land Board agrees to purchase \$50,000 every six months at par unless brokers bid the same price. Among the bids received was the bid of Lampert, Barklet & Jennings, Inc., of N. Y. City, which was 76.56.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbia), Richland County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% school bonds offered on June 17—V. 114, p. 2624—have been purchased by the Palmetto National Bank of Columbia at a premium of \$2,787, equal to 103.71, a basis of about 4.75%. Date June 1 1922. Due June 1 1947.

COLUMBUS, Platte County, Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 11 to vote on the question of issuing \$30,000 water works and \$5,000 main sewer bonds.

COMO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Como), Hopkins County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$10,000 6% 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on June 14.

CONGRESS TOWNSHIP, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Blonheimer, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools, in Wooster, until July 3 1922, for the following serial coupon school bldg. bonds:

\$45,000 5 1/2% bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.), payable at the Farmers State Bank, West Salem. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1923 to 1942, incl., except that in each of the years 1926, 1930, 1934, 1938 and 1942, \$3,000 shall become due. Bids on this issue will be received until 11 a. m. July 3 1922.

40,000 6% bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.), payable at the Citizens Bank, Frederickburg. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1943, incl.

Date June 1 1922. Cert. check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required.

CONSHOCKEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Conshocken), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph N. Campbell, Secretary, will receive sealed bids at 224 East Fifth Ave., until 8 p. m. June 26 for \$150,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J.-J.). Due on July 1 as follows: \$15,000 in 1927; \$18,000 in 1932; \$22,000 in 1937; \$27,000 in 1942; \$34,000 in 1947 and \$34,000 in 1951. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid is required. These bonds are said to be free of all Pennsylvania taxes except succession or inheritance taxes.

COOS COUNTY (P. O. Coquille), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 6% road bonds offered on June 14—V. 114, p. 2624—have been awarded to the First National Bank of Coos Bay of Marshfield, for \$155,372 02, equal to 103.581.

COOPER COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 8 an issue of \$125,000 road bonds will be voted upon.

COVINGTON, Kenton County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. F. Freeling, City Recorder, will receive sealed proposals for \$100,000 refunding bonds until 9 a. m. July 5. A certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Covington, is required.

CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Sundance), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank G. Davis, Clerk Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. July 12 for \$15,000 6% school bonds.

CROSSVILLE, Cumberland County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 6% coupon 10-20 year (opt.) school bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2506—have been awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at 98.37.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Me.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry H. B. Hayes, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 m. June 26 for \$160,000 court house refunding and \$100,000 Martin's Point bridge 4 1/2% bonds. Date July 1 1922. Semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due July 1 1942.

These bonds are prepared under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Portland, and their legality approved by Verrill, Hale, Booth & Ives, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All papers incident to this issue will be filed with the First National Bank of Portland, where they may be inspected. These bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of the First National Bank, Portland.

CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. "C 25" (P. O. Broken Bow), Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 30 to vote on issuing \$1,200 school building extension bonds. E. R. Young, Director of Schools.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Helber, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 1 for the following 5% coupon special assessment bonds:

\$17,000 water supply improvement No. 15 bonds. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1924 and \$1,000 from 1925 to 1937, incl. 7,000 water supply improvement No. 12 bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1929, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

DANVERS, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On June 16 an issue of \$15,000 4 1/4% coupon electric bonds was awarded to Chase & Co. of Boston, at 100.197 and interest, a basis of about 4.21%. Denom. \$1,500. Date April 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Due \$1,500 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1932, inclusive. Harris, Forbes & Co. submitted a bid of 100.07.

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Frederick E. Nolting & Co. of Richmond have purchased the \$100,000 5% coupon electric station improvement bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2624—at 101.543, a basis of about 4.35%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on May 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl. The following bids were also received: Merrill, Lynch & Co., N. Y. \$101,531 J. C. Mayer & Co., Cine. \$100,501 Seasegood & Mayer, Cine. 100,050 C. W. McNear & Co., Cine. 98.576 Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cin. 100.385

DAVIS COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Schanke & Co. of Mason City have purchased \$34,000 5% bridge refunding bonds at a premium of \$1,900, equal to 105.58. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Int. A. & O.

DAYTON, Webster County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$49,500 bonds has been awarded to a contractor at par.

DEARBORN COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Gilbert S. Nowlin, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 7 for the following 5% highway imp't. bonds:

- \$14,600 Fred Scholls et al. Washington Township bonds. Denom. \$365.
- 14,400 Wm. Walker et al. Sparta Township bonds. Denom. \$360.
- 7,600 Wm. Walker et al. Clay Township bonds. Denom. \$380.

Date June 5 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N. 15). Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

DECATUR COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. B. Evans, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 12 p. m. June 29 for \$22,800 5% C. A. Whipple et al. Marion Township bonds. Denom. \$570. Date March 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N. 15). Due \$1,140 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. Certified check for 3% of par value of bonds is required.

BOND OFFERING.—The above official will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 7 for the following 5% highway improvement bonds:

- \$10,400 Virgil Alexander et al. Marion Township bonds. Denom. \$520.
- 7,600 C. P. Boicourt et al. Sandcreek Township bonds. Denom. \$380.
- 6,000 Mathias Johannsmann et al. Marion Twp. bonds. Denom. \$300.

Date June 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N. 15). Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl. Certified check for 3% of par value of bonds is required.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Delaware), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive bids until 1 p. m. June 29 for \$103,450 5 1/4% Section R Columbus-Wooster Road, I. C. H. No. 24 bonds. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$450. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M.-S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$11,450 in 1923 and \$11,500 from 1924 to 1931, inclusive. Certified check on a solvent bank for \$1,000, payable to the County Auditor is required. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

DELAWARE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Delaware), Nowata County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 school bonds, recently voted, has been disposed of.

DERBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lucas County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport has purchased \$15,000 school bonds.

DORCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4 1/2% 10 1/2-year (aver.) coupon bonds offered on June 20

(V. 114, p. 2624) were sold to Nelson, Cook & Co. at 100.668, a basis of about 4.42%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,500 funding bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2507—have been sold to the State of Washington at par for 5 3/4%. Date June 10 1922. Due \$150 yearly from 1923 to 1932 inclusive.

DOVER, Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2745—were sold at par and interest as follows: \$22,500 to the Dover Trust Co. of Dover. Date May 1 1922. Due \$3,000 yearly from 1923 to 1937, inclusive.

DUBLIN, Erath County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By 170 "for" to 33 "against," the \$25,000 water extension bonds carried at the election held on June 14—V. 114, p. 2507.

DULUTH, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/2% water and light bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2624—have been purchased by Stacy & Braun of Toledo at 101 3/4 a basis of about 4.39%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1947 inclusive.

DURANT, Holmes County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A. K. Tierrett & Co. of Memphis have purchased the \$80,000 6% water, sewer and school bonds offered on June 1 (V. 114, p. 2268) at 103.50.

EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Cleveland, Ohio)—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. Ammerman, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. June 26 for \$85,000 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (A. & O.) payable at the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1937 incl., and \$5,000 from 1938 to 1942 incl. Certified check for 3% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, is required. The total debt of the district for June 15 1922 is \$2,743,000; its sinking fund, \$108,000; its assessed valuation, \$56,000,000.

EAST LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. June 27 for the following 5% bonds: \$40,000 street improvement bonds voted June 6 by a vote of 97 for, and 24 against the issue. Two-thirds of total vote was required to pass issue. 15,000 public lighting bonds voted June 6 by a vote of 91 for, and 30 against the issue. Two-thirds of the total vote was required to pass the issue. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due July 1 1946.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 4 1/2% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2625—were awarded to Reilly-Brock & Co. of Philadelphia at 104.44 and int., a basis of about 4.17%. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1942. The following bids were also received:

M. M. Freeman & Co. 104.126 | A. B. Leach & Co. 103.39
Lewis & Snyder 104.108 | Biddle & Henry 103.293
Redmond & Co. 103.75 | Stroud & Co. 102.456

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—BOND AND NOTE OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive bids until 12 m. June 27 for the purchase of the following coupon bonds and notes: \$56,000 4 1/2% bridge bonds. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly as follows: \$6,000, 1923 to 1928, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1929 to 1932, inclusive. 95,000 bridge notes, discounted. Date July 1 1922. Due Nov. 1 1922. Denominations: Notes, \$5,000; bonds, \$1,000.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 20 the temporary loan of \$200,000, dated June 21 1922 and maturing \$50,000 on Jan. 25, Feb. 20, March 20 and April 20 1923—V. 114, p. 2746—was awarded to Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston, on a 3.65% discount basis, plus \$3 25 premium.

FAIRFIELD, Somerset County, Me.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 4% refunding bonds offered on June 17 (V. 114, p. 2746) were awarded to E. H. Tollins & Sons at 97.64. Due \$2,000 in 1933, 1934 and 1935 and \$3,000 yearly from 1936 to 1941 incl.

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Jefferson County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Rinchen, Wheelock & Co., Des Moines, have purchased \$60,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds at a premium of \$25, equal to 109.37, a basis of about 4.70%. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1938 inclusive.

FAIRMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Ontario), Malheur County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 6% bonds issued to pay cost of construction, offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2390—were sold on that day to Hich & Frickman of Boise, Ida., at 99. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1921. Int. F. & A.

FAYETTE, Jefferson County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. July 4 for \$5,000 sidewalk and \$5,000 street 6% bonds by E. H. Rober, Town Clerk. A cert. check for \$250 required.

FEATHER RIVER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Yuba County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 29 \$25,000 in bonds, to be used in the construction of a new school, will be submitted to the voters.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Chas. A. McCullough, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 5, for \$247,700 4 1/2% coupon Emmet Utz, Lizzie Utz et al., Georgetown Township, bonds. Denom. \$617.50. Date May 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15-Nov. 15). Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued int.

FORK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Goldsboro), Wayne County, N. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only or both prin. and int.) offered on June 16 (V. 114, p. 2625) have been awarded to Prudden & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$1,190, equal to 104.76, a basis of about 5.59%. Date Apr. 1 1922. Due Apr. 1 1942.

FORT BEND COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Richmond), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$500,000 road bonds was recently voted.

FORT COBB TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fort Cobb), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—On Tuesday, June 13, an issue of \$40,000 road construction bonds was voted by a majority of 3 to 1.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. I. Starnes, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 8, for \$25,600 4 1/2% Byron E. Frazier et al., Richland and Cain Townships, highway imp., bonds. Denom. \$1,280. Date June 15, 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15-Nov. 15). Due \$1,280 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Wauson), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 2 issues of 6% 24-year (aver.) bonds aggregating \$21,200 which were offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2507—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, for \$21,475.60 (101.30) and int., a basis of about 5.48%: \$12,500 road bonds. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 and \$1,500 on July 1 from 1923 to 1927, incl. 8,700 road bonds. Due \$700 on Jan. 1 and \$1,000 on July 1 1923; \$500 on Jan. 1 and \$1,000 on July 1 1924 and 1925, and \$1,000 on Jan. 1 and on July 1 1926 and 1927. The following bids were also received: Date July 1 1922. Season and Mayer 21,467.00 | Ryan, Bowman & Co. 21,367.48 | W. L. Slayton & Co. 21,452.79

GALLUP, McKinley County N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—The offering of the \$19,000 6% coupon sewer extension bonds which was to have taken place on June 19—V. 114, p. 2391—has been postponed until July 11.—S. P. Vidal, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

GALVESTON, Galveston County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 29 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 5% serial school building bonds.

GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. J. Fulton, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$150,000 5% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1922. Prin and semi-ann. int. (June 15 and Dec. 15) payable at the City Comptroller's office. Due on June 15 as follows: \$25,000 in each of the years 1925, 1926,

1928 and 1930; \$20,000 in 1935 and \$15,000 in 1927 and 1932. Cert. check for 2 1/2% of the amount bid for is required.

GEM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Emmet), Idaho.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 1 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$1,500 school bldg. bonds. J. W. Cramer, Clerk.

GERMAN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. South Bend, R. F. D.), St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. Glenn Carpenter, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 8, for \$24,000 6% school house bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Citizens National Bank, South Bend. Due \$2,400 on July 15 1923 and \$1,200 each six months from Jan. 15 1924 to Jan. 15 1932, incl. Cert. check for \$300, payable to the Township Trustees, is required.

GILES COUNTY (P. O. Pulaski), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by R. H. Harris, Clerk of the County Court, until 12 m. July 12 for \$94,000 5 1/2% coupon tax-free highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due on July 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1923 to 1929 incl., and \$10,000, 1930. A certified check for \$500 required. The approving opinion of Clay & Dillon will be furnished the purchaser without charge.

GILLETTE, Campbell County, Wyo.—PRICE.—The price paid by Boettcher, Porter & Co., of Denver, and the Yellowstone Merchants Loan Co. of Billings, for the \$25,000 water and \$20,000 sewer bonds, (V. 114, p. 2746), was 98.45.

GLEN RIDGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on June 13—V. 114, p. 2623—were sold to Coopers & Atkinns of New York at his bid of \$136,704.80 for \$134,000 26-23 year (aver.) bonds (102.018), a basis of about 4.372%. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1924 to 1943, incl.; \$4,000 from 1944 to 1961, incl.; and \$2,000 in 1962.

In giving the notice of the offering of the above bonds, we inaccurately reported the date of the last maturity of the full amount offered as 1966. It should have been 1962.

The following bids were also received:

	Amount of Bid	Amount Bid For
Glen Ridge Trust Co.	\$136,544.00	\$134,000.00
Harris, Forbes & Co.	136,276.66	134,000.00
B. J. Van Ingen & Co.	136,428.73	135,000.00
Lalman Bros.	136,068.50	135,000.00
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	136,512.00	135,000.00
Outwater & Wells.	136,030.00	135,000.00
Eldredge & Co.	136,410.00	135,000.00
J. S. Rippel & Co.	136,618.00	136,000.00

GORDON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gordon), Sheridan County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on June 30 to vote on issuing \$100,000 school bonds.

GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Yoder), Wyo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$40,000 6% 25-year school bonds was voted by a count of 73 "for" to 82 "against." These bonds have already been reported sold to Este & Co., of Denver, subject to being sanctioned at said election. Notice of the election and sale was given in V. 114, p. 2268.

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5 1/2% 12-year (aver.) school bonds offered on June 16—V. 114, p. 2626—were awarded to the Deolitt Trust Co. at a premium of \$1,603 (103.562) and interest, a basis of about 5.0946%. Date April 2 1922. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1923 and \$2,000 from 1924 to 1945, incl. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). The above bid also includes the printing of the bonds.

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grafton R. D. No. 3), Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5 1/2% coupon refunding bonds offered on June 19 (V. 114, p. 2626) have been awarded to W. L. Shroyer & Co. of Toledo for \$72,632, equal to 103.76. Date June 10 1922. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923; \$3,000, 1924 to 1932, incl.; \$4,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1944, incl.; and \$4,000, 1945.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Canyon City), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% road bonds offered on June 17—V. 114, p. 2626—have been sold to Clark, Kendall & Co., Commercial Mfg. Security Co. and the Western Bond & Mfg. Co., all of Portland. Date Aug. 1 1921.

GRANTS PASS, Josephine County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Allyn, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 11 for \$4,234.30 6% city bonds. Denom. \$500, only for \$234.40. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due July 1 1932, optional July 1 1923.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 117, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports say that \$15,000 bonds for additions to the present buildings have been voted.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward Kelly, Town Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 26 for \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon pavement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1932 incl. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts and are guaranteed under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be furnished by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be filed with said bank, when they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about July 7 at the First National Bank of Boston.

GREENBURGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Searsdale), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on June 22 (V. 114, p. 2746) have been awarded to Lehman Bros. of N. Y. City at 100.67, a basis of about 4.40%. Date July 15 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 15 from 1923 to 1942 incl.

GREENFIELD EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenfield), Highland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. E. Styerwalt, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$200,000 5% school building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Clerk Board of Education in the Edward Lee McLain High School Building. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1923 to 1935, incl., and \$9,000 from 1936 to 1946, incl. Certified check for 2% of amount bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, is required. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Groesbeck), Limestone County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$60,000 6% serial bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on June 14.

HALL COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on June 17—V. 114, p. 2746—the \$500,000 road bonds were defeated. These bonds had already been sold to a Dallas firm subject to being sanctioned at said election.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cortland R. F. D.), Jackson County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. P. Isaac, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 6 for \$75,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$2,500. Date July 15 1923. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the Brownover Loan & Trust Co. Due \$2,500 each six months from July 15 1923 to Jan. 15 1937, incl., and \$5,000 on July 15 1937.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Tucker, Robinson & Co. of Toledo was recently awarded \$24,000 5 1/2% 5-year (aver.) road imp. bonds at a premium of \$453.60 (101.89) and int., a basis of about 5.0943%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$3,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1923 to 1930, incl.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Morris, Secretary, Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. July 1 for \$125,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) payable at the Wyoming Valley Trust Co., Wilkes-Barre. Due yearly on June 15 as follows: \$12,000 from 1927 to 1935, incl., and \$17,000 in 1936. Certified check for 2%, payable to John A. Reilly, Treasurer, is required.

HARLEM, Blaine County, Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$45,000 6% 10-26-year (opt.) water bonds offered on June 12 (V. 114, p. 2156) were not sold as all bids received were rejected.

HARRIETSTOWN, Franklin County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year (aver.) registered bonds offered for sale on June 10—V. 114, p. 2626—were sold to O'Brien, Potter & Co. of Buffalo at 101.752 and interest, a basis of about 4.721%. Date Mar. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1923 to 1937, incl.
The following bids were also received:
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. 101.69 (Sherwood & Merrifield) 101.33
Union National Corporation 101.51

HARRISON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Benjamin I. Taylor, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. to-day (June 24) for \$65,155 75 5% registered deficiency bonds. Denom. 65 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$155 75. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$13,155 75 in 1923 and \$13,000 from 1924 to 1927 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, on an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to Benjamin I. Taylor, Town Supervisor, required. Purchaser to be furnished with the approving opinion of Clay & Dillon, attorneys, of New York.

HARROLD, Hughes County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Until July 1 bids will be received for \$3,000 tile and \$20,000 waterworks bonds. Forrest L. Hughes, Town Clerk.

HEALDSBURG, Sonoma County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$164,000 7% street improvement bonds has been turned over, according to newspaper accounts, to contractors.

HELPER, Carbon County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The Palmer Bond & Mortgage Co. of Salt Lake City has purchased \$25,000 6% sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922.

HENDERSON COUNTY LEVEE DISTRICT NO. 1, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered an issue of 6% serial bonds amounting to \$100,000 on June 12.

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP, Greene County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,500 6% 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year (aver.) bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2508—were sold to the Worthington Trust Co. for \$2,577 50 (103.10), a basis of about 4.93%. Date June 1 1922. Due \$250 semi-ann. from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1928.

HILLSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hillsboro), Hill County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. June 27 for \$80,000 5% high school building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann.

HOPE, Eddy County, New Mexico.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The \$20,000 6% coupon water works bonds offered on June 15 (V. 114, p. 2391) were not sold as no satisfactory bids were received. Bids will now be received until July 1. E. L. Brewer, Village Clerk.

HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon or registered school deficiency bonds offered on June 16 were awarded to the Hudson City Savings Institution at par and accrued int. Date July 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1924 to 1926, incl.

HULL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hull), Liberty County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 165 "for" to 140 "against" an issue of \$100,000 school building bonds was recently sanctioned by the voters.

IMPERIAL COUNTY (P. O. El Centro), Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—An issue of \$50,000 county fair bonds has been defeated, it is stated.

INDIANA COUNTY (P. O. Indiana), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 5 for \$1,000,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 15 1922. Int. Payable semi-ann. (Jan. 15 and July 15). Due serially on July 15 from 1923 to 1932 incl. Certified check for \$5,000 must accompany bids for the whole issue. In regard to smaller lots, inquire of H. R. Wiley, Chief Clerk. Bids for less than par and accrued int. will not be accepted.

INDIANAPOLIS PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 5% coupon bonds offered on June 17—V. 114, p. 2626—were sold to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of 713.50 (101.585), a basis of about 4.64%. Date June 17 1922. Due June 17 1927.

IONA DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Lee County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Friedman, D'Onch & Dulme and Mark C. Steinberg & Co. of St. Louis, jointly, have purchased \$450,000 6% drainage bonds.

ISLETON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On June 5 this district sold \$45,000 6% school bonds to R. H. Moulton & Co. for \$50,910, equal to 113.13, a basis of about 4.895%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann., payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000 1923 to 1937 incl., and \$2,000 1938 to 1932 incl. (aver. life about 18 years).

JACKSBORO, Jack County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—A. D. Owens, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 29 for the following 2 issues of bonds:
\$5,000 6% waterworks extension bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and annual int. payable at Jacksboro, Austin or New York, at option of holder. Due \$500 early on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1932 incl. A good faith deposit for \$200, required.
70,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % sewerage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J.-D.), payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Due \$2,000 early on June 1 from 1928 to 1962, incl.

Financial Statement.
Actual valuation of taxable property (est.) \$2,000,000 00
Assessed valuation, 1921 1,335,965 00
Total bonded debt, including these issues 100,000 00
On hand in Sinking Fund 10,201 52
Population, 1920 U. S. Census 1,373; present estimate, 1,500; date of incorporation, July 25 1899.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Brownstown), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Finch, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. July 7 for the following 5% highway impt. bonds:
\$66,600 Fred C. Mitchell et al., Vernon Township, bonds. Denom. \$2,220. Due \$2,220 each six months from May 15 1923, to Nov. 15 1937, incl.
15,500 William Surenkamp et al., Washington Township, bonds. Denom. \$775. Due \$775 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.
Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15-Nov. 15).

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Helmsburg), Brown County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wes. Curry, Trustee, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$16,975 5% high school bonds. Denom. 26 for \$625 each and 1 for \$725. Date July 10 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$625 each month from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1936, incl., and \$725 on July 1 1927. Bids must be for not less than par and accrued int.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—S. G. Bovard, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 26 for 3,400 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Calvin Bolan et al., Smyrna Township, bonds. Denom. \$170. Date June 6 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15-Nov. 15). Due \$170 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Wisc.—BOND SALE.—The \$605,000 5% highway bonds offered on June 16 (V. 114, p. 2508) have been awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at par plus a premium of \$7,078, equal to 101.16.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 17 5-6 year (aver.) coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2626—were sold to a syndicate composed of Estabrook & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Kountze Bros., Remick, Hodges & Co., and Hornblower & Weeks, at a bid of \$3,108,000 for \$3,073,000 bonds (101.138), a basis of about 4.41%. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$88,000 from 1923 to 1929 incl., \$89,000 from 1930 to 1956 incl., and \$54,000 in 1957.

KALAMAZOO, Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On June 19 the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit purchased the \$110,000 5% street improvement bonds, assessment bonds offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2747—for \$111,113 (101.01) and int. Date June 15 1922. Int. J. & D. Due \$11,000 yearly from 1923 to 1932 inclusive.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY (P. O. Kalamazoo), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Assessment District No. 39 and 40, Covert Act Road bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2627—were sold to the Detroit Trust Co. at its bid of \$42,016 for 42,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % (100.038). Date May 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due serially from 1 to 10 years.

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2270—together with an issue of \$29,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % sewer bonds were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo as follows:
\$22,000 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % year (aver.) Southwest Sanitary Sewer District No. 2 impt. bonds for \$22,248 69 (101.13) and int., a basis of about 5.269%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1933, incl.
12,000 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % year (aver.) Weiser Allotment Sanitary Sewer impt. bonds for \$12,140 40 (101.17) and int., a basis of about 5.288%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1934, incl.
29,000 Sanitary Sewer bonds for \$29,901 90 (103.11).

KENMORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. E. Walker, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$13,000 5% sanitary sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Int. payable semi-annually at the National City Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1923 to 1935 incl. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. A. Gaines, County Treasurer (P. O. Seattle), will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$31,000 coupon high school bonds, at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly as follows: \$2,000, 1924 and 1925; \$4,000, 1926, and \$5,000 annually thereafter until all of the bonds have been paid. The district reserves the right to redeem any or all of the bonds on or after 5 years from date of issue, or at any interest payment date thereafter. Bids must specify price and rate of interest at which each bidder will purchase bonds. The bonds will be ready for delivery on Aug. 1 1922. All bids excepting from the State of Washington must be accompanied by a certified check or draft made payable to the County Treasurer, for 1% of the par value of the bonds.
Number of children of school age in the district May 1921 census, 393; estimated population, 1,965.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of School District No. 46, April 30 1922:
Assessed valuation \$861,585 00
Cash on hand, general fund 9,377 65
Cash on hand, bond redemption fund 2,218 17
Uncollected taxes, year 1921 9,210 54
Uncollected taxes, year 1920 and previous 1,468 36
Warrants outstanding 18,813 97
Bonds outstanding 500 00

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 11 a. m. July 1, Wm. A. Gaines, County Treasurer, (P. O. Seattle) will receive sealed bids for \$10,000 coupon high school building bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly as follows: \$500, 1925 to 1940 incl., and \$1,000, 1941 and 1942; redeemable at the option of the district after 5 years from date of issue or any interest paying date thereafter. Bids must specify price and rate of interest at which each bidder will purchase said bonds. The bonds will be ready for delivery on Aug. 1 1922. All bids, excepting from the State of Washington, must be accompanied by a certified check or draft, made payable to the County Treasurer, for 1% of the par value of bonds.
Number of children of school age in the district, May 1921 census, 775; estimated population, 3,875.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of School District No. 71, April 30 1922:
Assessed valuation \$997,799 00
Cash on hand, general fund 15,696 12
Cash on hand, bond redemption fund 2,706 77
Cash on hand, building fund 10,500 00
Uncollected taxes, year 1921 9,739 81
Uncollected taxes, year 1920 and previous 2,522 26
Warrants outstanding 21,474 37
Bonds 1,000 00

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. UNION A, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. July 1 by William A. Gaines, County Treasurer (P. O. Seattle) for \$65,000 coupon high school bonds, at not exceeding 6% int. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1924 to 1936 incl.; redeemable at the option of district after 2 years, or any interest paying date thereafter. Bids must specify price and rate of interest at which each bidder will purchase said bonds. The bonds will be ready for delivery on Aug. 1 1922. All bids, excepting from the State of Washington, must be accompanied by a certified check or draft, made payable to the County Treasurer, for 1% of the par value of bonds.
Number of children of school age in the said district, May 1921 census, 1,126; estimated population, 5,630.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of School District Union A, April 30 1922:
Assessed valuation \$1,875,365 00
Cash on hand, general fund 8,662 68
Cash on hand, bond redemption fund 4,442 82
Cash on hand, building fund 10,460 24
Uncollected taxes, year 1921 2,052 66
Warrants outstanding 8,543 47
Bonds outstanding 12,000 00

KITTERY, York County, Me.—BOND SALE.—The \$47,000 5% coupon school bonds offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2747—were awarded to Eldredge & Co. at 106.59. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly from 1923 to 1949, inclusive.

KLAMATH COUNTY (P. O. Klamath Falls), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—C. R. De Lap, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. to-day (June 24) for \$400,000 road bonds, at not exceeding 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Oregon in N. Y. City. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1929; \$31,000, 1931; \$122,000, 1939; \$122,000, 1940, and \$123,000, 1941. These bonds are part of the authorized issue of \$800,000.—V. 114, p. 980.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ed. Poulson, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 1 for \$29,500 5% Milo Strombeck et al., Tippecanoe Township, bonds. Denom. \$475 and \$500. Int. semi ann. (M. & N. 15). Due \$1,475 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, incl.

LAFAYETTE, Tippecanoe County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—Edward O. Gara of Lafayette was recently awarded \$10,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 2 1-10 year (aver.) city park bonds at a premium of \$215 (102.15) on a basis of about 4.40%. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 10 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1923; \$3,000 in 1924, and \$4,000 in 1925.
The following bids were also received:
Chas. K. Mavity \$165 (City Trust Co.) \$112
Thos. D. Sheerin & Co. 131

LA FERIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. La Feria), Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on June 13 registered \$75,000 5% 20-40 year (opt.) school bonds.

LAMESA CITY, Dawson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—Issues of \$35,000 sewer and \$65,000 water works, both bearing 6% interest and maturing serially, were registered on June 12 with the State Comptroller.

LAMB COUNTY (P. O. Olton), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 29 to vote on issuing \$50,000 court house bonds.

LAMPASAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lampasas), Lampasas County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—We are advised by Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City that they have purchased \$40,000 6% 5-20 year bonds.

LANSING (P. O. Ludlowville), Tompkins County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Ithaca Savings Bank was recently awarded \$6,205 6% bridge bonds at par. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable annually in May. Due yearly on May 1 beginning 1923.

LAPORTE, Laporte County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. F. Krueger, City Controller, will receive bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$9,500 5% coupon fire truck bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J. D.). Due \$1,000 each six months from July 1 1923 to July 1 1927, incl., and \$500 on Jan. 2 1928. Certified check for 10% of amount of bonds bid for is required.

LAPORTE COUNTY (P. O. Laporte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 5% 10-23-year (aver.) coupon D. L. Crumpacker et al. gravel road bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2627—were sold to J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis for \$36,154.40 (102.265), a basis of about 4.724%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$900 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1942, incl.

LAPORTE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Laporte), Laporte County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 29 for \$290,000 4 1/4% coupon high-school-bldg. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl. and \$17,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1943 incl. Cert. check for 1% of amount of bonds bid for is required.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Newcastle), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) highway bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2626—were awarded to Redmond & Co. and Hill, Wright & Frew, both of Pittsburgh, jointly, at a premium of \$26,283 (104.3805). Date July 1 1922. Due serially on July 1 from 1923 to 1951 incl. The following bids were also received: Graham, Parsons & Co., 103.473; Biddle & Henry, 103.34; Mellon National Bank, 103.187; Union Tr. Co., Pittsburgh, 104.05; M. M. Freeman & Co., 102.989; and J. H. Holmes & Co., 103.304; Harris, Forbes & Co., 102.334.

LEBANON SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Lebanon), Boone County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 15 the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis was awarded \$70,000 4 1/4% 9-23-year (aver.) school building bonds for \$70,077 (100.11), a basis of about 4.486%. Date June 15 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1927 to 1929 incl.; \$7,000 in 1930; \$8,000 in 1931, and \$10,000 from 1932 to 1935 incl. In giving the notice of the offering of the above bonds in V. 114, p. 2627, we incorrectly stated that the bonds were to be offered on June 10. The date should have been June 15.

LEECHBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Leechburg), Armstrong County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Mellon National Bank was awarded on June 20, \$100,000 4 1/4% building bonds at a premium of \$2,640 (101.55). Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1927 to 1951 incl., and \$10,000 in 1952.

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lexington), Davidson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. July 6 by Wade H. Phillips, Secretary Board of Trustees, for \$225,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only) bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable in gold in New York. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1923 to 1937 incl., and \$10,000, 1938 to 1952 incl. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for \$4,500, payable to Treasurer of Davidson County, required. Bonds will be delivered at the U. S. Mfg. & Trust Co. of N. Y. City on or about July 20. Bids to be made on blank forms which will be furnished by the above official or said trust company.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Evan O. Sellers, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 26 for the following 5 1/2% bonds:

- \$30,000 Grand Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$3,000 Nov. 1 1923 to 1925 incl., and \$3,500 Nov. 1 from 1926 to 1931 incl.
- 9,850 Kenilworth Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$850. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1927; \$2,000 from 1928 to 1930 inclusive, and \$2,850 in 1931.
- 23,500 West Market St. paving bonds. Denom. \$500. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,500 from 1923 to 1930 incl., and \$3,500, 1931 to 1935 incl.
- 9,000 Marion paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1927 and \$2,000 from 1928 to 1931 incl.
- 5,000 Pierce St. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1929 and \$2,000 in 1930 and 1931.
- 5,450 Quinna Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$450. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1928; \$1,500 in 1929 and 1930, and \$1,450 in 1931.
- 14,400 Rosedale Ave. paving bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$400. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,500 from 1923 to 1929 inclusive; \$1,900 in 1930, and \$2,000 in 1931.

Date May 1 1922. Prin. and int. payable at the depository of the Sinking Fund Trustees of the City of Lima. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 6 by Carl Gildersleeve, County Clerk, for \$63,000 6% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due \$10,500 yearly on July 1 from 1925 to 1930, incl. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

LINN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sunflower County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—John W. Johnson, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Indrapolis) will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. July 3 for an issue of school bonds not to exceed \$40,000, bearing a rate of interest not to exceed 6%. A certified check on some bank in Sunflower County for \$2,000 required.

LITTLEFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Littlefield), Lamb County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election an issue of \$25,000 school building bonds was voted by a large majority.

LITTLETON, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$40,000 4 1/4% school notes has been sold to the Middlesex Savings Bank of Ayer, at par. Due 1923 to 1942, inclusive.

LIVINGSTON, Park County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Until 8 p. m. July 10 bids will be received for \$20,000 5 1/2% serial refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922.

LONDON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. London), Laurel County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—James C. Wilson & Co. have purchased the \$21,500 6% tax-free school bonds offered on June 15 (V. 114, p. 2500) at a premium of \$1,215, equal to 105.82. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Date July 1 1922.

LOWELL, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees of the Town of Lowell will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. July 3 for \$3,400 4 1/4% bonds. Denom. \$100. Date July 3 1922. Int. payable annually. Due in not more than 15 years. Cert. check for \$50 is required.

LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lubbock), Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 27 \$10,000 school building bonds will be voted upon.

LUDINGTON, Mason County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. July 1 for \$21,400 5% coupon park bonds. Denom. \$100. Date May 1 1910. Due on May 1 as follows: \$2,300 in 1930; \$200 in 1931; \$3,400 in 1933; \$10,300 in 1935; \$5,000 in 1936 and \$200 in 1937. The bonds bear int. from May 1 1922.

MCDONALD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Streeter, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 1 for \$20,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Trumbull Banking Co., Girard, Ohio. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl. Cert. check for \$100, payable to the Treasurer of the School Board, is required.

MCLEAN, Gray County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on July 18 to vote on the question of issuing \$74,000 water-works bonds.

MADERA, Madera County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—A proposition to issue \$42,000 municipal improvement bonds was defeated at an election. It is stated.

MADISON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Jay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 5% 9 1/2-year (aver.) school bonds offered on June 5 (V. 114, p. 2271) were sold to J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank of Indianapolis at a premium of \$75 (100.1785), a basis of about 4.98%. Date June 5 1922. Due yearly on Jan. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1926 to 1931 incl., and \$4,000 from 1932 to 1937 incl.

In giving the notice of the offering of the above bonds, we incorrectly stated that \$8,000 bonds would be due yearly from 1926 to 1931 and \$3,000 yearly from 1932 to 1937 incl. The amounts should be \$3,000 and \$4,000, respectively.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive bids until 2 p. m. June 30 for \$300,000

4% sewer bonds, maturing \$15,000 yearly from 1923 to 1942 incl., and \$150,000 4% highway bonds, maturing yearly from 1923 to 1927 incl. Date July 1 1922.

MARATHON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marathon), Brewster County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 12 \$20,000 6% serial bonds were registered with the State Comptroller.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 79, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—On June 30 an election will be held to vote on issuing \$6,000 6% 20-year funding bonds. J. L. Rayner, Clerk.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On June 19 the \$9,000 4 1/4% Jerry Gray et al. Perry Township highway improvement bonds offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2748—were purchased at par and int. by the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis. Date April 15 1922. Due \$450 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Lee N. Satterfield, Clerk of the County Court, will receive sealed bids until June 30 for \$391,000 5 1/4% road bonds.

MARION SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fillmore), Putnam County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% 3 1/2-year (aver.) school bonds offered on June 3 (V. 114, p. 2393) were sold to the Central National Bank of Greencastle for \$10,372.60 (103.725), a basis of about 4.79%. Date June 1 1922. Due \$1,000 each six months from July 15 1923 to Jan. 15 1928 incl.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Madill), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$350,000 road bond issue submitted to the vote of the people on June 12, was voted. The "Oklahoman" of June 14 had the following to say regarding the election:

"Returns from 21 of the 23 precincts of the county late Tuesday (June 13), showed that Marshall county citizens carried the \$350,000 road bond issue by a safe margin at the election, Monday (June 12). The two precincts, which have not reported could not poll sufficient votes to defeat the issue, county election officials announced Tuesday night. The vote from the 21 precincts was 1,147 'for' the road issue and 457 'against.' Funds from the bond issue will be matched by Federal aid money to build a system of hard faced roads in Marshall county."

MASON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Mason), Texas.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$26,000 5 1/4% road bonds offered on June 5 (V. 114, p. 2394) were not sold as all bids received were rejected.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 20 a temporary loan of \$50,000, issued in anticipation of revenue, maturing May 15 1923, was awarded to Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston on a 3.75% discount basis plus 4% premium.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Stanton), No. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to vote on issuing \$25,000 court house bonds on June 28.

MERCHANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Merchantville), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Merchantville was awarded the whole issue of \$10,800 5% bonds which were offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2748. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due from 13 to 20 years.

MERNA, Custer County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of Nebraska purchased \$10,000 6% electric light transmission bonds at par. Date Jan. 15 1922. Due Jan. 15 1932.

MICHIGAN CITY, Laporte County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/4% 8 1/2-year (aver.) Second issue Michigan City water-works impmt. bonds, offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2628—were sold to the City Trust Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$2,357 (106.14), a basis of about 4.584%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1923 to 1927 incl., and \$3,000 from 1928 to 1937 incl.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. New Brunswick), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2628—were sold to the South Ambroy Trust Co. at its bid of \$483,331 for \$482,000 bonds (100.276). Date June 1 1922.

MIDDLETOWN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/2% 11 1/2 year (aver.) street improvement bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2393—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield at 101.37 and interest, a basis of about 4.35%. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1924 to 1936 inclusive and \$6,000 in 1937 and 1938.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5 1/2% 5-11-12 year (aver.) bridge construction bonds offered on June 14—V. 114, p. 3393—were awarded to Seasongood & Mather of Cincinnati for \$10,222 (102.22), a basis of about 5.06%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. The following bids were also received:

Amount	Amount of bid.
A. E. Aub & Co., \$10,177 00	W. L. Shlayton & Co., \$10,219 00
Ohio National Bank, 10,131 00	W. K. Terry & Co., 10,129 00
Provident Sa. Bk. & Tr. Co. 10,135 00	Poor & Co., 10,177 26
Ryan, Bowman & Co., 10,047 00	

MINGO JUNCTION, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 6% 5-1-14-year (aver.) street impmt. bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2500—were sold to Campbell & Klusky of Toledo for \$36,074.50 (100.21), a basis of about 5.95%. Date May 1 1922. Due \$1,500 Sept. 1 1922; \$2,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1931 incl., and \$2,000, March 1 1922.

MISSOULA COUNTY (P. O. Missoula), Mont.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$175,000 5% funding bonds awarded to the Bankers' Trust Co. of Denver at par and interest, as stated in V. 114, p. 2748, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due July 1 1942; optional one-tenth each year beginning with the eleventh year.

MITCHELL SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Mitchell), Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. July 10 for \$30,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due \$1,000 each six months from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1933 incl.

MONETT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monett), Barry County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Present & Snyder of Kansas City have purchased \$75,000 5% school bonds recently voted—V. 114, p. 2628—at a premium of \$1,877.55, equal to 102.50.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Red Oak), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,980 5 1/4% drainage bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2628—have been awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at 5 1/4% at a premium of \$236, equal to 100.06. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Sterling), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. July 5 for \$35,000 5% turnpike construction bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. A cert. check for \$500, payable to the county, required. E. W. Senff, County Judge.

Financial Statement.	
Actual value of property, estimated	\$15,000,000
Assessed value of property for 1922 subject to this tax	11,000,000
Total bonded debt, including this issue	60,000
Floating indebtedness	10,000

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BOND SALE.—The following 5 issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$198,775 were awarded to a syndicate composed of Sirother, Broxden & Co.; Robert Garrett & Sons; Continental Co., and Mackubin, Goodrich & Co.: \$12,000 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Auth. by Chap. 469, Acts of 1920, Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1934 inclusive.

60,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Auth. by Chap. 255, Acts of 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1952 inclusive.

60,000 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Auth. by Chap. 261, Acts of 1922. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1952 inclusive.

25,000 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Auth. by Chap. 404, Acts of 1922. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1947 inclusive.

41,775 4 1/4% coupon road bonds. Auth. by Chap. 508, Acts of 1920. Denom. \$1,000 and \$775. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive, and \$1,775 in 1943.

Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Principal payable at the Farmers' Banking & Trust Co. of Montgomery County, Rockville.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Commissioners until 10 a. m. June 28 for \$250,000 5 1/4% Westwood Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. interest (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$18,000 from 1924 to 1928, incl., and \$19,000 from 1929 to 1938, incl. Cert. check for \$10,000 on a solvent bank in Montgomery County is required. The approving opinion of D. W. & A. S. Iddings of Dayton and Shafer & Williams of Cincinnati will be furnished the successful bidder.

MORAN CITY, Shackelford County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 12 the State Comptroller registered an issue of \$35,000 6% water works bonds.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—J. S. Spoor, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. June 28 for \$14,000 5% J. T. Grosse Greene Township highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$700. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15-Nov. 15). Due \$700 each six months from 1925 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

MORRISON COUNTY (P. O. Little Falls), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—B. Y. McNairy, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. June 27 for \$14,297 27 trunk highway reimbursement bonds.

MORROW COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Gilead), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—POSTPONED.—The offering of the \$103,000 5 1/2% coupon Mt. Gilead-Mansfield I. C. H. No. 334, Sec. L. road impt. bonds, which was scheduled to take place on June 16 (V. 114, p. 2628), has been postponed to June 30. M. A. Goff, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 11 a. m. Denom. \$5,500 and \$6,000. Date June 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$11,000 1923 to 1927 incl., and \$12,000 1928 to 1931 incl. Cert. check on a Morrow County bank for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Auditor, is required.

BOND OFFERING.—M. A. Goff, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 3 for \$8,535 80 5 1/2% coupon Steam Corners Road Improvement bonds described as follows:

\$2,000 00 (county's portion) bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1926 inclusive. 6,535 80 (bondholders' portion) bonds. Denom. 1 for \$535 80 and 8 for \$750 each. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$535 80 in 1923 and \$750 from 1924 to 1931 inclusive. Date June 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & S.). Certified check on a solvent bank doing business in Morrow County, for 5% of amount bid for, payable to the County Auditor, is required.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$462,000 1 1/4% school bonds offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2628—were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield of New York at its bid of \$470,731 80 for 4 1/2% (101.89), a basis of about 4.32%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1923 to 1927 incl., \$11,000 in 1928 and 1929, \$6,000 in 1930, \$3,000 in 1931, \$2,000 in 1932, \$25,000 from 1933 to 1936 incl., \$30,000 in 1937 and 1938, \$40,000 in 1939 and 1940, \$46,000 in 1941, and \$50,000 in 1942. The following bids were also received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount of Bid, and other details.

MURRAY COUNTY INDEPENDENT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Lake Wilson), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5 1/2% school bldg. bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2628—have been awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul as 2s at a premium of \$25, equal to 101.29, a basis of about 4.88%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due May 1 1937.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—All the bids submitted for the \$1,500,000 4% road construction and impt. bonds offered on June 9—V. 114, p. 2510—were rejected as unsatisfactory. The following bids were received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount of Bid, and other details.

The bid of B. J. Van Ingen & Co. was accepted, subject to the opinion of the counsel, as to the legality of the bid. All other bids were rejected.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$500,000, dated June 22 1922 and maturing Nov. 16 1922, has been awarded, it is stated, to Salomon Bros. & Rutzler of Boston on a 3.44% discount basis, plus 7.

NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—F. S. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Finance & Taxation, will receive bids until 12 m. June 27 for the following coupon bonds: \$570,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1925 to 1931 inclusive, and \$30,000, 1932.

100,000 5% road bonds. Due \$5,000 yearly on Aug. 1 from 1924 to 1943 inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the New Britain National Bank. Bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Storey, Thonndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about July 3, at the First National Bank of Boston.

NEW JERSEY (State of).—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered Highway Extension, Series "B," bonds, dated July 1 1922 and maturing on July 1 1952, which were offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2394—were awarded at an average price of 101.40, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount of Bid, and other details.

This makes a total of \$4,585,000 sold at prices ranging from 100.86 to 103, and the balance of the issue, \$415,000, will be awarded to the following banks, who bid 100.875:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount of Bid, and other details.

The above bids of 100.875 total \$3,965,000, making the approximate allotment to each bank 10.46% of the amount of bonds bid for. Other bidders were:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount of Bid, and other details.

In giving the notice of the offering of these bonds we incorrectly reported the interest rate as 4 1/2%.

NEW LONDON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New London), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% school site and

bldg. bonds, offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2510—were sold to Stacy & Braun of Toledo, at par and accrued int. plus a premium of about \$95. Date June 1 1922. Due on April 1 as follows: \$4,500 biennially from 1924 to 1946, incl., and \$4,000 biennially from 1925 to 1945, incl., and \$2,000 in 1947.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. July 17 by R. M. Murphy, Com'r. of Public Finances for \$1,400,000 4 1/2% coupon tax-free paving certificates. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Int. J.-J. Due \$140,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1933, incl. A cert. check on some chartered bank in New Orleans, for 3% of bid payable to the official required.

The official advertisement of this bond offering will be found among the municipal advertisements in this week's issue.

NICOLLET, Nicollet County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% water works and refunding bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2510—have been awarded as 5 1/2% to Mugraw, Kerfoot & Co. of St. Paul.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—On June 20 the \$60,000 5% 1 1/2-year hospital notes offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2749—were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston, at 101.14, a basis of about 4.13%. Date June 1 1922. Due Dec. 1 1923.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of).—OPTION EXERCISED.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—We are informed that the syndicate, composed of First National Bank of New York, Bankers Trust Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Eldredge & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Redmond & Co. and Blodgett & Co., all of New York, and the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh, and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, has exercised its option and has purchased as 4 1/2% at 100.10, a basis of about 4.49%, the remaining \$9,000,000 coupon highway bonds, part of a total issue of \$15,000,000 offered on April 27—V. 114, p. 1810. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due \$300,000 yearly on July 1 from 1932 to 1991, inclusive. Notice that the above syndicate had purchased \$6,000,000 at 100.10, a basis of about 4.49%, with an option on the remainder was given in V. 114, p. 1932. The New York interests are now offering these bonds to investors, in an advertisement appearing on a previous page of this issue, at prices to yield from 4.40% to 4.35% (according to maturities).

NORTH RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Garden County, Neb.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 serial bonds offered on June 5—V. 114, p. 2510—were not sold as no bids were accepted. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Date June 1 1922. Interest J.-J.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Paoli), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John L. Tenford, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 3 for the following 4 1/2% coupon road bonds: \$10,000 George Atkins Road, French Lick Township bonds. Denom. \$500, 5,000 Johnson and Antioch Road, French Lick Township bonds. Denom. \$250. Date July 3 1922. Due semi-ann. beginning May 15 1923.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Orangeburg), So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. V. Zoigler, Secretary Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. June 27 for \$70,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Due city 1 1942. Purchaser to furnish bonds.

ORLEANS, Harlan County, Nebr.—BOND SALE.—During the month of May the State of Nebraska purchased \$25,000 6% electric light bonds at par. Date April 1 1922. Due April 1 1942; opt. April 1 1927.

OSKALOOSA, Mahaska County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$670,000 (\$230,000 water works and \$440,000 hydro electric plant) bonds—V. 114, p. 2394—were voted at the election held on June 3 by a majority of 13 to 1.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$3,500 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds has been voted. These bonds have already been reported sold to Genwell, Phillips & Co. of Denver, subject to being sanctioned by the voters. Notice of the election and sale appeared in V. 114, p. 2394.

OTTAWA COUNTY (P. O. Port Clinton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,700 5 1/2% 4 1/2-year (aver.) I. C. H. No. 440, bonds offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2629—were sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, for \$26,262 83 (102.19), a basis of about 4.98%. Date June 12 1922. Due semi-annually as follows: \$1,700 on Mar. 12 1923 and \$1,000 on Sept. 12, and \$2,000 on Mar. 12, from Sept. 12 1923 to Mar. 12 1929, incl., and \$1,000 from Mar. 12 1930 to Mar. 12 1932, incl.

PALACIOS, Matagorda County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—J. L. Arlitt of Austin has purchased \$40,000 6% 5-40 year (opt.) sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due 1001; opt. 1926.

PALMER, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$170,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds was awarded on June 21 to Wise, Hobbs Arnold of Boston, at 101.26 and int., a basis of about 4.10%. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1923 to 1937, incl., and \$7,000, 1938 to 1942, incl.

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Meeteetse), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Until July 1 bids will be received for \$49,000 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for \$5,000 required. Alex. A. Lutton, Clerk.

PATTERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 6% school bonds has been sold. It is stated.

PAWTUCKET, Providence County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 sewer, \$125,000 water and \$125,000 school house 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, which were unofficially reported unsold in V. 114, p. 2749, have been awarded, we are informed by the City Treasurer, to the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. of Providence. Date June 1 1922. Due \$15,000 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1947, incl.

PELHAM, Westchester County, N. Y. BOND SALE.—The 2 issues of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2511—were sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, as follows: \$58,000 7 1/2-year (aver.) street impt. bonds for \$56,588 (101.05), a basis of about 4.832%. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1936, incl. 5,000 5 1/2-year (aver.) sewer bonds for \$5,052 50 (101.05), a basis of about 4.79%. Due \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.

PELHAM MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pelham Manor will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) June 26 for \$10,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1927 to 1936, inclusive. Bidder to name interest rate in multiples of one-quarter of one per cent, and not exceeding 6%. Interest payable semi-annually at the office of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the village officers and the seal impressed thereon, and their legality will be approved by Messrs. Caldwell and Raymond of N. Y. City, whose approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. Bonds to be delivered at the office of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., N. Y. City. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of amount of bonds bid for is required.

PENN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Miahawaka), St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Eggleston, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$18,750 5% school house bonds. Denom. \$1,250. Int. semi-ann. payable at the Miahawaka Trust & Savings Bank. Due \$1,250 yearly on June 1 from 1923 to 1937, incl. Cert. check for \$300, payable to Penn Township is required. Bonds not to be sold for less than par and accrued int.

PHARR, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The Municipal Bond & Mortgages Co. of Dallas has purchased \$20,000 6% water works bonds.

PHILLIPS AND SEDGWICK COUNTIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election, \$5,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school building bonds were voted. These bonds have already been reported sold to Benwell, Phillips & Co., of Denver, subject to being sanctioned by the voters. Notice of the election and sale appeared in V. 114, p. 2511.

PICKAWAY COUNTY (P. O. Circleville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% road bonds, aggregating \$127,000, offered on June 9 (V. 114, p. 2511), were sold to the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, of Columbus, as follows:

\$87,000 4-10-year (average) Cincinnati-Zanesville Road, Section "K," I. C. H. No. 19, Wayne and Deer Creek Township bonds, at a premium of \$88.50 (100.067), a basis of about 4.9847%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$9,000 from 1923 to 1925, inclusive, and \$10,000 from 1926 to 1931, inclusive.

40,000 4-7-10-year (average) Clarke Run Road No. 34, Monroe Township, bonds, at a premium of \$27.50 (100.068), a basis of about 4.985%. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1923 to 1927, inclusive, and \$5,000 from 1928 to 1931, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 20 the temporary loan of \$100,000, dated June 20 and maturing Dec. 20 1932—V. 114, p. 2749—was awarded to Estabrook & Co. on a 3.44% discount basis.

PLANO CITY, Collin County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$40,000 6% serial sewer bonds was registered with the State Comptroller on June 14.

PLEASANT SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Stillwell), Laporte County, Ind.—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED.—In V. 114, p. 2324, we reported that \$46,000 5% coupon bonds were sold to J. F. Wild & Co. State Bank, of Indianapolis. Fred Draves, Township Trustee, now advises us that this sale was not completed and that he will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 28 for the above bonds. Denom. \$2,300. Date May 15 1923. Interest semi-annual. Due \$2,300 semi-annually beginning May 16 1923, payable at the First National Bank of Laporte. Certified check for 5% of amount of bid is required.

PLYMOUTH, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received for \$50,000 sewer bonds until June 27

POLSON, Flathead County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Napton, City Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. on July 17, \$15,500 6% funding bonds. Date May 1 1922. Prin. and Int. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On June 16 a temporary loan of \$200,000, issued in anticipation of taxes, dated June 20 and maturing Oct. 4 1922, was awarded to the Casco Mercantile Trust Co. of Portland on a 3.53% discount basis. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Name, Discount, Premium. Includes Soloman Bros. & Hutzler, National Shawmut Bank, United States Trust Co., etc.

BOND SALE.—On June 23 Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, bidding 100.57, a basis of about 4.22%, were awarded the following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds:

\$600,000 refunding bonds. Due \$60,000 yearly on July 1 from 1943 to 1952 inclusive. 90,000 North School addition bonds. Due July 1 1947. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (I. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston or at the City Treasurer's office. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Harris, Forbes & Co., Boston 100.57
Merrill, Oldham & Co., Estabrook & Co. and R. L. Day & Co., Boston 100.399
Casco Mercantile Trust Co., Portland 100.25

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$554,000 4 1/2% 18 1/2 year (aver.) water bonds, Series of 1922, offered on June 22—V. 114, p. 2629—were awarded to Redmond & Co. and R. W. Pressprich & Co., both of New York, jointly, for \$560,260.20 (101.33), a basis of about 4.16%. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1923 and 1924; \$10,000, 1925 and 1926; \$11,000, 1927 and 1928; \$12,000, 1929 and 1930; \$13,000, 1931; \$14,000, 1932 and 1933; \$15,000, 1934 and 1935; \$16,000, 1936; \$17,000, 1937; \$18,000, 1938 and 1939; \$19,000, 1940; \$20,000, 1941; \$21,000, 1942; \$22,000, 1943; \$23,000, 1944; \$24,000, 1945; \$25,000, 1946; \$26,000, 1947; \$27,000, 1948; \$29,000, 1949; \$30,000, 1950; \$31,000, 1951, and \$33,000, 1952. The following bids were also received:

Table with columns: Amt. of Bid, Name, Amt. of Bid. Includes Remick, Hodges & Co., Estabrook & Co., etc.

PRESQUE ISLE, Aroostook County, Me.—BOND SALE.—The Fidelity Trust Co. of Portland has been awarded at 101.697, it is stated, an issue of \$120,000 4 1/2% coupon high school bonds, Date July 1 1922. Due part in each of the years 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1947.

PUEBLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Swallows), Colo.—BOND SALE.—W. W. Walpole of Pueblo has purchased \$5,000 6% school bonds.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. B. Diggs, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 3 p. m. June 27 for \$54,000 5% Joseph G. Gilsinger et al Indian Creek, Beaver and Salem Townships, highway bonds. Denom. \$2,700. Date June 15 1922. Interest semi-annual (May 15-Nov. 15). Due \$2,700 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

BOND SALE.—The \$5,500 5% 5-2-3-year (average) Herman F. Bridle, Rich Grove Township, road bonds offered on June 14 (V. 114, p. 2629) were sold to Breed, Elliott & Harrison, at a premium of \$115 (102.09)—a basis of about 4.57%. Date May 15 1922. Due \$275 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

PUTNAM COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Palatka), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until July 20 for \$80,000 6% road and bridge bonds by R. J. Hancock, Clerk Board of County Commissioners. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due from 3 to 23 years from date.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,000 5% 9 1/2-year (aver.) School Fund Emergency Bond Fund bonds offered on June 13—V. 114, p. 2629—were awarded to Townsend, Scott & Son of Baltimore for \$33,751 (102.275), a basis of about 4.702%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$3,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1927 to 1937 incl.

BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 4 1/2% 6-2-3-year (aver.) lateral road bonds offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2629—were awarded to Baker, Whites & Co. of Baltimore at 100.16, a basis of about 4.720%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1926 and \$4,000 from 1927 to 1932 inclusive.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—M. E. Mull, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. June 30 for the following 6% highway improvement bonds: \$13,400 Albert S. Jessup et al West River Township bonds. Denom. \$1,340. \$8,400 Fremont Bennett et al West River Township bonds. Denom. \$840.

Int. semi-ann. (May 15 and Nov. 15). Bonds bear Int. from Aug. 2 1921. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1922 to Nov. 15 1926 inclusive. Although the first maturity date of the above bonds seems to be incorrect, these figures have been taken from official sources.

READING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Reading), Shasta County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 773 to 81, an issue of \$110,000 5 1/2% 1-25 year bonds was recently carried.

RENSSELAER COUNTY (P. O. Troy), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 13-year (average) coupon (with privilege of registration) highway improvement bonds offered June 15 (V. 114, p. 2629), were sold to Sherwood & Merrifield, of New York, at their bid of \$100,590 for 4 3/4% (100.59), a basis of about 4.295%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$4,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1947, inclusive. The following bids were also received:

Table with columns: Name, Amt. of Bid, Int. Rate. Includes National State Bank, Troy, Troy Savings Bank, Troy, etc.

RICHARDSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Humboldt), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 3 \$15,000 school building bonds will be voted upon.

RICHLAND PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rayville), La.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. Salmon, Clerk of the Police Jury, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. July 11 for \$70,000 6% road bonds. Due on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1947. A certified check for 2 1/2% of bid, payable to the Police Jury, required.

RICHLAND SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Miami County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Arnett, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$20,000 5 1/4% land purchase and school bldg bonds. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J-J) payable at the First National Bank of Peru. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1928 incl., \$1,500 from 1929 to 1936 incl., and \$2,000 in 1937.

RICHMOND, Va.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Equitable Trust Co. and Hallgarten & Co. of New York and Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore and Wheat, Williams & Co. of Richmond has purchased the following 4 issues of bonds aggregating \$1,750,000 offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2629—at a discount of \$48,785, equal to 97.26, a basis of about 4.47%:

Table with columns: Name of Bidder, Bid Submitted. Includes Equitable Trust Co., Wheat, Williams & Co., etc.

\$500,000 4 1/4% street and park road bonds. Due July 1 1932. 500,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Due July 1 1956. 500,000 4 1/4% water-works bonds. Due July 1 1956. 250,000 4 1/4% gas works bonds. Due July 1 1956.

Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000 each, with privilege of registration as to principal only or both principal and interest. The New York interests are now offering these bonds to investors on a previous page of this issue at prices to yield 4.35%.

RIDGE AVENUE PARK DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—R. Trimmer, Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners (address 400-414 Stock Exchange Bldg., Chicago), will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. June 26 for \$45,000 5% land purchase bonds, Date July 1 1922. Int. payable semi-annually. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1924 to 1935 incl. and \$3,000 from 1926 to 1942 incl.

RIDGEFIELD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$5 1/2% 5-5-6 year (aver.) Shaler Boulevard construction bonds offered on June 22—V. 114, p. 2750—were sold to Lehman Bros. of New York at their bid of \$50,062.50 for \$50,000 bonds (100.125), a basis of about 5.48%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1923 to 1938 inclusive, and \$2,000 in 1939.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. B. Goyert, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. July 3 for the following 4 1/2% highway improvement bonds: \$18,400 Grant W. Toole et al bonds. Denom. \$415. 25,500 H. H. Kastens et al bonds. Denom. \$845. 12,200 Harvey Jarvis et al Brown Township bonds. Denom. \$530. 10,600 B. H. Kroemke et al Adams Township bonds. Denom. \$530.

Date July 3 1922. Interest semi-annual (May 15-Nov. 15). Due one-twentieth of each issue each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

RIVERHEAD, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,450 4 1/2% 11-year (aver.) registered highway construction bonds offered on June 19 (V. 114, p. 2511) were sold to the Suffolk County Trust Co. of Riverhead for \$90,440.13 (102.25), a basis of about 4.242%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1923 to 1934 incl., \$5,000 from 1935 to 1942 incl. and \$450 in 1943.

ROBESON COUNTY (P. O. Lumberton), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem has purchased \$35,500 5% road and bridge bonds at a premium of \$439, equal to 101.25.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The following three issues of notes were awarded to the Traders National Bank of Rochester, at 3.57% interest, plus a premium of \$3.57: \$500,000 school construction notes. Due Feb. 21 1923. 200,000 over-due tax notes. Due Feb. 21 1923. 100,000 water works improvement notes. Due Feb. 21 1923.

Table with columns: Notes bid for, Interest, Premium. Includes Victor, Hubbell, Rea & Co., Common of Buffalo, etc.

ROCK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rock Hill), York County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 6 by R. C. Burts, Secretary Board of Trustees, for \$150,000 school building bonds. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in N. Y. City. Denom. \$1,000. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1924 to 1928 incl.; \$5,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; \$8,000, 1934 to 1938 incl., and \$12,000, 1939 to 1943 incl. Bidder to name rate of interest. A certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of bid, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, required. Bonds will be delivered on or about Aug. 1 1922 at place of purchaser's choice. The bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mize & Trust Co., N. Y. City.

Table with columns: Financial Statement, Assessed valuation, 1921, Estimated actual valuation, etc.

National Bank of Boston. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940 and 1941; \$3,500 in 1930, 1934, 1938 and 1942. These bonds are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank, where they may be inspected at any time. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about July 3 at the First National Bank of Boston.

ROOSEVELT AND CURRY COUNTIES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Portales), N. Mex.—PURCHASER—PRICE—DESCRIPTION.—The purchaser of the \$10,600 6% 10-year school building bonds, awarded as stated in V. 114, p. 2511—were Benwoll, Phillips & Co. of Denver. The price paid was 95.25. The bonds are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1922. Int. J. & J. Due June 1 1952; optional June 1 1932.

ROSS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. June 28 at the office of L. C. Lustenberger, Room 314, Carnegie Bldg., Pittsburgh, for \$70,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1927 to 1935 incl., and \$3,000 from 1936 to 1953 incl. These bonds are sold to be free from all State taxes. Certified check for \$500, payable to Ross Township School District, is required.

ROWLAND, Robeson County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by O. P. Chitty, Town Clerk and Treasurer, until 12 m. July 10 for \$15,000 6% coupon bonds. A certified check for 2% of bid required.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Covington), La.—BOND SALE.—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have purchased the \$200,000 5% road bonds offered on June 13—V. 114, p. 2274—at 94.80, a basis of about 5.75%. Date April 1 1921. Due yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1941 inclusive.

SALEM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Leetonia), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, until 10 a. m. July 1 by W. W. Long, Clerk Board of Trustees of Salem Township, for \$50,000 5 1/2% coupon Lisbon-Leetonia Public Road bonds. Denom. 8 bonds for \$5,550 each and one bond for \$5,600. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Farmers & Merchants Banking Co., Leetonia. Due one bond yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1932 incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank in Columbiana County for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Trustees, is required.

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$325,000 6% improvement bonds offered on June 22—V. 114, p. 2395—have been awarded jointly to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo and Marx & Co. of Birmingham as 5 1/2%, at a premium of \$1,631, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 5.47%. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1952.

SAN GABRIEL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On June 12 the \$138,000 5 1/2% 15 1/2-year (aver.) gold school bonds, dated July 1 1922—V. 114, p. 2511—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles for \$148,132, equal to 107.34, a basis of about 4.83%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924, and \$5,000, 1925 to 1951 incl. The following are the bids received:

Citizens National Bank	\$148,132 00	R. H. Moulton & Co.	\$148,051 00
Bank of Italy	148,094 70	Wm. R. Staats Co.	143,786 00
District Bond Co.	146,392 00		

Assessed valuation, 1921	\$3,238,925
Bonded debt (including this issue)	161,000
Population, 6,500.	

Financial Statement.

SANILAC COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—The County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. June 29 for approximately \$195,000 Assessment District Roads No. 17 and 20 bonds issued under provisions of Act, No. 59, Public Acts of 1915. Denom. to suit purchaser. Int. payable semi-ann. Due from 1 to 10 years. Bidders to name interest rate (not exceeding 6%). Certified check for \$2,000, payable to the Board of County Road Commissioners, is required.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During May the city issued the following 6% bonds:

Dist. No.	Amount.	Date.	Due.
3452	\$2,563 97	May 27 1922	May 27 1934
3427	2,989 36	May 29 1922	May 29 1934
3485	39,108 23	May 31 1922	May 31 1934

All the above bonds are subject to call on any interest paying date.

SHARON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens Trust & Savings Bank was recently awarded \$45,000 5 1/2% 11 2/5-year (aver.) coupon building bonds at a premium of \$1,515 15 (103.367), a basis of about 4.11%. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 20 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the depository of the Board of Education. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1923 to 1943, incl., and \$3,000 in 1944.

SHOALS SCHOOL TOWN (P. O. Shoals), Martin County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees of the School Town will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 1 for \$12,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Martin County Bank, Shoals. Due \$500 each six months from Jan. 15 1923 to July 15 1934 incl.

SEMINOLE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sanford), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—T. W. Lawton, Superintendent, Board of Public Instruction, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. July 11 for \$60,000 5 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Due July 1 1952. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the National Park Bank, N. Y. City. The approving opinion of John C. Thomson of N. Y. City will be furnished.

SIERRA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hope), N. Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 252 "for" to 18 "against" an issue of \$35,000 school building bonds was voted on June 3.

SIERRA MADRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On June 12 the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles purchased the \$20,000 5 1/2% 10 1/2-year (aver.) gold school bonds, offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2512—for \$21,001 70, equal to 105.008, a basis of about 4.895%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl. The following bids were received:

Citizens National Bank	\$21,011 70	Security Tr. & Sav. Bank	\$20,500 00
District Bond Co.	20,918 00	Wm. R. Staats Co.	20,438 00

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation, 1921	\$2,466,245
Bonded debt (including this issue)	44,000
Population, 4,500.	

SIMI VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On June 10 the \$65,000 5% 19 1/4-year (aver.) gold bonds offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2630—were sold to the First National Bank of Santa Paula for \$69,956 16, equal to 103.009, a basis of about 4.76%. Date June 1 1922. Due yearly on June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$2,000, 1930 to 1941 incl., and \$3,000, 1942 to 1953 incl.

SPRINGFIELD, Brown County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held in Springfield recently an issue of water works system improvement bonds was carried by a vote of 160 "for" to 25 "against." (Amount not stated.)

STAMFORD, Jones County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 12 the State Comptroller registered \$29,500 5% serial sewer bonds.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On June 21 Stacy & Braun of Toledo were awarded \$254,000 5% road improvement bonds at a premium of \$1,447 80 (100.57). Denom. \$1,000. Date May 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M. & N.). Due yearly on June 30 from 1924 to 1932 inclusive.

STEBEN COUNTY (P. O. Angola), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$58,000 5% 5 2/3-year (aver.) Austin M. Parsell, Salem and Jackson Townships, bonds offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2630—were awarded to Bredt, Elliott & Harrison at a premium of \$1,350 40 (102.328), a basis of about 4.831%. Date May 20 1922. Due \$2,900 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932, inclusive.

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—According to newspaper reports, R. H. Moulton & Co. and the Anglo-California Trust Co. have purchased \$600,000 5 1/2% municipal improvement bonds maturing from 1922 to 1954 incl., for \$656,225, equal to 109.37. The next highest bid, according to same sources, was a premium of \$51,060, made by a syndicate composed of the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank, National City Co. and Bank of Italy.

STOKES COUNTY (P. O. Danburg), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5 1/2% road and bridge bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2630—have been sold to the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. and John G. George, jointly. Due June 1 1922. Due as follows: \$5,000 1933 to 1937, incl., \$7,000 1938 to 1942, incl., \$8,000 1943 to 1947, incl., and \$10,000 1948 to 1952, inclusive.

STORM LAKE, Buena Vista County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/2% water-works bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2630—were awarded on that day to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, as 5% at a premium of \$1,495, equal to 103.73. Date June 1 1922. Due in 1932 and 1942.

STRATFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—NOTE OFFERING.—It is reported that the Chairman of the Finance Committee will receive bids until 12 m. June 26 for \$120,000 short-term notes.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following four issues of 5 1/2% 4 1/2-100-year (aver.) special assessment road bonds aggregating \$255,300, which were offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2631—were sold to Hayden, Miller & Co. at a premium of \$5,107 (102.0003), a basis of about 4.5025%:

\$74,000 Crooks Road improvement bonds.	Denom. \$1,000.	Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$2,000 1931.
51,000 Kenners-Mogadore road bonds.	Denom. \$1,000.	Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$3,000 1931.
41,800 Cuyahoga Falls-Middlebury Road bonds.	Denom. \$1,000 and \$800.	Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$1,800 1931.
88,500 Talmadge Ave. improvement bonds.	Denom. \$1,000 and \$1,500.	Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1923 to 1930, incl., and \$8,500 1931.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 3 by John W. Johnson, Chancellor Clerk, for \$150,000 Supervisors District No. 2 bonds not to exceed 6% interest. A certified check on some bank in Sunflower County, for \$7,500, required.

SUPERIOR, Nuckolls County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The State of Nebraska purchased \$2,800 5 1/2% (opt.) intersection paving bonds at par during the month of April. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940.

During the month of March the State of Nebraska purchased \$20,000 5 1/2% (opt.) intersection paving bonds at par. Date May 1 1920. Due May 1 1940.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—On June 16 an issue of \$100,000 revenue notes, dated June 16 and maturing Dec. 20 1922 was awarded to the Manufacturers National Bank of Lynn, on a 3.47% discount basis.

TABOR, Columbus County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 6% funding bonds offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2512—have been disposed of. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1923 to 1942, incl.

TERREBONNE PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Houma), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. July 6 by O. J. Theriot, Secretary of the Police Jury, for \$80,000 5% road bonds. Date Aug. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Due yearly on Aug. 1 from 1923 to 1950 incl. A certified check on some bank chartered under the laws of Louisiana or some national bank authorized to do business in Louisiana, for a sum equal to 2% of the amount of the bond issue, required.

TEXAS (State of).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller:

Amount.	Place.	Int. Rate.	Due.	Date Reg.
\$2,300	Corvell Co. Com. S. D. No. 9.	5%	10-20-years	June 17
2,000	Haskell Co. Com. S. D. No. 18.	6%	serially	June 15
3,500	Hemphill Co. Com. S. D. No. 5.	5%	10-20-years	June 12
2,000	Parker Co. Com. S. D. No. 66.	5%	10-20-years	June 14
3,500	Williamson Co. Com. S. D. No. 43.	5%	1-20-years	June 16
3,500	Wood Co. Com. S. D. No. 36.	6%	10-20-years	June 15

TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl Hughes, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. to-day (June 24) for \$62,500 5% Scott Skinner et al Liberty Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$3,125. Date June 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15 and Nov. 15). Due \$3,125 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 inclusive.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bids were received for the two issues of 5% street improvement and land purchase bonds offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2396:

Stacy & Braun Co.	Amt. Bid for.	Premium.
	\$200,000	\$5,261
H. L. Allen & Co.	100,000	2,356
A. T. Bell & Co.	300,000	6,900
	200,000	3,756
Hayden, Miller & Co.	100,000	1,747
Seasongood & Mayer	300,000	5,493
	200,000	3,685
	100,000	1,625

TRENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trent), Moody County, So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—On May 29 the \$50,000 school site purchase and building bonds (V. 114, p. 2396) were voted.

TRENTON, Hitchcock County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—R. W. Deam, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. July 10 for \$5,800 7% water extension bonds. Date June 1 1922. Due in 40 years; optional after 10 years.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank E. Musser, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. June 28 for \$104,000 5 1/2% Everett-Cortland-Hull Road No. 193 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000 from 1923 to 1926 incl., and \$12,000 from 1927 to 1931 incl. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to A. B. Cratsley, County Treasurer, is required.

TUCSON, Pima County, Ariz.—BONDS VOTED.—The following three issues of 5 1/2% coupon bonds were voted at an election held on June 6:

	"For."	"Against"
\$85,000 emergency water improvement bonds	212	89
75,000 fire department improvement bonds	201	88
18,000 isolation hospital bonds	202	95

Denom. \$500. Date July 2 1922. Int. payable semi-ann. (Jan. 2 and July 2). Due July 2 1942.

TULIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tulia), Swisher County, Texas.—PRICE.—The price paid by the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City for the \$100,000 5 1/2% bonds—V. 114, p. 2751—was 101.051.

TURIN, Lewis County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 registered water system bonds offered on June 17—V. 114, p. 2631—were sold to the Lewis County Trust Co. at its bid of \$6,125 for \$8 (102.083). Date July 1 1922.

UNION HILL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tulia), Swisher County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On July 1 an issue of \$11,000 6% school building bonds will be voted upon.

UNION SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wheeler), Porter County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis, have purchased the \$50,500 6% coupon school building bonds offered on June 13—V. 114, p. 2396—at a premium of \$4,082, equal to 108, a basis of about 4.72%. Date June 15 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$3,500 1923 to 1936, inclusive, and \$1,500 1937.

UNION TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monticello), White County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The J. F. Wild & Co.

State Bank was recently awarded \$85,000 5% school building bonds at a premium of \$4,375 (105.029). Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.). Due semi-ann. from 1923 to 1942, inclusive.

VENICE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Reports say that a proposition to issue \$250,000 sewer bonds was defeated.

VENICE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On June 12 the \$350,000 5% 1-35 years school bonds, dated July 1 1922—V. 114, p. 2396—were sold. It is stated, to the First Securities Co. of Los Angeles for \$360,200, equal to 102.91, a basis of about 4.73%. Date July 1 1922. Due \$10,000 yearly on July 1 from 1923 to 1937 inclusive.

VERONA, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—S. M. Gundy, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. June 26, at the Municipal Bldg., for \$80,000 4%, 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% bonds. Denom. at suit purchaser. Date June 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due on June 1 as follows: \$15,000 in 1927, \$20,000 in 1947, and \$25,000 in 1952. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Borough of Verona, is required. These bonds are said to be free of State tax.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$97,000 5% 5-2-3-year (aver.) Harrison Township road bonds offered on June 12 (V. 114, p. 2396) were sold to the J. R. Wild & Co. State Bank at a premium of \$2,284.35 (102.355), a basis of about 4.52%. Date June 1 1922. Due \$4,850 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

VISITOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Bernardino County, Calif.—NO BIDS RECEIVED.—No bids were received on June 12 for the \$26,000 6% school bonds offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2631.

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% highway bonds offered on June 15—V. 114, p. 2397—have been awarded to Ward, Stern & Co. of Birmingham at par and accrued interest.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—D. H. Moffitt, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 5 for \$16,000 5% coupon Jason Bowles et al. Washington Township highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$500. Date June 5 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15 & Nov. 15). Due \$800 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

BOND OFFERING.—David H. Moffitt, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. July 5 for \$10,440 5% coupon Geoffrey Hickman et al. Warren Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$522. Date May 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (May 15 and Nov. 15). Due \$522 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1942 inclusive.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 6% road bonds offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2513—have been awarded to Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis at a premium of \$2,440.80, equal to 106.78, a basis of about 5.29%. Date June 7 1922. Due on June 7 as follows: \$5,000, 1924; \$2,000, 1927 and 1928; \$3,000, 1931, 1932, 1935, 1937 and 1939; \$2,000, 1940 and 1942; \$3,000, 1943; \$2,000, 1944, and \$3,000, 1945. The following bids were also received: Well, Roth & Co. \$38,175; Smith, Moore & Co. \$37,836; W. L. Clayton & Co. \$37,933; Citizens Bank, Greenville \$37,225; Hibernia Securities Co. \$37,910; Seasgood & Mayer \$37,666.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Centerville), Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. W. Lawson, Clerk, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. June 24, for \$80,000 5 1/2% coupon school impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (M.-S.); payable at the Winters National Bank. Due yearly on Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1923 to 1942, incl. and \$5,000 from 1943 to 1946, incl. Bids must be unconditional and for not less than par and accrued int. Cert. check on a solvent bank, for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Clerk, Board of Education.

WASHTENAW COUNTY (P. O. Ann Arbor), Mich.—BOND SALE.—On June 9 the Detroit Trust Co. was awarded \$45,500 5 1/2% 3-5-21-year (aver.) Assessment District Road No. 8 bonds at a premium of \$196

(100.43), a basis of about 5.3478%. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$3,500 in 1923 and \$10,500 yearly from 1924 to 1927 incl.

WAYLAND SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT, Clark County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Lewis W. Thomson & Co., Inc., of St. Louis have purchased \$36,000 6% serial road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Boatmen's Bank, St. Louis. Due yearly on May 1 from 1923 to 1938 inclusive.

Assessed valuation \$1,995,000
Total bonded debt 36,000
Population, 2,000.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ben Davis), Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Trust Co. of Indianapolis, was the successful bidder on June 17 for the \$40,000 4% bonds of the School Town of Clermont offered on that date—V. 114, p. 2631—for \$40,777 (101.94) and interest, a basis of about 4.47%. Date June 15 1922. Due \$1,500 on each July 1 and \$1,000 on each Jan. 1 from July 1 1923 to Jan. 1 1936, inclusive, \$3,500 July 1 1936 and \$4,000 Jan. 1 1937.

WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John A. Eversole, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 2 p. m. June 28 for \$10,000 4 1/2% Homer Robb et al. Jefferson Township highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$545. Date June 15 1922. Int. M. & N. Due \$545 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl. Cert. check for 3% required.

WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West), McLennan County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—J. T. Bowman & Co. of Austin, have purchased the \$55,000 school bldg. bonds recently voted—V. 114, p. 2276.

WHEELING, Ohio County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 5% coupon water works bonds offered on June 20—V. 114, p. 2631—have been awarded to a syndicate composed of First National Bank of New York, Stacy & Braun, Eldredge & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. and Redmond & Co., all of New York, at 105.64, a basis of about 4.57%. Date July 1 1922. Due yearly on July 1 as follows: \$355,000, 1932; \$55,000, 1933; \$52,000, 1934; \$55,000, 1935; \$58,000, 1936; \$51,000, 1937; \$64,000, 1938; \$67,000, 1939; \$70,000, 1940; \$74,000, 1941; \$77,000, 1942; \$81,000, 1943; \$85,000, 1944; \$90,000, 1945; \$94,000, 1946; \$99,000, 1947; \$104,000, 1948; \$109,000, 1949; \$114,000, 1950; \$120,000, 1951, and \$121,000, 1952.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 5% 5-2-3-year (aver.) Judson Eldredge et al. road bonds offered on June 14 (V. 114, p. 2631) were sold to the Monticello State Bank at a premium of \$290.80 (102.306), a basis of about 4.53%. Date April 14 1922. Due \$650 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 65, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—E. B. Thompson, County Treasurer (P. O. Colfax), will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. July 15 for \$2,500 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. Denom. \$500.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—The offering of the two issues of 5 1/2% bonds which was scheduled to take place on June 17—V. 114, p. 2631—has been postponed to July 10. Nicholas A. Kalck, Village Clerk, informs us that he will receive sealed bids until 12 m. The bonds are described as follows: \$25,181.21 Clark Court, Eldo, Arthur & Wright St. improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$181.21. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1923; \$3,000 from 1924 to 1930 incl., and \$3,181.21 in 1931.

20,000 00 jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942 inclusive. Date April 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (A. & O.). Certified check for 5% of amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered, and payment made, within 10 days after the date of the award.

NEW LOANS

\$300,000

HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

4 1/2% PUBLIC ROAD BONDS

Noticed July 1, 1922. Due July 1, 1932. Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County, Maryland, and the Howard County Bond Commission will open sealed bids for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) Public Road Coupon Bonds of Howard County, Maryland, dated July 1, 1922, payable July 1, 1932. Interest semi-annually. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid required as security. Mark all bids "Bid for Howard County Public Road Bonds," and address "THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOWARD COUNTY AND THE HOWARD COUNTY BOND COMMISSION, care of MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, Secretary, ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND."

NEW LOANS

SEALED PROPOSALS

Department of Public Finances. City of New Orleans. City Hall, June 17, 1922.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The City of New Orleans will sell by alternate sealed proposals at 11:30 o'clock A. M., Monday, July 17th 1922, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, in the City of New Orleans, One Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$1,400,000.00) Dollars of Paying Certificates issued by the City of New Orleans under and by authority of Section 47 of Act 159 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, Session of 1912, as said section is amended by Act 69 of 1916 and Act 105 of 1921 and Ordinances Nos. 1890, and 6927 Commission Council. Series of said City of New Orleans. No proposals shall be considered for a price less than Ninety-five percent (95 percent) of its par value (par value as used herein meaning principal and interest accrued from date of issue to date of delivery).

Said paying certificates are of the denominations of one thousand, five hundred and one hundred dollars each, and bearing four and one-half percent (4 1/2 percent) per annum interest, evidenced by interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July each year, respectively. Said certificates are by law exempt from taxation, State, Parish, and by Municipal, and are acceptable for deposit with the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana under Act No. 71 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, Session of 1904.

Said certificates shall mature and be made, payable in annual installments as follows, to wit:

- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1924.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1925.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1926.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1927.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1928.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1929.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1930.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1931.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1932.
- \$140,000.00 on the first day of January, 1933.

But the City of New Orleans may, on said dates, redeem a greater amount of said certificates, provided notice of its intention so to do shall have been published in the Official Journal of the City of New Orleans twice a week for two (2) weeks during the months of the preceding November in which event, the additional certificates shall be redeemed in the order of the date or dates of the succeeding maturity or maturities.

And said certificates will be issued under and subject to the laws aforementioned. All of which are hereby referred to and made part of this advertisement for greater certainty and particularly, that alternate proposals shall be received as follows:

- (a) For the entire issue of \$1,400,000.00 to be delivered to the purchaser on September 1, 1922.
- (b) For the delivery of said issue of \$1,400,000.00 to be made as follows: \$350,000.00 on September 1st., 1922.

\$350,000.00 on October 1st., 1922.

\$350,000.00 on November 1st., 1922.

\$350,000.00 on December 1st., 1922.

Bids, however, for these deliveries will be considered separately, but no adjudication shall be made for a lot deliverable on any of the herein prescribed dates, unless adjudication at the same time be made for all of the several bids. If a bidder will bid for one lot or more than one lot but not all the lots, he shall state in his bid the dates of the maturities he wishes to be fixed for the certificates of the lot or lots for which he bids; should a bidder fail so to do and the Commission should decide to adjudicate the sale of the several lots to the various bidders, then the dates of the maturities for the certificates of each lot shall be governed by and fixed in the order of the date of delivery hereinbefore prescribed.

That no bid will be eligible for consideration and acceptance by the Commission Council which is not accompanied by a certified check on some chartered bank in the City of New Orleans in an amount equal to three (3) per cent of the amount of the bid, which check shall be made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Public Finances. The check or checks of unsuccessful bidders shall be immediately returned to them and the check of the successful bidder shall be cashed by the Commissioner of Public Finances and by him deposited with the fiscal agents of the City of New Orleans in a special account so designated, and whatever interest the said deposit shall earn from the time of so being deposited to the time of release shall accrue to the successful bidder. The amount so deposited shall be for the purpose of guaranteeing that the bidder will, in all respects, comply with the provisions governing the sale of the paying certificates herein described, and the Commissioner of Public Finances shall retain the said deposit and not return the same to the purchaser until all of the said certificates have been delivered to and accepted by the purchaser. Should the successful bidder fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, the amount deposited by him, as described herein, shall, ipso facto, be forfeited to the City of New Orleans not as a penalty but as acknowledgment liquidated damages and without recourse to judicial proceedings.

The successful bidder or purchaser of these certificates shall have an option of designating a New Orleans bank or banks to be depository of the funds received from these certificates which he has purchased upon said bank or banks furnishing the same security and paying the same rate of interest and complying with the same conditions as are required of the fiscal agent of the City of New Orleans.

The Commission Council shall have the right and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The approving opinion of Messrs. Wood and Oakley, Bond Attorneys of Chicago, as to the validity of these certificates will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Further particulars and information will be furnished upon application to R. M. Murphy, Commissioner of Public Finances, City Hall, New Orleans, La.

R. M. MURPHY,

Commissioner of Public Finances. June 17th, to July 16th.

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FINANCIAL CHRONICLE

Our Classified Department faces the inside back cover.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$300,000 revenue notes offered on June 19—V. 114, p. 2751—were awarded to the Park Trust Co. of Worcester on a 3.45% discount basis. Date June 20 1922. Due Nov. 15 1922.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND SALE.—Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City advise us that they recently purchased \$50,000 5% road bonds at 101.41.

WYTHE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Elizabeth City County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—E. G. Rogers, Chairman of the School Board (P. O. 2103 Chestnut Ave., Newport News), will receive sealed bids for \$40,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school impt. bonds until June 30. Int. J. & D.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Douglas, of Douglas, has purchased \$60,000 6% 10-20-year (optional) school building bonds.

YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held to vote on issuing \$12,000 sewer and heating plant bonds to-day (June 24).

HARWICH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. were recently awarded \$23,642 6% debentures at 101.27, a basis of about 5.74%. Due in 10 installments.

KELOWNA, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$6,000 6% 10-year debentures and an issue of \$85,000 6% 20-year debentures were awarded to Gillespie, Hart & Todd, and McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. at 98.

LA TUOQUE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Tenders will be received up to 4 p. m. July 4 for the purchase of \$75,000 6% bonds. Due from 1923 to 1927. Gust Duguay is Secretary-Treasurer of School Commission.

NELSON, B. C.—DESCRIPTION.—The \$60,000 street improvement debentures which were sold to the Royal Financial Corp. at 98—V. 114, p. 2632—are described as follows: Denom. \$500. Date May 15 1922. Int. payable semi-ann. (May 15 and Nov. 15) at the rate of 6% per annum. Due May 15 1937.

POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$12,500 6% sewer repair debentures offered on June 10—V. 114, p. 2514—were sold to Hanson Bros. at 105.355, a basis of about 5.61%. Date March 1 1922. Due March 1 1947.

QUEBEC, Que.—BOND SALE.—On June 15 a syndicate composed of L. G. Beaubien & Co., MacLeod, Young, Weir & Co., both of Montreal; Canadian Municipal Debenture Corp., and the Provincial Securities, Ltd., both of Quebec, was awarded \$422,000 5½% refunding bonds at 99.27. Denom. \$1,000; \$500 and \$100. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Montreal, Quebec (St. Rock Branch), or at Montreal or Toronto, at the option of the holder. Due July 1 1922. Alternative bids were invited for either 10-year 5½% bonds or 20-year 5% bonds.

RIVIERE DU LOUP, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Jos. Lebel, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive tenders up to 4 p. m. June 30 for \$200,000 5½% 20-year debentures. Date May 1 1922.

ROCKLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—T. H. Wyman, Treasurer, will receive tenders up to 12 m. June 28 for \$22,000 6% debentures. Due in 20 installments.

ROSETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2,534 (P. O. Rosetown), Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Tenders will be received by W. M. Aseltine, Secretary, up to June 26 for \$24,000 7% debentures. Due in 20 equal annual installments.

ST. LAMBERT, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—The School Commissioners of the city of St. Lambert will receive tenders until 8 p. m. June 27 for \$125,000 6% coupon serial debentures issued according to a resolution of the Department of Public Instruction of the Province of Quebec, and Order-in-Council dated Feb. 18 1922. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Date Feb. 1 1922. Int. payable semi-ann. (F. & A.) at the Bank of Toronto, St. Lambert or Montreal. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,800 in 1923; \$2,000 in 1924; \$2,100 in 1925; \$2,200 in 1926; \$2,300 in 1927; \$2,500 in 1928; \$2,600 in 1929; \$2,800 in 1930; \$2,900 in 1931, and \$103,800 in 1932.

SAINTE-FLORE-EAST, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Victor Bourassa, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive tenders up to 4 p. m. July 3 for \$25,000 6% 30-year debentures. Denom. \$100. Date May 1 1922.

SASKATOON, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Sealed tenders will be received by the City Commissioners up to 12 m. July 3 for the following sinking fund debentures, aggregating \$491,500: \$101,800 6% 30-year miscellaneous debentures. 30,000 5½% 30-year capital debentures. 13,700 5% 30-year expenditure debentures. 12,000 6% 15-year debentures for various purposes. 125,000 5½% 30-year Collegiate Institution debentures. 209,000 6% 5-year capitalization of tax arrears. Date July 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Alternative bids are invited on debentures, the principal and interest of which are payable in Canada only, or on debentures the principal and interest of which are payable in Canada and in United States.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP S. S. NO. 1 (P. O. Dixie), Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—J. R. Kennedy, Clerk, will receive tenders up to June 30 for \$40,000 6% school debentures. Due in 20 years.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of).—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Provincial Treasurer, Parliament Buildings, Edmonton, until 12 m. July 6 for the following 5% 30-year gold debentures: \$2,500,000 debentures. Payable, both prin. and semi-ann. int., in Canadian funds at the Imperial Bank of Canada, Toronto, Montreal or Edmonton, or in American funds at the Bank of the Manhattan Co., N. Y. City. Certified check for \$50,000 required. 1,000,000 debentures. Payable, both prin. and semi-ann. int., in Canadian funds at the Imperial Bank of Canada, Toronto, Montreal or Edmonton. Date July 1 1922. Delivery and payment to be made at Toronto. Legal opinion, which will be ready on day that tenders are to be opened, will be at the expense of the purchasers and may be obtained from E. G. Long, K. C., & Co. Long & Daly, Toronto. The official notice states that \$1,000,000 of the \$2,500,000 American payment issue, and \$500,000 of the \$1,000,000 Canadian payment issue, must be taken up 10 days after the acceptance of the tenders, and the remaining portion before Aug. 1 1922.

AMHERSTBURG, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$17,252 6% coupon 10-year installment debentures offered on June 12—V. 114, p. 2631—were awarded to C. H. Burgess & Co. at 99.37.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Prov. of).—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$2,000,000 5% coupon or registered bonds offered on May 23—V. 114, p. 2277—were not sold, as all bids were rejected. Alternative bids were invited for bonds payable either in 5 years or in 23 years. The following bids were received:

	5-Year 23-Year			5-Year 23-Year	
	Bonds.	Bonds.		Bonds.	Bonds.
A. E. Ames & Co.			Carstens & Earles		
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	97.82	94.44	Seattle National Bank	96.913	94.218
Dominion Securities Corp.	97.32	95.732	Aemilius Jarvis & Co.		
Wood, Gundy & Co.			Wells-Dickey Co.		
Guaranty Trust Co.	97.303	96.46	Cont'l & Comm'l Sec. Co.	96.20	95.12
Blyth, Witter & Co.			Cyrus Peltes & Co.		
Miller & Co.	97.077	95.001	Ferris & Hardgrove		

CHAPLEAU TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that the Sun Life Assurance Co. has purchased \$50,000 6% debentures.

CORNWALL, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The Sterling Bank was recently awarded \$75,000 30 annual installment debentures at 100.47 for 5½%. Alternative bids were invited on either 5½% or 6% debentures.

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cumberland), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that C. H. Burgess & Co. were awarded \$18,890 6% debentures at 101.81. Due in 15 installments.

EDMUNSTON, N. B.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that an issue of \$100,000 6% 20-year debentures has been awarded to the Banque Provinciale.

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Statement at Close of Business March 10 1922.

RESOURCES—	
Time Loans.....	\$2,981,910 70
U. S. and Other Bonds.....	1,807,796 08
	\$4,789,706 78
Cash and Balances in Banks.....	\$1,841,112 75
Due from Treasurer U. S.....	10,200 00
Demand Loans.....	922,240 37
	2,773,553 12
Real Estate.....	310,930 50
	\$7,874,190 40
LIABILITIES—	
Capital Stock, Surplus and Undivided Profits....	\$1,272,441 09
Circulation.....	291,397 50
Deposits.....	6,310,351 81
	\$7,874,190 40

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RESOURCES—	
Loans and discounts.....	\$7,516,668 66
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	325,360 36
Real estate and securities.....	3,296,950 50
United States bonds and certificates.....	2,950,680 00
Cash and due from banks and bankers.....	1,594,259 41
	\$15,673,918 93
LIABILITIES—	
Capital.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus and undivided profits.....	1,989,403 43
Circulation.....	394,200 00
Bills Payable.....	2,350,000 00
Deposits.....	9,940,315 50
	\$15,673,918 93

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Statement at Close of Business March 10 1922.

RESOURCES—	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$8,945,175.24
Interest earned but not collected.....	15,491.66
U. S. Liberty Bonds and Treasury Notes.....	1,478,472.88
U. S. Bonds a-c Circulation.....	415,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds.....	3,827,555.82
Due from Banks.....	938,069.29
Cash and Exchanges.....	2,752,417.84
Furniture and Fixtures.....	20,463.79
Bank Improvements.....	89,704.40
Customers' Liability, Letters of Credit, Acceptances, &c.....	583,368.51
	\$19,065,719.43
LIABILITIES—	
Capital.....	\$1,500,000.00
Surplus.....	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	353,486.63
Unearned Discount.....	48,837.66
Reserve for Taxes and Interest Accrued.....	67,320.97
Circulation.....	407,100.00
Deposits.....	14,067,788.25
Postal Savings Deposits.....	203,461.61
U. S. Government Deposits.....	300,000.00
Rediscounts, Bills Payable on U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	547,139.74
Letters of Credit and Acceptances a-c Customers.....	570,584.57
	\$19,065,719.43

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Statement at Close of Business March 10 1922.

ASSETS—	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$11,750,269 78
Bonds and Securities.....	2,698,246 35
Banking House.....	765,804 87
United States Government Securities.....	1,903,151 38
Acceptances of Other Banks.....	538,416 62
Credit Granted on Acceptances.....	367,475 02
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	2,269,725 85
	\$20,291,089 87
LIABILITIES—	
Capital.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	1,341,577 55
Acceptances for Customers.....	209,325 62
Acceptances of Other Banks Sold.....	107,768 07
Circulation.....	974,400 00
Deposits.....	16,637,818 63
	\$20,291,089 87

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Statement at Close of Business March 10 1922.

RESOURCES—	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$8,518,016 80
United States Bonds.....	1,400,700 00
Other Bonds and Securities.....	883,009 30
Banking House and Vaults.....	188,956 02
Cash, Due from Banks and U. S. Treasurer.....	1,127,508 59
	\$12,088,190 71
LIABILITIES—	
Capital.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	1,604,395 16
Reserved for Taxes and Interest.....	170,000 00
National Bank Notes Outstanding.....	979,300 00
Reserved for Depreciation of Securities.....	220,000 00
Reserved for Depreciation of Building & Vaults.....	62,547 76
Deposits.....	8,051,847 99
	\$12,088,190 91

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ASSETS.	
Reserve in Federal Reserve Bank.....	\$4,266,020 95
Loans.....	25,642,015 40
Securities.....	27,962,080 08
Mortgages.....	135,207 53
Cash and C. H. Exchanges.....	1,428,711 70
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	2,244,301 95
Customers' Liability for Acceptances.....	100,000 00
Real Estate.....	3,371,911 94
	\$65,150,249 55
LIABILITIES	
Capital.....	\$2,500,000 00
Surplus.....	7,500,000 00
Undivided Profits.....	1,668,140 36
Reserved for Taxes.....	404,405 18
Dividend July 1, 1921.....	225,000 00
Drafts and Bills Accepted.....	100,000 00
Bills Payable at Federal Reserve Bank, Secured by U. S. Bonds.....	3,012,250 00
Deposits.....	49,740,454 03
	\$65,150,249 55



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RESOURCES.	
Loans.....	\$26,308,082 14
U. S. Bonds.....	5,488,202 07
Bonds and Securities.....	2,890,304 37
Stock Federal Reserve Bank.....	135,000 00
Banking House.....	600,000 00
Cash and Due from Banks and U. S. Treasurer.....	9,234,269 35
	\$44,655,857 93
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$3,000,000 00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,269,831 25
	\$5,269,831 25
Circulation.....	2,000,000 00
U. S. and Other Bonds.....	2,508,950 00
Letters of Credit.....	106,438 32
Deposits.....	34,788,638 36
	\$44,655,857 93

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RESOURCES—	
Loans and Investments.....	\$14,735,672 37
Customers' liability letters of credit and acceptances.....	366,479 59
Due from banks.....	2,713,525 52
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	572,214 32
Cash and reserve.....	1,478,126 50
	\$19,865,018 28
LIABILITIES—	
Capital Stock.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus and net profits.....	2,237,099 55
Circulation.....	600,000 00
Letters of credit and acceptances.....	366,479 57
Bills Payable Federal Reserve Bank.....	310,000 00
Deposits.....	15,351,439 16
	\$19,865,018 28

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STATEMENT AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 10 1922.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Investments.....	\$48,055,696 55	Capital.....	\$2,000,000 00
Accrued Interest.....	114,012 99	Surplus and Net Profits.....	7,185,482 74
Letters of Credit and Acceptances.....	695,669 41	Reserve for Unearned Discount.....	256,491 78
Due from Banks.....	9,806,621 84	Reserve for Taxes and Interest.....	146,696 38
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	2,754,483 96	Circulation.....	1,084,997 50
Cash and Reserve.....	4,693,351 63	Acceptances and Letters of Credit.....	695,669 41
		Due Federal Reserve Bank:	
		Loans on Government Securities.....	888,962 00
		Government Securities Borrowed.....	450,000 00
		Deposits.....	53,411,536 57
	\$66,119,836 38		\$66,119,836 3

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Report of Condition at the Close of Business Mar. 10 1922.

RESOURCES—	
Loans and Investments.....	\$15,939,014 51
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit and Acceptances.....	2,479,864 69
Due from Banks.....	2,317,419 29
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	303,637 82
Accrued Interest.....	33,643 37
Cash and Reserve.....	1,250,584 47
	\$22,324,164 15
LIABILITIES—	
Capital.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	2,275,712 17
Unearned Discount.....	106,638 41
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, &c.....	114,483 97
Circulation.....	500,000 00
Letters of Credit and Acceptances.....	2,755,918 76
Acceptances of Other Banks Sold.....	43,069 68
Rediscunts and Bills Payable—Federal Reserve Bank.....	2,678,800 00
Deposits.....	12,849,541 16
	\$22,324,164 15

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NORFOLK, VA.

Statement at Close of Business Dec. 31 1921.

RESOURCES—	
Loans and discounts.....	\$9,372,393 81
U. S. Bonds.....	1,648,750 00
Other bonds.....	325,088 37
Banking house.....	261,300 00
Customers' liability, acceptance account.....	675,000 00
Cash and due from banks.....	1,802,098 50
	\$14,084,630 68
LIABILITIES—	
Capital.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus.....	750,000 00
Undivided profits.....	431,343 24
Circulation.....	999,997 50
Rediscunts.....	661,147 27
Foreign Drafts Sold.....	25,596 73
Deposits.....	8,841,555 94
Acceptances executed for customers.....	675,000 00
Bills payable.....	700,000 00
	\$14,084,630 68

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Statement at Close of Business March 10 1922.

RESOURCES—	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$8,397,879 52
Overdrafts.....	5,120 52
Banking House.....	300,000 00
United States Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	600,000 00
Liberty Bonds.....	777,165 00
Other Bonds.....	339,400 00
Stock Federal International Banking Co.....	21,600 00
Revenue Stamps.....	1,630 00
5% Redemption Fund.....	30,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	60,000 00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock.....	48,000 00
Cash and Due from Banks.....	5,511,116 96
	\$16,081,912 00

LIABILITIES—	
Capital Stock.....	\$600,000 00
Surplus and Profits.....	1,586,911 00
Circulation.....	600,000 00
Reserved for Taxes.....	20,000 00
Dividends Unpaid.....	180 00
U. S. Bonds Borrowed.....	137,500 00
Deposits.....	13,137,320 50
	\$16,081,912 00

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Atlanta National Bank

Atlanta, Ga.

Statement at Close of Business March 10 1922.

RESOURCES—	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$16,604,842 65
United States Bonds.....	1,842,302 35
Other Bonds and Stocks.....	45,999 90
Banking House and Real Estate.....	918,020 00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock.....	75,000 00
Cash Due from Banks and U. S. Treasurer.....	5,535,658 86
	\$25,021,923 76
LIABILITIES—	
Capital Stock.....	\$1,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	1,938,414 08
Reserved for Taxes and Interest.....	255,000 00
Circulation.....	945,600 00
Deposits.....	20,872,909 68
	\$25,021,923 76

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Investments.....	\$41,609,864 54	Capital.....	\$1,000,000 00
Due from banks.....	10,610,220 96	Surplus and net profits.....	5,721,299 37
Cash and Reserve.....	4,991,742 92	Letters of Credit.....	31,806 63
Exchanges for Clearing House.....	3,193,985 09	Discount and Interest Unearned.....	155,915 01
Interest earned uncollected.....	127,255 06	Reserved for Taxes.....	719,517 19
Liability under Letters of Credit.....	31,806 63	Deposits.....	52,936,337 00
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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Time Loans.....	\$59,490,536 42	Capital.....	\$5,000,000 00
Demand Loans.....	22,984,278 68	Surplus.....	10,000,000 00
United States Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness.....	\$71,595,840 99	Undivided Profits.....	1,854,900 79
Other Bonds.....	1,622,692 36	Dividends Unpaid.....	118 00
Illinois Merchants Bank Bldg.....	2,555,563 01	Reserved for Taxes.....	177,843 88
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	634,172 13	Liability on Letters of Credit.....	461,232 73
Customers' Liability on Letters of Credit.....	450,000 00	Liability on Acceptances.....	583,569 29
Customers' Liability on Acceptances.....	461,232 73	Unearned Interest.....	620,382 51
Cash on Hand and Checks for Clearing House.....	569,158 72	Deposits/Banks and Bankers.....	\$35,445,243 73
Due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	\$4,690,105 14	Individual.....	64,963,417 75
Due from Banks.....	9,671,347 45		
	15,977,626 04		
	30,339,078 63		100,408,666 48
	\$119,106,772 68		\$119,106,772 68

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$20,173,713 36
U. S. Bonds and Treasury Certificates.....	1,610,481 76
Federal Reserve Bank Stock.....	75,000 00
Bonds, Securities, &c.....	2,241,865 78
Stock in Commercial Fireproof Building Co. (Bank Building).....	265,000 00
Other Real Estate Owned.....	100 00
Customers' Liability on Letters of Credit.....	575,127 02
Acceptance Account.....	83,191 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	110,000 00
Five Per Cent Fund.....	37,500 00
Other Assets.....	30,000 00
Interest Earned Uncollected.....	166,516 82
Cash and Due from Banks.....	8,548,553 07
	\$33,810,048 81

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$1,800,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	1,583,730 26
Reserved for Taxes and Interest.....	84,701 19
Circulation.....	729,900 00
Letters of Credit.....	595,906 15
Acceptances.....	83,191 00
Discounts Collected Unearned.....	27,497 44
Deposits.....	28,905,122 77
	\$33,810,048 81

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Loans and Discounts.....	\$48,461,246 93
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation.....	3,950,000 00
Other U. S. Bonds and Certificates.....	7,813,616 53
Other Bonds.....	9,702,927 72
Other Assets.....	957,631 44
Foreign Exchange Account.....	2,135,833 00
Customers' Liability on Letters of Credit.....	8,440,421 41
Drafts in Transit.....	1,775,465 47
Cash and Sight Exchange.....	19,015,683 63
	\$102,262,782 13

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$5,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	3,435,327 41
Circulation.....	3,896,400 00
Federal Reserve Bank.....	4,970,000 00
Letters of Credit, Domestic and Foreign, and Acceptances.....	8,440,421 41
Foreign Exchange Account.....	2,135,833 00
Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank.....	4,238,963 47
Other Liabilities.....	3,152,999 55
Deposits.....	\$66,982,837 29
	\$102,262,782 13

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$19,114,586 73	Capital	\$2,000,000 00
United States and Other Bonds	1,638,304 62	Surplus	1,000,000 00
Other Securities, &c.	53,893 50	Undivided Profits	715,084 41
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank	90,000 00	Reserved for Taxes	175,776 67
Customers' Liability Under Letters of Credit	394,026 89	Interest Collected in Advance of Maturity	175,000 00
Customers' Liability Account of Acceptances	72,419 57	Reserved for Depreciation on Investment	75,000 00
Cash and Exchange	8,864,037 44	Contingent Fund	70,000 00
		Dividends Unpaid	2,566 50
		Currency in Circulation	99,100 00
		Letters of Credit and Travelers' Checks Outstanding	417,666 89
		Acceptances Based on Imports and Exports	72,419 57
		Deposits	25,424,684 71
Total	\$30,227,268 75	Total	\$30,227,268 75

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