

RAILWAY AND INDUSTRIAL SECTION.

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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The trend of political sentiment seems to be growing in favor of President Wilson. At least all reports agree in saying that the prospects for his re-election are brighter to-day than at any time since his renomination last June. The veering in public opinion is not easy to understand by those who do not look below the surface of affairs. A little probing, a little investigating, will serve to reveal at least one prominent reason for it. This reason is undoubtedly found in the campaign activities of Ex-President Roosevelt.

It is stating a mere truism to say that there is no man in political life who is regarded with profounder distrust by a considerable portion of the American people than Mr. Roosevelt—unless, indeed, it be William Jennings Bryan. Both men have a body of followers ready to shout for them on all occasions, but that is inevitable with any aggressive personality in public life, and signifies nothing as against the utter lack of confidence in the men entertained by an important section of the community.

Hence the way Mr. Roosevelt has identified himself with the Hughes campaign has been distinctly prejudicial to the Hughes cause. The effusive manner in which Mr. Hughes has welcomed Roosevelt support, and his unqualified endorsement of all the Roosevelt utterances, has not tended to improve matters. It is recognized that Mr. Hughes is a man of strong will and of no little independence of judgment, particularly in political life, but no one will deny that Mr. Wilson possesses the same attributes, and yet Mr. Wilson, as one of his first acts as President, selected Mr. Bryan as his Secretary of State, than which no more unfit appointment was ever made. In the capacity of Secretary of State, Mr. Bryan was for a long time the dominant figure in the Cabinet, and his influence was never for good, no matter how pure his motives may have been.

Many persons fear that in the event of Hughes's election Mr. Roosevelt would also get a Cabinet appointment as a reward for his services and would accept the appointment as the best means of promoting his insatiable political ambitions. As the holder of a Cabinet position, he would certainly not play a subordinate part in the Hughes government. Even if he should not get or should not accept a Cabinet place, these persons fear that he is to be a power with the new Administration in any event, and they cannot persuade themselves that in that capacity he would be any more an influence for good than was Mr. Bryan in the Wilson Administration.

Memories are proverbially short. Nevertheless, those who regard Mr. Roosevelt as a dangerous element in public life cannot blot out of remembrance the fact that the whole of his last Administration was marked by turmoil, that business was constantly harassed and Congress constantly harangued in a way that President Wilson has not been able to equal, that one radical proposition after another was hurled at Congress and the country, that the sputterings and bellowings from the White House caused such

a feeling of disquietude in trade circles that the ordinary business man opened his morning newspaper in fear and trembling, always in an expectant mood anxiously awaiting some new blow aimed at business, and that the closing years of Mr. Roosevelt's power were marked by that unparalleled commercial and financial catastrophe, the panic of 1907, to which Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is now making frequent reference.

To such persons Roosevelt's criticism of Mr. Wilson's course in acceding to the demands of the railroad trainmen for 10 hours' pay for 8 hours' work, appears hollow and insincere. They are ready to believe that if Mr. Hughes had been in the Presidential Chair no such surrender to railway labor would have occurred, but as to what Mr. Roosevelt would have done in the same circumstances they point to his record in seeking to curry favor with railway labor and with labor generally while in office. They recall that in 1908, following the panic of 1907, when railroad gross earnings were falling off \$50,000,000 a month and the railroads were arranging to reduce wages and some classes of employees had already assented to the reduction, he went out of his way to prevent the reduction; it so happens, too, that in his speech at Chicago on Thursday of this week Mr. Roosevelt actually took occasion to refer to this episode with pride and triumph.

These persons also recall that a few months later in 1908, when, as the other alternative, the railroads proposed to make a small increase in freight rates as partial compensation for the losses of revenue being sustained, Mr. Roosevelt became afraid of the opposition of shippers and, being an opportunist, interfered with that move also. They point out that during his Administration, one member or another of the Inter-State Commerce Commission was constantly being called into conference with him, and that letter after letter was hurled at the Commission mapping out the course to be pursued by it, and abounding in suggestions and insinuations calculated to undermine confidence in the integrity of railroad management.

These critics argue that all the troubles in the railway world are due to the policies inaugurated by the Roosevelt Administration and the precedents set at that time and which have been implicitly followed since then, first by Mr. Taft and then by Mr. Wilson. Such persons hesitate about encouraging the return to power in any capacity of the man they consider responsible for so much of the mischief under which the railroads and the country are suffering. These persons, too, are profoundly disturbed when they recall that only four years ago Roosevelt ran on a platform advocating the recall of judges, and split the Republican Party because he could not control it in his own interest and carry out the radical doctrines to which the Progressive Party was committed.

In view of all this, if Mr. Hughes should fail to beat his opponent as decisively as should be the case, it will unquestionably be because of the Roosevelt identification with the campaign. It is open to question whether Mr. Roosevelt is making any votes at all for Mr. Hughes, while most assuredly he is losing a good many for him. There is reason to think that Mr. Hughes would to-day be a great deal stronger if he had entirely ignored Mr. Roosevelt and his remnant of Progressives, who are secretly in sympathy with the Wilson domestic poli-

cies anyway. In any view, considering his harmful proclivities, it would have been a blessing if Mr. Roosevelt could have been induced to efface himself from the campaign in the way that Mr. Bryan has managed to abstain from prominent activity on behalf of Mr. Wilson.

The foreign trade figures of the United States for September 1916, issued this week, indicate that even the enormous outflow of commodities in August did not establish an unbeatable high mark in our exports, this latest total, covering one business day less than that for the preceding month, showing a further expansion of approximately 3 million dollars. It is, of course, to be explained that these phenomenal aggregates do not represent solely an increasing quantitative outflow of goods; on the contrary, higher prices have had considerable to do with the swelling of the totals, especially as compared with results in 1915; but the balance remaining after allowing for that factor is very formidable. Still, for the vast majority of the commodities sent out prices are higher than a year ago and noticeably so in the case of the various metals and their manufactures, cotton and cotton goods, fiber manufactures, leather, canned meats, oils, both mineral and vegetable, paper, sugar and vegetables. Needless to say the stimulating factor in the rise in most commodities is the almost insatiable war demand. And while that demand is a very important element in the prosperity the country as a whole is now enjoying, it has had its adverse effect, in conjunction with short crops, of advancing many of the necessities of life to a level that is a hardship to all those whose incomes have been in no appreciable degree, if at all, swelled by the better times.

The September exports this year from the whole country reached a value of \$512,847,957, contrasting with \$300,654,921 last year and \$156,052,333 in 1914. For August this year the total was \$509,894,479. For the nine months since Jan. 1 1916 shipments of merchandise were of the enormous value of \$3,948,817,159, a total comparing with only \$2,531,542,123 in 1915 and with \$1,467,401,989 in 1914. We have no intention, of course, to assert that the current export figures represent anything but an abnormal situation, and therefore it is not probable that any such level will be maintained or even closely approximated when conditions again become normal. At the same time, waiving everything but the fact accomplished, it is of interest to note that this year's nine months' total is much greater than for the twelve months of any preceding calendar year, exceeding even 1915 by 400 million dollars.

As regards the exports in detail for the nine months this year, it is to be pointed out that increases are quite the rule, both in quantity and value, with iron and steel and manufactures, explosives, brass, copper, cotton goods, chemicals and drugs, mineral oils and wool manufactures standing out conspicuously. The only mentionable decreases are in breadstuffs, leather and manufactures and horses.

The merchandise imports for the month fell off quite appreciably, having been only \$164,128,604, or some 35 million dollars less than in August and 81½ millions under the high mark set in June. At the same time, they were 13 millions more than in September 1915 and 24½ millions in excess of 1914. The result for the nine months is, of course, a high record by a large margin, an aggregate of \$1,831,264,658 contrasting with \$1,302,094,786 a year ago and

\$1,410,071,874 in 1914. The net result of our foreign trade for September was a balance of exports in the stupendous amount of \$348,719,343, this exceeding the merchandise outflow from the country in all full fiscal years prior to 1869-70. Last year the month's showing was an excess of exports of 149½ millions and in 1914 the balance was only 16 1-3 millions. For the nine months the favorable balance is no less than \$2,117,552,501, or nearly 300 millions greater than the total imports for the period, and comparing with \$1,229,447,337 in 1915 and but \$57,330,115 in 1914.

The gold movement of the month was, as in August, very largely in one direction—inward—and netted a gain to the United States of \$85,713,799. Exports were only \$6,849,141, of which \$3,905,274 from San Francisco, mainly to Japan, and the remainder largely from New York and in greatest measure to Spain and South America. Of the gold imports for the month, much the greater part came into the country from Canada via Ogdensburg, N. Y., for account of Great Britain. The total arrivals were \$92,562,940. Of this aggregate \$2,973,404 came in through San Francisco, with Australia the main contributor, and of \$11,773,504 received at New York by sea all but a comparatively insignificant amount was from Great Britain. The remaining 78 millions finds explanation almost wholly in the movement across the border, with New York the principal destination of the metal. A realization of the strength of the gold current towards this country since the movement started in January 1915 is afforded by the fact that in the intervening 21 months to the end of September the gross influx has been 742¼ million dollars and the efflux only 119 millions, leaving a net inflow of 623¼ millions. Furthermore, arrivals since Oct. 1 have increased the balance to over 650 millions. As against this tremendous net import total for 21 months, the net arrivals for the preceding 20 years were only 113 million dollars.

Fall River cotton-mill operatives who, through the Textile Council, presented to the Manufacturers' Association on Oct. 19 a request for a 10% increase in wages, received a definite answer on Thursday. In refusing the request for an advance at this time President Hills of the Manufacturers' Association is reported as stating to President Tansey of the Textile Council: "The present conditions of the market, due to the rise in the price of cotton, make the future uncertain for manufacturers. All mill supplies have been raised to a very high cost. Many of the contracts in existence among the mills were made at much lower figures than those now quoted, and these contracts will not run out for several weeks. The manufacturers think that the request should be laid over until Nov. 10, when they hope conditions will change for the better, and they will be in a position to discuss the question of wages." He added that "No promise was given at present that wages would be advanced in November or at any specified time. The members of the manufacturers' committee thought that not sufficient time had been allowed by the operatives since the improvement in trade began before requesting another wage advance. There had not been time to recuperate for past losses that had come to the mills and stockholders during the recent dull times."

What the outcome of the refusal will be is, of course, all a matter of conjecture, but special meet-

ings of the five associations of textile operatives comprising the Council have been called for next Wednesday to vote on the question of striking and if such a move is favored the strike will likely be called for Nov. 6.

Viscount Grey, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, at a luncheon on Monday in London given by the Foreign Press Association, at which diplomatic representatives of all the Allied countries were present, showed clearly that the Allies not only were not prepared to discuss peace terms, but he gave no indication of what terms might be acceptable. He welcomed, he said, any efforts by neutral countries for a combination to prevent future wars. He desired to speak more particularly about the general objects which the Allies must secure in this war. To do this it was necessary to recall how the war came about. This was a phase that could not be referred to too often, as it affected the conditions of peace. Germany, he continued, talks of peace; her statesmen talk of peace to-day. They say: "Germany must have guarantees against being attacked again." If this war had been forced upon Germany, the speaker continued, that would be a logical statement. It is precisely because it was not forced upon Germany, but was forced by Germany upon Europe, that it is the Allies who must have guarantees for future peace. The Secretary then went on to analyze conditions that existed before the war. "In July 1914," he said, "no one thought of attacking Germany. It was said that Russia was the first to mobilize. That, I understand, is what is represented in Germany as justification for the statement that the war was not an aggressive war on Germany's part, but was forced upon her. Russia never made the mobilization of which Germany has complained until after Germany refused a conference, and never made it until the report appeared in Germany that Germany had ordered mobilization, and until that report had been telegraphed to Petrograd. When England proposed a conference, Russia, France and Italy accepted the conference and one Power refused it. When four Powers offered a conference and one Power refused it, is it the Powers which offer the conference who are forcing war or the Power that refuses it? The Emperor of Russia offered The Hague Tribunal. When one sovereign offers The Hague Tribunal and another refuses it, is it the sovereign who offers reference to The Hague who is forcing war? On the eve of war France gave her pledges to respect the neutrality of Belgium if Germany would not violate, and we, too, asked for such pledges. Was the Power which asked for a pledge and the Power which gave a pledge responsible for the violation of neutrality of Belgium, or was it the Power which refused to give the guarantee? Never at any time was there a suggestion that a French or an English soldier should enter Belgium unless to prevent the abolition of her neutrality, which had been undertaken by Germany." Proceeding, the speaker said that England had been asked by Germany to remain neutral on certain conditions. She was asked to condone violations of the neutrality of Belgium and give Germany free hand to take whatever French money she liked. "That was the plan, not only to isolate us but to discredit us. I ask any neutral what would have been the future of this country if the British Government had accepted such an offer? There would be no morale, no spirit, no nation. We should have incurred the

contempt of the whole world. Happily, tactics so gross did not succeed." The Secretary declared that England would fight until the supremacy of right and free government have been established under equal conditions, each in accordance with its genius, of all States great and small, as a family of civilized mankind.

The Secretary, referring to the league formed in the United States to make peace secure in the future, then said:

"I believe the best work neutrals can do for the moment is to try to prevent a war like this from happening again. If the nations had been united in such an agreement and prompt resolutions to insist in 1914 that the dispute must be referred to a conference or The Hague, that the Belgian treaty must be observed, there would have been no war.

"Nations fighting for their existence, with daily increasing prospects of seeing victory brought nearer, still knowing that if they stop short of victory they stop short of everything for which they are struggling, cannot be expected to spend much time thinking about what might happen after victory is secured. But the neutrals can do it. I observe that not only President Wilson but Mr. Hughes is supporting a league started, not with the object of interfering with the belligerents in this war, but which will do its part in making peace secure in the future.

"It is a work of neutral countries to which we should all look with favor and hope. Only, we must bear this in mind, if the nations after the war are able to do something effective by binding themselves with the common object of preserving peace, they must be prepared to undertake not more than they are able to uphold by force, and to see, when the time of crisis comes, that it is upheld by force.

"The question we must ask them is: 'Will you play up when the time comes?' It is not merely the sign manual of presidents and sovereigns that is really to make that worth while. It must also have behind it parliaments and national sentiments.

"Supposing the conditions of 1914 occur again, and there is such a league in existence everything will depend upon whether national sentiment behind it is so permeated by the lessons of this war as to compel each nation, as a matter of vital interest, to keep peace other than by force."

It is reported from Berlin that the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, will answer in the Reichstag the British Foreign Secretary's speech.

Each side of the great European war may lay claim to a substantial victory in this week's fighting. The troops of the Central Powers have continued to force back the Russians and Rumanians in the Dobrudja and in Transylvania, while the French have been successful in smashing the German line north and northeast of Verdun and recaptured within the week virtually all the territory that cost the Germans eight months of effort in their disastrous Verdun drive. Possibly the French attack was intended as a counter move to the advance of the Teutonic Allies in the Dobrudja region of Rumania. Furious counter-attacks have been made but without success by the German Crown Prince to regain the lost positions, and the French are steadily moving forward still further, having advanced west and south of the fortress of Vaux, according to the official announcement issued by the French War Department yesterday. German artillery, the statement adds, is violently bombarding Chenois Woods and Fort Douaumont, which were captured by the French in their surprise attack Tuesday night. The French positions north

of the Somme River were also subjected to an attack which centred on Bois l'Abaye Farm, south of Bouchavesnes. On the Peronne-Bapaume high road around the village of Saily-Saillisel, and also south of the Somme in the sector between Vermandovillers and Chaulnes, great artillery duels are raging, the heavy firing having been continuous for several hours, according to yesterday's official report. On Monday 1,000 yards of trenches in the region of Guedecourt and Lesboeufs were taken by the British. British and German destroyers clashed in a sharp naval engagement in the English Channel on Thursday night. The Germans attempted a raid on the cross-channel transport service under cover of darkness. Two German destroyers were sunk, according to the British Admiralty's official statement. One of the British destroyers was lost and another was disabled. The empty British transport Queen was sunk.

Before their retreat from Tchernavoda the Rumanians blew up the big bridge spanning the Danube River, thereby placing a severe obstacle in the path of the advance of the Teutonic Allies from the Dobrudja in old Rumania, if such a move was in fact intended by them. The Rumanian War Office declares that its armies still are intact, having been able to retire before the larger forces of the enemy arrived. The Entente forces now are reported to be holding a line back of Tchernavoda and running to the Black Sea coast behind Constanza, although the latter has been captured by Field Marshal von Mackensen. According to Petrograd, the force of the violent blows which Field Marshal von Mackensen had been delivering in his rapid drive into Dobrudja has slackened. Along the Transylvania front Rumanian and the Austro-German forces still are engaged in hard fighting at various points. Berlin reports that in the Trotus Valley, south of Paroitz, and on the road to Sinaya and Campulung, the Central Powers have met with further successes, but Bucharest asserts that the enemy has been driven from the entire western frontier of Moldavia (Northern Rumania), suffering heavy casualties, and that in Uzul and Oituz valleys the Rumanian arms also have been successful. In the wooded region of the Carpathian mountains the Germans essayed assaults against the Russians, but, according to Petrograd, all ended in failure. In Volhynia to the west of Lutsk the Russians, without previous artillery preparation, attempted to storm with infantry a German position without success. Two villages southwest of Lake Doiran on the Macedonian front—Golobrdia and Laisitsa—have been captured by the French. Elsewhere in this vicinity the fighting is largely by artillery. The Austrians are maintaining an intense artillery fire on the Italian positions in Gorizia.

Count Stuerghk, the Austrian Premier, was shot and killed in Vienna last Saturday by Ludwig Adler, editor of a newspaper, who claimed that his act was purely political and induced by the Premier's refusal to convene Parliament. The Cabinet immediately resigned and a new one is under construction with Dr. von Koerber as Premier. Prince von Hohenlohe Schillingsfurst is, it is reported, to be appointed Minister of Finance.

On Thursday an understanding was finally reached between King Constantine of Greece and representatives of the Entente Powers. It was the immediate result, it is understood, of a conference of military

and political leaders at Boulogne on Friday last. The terms of the understanding include on the part of Greece:

First—Sincere compliance with the demands of Admiral Fournet.

Second—Effective maintenance of order in Athens and Piraeus.

Third—Guarantee of constitutional liberties to Greeks through the operation of the legal functions of their Government.

Fourth—No opposition to recruiting for the Venizelist movement, which now is characterized as "anti-Bulgarian," instead of "national defense."

The "Forward," the Royalist organ, yesterday said: "The Boulogne conference has opened the way to a larger understanding between the Powers and Greece." One of the leaders of the Greek pro-war party declared to the Associated Press correspondent: "Now that the irritations due to mutual distrust of one another by King Constantine and the Entente Ministers is out of the way, we can go to work negotiating for Greece to join the Allies as a nation and a people, not as individuals." In compliance with assurances given to the French Minister, the King yesterday signed a decree releasing from active service half of the class of 1913 now with the colors, as well as other miscellaneous levies under training. This reduces the military force in Greece from 60,000 to 35,000, thus disposing of the differences between Greece and the Entente Powers on the ground of danger from the Greek army to the Entente armies in the Orient.

Severe tension has arisen between Berlin and Christiania over the Norwegian policy toward German submarines. About a dozen Norwegian vessels have recently been sunk by the German undersea boats, presumably as an indication or object lesson of what may happen in the event that the discrimination which Germany claims exists is continued. This stern attitude adopted by Germany toward Norway was explained yesterday by the "Lokal Anzeiger." This paper declared that Norway and Sweden in treating the submarine question have taken different positions toward Germany, Sweden having issued a decree prohibiting submarines of all the belligerent Powers from using her territorial waters, while Norway bans only German submarines. Notes have been exchanged between the two Governments, but have not yet been made public.

The news from Rumania has certainly not been of a character to encourage cheerfulness in either London or Paris. During the earlier days of the week considerable depression was reported from the British centre, though some improvement was evident later when the extent of the brilliant dash of the French army from its Verdun base became known. A still further item of comfort was contained in the later dispatches that the Rumanian defeats, while disconcerting and serious to their ambitions, had not included the capture of large units of their armies, which still apparently are intact. Active demands are current for funds in London. The sales of 6% Exchequer bonds amounted last week to £13,279,000, making a total of substantially £50,000,000 in the three weeks during which the securities have been offered. The subscription list in London for the French loan closed yesterday (Friday). It is esti-

mated that close to £30,000,000 sterling was subscribed. The 1921 Exchequer bonds were withdrawn by the British Treasury on last Saturday. The old War Loan had been well maintained in response to renewed assertion by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that a new long-dated loan, giving conversion rights, would be issued when money conditions justified such a step. A further advance of $\frac{1}{8}\%$ to 5% in call money has taken place in London this week. The recent statement by the British Chancellor that he has had to find £2,000,000 per day for every working day to meet his expenditures in America is accepted in London as a reasonable statement. It means, to quote one correspondent, "that America receives one-third of Britain's war expenditure." But Great Britain is financing practically all the Allies' imports of munitions for use of the military, and of many classes of supplies for civilians. The Chancellor's figure probably includes, the correspondent adds, a considerable proportion of the payments to Canada made through New York. Practical indication of the absence of interest in London Stock Exchange circles is contained in the fact that members are again agitating for a continuance of the Saturday holidays during the months of November and December—action which may be interpreted as indicative of an expectation of continued inactivity during the remainder of the year.

The revenue for the Kingdom for the week, as reported on Wednesday, was £11,015,000, and the expenditure £54,262,000. Sales of Exchequer bonds were £13,279,000, the amount of Treasury bills outstanding was increased by £23,000,000. A further block of Russian three months' credit bills was placed in London at 5 9-16%. Brazilian bonds showed a recovery on a semi-official denial that the funding scheme was likely to be extended beyond next year. Advices from Dublin state that the Housing Commission of the corporation of that city has decided to recommend the acceptance of a loan of £2,000,000 at 5% offered by Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston. The proceeds of the loan are to be utilized for the reconstruction of the city on plans approved by the Housing and Town Planning Association of Ireland. English Consols closed last night at $56\frac{1}{4}$, comparing with 57 a week previous. The monthly comparison of Stock Exchange values published by the "Bankers' Magazine," giving the aggregate value of 387 securities dealt in on the Exchange, indicates a decrease during the month of October of £65,308,000, or 3.3%. This compares with a reduction of £2,106,000, or 0.1%, in September. British and India funds are £18,598,000, or 3.3% lower; foreign Government stocks are £27,540,000, or 4.8% lower; British Home Railways are £8,834,000 lower, or 4.1%. American Rails are an exception, the aggregate price of seventeen issues showing an increase of £6,980,000, or 1.8%.

Referring to forecasts of the new \$300,000,000 American loan to the United Kingdom, which, it may be remarked incidentally, was announced officially in New York on Wednesday, the Manchester "Guardian" draws the deduction that the close of the war will find the United States exceptionally situated in the world of international finance. Continuing, the "Guardian" says the United States will probably "have canceled most of their indebtedness to the Old World, they will have the Old World in their debt and they will have established powerful financial outposts in important neutral markets. During the

earlier years of peace they also will have the advantage over most of the present belligerents of a currency free from inflation and consequent depreciation. All this will count heavily in the rivalry of the future, particularly as under President Wilson the American banking system has been purged of its worst eccentricities."

The Paris Bourse has ruled quiet throughout the week. Towards the close it was evident that the drive at Verdun had encouraged market sentiment. There has been no announcement yet of the volume of subscriptions to the new national loan. The books close to-day. Some selling of French war stocks has taken place, which is not unnatural in view of the high figures to which they have been forced without regard to the earning powers they will possess when peace shall finally come. An instance of the boom in war issues is contained in a rise of 700 francs since the beginning of the war in the Hotchkiss Arms Co. The French Government has designated a Commission for developing the use of agricultural machinery among the farmers of France. Jules Meline, the Minister of Agriculture, calculates that for the invaded and devastated districts of France alone, there will be needed 200,000 motor tractors (in addition to the 200 already available); 110,000 ploughs, 50,000 harrows, 22,000 planters and 15,000 reapers. France has begun to employ Chinese labor in ammunition factories. Five hundred Chinamen arrived recently to work in the Creusot plant, the biggest arsenal in the Republic. Press dispatches from Paris state that an arms plant rivaling Krupps in size is to be built by the French Government at Roanne. Announcement to this effect was made by M. Albert Thomas, Minister of Munitions. The charter of the Bank of France expires in 1920, and the question of its renewal will have to come up soon. The Society of Manufacturers and Merchants of France have adopted a resolution calling on the Government to renew the charter for a period not less than forty years in view of the great services of the bank during the war.

The German Reichstag, thus far, has granted war credits amounting to 54,000,000,000 marks (about \$13,500,000,000 if exchange were on a normal basis). The Budget Committee of the Reichstag and the Secretary of the Treasury, Count von Roedern, it is stated, discussed the financial situation on Thursday and the Government's policy during the war of consolidating the floating debt, especially Treasury notes, in the form of long-term loans. Of the expenditures to Sept. 30, 37,500,000,000 marks were provided by long-term loans and the remainder by the sale of Treasury bills. In October 250,000,000 marks will be repaid to the Imperial Treasury for amounts disbursed for relief work.

Official bank rates at the leading European centres have remained at 5% in Paris, Vienna and Copenhagen; $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Italy, Sweden and Portugal; 6% in London and Petrograd, and $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in Switzerland, Holland, Spain and Norway. In London the private bank rate continues to be quoted at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $5\frac{3}{8}\%$ for sixty-day and ninety-day bills. Cables from Berlin report, as heretofore, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ as the nominal private bank rate at that centre. No reports have been received by cable of open market rates at other European centres, so far as we have been able to discover.

Money on call in London has again advanced and is now quoted $\frac{1}{8}\%$ higher at 5%.

The Bank of England in its weekly statement reported, for the first time in several weeks, a loss in its gold item, the amount of the decrease being £391,685. Note circulation, however, showed a nominal increase, viz., £18,000, while the total reserve decreased £410,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities declined to 22.97%, against 23.30% a week ago and 30.1% last year. Public deposits were reduced £3,046,000. Other deposits, however, increased £3,670,000. Government securities remained unchanged. Loans (other securities) were increased £1,053,000. The Bank's gold holdings now stand at £56,063,466, against £56,230,709 in 1915 and £61,872,740 the year previous. Reserves aggregate £37,827,000, compared with £41,885,840 a year ago and £45,210,070 in 1914. Loans total £102,442,000. At this date last year the amount was £96,565,260 and in 1914 £104,868,463. The Bank reports as of Oct. 21 the amount of currency notes outstanding at £122,613,768, against £122,607,392 last week. The amount of gold held for the redemption of such notes remains at £28,500,000. Our special correspondent is no longer able to give details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week, inasmuch as the Bank has discontinued such reports. We append a tabular comparison of the different items of the Bank of England's statement for the last three years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

| | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. | 1913. | 1912. |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Oct. 25. | Oct. 27. | Oct. 28. | Oct. 29. | Oct. 30. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Circulation..... | 36,686,000 | 32,794,860 | 35,112,670 | 28,728,220 | 28,589,070 |
| Public deposits.... | 52,543,000 | 39,885,367 | 24,993,910 | 8,743,949 | 11,751,259 |
| Other deposits.... | 112,171,000 | 99,670,341 | 129,736,526 | 41,060,604 | 45,245,016 |
| Govern't securities.. | 42,187,000 | 18,895,502 | 19,427,087 | 11,788,105 | 13,037,900 |
| Other securities.... | 102,442,000 | 96,565,260 | 104,868,463 | 28,619,058 | 34,532,800 |
| Reserve notes & coin | 37,827,000 | 41,885,849 | 45,210,070 | 7,114,611 | 27,197,884 |
| Coin and bullion.... | 56,063,466 | 56,230,709 | 61,872,740 | 37,392,831 | 37,336,954 |
| Proportion of reserve to liabilities..... | 22.96% | 30.01% | 29.79% | 54.45% | 47.70% |
| Bank rate..... | 6% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |

The Bank of France in its weekly statement registered a further gain in its gold holdings, the addition being 36,194,625 francs; the gain again is in the amount held by the Bank itself, the balance held abroad remaining unchanged at 674,558,075 francs. The total holdings at home and abroad aggregate 4,921,979,325 francs, as compared with 4,729,978,619 francs (all in vault) last year and 4,141,350,000 francs in 1914. The silver item showed a falling off of 513,000 francs during the week. The total stock of that metal now on hand amounts to 328,027,000 francs, against 363,246,179 francs in 1915 and 625,325,000 francs the year preceding. Note circulation again shows an enormous reduction, namely, 210,866,000 francs. Treasury deposits register a gain of 189,083,000 francs. General deposits were expanded 189,083,000 francs, and bills discounted 27,521,000 francs, while the Bank's advances increased 9,734,000 francs. Note circulation is now 17,010,883,000 francs, comparing with 13,867,554,340 francs and 6,683,175,000 francs, one and two years ago, respectively. General deposits amount to 2,730,838,000 francs, as against 2,545,863,140 last year and 947,575,000 francs in 1914. Bills discounted aggregate 479,671,000 francs, as compared with 280,269,674 francs in 1915 and advances amount to 1,198,226,000 francs, against 567,971,019 francs last year. In 1914 bills discounted and advances combined totaled 3,202,975,000 francs. Treasury deposits are 268,-

534,000 francs. Last year they amounted to 38,450,783 francs and in 1914 to 382,575,000 francs. The figures here given for 1914 are those for the week ending July 30, the Bank having discontinued the publication of weekly returns with the outbreak of the war.

There is little that is new in the local money situation. In the face of prospective foreign demands for funds on a monumental scale, supplies are proving more than adequate for the demand. No difficulty is experienced in obtaining banking accommodations for legitimate purposes. Rates for early maturities are fractionally lower and the pressure to do business, as has for some time been so clearly the case, continues to be more on the side of lenders than of borrowers. Possibly the most significant indication of the actual monetary conditions is contained in the preliminary statement issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. in announcing the offering of the \$300,000,000 new British note. The bankers explain that the new British Government loan offering had not been in contemplation at the present time, but the prevailing ease of money, and the difficulty which the banks are having in profitably employing their funds, "have led us to indicate to the British Government that the present is a favorable time for it to establish additional credits in America, even though such credits may not be immediately required. Accordingly, the British Treasury has to-day accepted the views of the American bankers and has authorized them to proceed." Another statement in the same announcement deserves attention because of its reference to the effect of unneeded gold importations. "The British Treasury," quoting the statement, "has of late renewed its shipments of gold to this country upon a large scale. This continued influx of the metal has caused some concern in the banking community, and it is believed that the issuance of the proposed loan will tend to cause at least a temporary cessation in gold imports." In addition to the prospective offering of the British notes there has been the offering of the Republic of France 5% National Loan through New York bankers. The actual volume of the subscriptions is not yet available, but it is understood that the total is a large one. Still further has been the recent completion of the \$100,000,000 French credit. This, while a matter bearing upon the future, nevertheless constitutes a prospective drain upon the supply of credit at this centre. It is understood that there have been additional large American subscriptions to British Exchequer six per cents.

Last Saturday's statement of New York Clearing House members, which will be found in more complete form on a later page of this issue, made a favorable showing. Loans were decreased \$41,966,000. Net demand deposits declined \$8,061,000 and net time deposits \$471,000. Reserves in "own vaults" increased \$24,923,000, to \$433,883,000, of which \$362,526,000 is specie. At this date last year the amount in own vaults was \$521,922,000, including \$456,269,000 in specie. Reserves in Federal Reserve banks also expanded \$3,148,000, to \$174,160,000, against \$161,080,000 in 1915. Reserves in other depositories registered an increase of \$717,000, to \$53,674,000, which compares with \$46,193,000 the year preceding. Note circulation was expanded \$111,000. The aggregate reserve was increased \$28,788,000 and now stands at \$661,717,000, as against

\$729,195,000 a year ago. Reserve requirements decreased \$1,723,150, and the surplus reserve gained the substantial amount of \$30,511,150, which carried the total of excess reserves up to \$99,425,560 and compares with \$192,800,050 a year ago.

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans this week have covered a range of 2@2¾%, as compared with 2¼@4% last week. Monday the high and ruling quotation was 2¾% and 2¼% was the low. On Tuesday 2@2½% constituted the range, with renewals at 2½%. On Wednesday 2½% continued the maximum, while the low was 2¼%, which also was the renewal basis. Thursday the high and ruling figures were not changed from 2½, although the minimum declined to 2%. On Friday the range was still 2@2½%, with renewals at 2¼%. Time money has shown increasing ease, as a result of last Saturday's strong bank statement, and declines were recorded in some of the shorter maturities. Sixty days is now quoted at 3%, against 3@3¼%; ninety days at 3¼@3½% (unchanged); four months at 3¼@3½%, against 3½%, and five and six months at 3½%, unchanged. A year ago sixty-day funds ruled at 2½%, ninety days 2¾%, four months at 2¾@3%, five months at 3% and six months at 3@3¼%. For mercantile paper the demand continues brisk, with transactions limited by a scarcity of offerings. Quotations remain as heretofore at 3¼@3½% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character, although names not so well known may now be quoted at 3¼@4%, against 4%, last week's quotation. Banks' and bankers' acceptances are quoted as follows:

| | Spot Delivery | | | | Delivery within 30 Days. |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | Ninety Days. | Sixty Days. | Thirty Days. | Thirty Days. | |
| Eligible member banks..... | 2½@2 7-16 | 2½@2½ | 2½@3¼ | | 3@2½ |
| Eligible non-member bills..... | 2 11-16@2 9-16 | 2½@2½ | 2½@2½ | | 3¼@2½ |
| Ineligible bills..... | 3¼@2½ | 3¼@2½ | 3¼@2½ | | 3¼@3¼ |

There have been no changes in the rates of any of the Federal Reserve banks, which continue as follows:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

| CLASSES OF DISCOUNTS AND LOANS | Boston. | New York. | Philadelphia. | Cleveland. | Richmond. | Atlanta. | Chicago. | St. Louis. | Minneapolis. | Kansas City. | Dallas. | San Francisco. |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------------|
| | Commercial Paper— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 10 days maturity..... | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 1 to 15 " " " " " " " " | | | 3½ | 3½ | | | 3½ | 3 | | | 4 | |
| 11 to 30 " " " " " " " " | 3½ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3½ |
| 15 to 30 " " " " " " " " | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 to 60 " " " " " " " " | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4½ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 61 to 90 " " " " " " " " | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4½ | 4 | 4 | 4½ | 4 | 4½ | 4½ | 4 | 4½ |
| Agricultural and Live-Stock Paper— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 91 days to 6 months maturity | 5 | 5 | 4½ | 5 | 4½ | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4½ | 5½ |
| Promissory Notes of Member Banks— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 15 days maturity..... | 3½ | 3 | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3½ | 4 |
| Trade Acceptances— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 30 days maturity..... | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | | 3 | 3½ | 4 | 3½ | 3 |
| 31 to 60 " " " " " " " " | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | | 3 | 3½ | 4 | 3½ | 3 |
| 61 to 90 " " " " " " " " | 3½ | 3½ | 3½ | 4 | 3½ | 3½ | | 3½ | 3½ | 4 | 3½ | 3½ |
| Commodity Paper— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 30 days maturity..... | 3½ | | 3½ | | 3½ | 3 | | 3 | 3½ | 4 | 3 | 3½ |
| 31 to 60 " " " " " " " " | 3½ | | 3½ | | 3½ | 3 | | 3 | 3½ | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| 61 to 90 " " " " " " " " | 3½ | | 3½ | | 3½ | 3 | | 3 | 3½ | 4 | 3 | 4½ |
| 61 days to 6 months maturity | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |

OPEN MARKET DISCOUNT AND PURCHASE RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Bankers' Acceptances.—Authorized discount rate for all Federal Reserve banks; minimum, 2%; maximum, 4%.

Trade Acceptances.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less, purchased in open market without member bank endorsement, by New Orleans branch of Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank; 3¼ to 4%.

Commercial Paper.—Bills purchased in open market by Dallas Federal Reserve Bank; 3 to 5%.

Bills of Exchange.—Bills purchased in open market by Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank; 3½ to 5¼%.

Bills With or Without Member Bank Endorsement.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less purchased in open market by St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank; 2 to 4%.

In sterling exchange there no longer is encouragement for negotiations. Rates seem completely under the direct control of the British Treasury and the fluctuations are meaningless. Any tendency toward weakness is immediately checked by the purchase of cable transfers by New York bankers. Gold has continued to come forward this week, \$28,000,000 having been received from Canada in New York, \$9,500,000 from the same source in Philadelphia and \$2,500,000 at San Francisco from Australia, all consigned to J. P. Morgan. Of \$15,000,000 received at New York yesterday, \$5,000,000 was acquired by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. We refer in a preceding paragraph to the preliminary statement of J. P. Morgan & Co., announcing the issue of \$300,000,000 British notes and stating that the continued influx of gold had caused some concern in the banking community and that it is believed that the issuance of the loan will tend to cause at least a temporary cessation in imports of the precious metal. With the British Chancellor of the Exchequer (as he announced last week), having to find £2,000,000 (\$10,000,000) per each working day for war supplies needed by the Allies from this country, it is obvious that there must be a series of loans or a continuance of the gold influx.

Comparing with Friday of the preceding week, sterling exchange on Saturday was without essential change; demand bills ruled at 4 75 11-16, against a range of 4 75 5/8@4 75 11-16, while cable transfers remained at 4 76 7-16@4 76 ½, and sixty days at 4 71 ¼. On Monday trading continued inactive and quotations were not changed from 4 75 11-16 for demand, 4 76 7-16@4 75 ½ for cable transfers and 4 71 ¼ for sixty days. Further gold importations and buying of cables by the fiscal agents of the British Treasury were the chief features of Tuesday's operations, although not exercising any noticeable effect upon actual rates; sixty day bills were still pegged at 4 71 ¼, cable transfers ruled at 4 76 7-16 all day, and demand covered a range of 4 75 5/8@4 75 11-16. Wednesday's market was quiet; quotations were not changed from the preceding day's level; the undertone, however, was very firm, influenced by the announcement of the completion of arrangements for the new \$300,000,000 British loan here. Sterling was quiet but steady on Thursday with demand at 4 75 11-16, cable transfers at 4 76 7-16 and sixty days at 4 71 ¼. On Friday the market continued quiet with demand bills a shade easier, selling as low as 4 75 65. Closing quotations were 4 71 ¼ for sixty days, 4 75 11-16 for demand and 4 76 7-16 for cable transfers. Commercial, sight, finished at 4 75 7-16; sixty days at 4 70 ¾, ninety days at 4 68 5/8, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 70 ¾ and seven-day grain bills at 4 74 5/8. Cotton and grain for payment finished at 4 75 7-16.

The Continental exchanges have experienced another dull and uneventful week. Trading was not active and fluctuations moved within narrow limits, excepting in the case of lire, which were heavy, declining to as low as 6 58 ¼ for sight, coincident with a sharp advance in sterling at all Italian centres. Russian exchange, although slightly firmer in the early dealings, again eased off and the close was weak. Francs continue to show irregularity, fractional declines being noted in the opening days of the week, attributed principally to a lack of demand. The

undertone, however, was firm and the recent successful arrangement for another \$100,000,000 French credit here still is exerting a sustaining influence. Reichsmarks were heavy early in the week, but subsequently recovered. Demand bills on Berlin finished at 70¼ and cables at 70 5-16, against 70 5-16 and 70 3/8 last week. Kronen, as usual, moved in sympathy with Berlin exchange, closing at 11.94, compared with 11.97 a week ago. The sterling check rate on Paris finished at 27.81½, the previous close. In New York sight bills on the French centre closed at 5 84½, against 5 84¾; cables at 5 83½, against 4 83¾; commercial sight at 5 84¾, against 5 84¾, and commercial sixty days at 5 90 (unchanged). Rubles finished at 31.00, against 31.20 a week ago. Lire closed at 6 58¼ for bankers' sight and 6 57¾ for cables. This compares with 6 52 and 6 51¼, respectively, at the close on Friday last.

In the neutral exchanges little of importance has transpired. Dulness continues strongly in evidence, and Scandinavian rates, while at times showing an easier tendency, were practically without change. Guilders ruled slightly lower. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished at 41 1-16, against 41 3-16 cables at 41 1/8, against 41 1/4; commercial sight at 40 7/8, against 41, and commercial sixty days at 40 3/4, against 40 7/8 a week ago. Greek exchange (which may still be regarded as neutral) is still quoted at 5 14 for sight bills. Copenhagen checks finished at 27.08, comparing with 27.25. Checks on Norway closed at 27.18, against 27.72 and checks on Sweden finished at 28.42, against 28.40 the week preceding. Spanish pesetas were firm, closing at 20.28, and comparing with 20.14 on Friday of last week.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have lost \$1,318,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Oct. 27. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,146,000, while the shipments have reached \$9,464,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold imports, which together occasioned a gain of \$22,395,000, the combined result of the flow of money into and out of the New York banks for the week appears to have been a gain of \$21,077,000, as follows:

| Week ending Oct. 27. | Into Banks. | Out of Banks. | Net Change in Bank Holdings. |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Banks' interior movement..... | \$9,146,000 | \$9,464,000 | Loss \$1,318,000 |
| Sub-Treas. & Fed. Res. op. & gold imp. | 46,036,000 | 23,941,000 | Gain 22,395,000 |
| Total | \$54,182,000 | \$33,105,000 | Gain \$21,077,000 |

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

| Banks of | Oct. 26 1916 | | | Oct. 28 1915 | | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| | Gold. | Silver. | Total. | Gold. | Silver. | Total. |
| England... | 56,093,466 | --- | 56,093,466 | 56,230,709 | --- | 56,230,709 |
| France a... | 169,399,359 | 13,121,880 | 183,018,730 | 189,199,160 | 14,529,840 | 203,729,000 |
| Germany... | 125,056,600 | 844,500 | 125,901,100 | 121,334,650 | 1,987,750 | 123,322,400 |
| Russia *... | 155,615,000 | 9,785,000 | 165,400,000 | 159,515,000 | 1,793,000 | 161,308,000 |
| Aus-Hun c... | 51,678,000 | 12,140,000 | 63,718,000 | 51,678,000 | 12,140,000 | 63,718,000 |
| Spain... | 47,344,000 | 29,675,000 | 77,019,000 | 31,187,000 | 29,474,000 | 60,661,000 |
| Italy... | 37,783,000 | 3,109,000 | 40,892,000 | 45,971,000 | 4,463,000 | 50,434,000 |
| Netherl d... | 48,723,000 | 522,700 | 49,245,700 | 32,793,000 | 202,000 | 32,995,000 |
| Nat. Bel. b... | 15,389,000 | 600,000 | 15,989,000 | 15,389,000 | 600,000 | 15,989,000 |
| Switz' land... | 11,512,600 | --- | 11,512,600 | 9,717,700 | --- | 9,717,700 |
| Sweden... | 9,494,000 | --- | 9,494,000 | 6,390,000 | --- | 6,390,000 |
| Denmark... | 5,647,000 | 241,000 | 5,888,000 | 6,928,000 | 251,000 | 7,179,000 |
| Norway... | 6,272,000 | --- | 6,272,000 | 3,555,000 | --- | 3,555,000 |
| Tot. week | 743,365,516 | 70,019,080 | 813,384,596 | 728,689,119 | 65,470,590 | 794,159,709 |
| Prev. week | 743,473,216 | 70,164,600 | 813,637,816 | 729,027,880 | 65,289,589 | 794,317,469 |

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £26,932,323 held abroad.

* The gold holdings of the Bank of Russia for both years in the above statement have been revised by eliminating the so-called gold balance held abroad.

c July 30 1914 in both years. b Aug. 6 1914 in both years.

THE RUMANIAN DEFEAT.

No campaign in the entire course of the war has been surrounded with quite such bewildering perplexity as the recent operations in Rumania. It is true that the campaign in Serbia a year ago upset the expectations of outside observers, at least in the extent to which it revealed the entire absence of Allied plans for effective support of Serbia. But it was recognized all along that Serbia alone would be unable to resist the invasion of its country by the united German, Austrian and Bulgarian troops. As soon as it was known that the Allied armies were not co-operating on any extensive scale, the collapse of Serbian resistance was accepted as a foregone conclusion.

But the case of Rumania has been wholly different. Instead of the small Serbian army of a year ago, already decimated by losses and disease, we have had on this later occasion the fresh Rumanian army of 600,000 men, described as in the highest state of military fitness. Whereas a year ago the Austrian army was in excellent condition, the Germans free to operate in Serbia because the Allies were held absolutely in check on the Western front, and the Bulgarian army entering the fight in prime condition, after just such unhindered preparation as Rumania has been able to make on this occasion—as against all these conditions of last autumn's campaign, the position of the Teutonic Allies when Rumania declared war two months ago was that Austria's military machine had been shattered and exhausted by the sweeping Russian victories of midsummer; that the Germans were hard pressed by the Allied offensive on the Somme, and that the Bulgarians were apparently compelled to stand on the Greek front to resist Sarraïl's army.

Not least of all, Serbia a year ago was nearly out of artillery and largely cut off from new war supplies; yet Rumania last month was not only in possession of long-accumulated war material—which had not been wasted even in the Balkan war—but was in direct touch with Russia through the Black Sea, for purposes of obtaining either war munitions or military support. This situation seemed to be reflected logically in the aggressive military program promptly adopted by the Rumanian army on the declaration of war. It invaded, in dashing style and with apparently instantaneous success, the Hungarian province of Transylvania. Yet what we have seen in the past two or three weeks has been the defeat of the Rumanian armies on both the southeastern and the northwestern frontiers; a defeat which at times has almost amounted to a rout, and which a fortnight ago drew from the Rumanian King his astonishing personal appeal to the Allied Powers to save him and his country from the fate of Serbia.

In a general way, we know what has happened. Falkenhayn, the recent Chief of the German General Staff, commanded in Transylvania. There he manoeuvred, at first cautiously and then very boldly, against the invading Rumanian army. At the end of September, using Napoleonic tactics, which would have been extremely hazardous in the face of a really formidable foe, he first separated the two Rumanian armies in Transylvania from one another, then caught the first army in the rear, and at the battle of Hermannstadt on Oct. 6 drove the invaders back in apparently disorderly retreat to Rumanian territory.

At the same time, Mackensen, Germany's most brilliant commander of the war, suddenly appeared

in great force on the Bulgarian front of Rumania, at almost the exactly opposite point from Falkenhayn. He defeated the Rumanian army opposed to him and threatened Bucharest; then, swerving northward into the so-called Dobrudja district, he moved further into Rumanian territory, with the evident purpose of cutting off Rumania from the Black Sea and Russia and encircling the whole populous district of which Bucharest is the centre.

He seems to have been uninterruptedly successful. If conceivably a junction should hereafter be effected between Mackensen and Falkenhayn, the Rumanians would apparently be caught and surrounded. It doubtless remains to be seen whether this very large and ambitious manoeuvre can be achieved. Mackensen certainly exposes his own flank to Russia on the northwest as he advances inland. Nevertheless, he has already cut Rumania's railway communications with the Black Sea, and each day's bulletins bring tidings of fresh Rumanian disaster.

How is all this astonishing campaign to be explained? It would certainly seem evident on the face of things, first, that Germany's resources had been greatly miscalculated and underestimated by the Allies. So little sign has there been of exhaustion, either in men or munitions, that the German victories over the Rumanians were manifestly won by superiority of artillery, with seemingly at least an equal force of men. But the question also arises whether the military power of Rumania itself was not equally over-estimated. If so, it would be less strange a discovery, because many sober critics had doubted in advance whether an army which had been held back from active service during four successive years, in which warfare was in progress all around them, must not have suffered deterioration in morale.

At all events, such an army was bound to lack the practical experience for its officers and the practical training for its men which the surrounding belligerent countries had been acquiring in the scarcely interrupted warfare of the period. Yet on the other hand, Rumania evidently chose with its eyes fully open the moment for declaring war. The Rumanian Government was not forced to that action, as Serbia was, at the moment chosen by its enemies; for even Germany was using every possible effort two months ago to avert or postpone Rumania's entry into the conflict.

It is impossible to doubt that this campaign, even without further dramatic achievements, will confer on the German military machine an immensely increased prestige. It clearly means prolongation of the war; for how long, and under what conditions, it is impossible to say. The military sequel even of complete subjugation of Rumania—which has not yet happened—would not settle the war. Although the German forces are now invading Rumania, nevertheless, so far as the general German plan of action is concerned, even these operations amount to a defensive campaign. They can no more settle the war than could the conquest of Serbia. Nor is it altogether easy to foreshadow the immediate course of events in Rumania itself. Lloyd George, questioned in Parliament last Wednesday regarding the situation, replied that "we and our Allies are working in concert, and everything that is possible is being done to help Rumania. It is obviously undesirable to detail more exactly the measures that are being taken." Mr. Asquith spoke in similar language on Thursday.

This is very non-committal. Still Russia, if her troops are in condition, has at least a conceivable tactical opportunity in northeastern Rumania. The Allied armies may yet begin their northward advance from Saloniki—though the time is getting late, and recent events in Greece are pretty clearly explained by this week's Rumanian news. There remains, also, the possibility that German troops will have to be recalled to the western front. Tuesday's French victory at Verdun, along with the steady advance of the English troops, points to at least the possibility of this. It is characteristic of the surprises of this war that military critics, who a month ago were explaining how Germany was almost at the end of her rope, should now be rushing to the opposite extreme, assuming that Germany is invincible and that no truth whatever lay behind their earlier assumptions regarding the effect of previous losses in the war. Cool-headed observers should be on their guard against both sorts of hasty inferences. But after making all such allowances, it must be recognized that a new, unexpected, and exceedingly perplexing phase of the great war has opened.

"THE CITY BEAUTIFUL."

New York, the home of the sky-scraper, is setting an example in municipal progress which illustrates a principle in voluntary and helpful co-operation, that it is worth while to consider in these days of enforced observance of statute and precept. We do not refer to the recent ordinance limiting the height of buildings in certain quarters of the city, but to the voluntary acquiescence of our manufacturers in an effort to preserve the beauty and character of Fifth Avenue, one of the famous streets of the world.

After various other moves in the past, in what is known as lower New York, it was found that the needle trades and fur-making industry were moving northward and encroaching upon the fine retail district on Fifth Avenue. This seems to have been done without other incentive than the mistaken idea that it would be "good business" to follow the trend of, and be near to, the best retail trade. A committee, called the "Save New York Committee," was organized to try to prevent future encroachments and to secure the removal of these factories to other specified areas, where, being builded anew under more favorable conditions and with better appointments they might continue business with many advantages to themselves and their employees. The committee prepared itself to use the leverage of patronage to secure the accomplishment of its purposes. This was found to be wholly unnecessary. When approached, the manufacturers, more than two hundred in number, employing tens of thousands of toilers, practically the entire industry (only seventeen refusing to commit themselves), voluntarily signed an agreement which reads as follows:

We are in favor of the plan to protect against manufacturing the Save New York zone from Thirty-Third Street north, and from Third to Seventh Avenues.

While we are anxious to help this undertaking, we cannot afford to sacrifice our present leases.

Therefore, in a spirit of co-operation, we undertake to remove our factories from the present locations within the zone upon the expiration of our present leases, or sooner if we are able to sublet our lofts, on condition that you extend the notice from February 1 1917, until the expiration, or sooner termination, of our respective leases.

We hereby indorse the Save New York movement, and we ask that you furnish us with the dies or plates of the emblem of the Save New York movement, so that we may use these on our invoices and letter-heads.

The Committee accepted this agreement. These leases, it is said, in the main expire in two years, so that in a short time, without material loss and with contributing benefits, the good work will be accomplished by harmonious effort.

That retail business, comprising many stores which are show-places of the rich products of the entire earth, and palatial residences, which are the homes of wealth and power, should exist in close proximity, but not in contact, is not an unnatural condition and does not militate against the democratic life and the architectural beauty of a great city. But the factory and the forge are things apart, requiring their own peculiar environs and appointments for living and labor, and incapable by reason of their nature of contributing to the essential harmony of buildings that must present a procession of facades upon a given line of travel. And a recognition of this is an evidence of culture and goodwill.

In and back of every physical creation of man is a spiritual concept. As long as this may have free expression, there will result unity in diversity and harmony in growth, in proportion to the education and well-wishing of the mass. Commercialism, it is said, has no soul. Yet here is an evidence that we have come to a state where it is realized that business can conform to the common good at no cost to itself. And this is why we are so fain, often, to rely on the opinion of society. We do not stop to analyze how we reach this, but we accept it, abide by it, and shape our conduct and our business thereto. Having attained to the inner state the outer expression takes on form and purpose consonant therewith. This, in fact, is the social conscience of which we hear so much in these latter days. But it is a natural growth; and it is a slow development. We do not, therefore, create beauty by statutes; we do not make men good by law; we do not progress by cramping individual expression and action into iron moulds of rule, but by intellectual advancement and communal goodwill. When we have attained to a standard, then, for guidance, we may declare that standard in a law, and it will be observed, not otherwise. The infractions will never cease, of course, but they will be the exceptions that prove the state of the public mind and therefore prove and approve the law.

The city beautiful cannot be builded in advance; it is an unfolding and an evolution. And we should remember this while we are city dwellers and make allowances in thought and act for conditions that could not be controlled because they could not be surmised in advance. "Some achieve greatness, others have it thrust upon them." But, whether persons or cities, those that achieve greatness by moulding conditions that are thrust upon them are alone truly great. The city of New York has had many enormous problems thrust upon it. History from now forward will record its real greatness by the way in which it solves them. It welcomed, but it did not invite, millions of immigrants from foreign lands to settle within its borders in a score of years. To properly house these on Manhattan's "narrow plot of ground" has been a tremendous task. They came of their own accord, they stayed,

and they are welcome. But they brought with them congestion of labor, educational and spiritual needs, that could not be provided for in advance of their coming. In a way, the old New York, the New York of famous history, was submerged by them. The five million cosmopolitan city of to-day could not have even been predicted fifty years ago, any more than the ten million city of twenty-five years hence can at this time be appreciated and planned. And it follows that those who have so largely contributed to conditions of congestion should not expect either the beauty and grandeur of old world cities or the free public advantages that are preached by those who listen only to their own theories of what should be and not what must be.

In actual growth, moulded thus by changing conditions and coming events which cast no shadows of enlightenment before, certain things were inevitable. A seaport is by the sea; and its accompanying "business" must cluster about its docks and shipping. Eyries in the air must be builded when there is no room on the ground to spread out. It was inevitable that skyscrapers should fill the point of land farthest south and that that in time should become the "financial district." Again, the tenement could not well grow faster in appointments than the demands of the tenants. Nor could playgrounds, parks and free public institutions be projected beyond the belief of reasonable need. If the city could have grown entirely from within, or if the access of population had been over a longer period of time, it could have provided for many needs now apparent and escaped many problems that are now both intricate and costly. But its chief growth came quickly, and largely from without the country itself. Hence, it almost staggers under the weight of its financial, economic, and social problems. But the light that leads is the communal spirit which concedes the right, bears with conditions, conciliates unrest, and aspires for the future. To bear and forbear are twin virtues. And in cities, as nowhere else in the world, what cannot be cured must be undured. It even improves such a thing as conduct in passing along crowded streets to think and act on these things. That rigid ordinances can never solve these fluid problems is certain. But the flux and crux of them all is a spirit of loyalty and co-operation that will go far to change, as by a magic wand, the ugly and unsuited to the beautiful and helpful. We find not only an omen, but an augury, therefore, for the future of New York, in this voluntary and happy conclusion of manufacturers to preserve the pristine purpose and pride of Fifth Avenue. And therein, the business world and the citizen of every calling and station should read an important lesson.

Our feet are guided by the lamp of experience. A city is a synonym for commerce. The concept of a business enterprise must be born in the individual. Its expression must be free. To fashion its conduct by artificial and wholly unknowing law must not only cabin its energy but curtail its usefulness. It lives and prospers, however, alone by the good of all. This is the law of profit; it is the law of success. It serves; though it commands. The rapid and enormous growth in population in the city of New York has required, and will still require, enormous investments of capital, to construct those agencies which minister to immediate, direct, and

dressing needs. These could not have been erected out of current taxes on property and labor; and they must not be made the ten pins of municipal ownership theories while they work out their own perfection, and, we should add, their own salvation, for many of them may be very quickly superseded by the genius of invention and discovery. The labor of millions of immigrants is not easily assimilated by useful industries, nor does it adjust itself overnight to confused conditions of its own making. The city useful and the city beautiful are one, if only the essential harmony of the relation is perceived, and labor and capital unite, in a spirit of conciliation and co-operation, to further the common good of all. If Fifth Avenue can be so preserved, by the same rule of reason and goodwill, Greater New York need have no fear for its future.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTING TO STEM ADVANCES IN FOOD PRICES.

Ottawa, Canada, October 26 1916.

The Government of Canada has decided to attempt to stem the all-round increases in food prices by granting to municipalities the right to open permanent tribunals, probe all complaints and exert judicial authority in summoning and examining witnesses. The Government has made the statement that the average increase of food costs in Canada has been seventeen per cent since the opening of war. This is claimed to be the lowest of any belligerent country.

Protests at what seemed to be unwarranted advances of the necessities of life have poured into the Dominion authorities from all parts of Canada. To meet the situation, the Cabinet has decided to allow municipalities full power to investigate combines within their municipal borders, to compel firms to produce their books, and otherwise search for evidence of criminal and unpatriotic conduct in manipulation of prices.

Meanwhile a sub-committee of the Federal Cabinet will conduct investigations into questions and situations affecting the cost of living, of a wider character than municipal authority can reach.

The underlying idea is to create so many avenues of publicity for any price-raising tactics that public opinion will prove the surest preventive.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE SURRENDER TO THE RAILWAY TRAIN MEN.

When the Adamson bill reached the Senate, on Sept. 1, in course of the rush to prevent the strike on the 4th which the brotherhoods had solemnly warned Congress could not otherwise be averted by any human power, Senator Underwood unsuccessfully tried to amend it. "We are going to legislate an increase of wages," he said, "without knowing what we are voting on." There are renewed indications that in this he spoke truly and with moderation.

All the possible advantage from granting discriminating favors lies in the fact that the favored ones are pleased. The disadvantage (speaking, of course, solely from the viewpoint of expediency) is that those not favored are doubly angered, because they have been passed by, and, moreover, are apt to think that some of the burden involved in the favor will fall upon themselves, making their own state worse; further, gratitude and loyalty towards the

one granting the unjust favor are not certain to be aroused in the recipients of it.

Putting aside all other considerations concerning the Adamson law, it already seems to plainly illustrate this. The shippers protested against the rate increase which they perceived was involved, and they do not want to pay that increase. The farmers seem to be likewise catching the idea that somebody must pay and that they may be the ones, for a tale comes up from Texas that the President of the "Association of Farmers' Union Presidents" denounces the law as equivalent, in effect, to seizing the oat crop and giving it to a small fraction of railroad workers; "the defenders of the Adamson law," he says, "have had much to say about emancipating labor, but how about enslaving the farmer?"

Whether the farmers who object, for selfish reasons, have good ground for such objection need not be discussed; the significant thing is that they seem to be entertaining it.

This law, joyfully signed twice for certainty, and with four pens which were given to the four brotherhood chiefs as triumphant mementos, professes to raise wages for, say, 20% of railway employees; the other 80% inquired, at the time, what about themselves, and they continue the inquiry. A circular letter purporting to emanate from these men says they tried hard but could not even get a hearing in Washington during those last days of August, and they are very much opposed to what was done there, because it "altogether ignores our rights and sacrifices our chances of betterment in order to grant a tremendous increase to other men already receiving double our average wage." Here also it is not necessary to discuss in what degree these men are right in their feeling, or to add to the flood of opinions as to how they will be influenced by that feeling; it suffices to note that they have the feeling, which is so natural as to be inevitable.

As for the ones favored, there was much reason to suspect, in some past years when vote-buying in campaigns was easier than it is now, that many persons took the money and then voted against those who had paid for their votes. Such is human nature, and it is not quite certain that even the brotherhood men who are sure they got a favor in August will vote for the persons who wrongfully gave it to them. But, aside from that uncertainty, they are showing doubt whether it was not an injury instead of a favor. Last week a letter got into print, addressed to the President of the Brotherhood of Trainmen by the head of "the Railway Workers' Non-partisan Association," who nearly won the Presidency of the Trainmen's Brotherhood three years ago, denouncing the Adamson law as turning over the unions to politicians, for the first time, "because the railway managers called their hand." He says it may and probably will work injuriously for the men in a number of particulars which he specifies; he cares nothing about its constitutionality, but "if unconstitutional the workers can congratulate themselves, as it is evident that when the railroads analyze it they will not question its constitutionality." Copies of this letter, according to the newspaper report, are being sent broadcast to the brotherhood members, with the request that they sign a petition for the repeal of the law.

Now it appears that Chief Stone of the Engineers concurs in one particular with Senator Underwood, for he has issued a circular to the men saying he

is receiving many letters about "the application," but cannot give any definite information, "for we do not know yet just what the Adamson law means." Mr. Wilson thinks he knows, but he is always very sure.

There are also reports that the brotherhood men are beginning to inquire whether the apparent acquiescence of the railway executives does not bode ill for them. What was ostensibly given them by Mr. Wilson and Congress, at the expense of anybody who could not shift the new burden to somebody else, was practically ten hours' pay for eight hours' work or less; they are fairly sure of the pay, but are inquiring about that "basis" of an eight-hour day. They have just awakened to the fact, says one account, that the railroads "can abolish all existing schedules, both for the passenger and the freight men, and can make everybody work the full eight hours without regard to the mileage runs." One engineer, the story goes, says he is for Hughes because the Adamson law will deprive him of what it has taken him thirty years to get, and his particular "run," made in eight hours and earning him \$11 30 on a mileage basis, will come down, under the "day" which society has been demanding, very seriously. Here, again, we need not inquire how much basis the men have for their fears, but the reported understanding is that the roads intend to enforce the law literally and when they pay for an eight-hour day make sure they get eight hours' work. Why should they not? Can any man give a shred of reason why the roads should not thus endeavor to make the result as little burdensome as possible to themselves?

Mr. Wilson now tells the public that this thing was done, "not because the men demanded it but because it is right," although he talked to Congress about the strike due in a few days and certain to halt all business and precipitate general suffering. The men supposed they were getting an increase of pay, but now they seem to fear an increase of work will go with it and that, in some cases, the net result may be decreased instead of increased earnings. The gift may prove, they fear, a Trojan Horse, or (to use a figure that everybody understands without explanation) "a gold brick."

The only Congressman who voted for this humiliating surrender and has already had opportunity to hear from his constituents through the polls went down to defeat, in the Maine election, after holding his seat firmly for years. Suppose this proves a boomerang and returns upon Mr. Wilson and his partners in it, instead of securing for them the large and solid labor vote they counted on, will that be a surprising result, or one without precedent in the past? Will it not, rather, be a just retribution and also a timely lesson against unfaithfulness in public trust?

THE NEW YORK NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD REPORT.

The annual report of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co. shows that this important railroad property is working out its salvation, but under extreme difficulties. The record of the last two years is one of important achievements and of decided progress and recovery; yet the handicaps under which it labors because of legal complications and financial involvements make its restoration to full soundness and unimpaired efficiency slow and difficult. The wonderful revival of industrial activity

which has come as a result of the European war has enabled the management to demonstrate the capabilities of the system, but because of the drawbacks mentioned it has been unable to take full advantage of the favorable opportunities presented and the public as well as itself has suffered thereby.

For the twelve months ending June 30 1916 the company earned a surplus above fixed charges in amount of \$4,315,757, against a surplus of only \$2,307,971 in the preceding fiscal year and but \$268,663 the year before. In other words, two years ago the system hardly more than earned its charges, while now it is able to show a substantial surplus above the amount required for the same. This, too, is the result on a very conservative basis. Thus a foot-note to the report tells us that during the fiscal year under review there was included in the maintenance expenses \$1,066,270, which money has not yet been expended because of the inability of the company to obtain labor and material. With the permission of the Inter-State Commerce Commission the amount has been carried forward to the new fiscal year as a reserve to be used when the maintenance expenditures are actually made. A balance of \$150,403 on account of insurance has also been carried over to the new fiscal year. Except for these special deductions the surplus above charges on the year's operations would have been \$5,532,431, which is the equivalent of over 3½% on the \$157,117,900 of New Haven stock outstanding in the hands of the public. Such a great alteration in prospects within the short period of two years obviously offers great hope and encouragement for the future, if only the means can be obtained for the property's complete rehabilitation, so as to admit of due operating efficiency, and provided, of course, also that labor does not step in and gobble up all the savings made possible by the development of full operating economy and efficiency.

Nor do the figures just given tell the whole story of the transformation and recovery that has ensued. These figures are based on the New Haven's own operations. In addition, the outside concerns of one kind or another in which the company is interested—steamship lines, electric railway investment companies, &c.—have enjoyed a recovery as marked as that of the New Haven itself. Some, which two years ago failed to earn fixed charges, are now earning a substantial surplus, and others have approached or actually entered the dividend-paying ranks. Take the case of the Rhode Island Company, which for the fiscal year 1916 earned a surplus of \$133,574, but which for the fiscal year 1915 had a deficit of \$115,428, or the New England Steamship Co., which for 1916 has a surplus of \$83,710, against only \$30,523 the previous year and an actual deficiency in 1914 of \$77,803. Or yet again take the results for the Connecticut Company in whose control there is concentrated such a large part of the street railway and electric mileage in which the New Haven is interested. This Connecticut Company paid out \$600,000 in dividends and had a surplus above the same on the year's operations of \$1,354,673, as against dividend payments for 1915 of only \$400,000 and a surplus above this smaller amount of no more than \$923,457. And these instances might be multiplied many fold.

In the face of the obstacles with which the New Haven company had to contend, the improvement in its own income which has occurred furnishes elo-

quent testimony to the fact that the system, notwithstanding the drawbacks under which it labors, is far from being a moribund concern. Gross earnings, after having declined in the previous year from \$67,452,592 to \$65,279,264, in 1916 increased no less than \$10,932,389 to \$76,311,653. At this latter figure they are the largest in the history of the company. The best previous year was 1913, when gross earnings were \$68,613,503. The passenger and freight earnings each separately were for 1916 the largest on record. Of the late year's gain of \$10,932,389 in gross earnings, \$6,951,734 was consumed by augmented expenses, leaving \$3,980,655 gain in net. The net result might have been better except that the expenses were very heavy, not alone because of the increase in business but because of severe winter weather, freight congestion, higher wages and the increased cost of material.

Chairman Howard Elliott discusses the affairs of the company in an interesting way, and he points out that the year was a difficult and somewhat unsatisfactory one because the volume of business in New England overtaxed the facilities of the company and of many manufacturers and merchants. There were severe storms, especially in December 1915, which reduced the efficiency of the road and there was great congestion on all lines reaching New York City. Railway labor was at the same time discontented. Mr. Elliott says the company had to deal with 57 strikes and to hire a very large number of inexperienced men, many of whom remained in the service only a few days. There was considerable difficulty in getting an adequate supply of fuel both for the company and for manufacturers; consequently there were more freight cars on the road for months than could be handled promptly and economically either by the road or by the consignees, and there was great congestion and expense. At one time on the New Haven and Central New England roads combined there were over 57,000 freight cars, or at least 12,000 more cars than could be handled satisfactorily on existing tracks and terminals.

So great was the unrest among men and so difficult was it to obtain and retain them that many increases in rates of pay were made during the year. In the months from December 1915 to March 1916 inclusive very handsome increases in gross revenues were almost entirely absorbed by increases in expenses and per diem charges for freight cars. While the amount of gross earnings used for expenses, 66.93%, was less than for several years in spite of the conditions existing, it was higher than it should have been if the facilities of merchants, manufacturers and the company for handling, loading and unloading freight had been adequate.

Mr. Elliott says that the experience of the year indicates that the plant of the company must have substantial additions made to it if it is to perform existing business satisfactorily and economically, and be ready to do the constantly growing business of New England. Mr. Elliott presents estimates going to show that \$27,860,000 is called for in order to meet imperative demands for improvement and betterments. Approximately \$3,860,000 will be chargeable to operating expenses, leaving \$24,000,000 to be charged to property account. If these expenditures can be made, says Mr. Elliott, "the capacity of the road will be increased, better service will be given to the public and large savings in expenses can be made which are most important, especially

if wages and materials are to continue on their present basis."

Mr. Elliott urges that in order to make these improvements there is needed the co-operation of the public, the owners of the property and the employees. He says the public should realize that the New England railroads have to pay freight on all fuel coal for their locomotives and that a very large amount of this coal has to be brought in all the way by rail. These freight charges on coal add to the fuel cost on a road like the New Haven between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 a year as compared with the same amount of coal used by roads like the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio and Delaware Lackawanna & Western, and yet the passenger and freight rates on the New Haven are no higher than on those roads, and in many cases are lower. Then, again, the New Haven derives nearly one-half of its earnings from the operation of passenger trains and the average distance traveled by each passenger is only 19 miles. More than half of the passenger trains run by the company earn less than \$1 per mile and many earn less than 25 cents a mile. On the other hand, the average cost of running all trains one mile of both freight and passenger, without allowing anything for maintenance of track and equipment or taxes, for the year was \$1 26 and including all expenses and taxes was \$2 39. Furthermore, a very large proportion of the freight cars handled are loaded with less than carload merchandise, and the average haul of all freight is only eighty-four miles. This large proportion of short-haul passenger and merchandise makes the business of the company, Mr. Elliott well says, a retail instead of a wholesale one, and with the increase in wages and the high cost of fuel adds largely to the expense of operation.

The Federal Government is now underpaying the company, he says, for the carriage of mail and parcel post at least \$1,000,000 a year, a sum that the company is justly entitled to to-day and for a number of previous years. Under these conditions, if legislation and the economic conditions of the country force upon the road very large increases in wages and higher prices for material, the public authorities should allow increased rates, he urges, if the road is to be kept in position to furnish the amount and quality of transportation that its territory needs. The public should also realize that those improvements that add to the capacity of the road should be made first and should consent to a postponement of improvements like passenger stations and elimination of grade crossings, which, while desirable, are not absolutely necessary to the general development of the territory served by the company and do not increase the capacity of the road.

He says the "Eight Hour Law" may cause, when it takes effect, a very large increase in expenses—between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 a year, depending on the interpretation of the law. He urges that the influence of security owners has not been exercised for their own protection. The active influence and support of all owners of securities are needed not only in creating a favorable public opinion, but in providing new capital, in excess of what can be saved from earnings and sales of property, in order to make those improvements that will increase the earning power of the property. On their part the employees should realize that they are citizens of the territory served by the road, as well as members of

labor, organizations. The co-operation of the public, the employees and the owners alike is asked so that the company will the sooner be in a position to serve adequately all interested in its welfare.

NORTHERN PACIFIC UNDER PROSPEROUS CONDITIONS.

After a number of very lean years, the Northern Pacific Railway Company in the twelve months ending June 30 1916 (the annual report for which is now at hand) had a fat and prosperous period and the fact is reflected in the results. General business prosperity, arising out of the European war demands, benefited this road the same as other large railroad systems, but the feature of special advantage to it was the phenomenal spring wheat crop raised in the territory tributary to the lines of the system. This latter insured to the road not only a large grain tonnage, but also a heavy traffic in merchandise and general freight, because of the increased purchasing power which the bounteous yield and the ability to market it at high prices gave to the farming community.

Under the circumstances, it is not surprising that the increase in gross earnings, as compared with the twelve months preceding, should have reached the large sum of \$12,776,578, and that even the net earnings should have improved in amount of over nine and one-half millions, or in exact figures \$9,509,215. The latter is an addition of more than 33 1-3%. In the final result there is a surplus of \$8,369,873 above fixed charges and the requirement for 7% dividends on the \$248,000,000 of stock outstanding, as against a similar surplus in the year preceding of only \$1,462,830. Of the \$12,776,578 gained in gross earnings, \$11,822,758 was in the freight earnings (the recovery in passenger revenues having been comparatively slight, or only \$233,111), and President Jule M. Hannaford points out that this gain was, as already explained, due to the prosperity of the country tributary to the lines occasioned by record crops and the consequent large money return to the producers. In practically all of such territory the prices received by the growers, Mr. Hannaford says, were better than they have enjoyed for some time, and the Northern Pacific handled during the crop year July 31 1915 to Aug. 1 1916 87,371 cars of grain, as compared with only 64,039 cars in the previous year. There was also great activity in the mining interests—copper, lead, zinc and iron mines being worked to their full capacity and the metal selling at high prices. There was thus created a demand for transportation of not only the farm products, but of supplies, material, machinery, &c., and this swelled the company's receipts from merchandise to maximum figures.

It is only proper to state, however, that for the new or current fiscal year prospects are not so extremely promising, but are nevertheless quite good. While the mining and lumber interests, Mr. Hannaford asserts, are still very active and prosperous, the grain crops the present season fall very much short, and it is feared the effect on local business will be quite pronounced.

The splendid gain in revenues, gross and net, for the period under review is evidence that the Northern Pacific System has now pretty well recovered from the effects of the new competition to which it has been subjected in recent years. The Northern Pacific has had really trying conditions to contend

against by reason of such competition, the more particularly as this came coincidentally with the adverse developments (such as rising operating costs and unfriendly legislation) which have been common to the whole railroad world. We may recount again some of the special adverse features under which the Northern Pacific has labored, all peculiar to itself. It spent perfectly enormous sums in developing the traffic contiguous to the lines of the system by building an extensive network of branches, feeders and extensions, and simultaneously had to face the new competition referred to—competition of a serious kind and which made extensive inroads into previously existing traffic both in the passenger and freight departments.

It may be recalled that in January 1907 \$93,000,000 of new stock was offered to shareholders at par, subscriptions being payable in installments extending over a period of two years, the last falling due in January 1909. Through this new stock issue the total of the stock was increased to \$248,000,000, against the former total of \$155,000,000. The dividend distribution being 7%, the dividend requirements were increased from \$10,850,000 per annum to \$17,360,000. We need hardly say that it was no easy matter to meet this great increase of over 6½ million dollars in the yearly dividend requirements at a time of unfavorable conditions generally, and under the intensity of the new competition noted above. Fortunately, the company started with a large margin of income above the yearly call for dividends, and by the promotion of operating economy it has been carried through the troublous times without being obliged to reduce the dividend payments. Now that the worst has been surmounted, this must be recognized as an achievement of no mean order.

The most important new competition was, of course, the building of the Puget Sound line of the Milwaukee & St. Paul. This new Pacific Coast line paralleled important parts of the Northern Pacific and touched many of the same traffic centres. It has since its completion been tapping some of the best sources of traffic possessed by the Northern Pacific. And the statement applies to both the passenger business and the freight business. Much traffic has been drawn away from the Northern Pacific the enjoyment of which it would still possess except for the building of the new line. Freight was first affected and later passenger traffic was also diverted. It was on May 29 1911 that the Milwaukee & St. Paul established double daily passenger train service between Chicago and Puget Sound points via St. Paul. Other newly opened lines have also encroached upon the business of the Northern Pacific, both passenger and freight. In 1910 the Northern Pacific report spoke of the connection then made between the Chicago Burlington & Quincy and the Great Northern at Billings, of the building of the Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. between Portland and Spokane, and of the opening of the Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie line to Duluth as having adversely affected the Northern Pacific. All this new competition has of course continued actively in force up to the present time.

At one bound in the late year the company recovered the losses of several previous years. What the extent of these losses was it is not possible to state with definite precision, since the accounts are now on a different basis from what they formerly

were, owing to the changes in the accounting forms prescribed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and effective July 1 1914. In presenting the report for the fiscal year ending June 30 1915 no attempt was made to compare the income account for 1915 with that for 1914, because of this change in the classification of both revenue and expenditures. The differences in the two forms of income account are so radical, it was stated, as to make impracticable the usual comparison with the year preceding. This made it impossible to indicate except in a general way the extent of the loss in revenues in 1915. Certain items of revenue, however, were compared, and there were also detailed comparisons of the expenditures; the two together allowed us to gain a rough idea of the extent to which the contraction in gross and net income went. In the fiscal year 1914 gross earnings fell off \$4,131,337, according to the old method of compiling the figures, but this was offset by a reduction in expenses of \$3,201,245, leaving a loss in net of \$930,092, which loss was further increased by an augmentation of \$1,031,556 in the taxes. For 1915 the detailed analysis of the expenses showed a decrease in total expenses in the large sum of \$5,974,408. No comparison of income as a whole was attempted, as already indicated, but it appeared that the passenger-train revenues in that year were further reduced in amount of \$2,338,076 and the freight-train revenues in amount of \$4,355,298, making the combined loss \$6,693,374 in train service alone, entirely independent of the loss there may have been in other items of revenue.

The late year's gain of \$12,776,578 in gross and \$9,509,215 in net makes good, of course, all these antecedent losses, and also once more puts the company in position where its surplus above the dividend requirements is, as we have already seen, of substantial proportions. In the fiscal year 1907 the surplus above the call for dividends was no less than \$12,623,929; in 1908 it was \$9,043,068 and in 1909 \$7,534,350; but thereafter the amount rapidly declined, being only \$4,936,259 in 1910, \$3,082,266 in 1911 and \$2,303,814 in 1912. In 1913, under the large recovery in earnings which occurred in that year, the surplus above the call for dividends ran up once more to \$4,203,517, but 1914 saw this surplus on the twelve months' operations down to \$2,397,247, and for 1915 the amount was no more than \$1,462,820. Now, for 1916, the yearly surplus, as already noted, is up again to \$8,369,873.

While general conditions have improved, operating economies have played no unimportant part in ensuring a satisfactory outcome as far as the net is concerned. Further development of operating efficiency occurred even in the year under review, when there was less need for it by reason of the expansion in revenues. This is evident from the fact that the average trainload was further raised 60 tons, bringing the average load up to 633 tons. In 1915 the average load was 573 tons, in 1914 it was 567 tons and in 1913 541 tons. Back in 1898 it was no more than 265 tons. These figures relate entirely to revenue freight. Including company freight the average load for 1916 was 717 tons, against 668 tons in 1915, 665 tons in 1914, 637 tons in 1913 and only 313 tons back in 1898.

The company's new capital requirements were kept within relatively moderate limits in the late year, the expenditures having been only \$4,161,767. This was the charge for additions and betterments

and for new equipment. The company is abundantly supplied with cash, the balance sheet showing no less than \$20,136,328 of cash on hand and in bank June 30 1916, as against only \$9,833,185 on June 30 1915.

NEW BRITISH LOAN OF \$300,000,000.

J. P. Morgan & Co., as managers of the underwriting syndicate, have officially announced the details of the new \$300,000,000 5½% collateral gold loan of the British Government, the subscription books for which will be opened at 10 a. m. Oct. 31 and will close at 10 a. m. Nov. 8, or earlier, in their discretion. One-half of the loan, \$150,000,000, will mature in three years and the other half in five years. The three-year notes will be sold at 99¼ and interest, yielding about 5¼%, while the five-year obligations will be offered at 98½% and interest, netting about 5.85%. The notes which are coupon in form, and in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, will be dated Nov. 1 1916. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable without deduction for any British taxes, present or future, and will be payable either in New York at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., in United States gold coin, or, at the option of the holder, in London in sterling at the fixed rate of exchange of 4.86½ to the pound. Each maturity is to be subject to redemption, in whole or in part, at the option of the Government, on thirty days' notice, as follows:

| | Three-Year Notes. | Five-Year Notes. |
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| From Nov. 1 1916 to Oct. 31 1917, inclusive..... | 103 & Int. | 105 & Int. |
| " " 1 1917 " 31 1918 " | 102 & Int. | 104 & Int. |
| " " 1 1918 " 31 1919 " | 101 & Int. | 103 & Int. |
| " " 1 1919 " 31 1920 " | | 102 & Int. |
| " " 1 1920 " 31 1921 " | | 101 & Int. |

The loan will be secured by the deposit of miscellaneous collateral having a value of at least \$360,000,000, divided into two groups of \$180,000,000 each, and will be deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. The pledged securities are:

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| Group I. Stocks, bonds and other securities of American corporations (including the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.) and bonds and other obligations (either as maker or guarantor) of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, or Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and Canadian municipalities: Aggregate value not less than \$180,000,000 (Of the foregoing there will be somewhat over \$100,000,000 in aggregate value of securities of corporations of the United States and of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.) | \$180,000,000 |
| Group II. Bonds and other obligations (either as maker or guarantor) of any or all of the several following Governments, to wit: Commonwealth of Australia, Union of South Africa, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Japan, Egypt and India, and approximately \$25,000,000 value in bonds or other obligations of dividend-paying British railway companies: Aggregate value not less than..... | \$180,000,000 |
| Total..... | \$360,000,000 |

Pending the arrival or delivery of a portion of such securities, the Government is to deposit temporarily with the trust company either approved New York Stock Exchange collateral or cash or both under appropriate provisions for withdrawals of such temporary deposits to be contained in the pledged agreement. Provision is made in the loan agreement that the British Government may from time to time sell for cash any of the pledged securities, and in that event the proceeds shall be received by the trust company and be applied to the retirement of notes by purchase, if obtainable at or below the then redemption price; otherwise by redemption by lot at such redemption price.

It also is provided that if the securities depreciate in value because of a change in market price or in the rate of exchange so that the 20% margin shall become impaired, the British Government is to deposit additional securities, agreeing that at all times the value of the securities held as collateral shall be at least 120% of the face amount of the loan.

Subject to the approval of J. P. Morgan & Co., a proportionate amount of the collateral may be withdrawn upon the retirement of the three-year notes and for substitutions of collateral from time to time. Such withdrawals and substitutions are not to vary substantially the relative amount in value of the two groups of collateral at the time held by the trust company. The cost of the notes to the underwriting syndicate will be 1½% below the average offering price, from which will be deducted selling expenses and the selling commission of ¼%. The syndicate will expire Dec. 1 1916 unless sooner terminated by the syndicate managers. The delivery of the notes in temporary form and payment therefor will be on or before Nov. 8.

Those associated with J. P. Morgan & Co. in the underwriting of the loan are: The First National Bank; the National City Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Brown Brothers & Co.; Wm. A. Read & Co.; J. & W. Seligman & Co.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Lazard Freres; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; White, Weld & Co.; the Guaranty Trust Co.; the Bankers Trust Co.; the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.; the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; the Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh; the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; the Marine National Bank, Buffalo; and the First & Old Detroit National Bank, Detroit.

The particulars in which the new loan differs from the one placed in August, amounting to \$250,000,000, are (1) amount is larger by \$50,000,000; (2) the rate is $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ instead of 5; and (3) the maturity is three and five years instead of two. The \$250,000,000 loan was dated Sept. 1 and the new loan will bear date of Nov. 1. The \$250,000,000 loan was underwritten at 99 and accrued interest and offered to the public at 99 and accrued interest. The reasons which prompted the offering of the new loan at this time were set forth in a statement issued by J. P. Morgan & Co.:

A new British Government loan offering had not been in contemplation at the present time, but the prevailing ease of money and the difficulty which the banks are having in profitably employing their funds have led us to indicate to the British Government that the present is a favorable time for it to establish additional credits in America, even though such credits may not be immediately required. Accordingly, the British Treasury has to-day accepted the views of the American bankers and has authorized them to proceed.

The British Treasury has of late renewed its shipments of gold to this country upon a large scale. This continued influx of the metal has caused some concern in the banking community, and it is believed that the issuance of the proposed loan will tend to cause at least a temporary cessation in gold imports.

Great Britain's borrowings in this country since the outbreak of the war, including the proposed new offering, have totaled \$850,000,000. This includes one-half of the \$500,000,000 5% 5-year Anglo-French loan made in October 1915 and a \$50,000,000 credit arranged by a group of London joint-stock banks with a group of New York banking institutions. This bank loan was originally made for six months at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, but was subsequently renewed for twelve months at 5%. Details of the offering of the \$250,000,000 loan in August were given in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 19, page 624.

CITY OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, SECURES LOAN OF \$5,500,000 FROM NEW YORK BANKERS.

Negotiations have been completed between the City of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a syndicate headed by William Morris Imbrie & Co. and the Equitable Trust Co., both of New York City, for a loan of \$5,500,000, maturing \$550,000 yearly in January from 1919 to 1928, inclusive, and which, we are advised, is to be used for the purpose of refunding a floating indebtedness of the city and for general municipal purposes.

It is said that this is the first time a South American city has borrowed in the New York money market. Previously loans of this nature have always been obtained in either London or Paris. The last one secured by the City of Sao Paulo was a 6% sterling loan due in 1943 and put out in London at $97\frac{1}{2}\%$. This is now quoted as selling around 96. Next to the City of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, which is the capital of the State of Sao Paulo, is reported to be the largest city in Brazil, having a population at the present time of about 430,000. It is also considered one of the most up-to-date and thriving cities of the Continent, growing very rapidly and has rather a North American character.

LABOR URGED TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT WILSON AND PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST WALL STREET.

Organized labor has undertaken a campaign for the reelection of President Wilson. A letter to that end, signed by the officers of the American Federation of Labor—President Samuel Gompers and others—was made public at Washington on the 21st inst. It calls upon all officers of organized labor to arrange special meetings where the issues of the Presidential campaign will be discussed, and also to see to it that wage earners go to the polls to protect their interests against "Wall Street." The letter in reviewing the record of the Administration praises the President's course in foreign affairs; it declares that he has been able to secure without war all the protection and benefits that would have accrued from a successful war, and asserts that at home the labor movement "has been able to secure recognition for the rights of human beings and opportunity for all to participate in the affairs of the nation in a degree that never before has been accomplished." The following is the letter in part:

Greeting: Never at any time within the last 50 years have the workers had more at stake in any political campaign than in the one that is to be decided in the election Nov. 7.

During the present Administration, and particularly in this campaign, there has been developed a clear-cut issue between the workers—the producers—and those who manipulate the products of the labor of others—the exploiters. The issue is represented in the campaign by the conflicting interests represented by labor and Wall Street.

During the present Administration the organized labor movement has been able to secure recognition for the rights of human beings and opportunity for all to participate in the affairs of the nation in a degree that has never before been accomplished.

The dignity of human life and the value of the co-operation of those whose work is necessary to the processes of industry and commerce have been given an important place in considering all problems that concern the nation. This recognition has taken the form of legislation necessary to protect the interests of wage earners and in the ideals of humanity that have guided and directed national policies both at home and in our relations with other nations.

Though half of the world has been involved in a terrific conflict and it seemed at times as though our nation must be drawn into the vortex of human slaughter, yet the Chief Executive of our land has been able to manage the affairs of the nation and the interests of our citizens so that, without the horrors of war, he has established and maintained protection of human life and human rights in the somewhat vague domain of international law. Without involving this nation in war, he has secured for us all of the protection and all of the benefits that would have accrued from a successful international war, and by diplomatic correspondence, has achieved the victory of embodying concepts of humanity in international activity, at least in so far as America is concerned.

What has been true in the case of the European war is also true in the case with the relations between our country and Mexico.

The interests that have been seeking to plunge our country into war not only with European countries but also with Mexico, are the interests that are represented by the most selfish and most conscienceless element of Wall Street.

So far as the internal affairs of our country are concerned, the organized labor movement, as the authorized representative of the wage-earners, has demanded for them the right of participation in all the affairs of the nation, and has secured recognition of that demand to a degree never before realized.

During the past four years there has been enacted by Congress and signed by President Wilson humanitarian protective legislation unprecedented in amount and scope. Legislative enactment has secured to wage-earners fundamental rights necessary for the very existence of the organizations of labor, without which wage-earners would have nothing of freedom and no real opportunity for self-betterment.

Discussing the Eight-Hour-Day Act, the Seamen's Law and the Child Labor Law, the letter continues:

It is impossible to give the full list of remedial and protective legislation that carries its beneficent influences into the homes of millions of America's workers. We can only refer to that change in the spirit of the nation that is of more consequence than statutory enactment, with broader appreciation of the rights of humanity and the value of the human relationships necessary in the co-ordination which is the basis for industry and commerce.

In calling upon the workers to meet and discuss the issues, the letter says:

On Nov. 7—Election Day—a decision will be made which will determine the future development of our country and the spirit of our national life for years to come.

As representatives of the organized labor movement, which is the militant protective organization of all the workers, and which stands primarily for human rights, we urge that the issues be considered at a regular or special meeting held by your organization.

The meeting should be a general one, and, if necessary, called specially for the purpose of seeing that those who have so much at stake should go to the polls to protect their interest.

There is no doubt that the interests of Wall Street and their satellites all over the country are and will continue their activity to retain the special privileges and power that they have secretively and corruptly stolen from the people.

While property must be protected and respected, man—man, women and children, human beings—must have the first consideration.

Wage earners cannot afford to lose their rights and opportunities through negligence and inaction.

Meet, discuss the great issues to be decided on Election Day, Nov. 7, and then go to the polls, cast your vote as your conscience directs, for labor, justice, freedom and humanity.

Attempts at a secret meeting of the Central Labor Union of Philadelphia on the 22nd inst. to pass a resolution endorsing the candidacy of President Wilson were declared out of order by President Edward A. Keenan. Mr. Keenan declared emphatically at the meetings close that "no political action was taken by the Central Labor Union. The union is a body representing labor and does not dabble in politics." According to reports, the meeting was a stormy one. Mr. Keenan is quoted as saying:

I am going to vote for Woodrow Wilson, but that is no reason why the Central Labor Union should back any candidate. This body is representative only of the workmen who are union men and is no place for political discussions. The men who have made this an occasion to deliver such a political speech are misrepresenting their respective locals. Furthermore, I have had quite a bit of experience in labor bodies and I never knew any candidate who was backed by the labor organizations to win at the polls."

STATISTICAL BULLETS TO STOP THE WAR.

Roger W. Babson of Wellesley Hills, Mass., offered the following suggestion—which, whatever may be thought of its merits, has at least the force of novelty—to the Sales Managers' Clubs at their annual dinner on Friday night at the Boston City Club for the stoppage of the war:

There is only one thing that can prevent the European War from either ending in a draw or continuing for a number of years longer. That is for the Allied Governments to start a huge campaign to educate the German soldiers and the German people as to the real facts, causes and progress of the war.

Mr. Babson stated that such a campaign might cost a million dollars a day, that aero-fliers would be obliged to risk their lives in distributing such reading matter over the Empire, and that the information would probably have to be thrown in exploding bombs to the men in the trenches. He is confident, however, that it would "do the trick," and that it is the only thing which can bring peace within a reasonable time. He further said:

For the present war is different from any preceding war. The German soldiers are intelligent men and they will not stop fighting until they have changed their point of view. This war will never be won by pressure on the German Government from without, but only by pressure thereon from within the Empire. In the course of five or ten years this desired result may be brought about by throwing only cold steel at the Germans. Millions of lives, however, could be saved, and the same result accomplished if the Allies would load some of their shrapnel with facts and figures. The officers at the front fear having their soldiers know the real truth more than they fear shot or shell.

WAR DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING PREARRANGED ATTACKS ON MEXICO.

A sensation was caused in army and political circles at Washington on the 26th inst., when a statement to the effect that enemies of the Administration's policy toward Mexico had arranged a "spectacular attack" on the Mexican border, was made public by Secretary of War Baker. The statement read:

The War Department has received definite information, confirmed from other sources, that enemies of the Administration's policy towards Mexico, in co-operation with Villa or other bandits in Mexico, have arranged a spectacular attack to be made either upon some part of the American forces or upon some American community on the border between now and the date of the election, for the purpose of turning the tide of sentiment against the policy which the Administration has adopted for the protection of the border.

It is significant in this connection that both the State and War Departments were advised that the bandit forces operating at the present time in Mexico are being paid in silver coin.

Full particulars have been transmitted to General Funston and General Pershing. All American forces are therefore forewarned and in readiness for such an attack.

While Republicans were busy trying to analyze the charge, in the sense that it was an attack on the Republican Party, Secretary Lansing made an authorized statement in which he said that Secretary Baker had no intention to intimate that American citizens were involved in the bandit attack plot. The Secretary of State said it had been called to his attention that an effort would be made to construe the War Department's statement as a political play and as an assault upon the Administration's political opponents. He denounced such a construction as absolutely false, declaring that politics had not been given a thought in connection with the matter, and that it was inconceivable that any American would ally himself with Mexicans to attack his own countrymen.

SECRETARY REDFIELD LAYS HIGH LIVING COST TO UNPRODUCTIVENESS OF FIGHTING ARMIES.

That the enormous increase in the cost of all commodities is due to the war in Europe, was the statement made by Secretary of Commerce Redfield in a prepared interview issued on the 24th inst. He estimated that there are 20,000,000 men fighting on the battlefields of Europe and that they consume, what in ordinary time would be sufficient for 30,000,000 men. He remarks further, that the men engaged in the occupation of war are at the most productive ages. He continues:

These men are consuming much more than they would consume if they were working. Probably it is true to say that each of these 20,000,000 men in peace wears out not over three suits of clothes a year. As a soldier in the trenches he is said to wear out completely a suit of clothes every month. In other words, his consumption of clothing is at least four times as great as in peace. This would mean for the 20,000,000 men 80,000,000 additional sets of clothing each year.

The best authorities, says Secretary Redfield, believe that because these soldiers live out of doors and are under severe exertion, they consume at least one-half more food than they do in time of peace. Mr. Redfield goes on to say:

It is further true that factories in all the belligerent countries that ordinarily produce goods for general use are busy on war munitions. Four thousand such factories are so engaged in Great Britain alone. The same is true of every belligerent country to some degree, but to a very much smaller degree, in our own country. The result is that at the time of the greatest consumption the production is greatly reduced.

In addition, it is a fact that the great crops of Russia are shut off from the markets of the world by the war, hence her wheat is not available to feed the nations of the West. At the same time it is the fact that our own crops of almost every kind are shorter than for some years past.

He adds that this country is prosperous as it never was before, "that this means that millions of men and women are spending more than ever before, which is another way of saying that their demand is greater at a time when the supply is less." He continues:

For all these reasons, which seem to me sound, there is nothing strange about the advance in the cost of goods, and by "goods" I mean foodstuffs as well as other articles of commerce. It is not, in my judgment, jacked up. It is on the whole, the result of the terrible folly of war.

Respecting the increased expenditures of this country to this extent, he says:

If each person in this country spends \$1 more a month because of our prosperity, it means an expenditure of \$1,200,000,000 a year.

EXPORT TRADE COMBINATION EFFECTED BY LUMBER INTERESTS.

Announcement that the formation had been effected of the first organization for co-operative selling to give an American industry an advantage over foreign competitors, was made by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington on the 15th inst. The organization concerns the lumber trade and consists of an export sales company representing 80% of the Douglas fir cut in this country, and the Bureau considers that it will give American lumber a "decided advantage in the trade struggle that will follow the war." "It is expected without violating the present Anti-Trust law, to give American manufacturers some of the advantages which the last Congress failed to pass," says a statement issued by the Bureau. The statement adds:

The organization of this company is regarded as the most important and far reaching step the industry has taken to broaden its markets and meet the competition of the thoroughly organized lumber exporters of Northern Europe. In conjunction with the investigation of European lumber markets, recently undertaken by the lumbermen and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, it should give American lumber a decided advantage over all competitors in the trade struggle that will follow the war.

Immediate attention will be given to standardization of grades, to the conditioning of export lumber, and to an active propaganda in foreign countries. Lack of attention in the past to these very important details accounts in large measure for the failure of American lumber to hold its own against more efficient competitors.

The company was organized as a result of meetings of interested lumbermen, held recently at San Francisco, and the following officers are announced: President, W. H. Talbot; General Manager, A. A. Baxter; Secretary, Charles E. Hill.

The organization of the company is understood to have the approval of the representatives of the Federal Trade Commission.

Local lumbermen are said to have advanced the opinion that there is little likelihood of such a combination being formed in the East. It is pointed out that conditions in the West and East are radically different; the "Journal of Commerce" in its comment upon the matter notes that most of the concerns here are brokerage, wholesale and retail, or commission houses and the belief is that if a combination in the export trade is to take place successfully, it must be carried on by the producing lumber concerns and not the middlemen.

THE GREAT ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF RAILWAY MATERIALS.

The New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. in a circular to its officers and employees points out that the prices of all material and supplies used in the maintenance and operation of the railroad have been advancing continuously for more than a year, and that the advance during the last six months is even more serious than during the latter part of the year 1915. Accordingly, every one is cautioned against waste. On all material excepting fuel, rails and ties, the average increase in price during the past twelve months has amounted, it is stated, to approximately 60%. During the year 1915 the company expended \$4,787,000 for material of this description. At the present market prices the same amount and character of material would cost \$7,659,000, or an increase of \$2,872,000 for the year. It is therefore urged that every possible economy in the use of material and supplies be exercised—that repairs should be made instead of complete renewals in all cases where practicable, even where under normal conditions it might be better to renew than to repair.

A table is appended giving a list of a number of items of common use with the percentage of increase in the cost of each, as a matter of interesting and instructive information.

INCREASES RANGING FROM 10 TO 85% BETWEEN APRIL 1915 AND JULY 1916.

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| Acids | 47 | Castings, grey iron .. | 13 | Pipe, galvanized | 17 |
| Air hose | 38 | Chains, all kinds | 62 | Pipe, malleable | 59 |
| Angle bars | 33 | Claw bars | 30 | Piston rods | 15 |
| Antimony (Babbitt Metal) .. | 42 | Copper (bar and sheet) .. | 36 | Roofing | 17 |
| Axles, car and tender .. | 45 | Couplers | 18 | Rope, Manila | 61 |
| Axles, driving | 30 | Crank pins | 12 | Sheathing | 38 |
| Axles, engine truck .. | 63 | Drills, all kinds | 64 | Springs, coil | 74 |
| Belting, axle | 33 | Ferrules, flue | 36 | Springs, elliptic | 51 |
| Belting, leather | 59 | Files | 70 | Steel, bar | 77 |
| Bolts, machine and carriage .. | 40 | Fuel oil | 42 | Tamping bars | 85 |
| Bolts and nuts | 67 | Fuses | 33 | Tamping picks | 26 |
| Brass (bar, sheet and spring) .. | 54 | Gaskets, air hose .. | 11 | Ties, cross | 13 |
| Bridge timber | 44 | Nails, wire | 61 | Ties, switch | 18 |
| | | Pipe covering, all kinds .. | 33 | Ties | 55 |
| | | | | Track spikes | 77 |
| | | | | Waste | 78 |

INCREASES RANGING FROM 85% TO 250% BETWEEN APRIL 1915 AND JULY 1916.

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Castings, brass | 107 | Journal bearings | 89 | Steel, firebox | 195 |
| Castings, steel | 107 | Rivets, boiler | 132 | Steel, tank | 142 |
| Cement | 86 | Rivets, structural .. | 140 | Track bolts | 115 |
| Gasoline | 118 | Steel, structural | 91 | Tubes, boiler | 94 |
| Iron bar | 95 | Steel, boiler | 226 | Tubes, brass | 105 |

MASSACHUSETTS' LOW RECORD OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

The smallest record of unemployment ever reached in Massachusetts was witnessed in the quarter ended June 30 1916. Attention to this is directed by the First National Bank of Boston, which in its letter of Oct. 16 says:

The latest unemployment statistics for Massachusetts, covering the quarter which ended June 30 1916, reveal an interesting situation, showing only 4.2% of the trade union membership in Massachusetts unemployed. This is the smallest record of unemployment ever reached in this Commonwealth. Recognizing the fact that there are always a certain number of the workers unemployed by reason of strikes and disability of various kinds, it appears likely that for the first time there is practically no real unemployment in Massachusetts. This record is all the more striking when compared with past records, particularly with the quarter which ended Dec. 31 1914, less than two years ago, at which time 18.3% of the trade union membership of Massachusetts was unemployed, the highest ever recorded. The garment workers, who suffered considerable unemployment a comparatively short time ago by reason of a strike, report only .1% unemployment, the best record attained by any trade.

MR. WILSON THINKS COUNTRY NEED NOT FEAR BEING ECONOMICALLY OVERWHELMED AFTER WAR BUT THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST WAR IT CAN KEEP OUT OF.

That "this is the last war of the kind or of any kind that involves the world, that the United States can keep out of," was the declaration uttered by President Wilson in a speech addressed to the Women's City Club of Cincinnati on the 26th inst. "I say this," said the President, "because I believe that the business of neutrality is over; not because I want it to be over, but I mean this, that war now has such a scale that the position of neutrals sooner or later becomes intolerable." "We must," he added, "have a society of nations not suddenly, not by insistence, not by any hostile emphasis upon the demand, but by the demonstration of the needs of the time the nations of the world must get together and say 'Nobody can hereafter be neutral as respects the disturbance of the world's peace for an object which the world's opinion cannot sanction.' The world's peace ought to be disturbed if the fundamental rights of humanity are invaded, but it ought not to be disturbed for any other thing that I can think of, and America was established in order to indicate at any rate in one Government the fundamental rights of man. America must hereafter be ready as a member of the family of nations to exert her whole force, moral and physical, to the assertion of those rights throughout the round globe." We quote the speech to greater extent below:

I am very glad, in the midst of the confusions and the irresponsible talk of a campaign, to be permitted to discuss these things that have nothing to do with campaigns, that run all through the history of the nation, and must always run through, and look forward to the times to come when, whether in one capacity or in another, we must all co-operate for a common object. And therefore I for one have been very much disturbed by some of the things that have been predicted, that are said to be going to happen after the war, after the present distressing war in Europe.

I say that I have been distressed because apparently the point of these predictions was that this war of arms was going to be followed by another sort of contest, based on a radical economic rivalry which would breed deeper antagonisms than the antagonisms of actual force. You know what has happened in countries like our own beloved country. The feeling between North and South in this country did not arise out of the war, out of the fighting. It arose out of the political measures that followed the war. It is in times of peace that the irreconcilable antagonisms of nations are created. When you fight you, so to say, get the hatred out of your blood by the very exertion of the struggle. Moreover, it is a contact of force with an equal force, and respect is bred between the antagonists. But it would be a very sad pity if this war should be followed by subtle antagonisms that could not be cured in that way, and that did not lead to mutual respect.

For one thing it is predicted that after this war is over Europe will in some way overwhelm the United States by her economic power and her economic antagonisms to the United States. I wonder that any thinking man can entertain an opinion of that sort. It is obviously based upon singular and profound ignorance. What is this war doing to Europe? Does war increase the economic efficiency of a nation? There are some 25,000,000 men under arms or who have been under arms in this titanic struggle. From 40 to 60% of the skilled mechanics of Europe have been called into the field; not mechanics merely, but men of skill of every sort, musicians, men who could play upon the human spirit as well as deftly handle a mechanical instrument. And the whole energy, the whole physical energy, the whole dexterity, the whole thought of great nations have been concentrated upon this business of destruction. The business of destruction has been so successful that the materials of economic life have been destroyed upon an enormous scale. The debts that these nations are piling up are so great that the interest on them will equal the whole budgets of these nations before the war came on.

And these gentlemen tell us that these nations that have spent their best blood and energy for this thing are in the meantime doing what? Creating great bodies of goods which they are going to ship to us and dump on us when the war is over. Have they ever seen a war? Have they any imagination? Have they any conception of what this war means? Do they not know that the population that is not in the field is bent, in all its concentrated energy, upon one thing, namely, sustaining those who are in the field?

And are they now creating dyestuffs to ruin our markets? Are they now manufacturing silks to overcome our American silk factories? Are they producing the things that they have ordinarily sent to America in such abundance, while they are in this death grapple, that they are thinking of overwhelming America?

Why, my friends, we ought not to turn to these people in fear, but in sympathy! We ought to realize that after this exhaustion they will need us, and that we need not fear them. I would be ashamed of anybody in America who should regard with satisfaction this lowering of the physical energy of Europe, for besides the men killed in the field, besides the men hopelessly maimed, there are the men whose nerve will never be fit again for the exercise of skill or initiative or enterprise. The whole nervous and physical energy of these nations will require, I do not know how long, a generation, say, to recover its tone. No man with a heart under his jacket can regard that with satisfaction and say that will be America's opportunity if by saying that will be America's opportunity he means America's opportunity to take advantage of it. It will be America's opportunity, but it will be her opportunity to do something very much greater than that, for in the meantime look at the situation of the United States.

The United States has had an industrial and manufacturing revival in the last two years such as it never experienced before, and when men imagine that this is due to the trade created by the war they are merely imagining it, because they have not read the facts. If you take the figures of our commerce, domestic and foreign included, you will find that the foreign commerce, even upon the modest reckoning of our domestic commerce, does not equal 4% of the total, and the exports in munitions, and not merely in munitions, but in everything that goes to supply armies—draft animals, automobile trucks, food directly intended for that purpose, shoes, clothes, everything that is needed by the commissary of an army—that all these things put together do not constitute 1% of the total of our commerce. Now, is 4% creating the 96%? Is it reasonable to suppose that it is?

And in the meantime what have we done? It was estimated at the beginning of the war that about four thousand millions of dollars' worth of American securities were held on the other side of the water. In these two years we have bought back again, it is estimated—for it cannot be accurately determined—\$2,000,000,000. We have actually been able to take back into our own hands half of what we have borrowed from Europe, and we have accumulated in that time \$2,636,000,000 of gold, [this is the total stock of gold in the country, not the accumulations of the last two years. Ed.] which is one-third of the gold supply of the world. If the war goes on another year we shall probably have half the gold supply of the world.

And in the meantime we have got a sort of world spirit that we never had before. One of the difficulties with America has been that she has been too provincial. She has thought too exclusively of herself and of her own development, sometimes to her great advantage, but, nevertheless, too exclusively if she is to realize her place in the world. And the fact that all the rest of the world was in a different case has made us realize the meaning of our national life and the opportunities of our national life more vividly than we ever realized them before. And so we are the creditors of the world, in some sense the bankers of the world, as we never were before. Our whole activity has been quickened to the highest point. We are awake. We are ready. Ready for what?

Suppose, however, that all of Europe had been secretly, I suppose in the night time, manufacturing goods that we know they have not time to manufacture, at any rate, in the day time, and was ready, as these men with silly imaginations say that they are, to dump goods—for dump is the word they like to use—to dump their goods on us. We have means of defense, and we have means of aggression. Our means of defense are that we have taken pains to have all the instrumentalities to find out exactly what is going on, and to be ready to act immediately we find that it is necessary to defend ourselves. And in a law passed in the last session of Congress we have an adequate and explicit law preventing the dumping of foreign goods on this market at prices cheaper than they are sold at home. It is illegal, and the gentlemen who try it can be fined \$1,000 apiece and given a year in jail to think about it. We are not helpless. We are not blind; and we have created instrumentalities by which we can serve the world. The chief instrumentality is the Federal Reserve banking system.

What I want, therefore, to preach from this time on, in office or out of office—because even out of office I can retain my powers of locution—what I intend to preach from this time on is that America must show that as a member of the family of nations she has the same attitude toward the other nations that she wishes her people to have toward each other: That America is going to take this position, that she will lend her moral influence, not only, but her physical force, if other nations will join her, to see to it that no nation and no group of nations tries to take advantage of another nation or group of nations, and that the only thing ever fought for is the common rights of humanity.

A great many men are complaining that we are not fighting now in order to get something—not something spiritual, not a right, not something we could be proud of, but something we could possess and take advantage of and trade on and profit by. They are complaining that the Government of the United States has not the spirit of other Governments, which is to put the force, the army and navy, of that Government behind investments in foreign countries. Just so certainly as you do that, you join this chaos of competing and hostile ambitions.

Have you ever heard what started the present war? If you have, I wish you would publish it, because nobody else has, so far as I can gather. Nothing in particular started it, but everything in general. There had been growing up in Europe a mutual suspicion, an interchange of conjectures about what this Government and that Government was going to do, an interlacing of alliances and understandings, a complex web of intrigue and spying, that presently was sure to entangle the whole of the family of mankind on that side of the water in its meshes.

Now, revive that after this war is over and sooner or later you will have just such another war, and this is the last war of the kind or of any kind that involves the world that the United States can keep out of.

I say that because I believe that the business of neutrality is over; not because I want it to be over, but I mean this, that war now has such a scale that the position of neutrals sooner or later becomes intolerable. Just as neutrality would be intolerable to me if I lived in a community where everybody had to assert his own rights by force and I had to go around among my neighbors and say: "Here, this cannot last any longer; let us get together and see that nobody disturbs the peace any more." That is what society is and we have not yet a society of nations.

We must have a society of nations, not suddenly, not by insistence, not by any hostile emphasis upon the demand, but by the demonstration of the needs of the time. The nations of the world must get together and say, "Nobody can hereafter be neutral as respects the disturbance of the world's peace for an object which the world's opinion cannot sanction." The world's peace ought to be disturbed if the fundamental rights of humanity are invaded, but it ought not to be disturbed for any other thing that I can think of, and America was established in order to indicate, at any rate in one Government, the fundamental rights of man. America must hereafter be ready as a member of the family of nations to exert her whole force, moral and physical, to the assertion of those rights throughout the round globe.

That is the reason that we are so much interested now in the establishment of a unity of spirit in the United States. We must all be the same kind of Americans in order that we may do the same kind of American things. The problem is a spiritual problem. It is a problem which can be solved only

by the heart, can be solved only by those fine emotions which are, after all, the masters of action.

The exceptional man is generally too much in love with himself, for one thing, and generally knows more than it is lawful under divine law for any man to know, whereas the average man is ready to learn; he is ready to take as well as to give; he has been in the bitter struggle of life; he does not expect to be handed roses at every turn, he does not expect to live luxuriously; he knows that life is a struggle and the best that he can manage to get is a square deal.

So that in struggling in the present and in planning for the future, my moral is, let us see to it that America as a whole, and every American that constitutes America as one of the factions, is shot through with that spirit of human sympathy, which is the only spirit of true enterprise.

F. A. VANDERLIP SEES NATIONAL TRAGEDY IN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

"What is the Matter with the Railroads?" was the question discussed before the Convention of the Society of Railway Financial Officers on the 20th inst. by Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank of New York City. As indicating that he did not regard as entirely adequate the recently announced program of the committee of railway executives of the Society to effect a "cure-all," Mr. Vanderlip referred to the desire of the committee for "Federal incorporation, complete Federal control under a regional system something like the regional bank system, and the abolishment of State control. That," he conceded, "is all right, but it is only a little start."

Introduced by President T. H. McKnight, Mr. Vanderlip said he was happy to speak to the financial officers because they represent an interest capitalized at more than \$16,000,000,000, "and the largest business of any one kind in the world." Mr. Vanderlip then discussed the railroad construction of the year 1915, saying that the amount spent, \$12,000,000, was the smallest of any year since the Civil War; that 42,000 miles of railroads were in the hands of receivers, and that last year only 74,000 freight cars were built when 200,000 cars ought to have been provided. Alluding to the statement that we are tending inevitably toward Government ownership, Mr. Vanderlip asserted that "if we are, we are tending toward a national tragedy." We quote from his remarks, which were extemporaneous, as follows:

What is the trouble with this business, the mainstay of American life and commerce? Last year there was the smallest amount of railroad construction in the history of the United States since the Civil War. In 1915 there was only \$12,000,000 put into the business. So if you have any idea that, notwithstanding the magnitude of what you are doing, you are popular, get it out of your heads. As President Ripley of the Santa Fe once said to me: "Let's throw away the figures and get down to business."

We heard something here the other day, in Washington, about the possibility of enforced arbitration, and it was also said that man cannot be "subjected to involuntary servitude." Well, you can't subject a free dollar to "involuntary servitude" either. Forty-two thousand miles of railroads are in the hands of receivers. We ought to be building 200,000 freight cars a year, but last year we only built 74,000. A railroad executive told me the other day that if he could get just one more freight car he could earn \$600 a month with it, but lacking the car he is losing that much freight money.

This is a serious situation. You recently have seen legislative increases of wages, you have seen receiverships. You have heard a lot about lax methods of finance in railroads, but they do not amount to 10% of the total, and I would like to know if any set of politicians, city, State or national, would like to be judged as a whole by the 10% of their worst performances.

Many of us are coming to the time of life now when we have to go into a physician's office to have our blood pressure tested. It is time to take the blood pressure of the railroads in the United States, and when it is taken I predict that there will be found a hardening of the arteries. We have put upon the railroads such restrictions that investors are no longer giving the roads the wherewithal in the way of money for capital to meet the demands of business, and just as certain as a man with hardening of the arteries is in a dangerous condition, so certain is a country in a dangerous condition that has that complaint. If we ever get into a struggle we will go under just as a man who has hardening of the arteries goes under when he engages in a struggle.

I saw a letter a few days ago from that Mr. Thornton who was regarded as one of our railroad geniuses in this country, and who was selected by the British Government to be one of a small group of men who are now running all the English railroads. This letter told why the Germans did not reach Paris when they were so near it two years ago, after smashing through Belgium and through a great part of France. It was because of the railroads. The service broke down under pressure. They couldn't stand the strain. Had these railroads not broken down at that critical time they would have changed the history of the world, for if the Germans had got to Paris and held that capital, things would have been different in the conduct of the war since.

This illustrates the importance to a nation of preparedness for its railroads, and the subject ought to be in the constant thought of our statesmen—if we have any—and constantly before our people—if they think. For the condition of the railroads is a matter of the gravest national concern, affecting every one, big and little, poor and rich.

The trouble is not altogether with the Inter-State Commerce Commission nor with the State railroad commissions, nor with lack of sympathy on the part of the public toward the railroads. The idea that you are going to be happy if you get rid of State control, I do not believe in. Men have said to me since I have been in this room that we are tending inevitably toward Government ownership. If we are, we are tending toward a national tragedy. I don't know where we are going. We are going somewhere, that's sure, because railroad development cannot stand still without a crash.

You have got to look at this thing as real statesmen would look at it. You must understand that the public is selfish about wanting lower and lower rates. You must understand that labor is selfish in demanding and

forcing higher wages. You must understand that the stockholder is selfish about getting returns, and you must understand, too, that the politician is selfish about holding, getting and retaining place, but the worst selfishness of all is that of the politician who will trade his executive judgment for votes.

FRANK TRUMBULL ON POSSIBILITIES OPENED BY EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Before the Economic Club of Portland, Me., last night, Frank Trumbull, Chairman of the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Board of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., discussed certain phases of the railroad situation and the bearing of the so-called eight-hour law in part as follows:

In order that we may intelligently consider other things, may I mention first the thing which doubtless is clear to you, but, unfortunately, is not realized by everybody. I refer now to one thing which differentiates the railroads from ordinary industries; to-wit, the minute regulation to which they are subjected and the consequent artificial limitation on their profits. It is true that the railroads of the United States are more prosperous this year than they have ever been, but their prosperity is not comparable to that of many other industries. A great deal of fresh capital is and will be needed, but there is no way of coercing investors in the disposition of new money.

After giving a brief history of the so-called eight-hour movement of railway trainmen, Mr. Trumbull stated that he was prepared to make at least one definite statement about it; that is, that no one, eighter Congressmen, railroad officials, labor leaders or anybody else, knows just what the law means. He continued:

Railway companies have a recognized duty to the public to furnish adequate and safe transportation, but that requirement is absolutely dependent under our system upon private capital, so railway officials must consider not only their duty to the public, but to those who furnish the capital which provides the transportation. Sooner or later the so-called eight-hour law will undoubtedly be tested in the courts in the orderly way provided by our form of government. If the law is not Constitutional, it is, of course, not a law at all, and the various railroads, investors, employees, shippers and the traveling public would be relegated to the position which existed before. If the law is found to be Constitutional, it will still have to be interpreted in several particulars so that it may be intelligently obeyed. Even when this is done there opens up a long list of possibilities, both for investors and employees and for the rest of the one hundred million people of this country.

The Adamson Act is in fact not an eight-hour law at all; that is to say, there is not a line in it restricting men to eight hours continuous employment. It is contended that the eight-hour principle has been "sanctioned" by the judgment of society," but this is not supported by general legislation, which is the mode of expression of the "judgment of society" in vogue under our form of government. In fact, the Government does not even limit the railway postal clerks to sixteen hours continuous service, as it has long since done for railway trainmen. If the law is valid, Congress has entered upon a new field full of interesting possibilities, that is the regulation of wages.

If Congress has the power to prohibit a decrease in wages, has it the power to prohibit increases? If it has the power to regulate wages, must the wages be just and reasonable—similar to the provision in regard to the regulation of rates—and if so, shall Congress determine what are just and reasonable wages for all railway employees, instead of for trainmen only? Will Congress attempt to regulate all these things directly or through a commission? If through a commission, will its findings be mandatory, alike upon the employees and upon the companies? Is railway capital "enlisted" in the public service, and will railway employees also be "enlisted"? If Congress or a commission raises all railway wages, will it raise the rates simultaneously or will investors have to wait for tedious hearings before valorous commissions? If capital, which is fluid, flows in other and more attractive directions, how will new facilities be provided if wage demands are to be acceded to without investigation? Will the equivalent be made up to investors by taxation or by guarantees or now? These are only a few of the many interesting questions that will undoubtedly be logically raised.

Whatever may be the disposition of the burning question of the moment, that is, the so-called eight-hour day, one thing at least is becoming more and more evident namely—that the Federal Government alone must control in some way all of the affairs of the railroads. Under Government ownership the people would not for a moment tolerate the intrusion of forty-eight separate State policies. Each State must for its own protection have some tribunal act for the general interest. Our State lines are not the boundaries of forty-eight separate countries, but we are one nation of one hundred million people; our language and our interests are one and none of us can be patriotic in any better way than to promote national unity.

Now that I am in New England, may I make a little comparison with Old England? In that "tight little island," the first-class passenger rate is four cents a mile. The third-class rate is two cents a mile. Since the war began the very low excursion rates have been suspended and I am told that the passenger revenues are greater than ever. The railroads of Great Britain carry nearly as many passengers as the railroads of the United States, which undertake to serve three million square miles of territory! Wages of locomotive engineers in England are \$50 or \$60 a month, against \$150 to \$250 a month here. I hope the people of New England will feel that if the people of Great Britain can afford to pay such rates as I have described, they can well afford, especially in these prosperous times, to encourage the home roads by allowing them better passenger rates commensurate with the service rendered and the very high cost of operation as compared with all other countries of the world.

L. F. LOREE ON ECONOMIC STRUGGLE AFTER WAR—DOMESTIC INDUSTRY MUST BE FREED FROM SHACKLES.

The economic and financial problems which the United States will have to face with the termination of the war were dwelt upon by L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson RR., at the members' council luncheon of the Merchants' Association on the 20th inst. Referring to the repurchase of American railway holdings of foreign interests and the large foreign loans placed in the United States since

the beginning of the war, Mr. Loree stated that these repurchases and loan flotations have done much more to create a permanently favorable trade balance than results from all the labor and capital heretofore employed in the production of the annual surplus over the requirements of domestic consumers of wheat and wheat flour. While conceding that this is reassuring as to the future, he nevertheless stated that there are other factors which are less simple and more disquieting. In Mr. Loree's opinion, "the commercial perspective, now abnormally awry, may be still more violently distorted, and in directions not now perceptible, if the strange and gigantic forces now at work are not soon restrained by the renewal of peace and the rehabilitation of world-wide industry and trade." Concerning the attitude of the Governments now at war toward emigration of the physically fit at the end of the war, Mr. Loree observed that if these Powers "should decide to place legislative obstacles in the path of emigration, the industries of this country would be forced into a situation in which their competition, in international markets, would be in this respect subject to most unfavorable conditions." "We are forced to ask ourselves," he continued, "to what extent America, with its high standard of wages, its short hours of labor and its restrictions upon speed, output and efficiency, its labor union domination of legislatures and public executives, can compete successfully with Europe, purged as by fire of everything tending to inefficiency, and courageously resolved to re-create what has been destroyed, to regain and augment the industrial position which temporary folly has imperiled. We should then be invited to an economic struggle which would be lost unless the highest American statesmanship should be fearlessly devoted to the task of freeing domestic industry from its shackles." His speech in full follows:

The disturbance of the world's commercial equilibrium by the Great War has, from the American point of view, four primary phases, namely:

1. Increased balance of the value of exported merchandise over imported merchandise.
 2. Repurchase of securities formerly sold to European investors.
 3. Loans to foreign governments and enterprises, and,
 4. Domestic accumulation of gold.
- Each of the foregoing merits brief examination.

The Balance of Trade.

Comparing fiscal years ending with June 30, the aggregate value of imports and exports of merchandise was in 1914 \$4,258,504,805; in 1915, \$4,442,759,080, and in 1916, \$6,531,542,375. If the increase of July and August of the current year, over the same months of last year, is maintained the total for 1917 will be \$10,769,584,984. The excess of export values has mounted by leaps and bounds and is still mounting. In 1914 it was \$476,653,491; in 1915, \$1,094,419,600 and in 1916, \$2,135,775,355. The maintenance of the increases shown by the first two months of the present fiscal year would produce a balance for 1917 of \$4,879,257,178.

Repurchase of Securities.

My own inquiries have shown that between Jan. 31 1915 and July 31 1916 American investors repurchased not less than \$1,288,773,801, in par value, of the securities of their own railways which had been owned by residents of foreign countries. The market value of these securities was in excess of one billion dollars. The data must somewhat understate the facts as to railway securities, and they take no account of other kinds of securities (industrial and municipal issues) that have been resold to this country. Data with regard to the omitted securities are very scanty. On Dec. 31 1914 the foreign holdings of United States Steel Corporation common stock amounted to 1,193,064 shares and of preferred to 399,457 shares. To Sept. 30 1916 the foreign holdings of the common had decreased to 537,809 shares and of the preferred to 171,096 shares. Considering the foregoing, and other fragments of information that are available, it is believed to be conservative to place the total repurchases of all securities at not less than \$1,500,000,000 in market value.

Loans Made Abroad.

The foreign loans placed in the United States, from the outbreak of the great war to Aug. 17 last, aggregated \$1,590,000,000, and since that date there have been at least two loans of considerable amounts, one of \$50,000,000 to the City of Paris, arranged by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and a new commercial credit to the French Government, negotiated by Brown Brothers & Co. Of the total of \$1,665,000,000, Europe has taken \$1,325,000,000; Canada, \$235,000,000, and Latin-America, \$105,000,000. A new collateral loan to Great Britain of \$250,000,000 and additional French borrowings in this country are foreshadowed.

Accumulation of Gold.

The flow of gold to this country has been a natural reaction to imperative conditions, and in spite of some reluctance to receive it so rapidly and in such quantities. The gold exports of the fiscal year 1914 exceeded the imports by \$45,499,870; in 1915 there was an excess of imports amounting to \$25,344,607, and in 1916 an excess, on the same side, of \$403,759,753. July and August of the current year had an excess of imports of \$82,171,217. The balance of imports for the fiscal year 1917 is more likely to exceed than to fall below \$600,000,000. The accumulation resulting from the recent gold movement is measured by the fact that the visible supply of gold in this country increased 35.14% from \$1,887,000,000 on Aug. 1 1914 to \$2,550,000,000 on Aug. 20 1916. During the same time the four principal banks of Europe, the quasi-governmental banks of England, France, Russia and Germany, using every practical artifice to attract gold to their vaults and to build up their reserves, have received barely enough to make up for payments necessary to be made in gold, even under the present abnormal restrictions. These four banks held \$2,570,000,000 in gold at the beginning of the period and \$2,600,000,000 at its close.

Of Permanent Effect.

I have tried to find some illustration that would picture the effect of this change in the credit situation.

The average annual value of the wheat and wheat flour exported from the United States during the decade from 1905 to 1914 inclusive was \$1,684,432. At 5% per annum, the yearly interest on the \$3,165,000,000, which represents to date the total of securities repurchased and of loans to foreign

countries would amount to \$158,250,000. Therefore, these repurchases and loan flotations have done much more to create a permanently favorable trade balance than results from all the labor and capital heretofore employed in the production of the annual surplus over the requirements of domestic consumers, of wheat and wheat flour.

This is reassuring as to the future, but there are other factors which are less simple and more disquieting.

Duration of the War.

Much will depend, of course, upon the future length of the war. Problems that are now visible may be kept within solutions now reasonably considered sufficient, if the end comes quickly; or may grow vastly in magnitude and in difficulty if it prolonged even for another year. The commercial perspective, now abnormally awry, may be still more violently distorted and in directions not now perceptible, if the strange and gigantic forces now at work are not soon restrained by the renewal of peace and the rehabilitation of world-wide industry and trade. To the present date, the war expenditures of the Powers engaged aggregate approximately \$60,000,000,000, a sum equal to one-third of the total wealth of the United States in 1912, the date of the latest attempt at a national inventory.

Cost of the War.

The war is going on at a constantly increasing cost which now stands at the staggering daily total of about \$110,000,000. (The total civil and military expenditures—except payments on account of the public debt—of the United States Government in 1865, the highest year of the Civil War period, was \$1,295,099,290; equal to less than twelve-days' cost of the present war. The total of Federal expenses for 1915 was \$724,763,167, higher than any previous year but less than the equivalent of seven days expenditure upon this war.)

By the end of July 1916 the public debt of Great Britain, Russia, Italy, the German Empire and the German States, Austria-Hungary and of Turkey had increased from \$27,273,000,000 to \$66,638,500,000. England and Germany have just provided for additional borrowings of large extent.

These are the high points of the area from which the future may be dimly surveyed through an atmosphere the refractions of which are unknown and not susceptible of estimate. If that future is one of great opportunity for America, as we dare to hope, it must be recognized that it will of necessity be one of reorganization and readjustment here, as well as in Europe. We shall have domestic problems peculiarly our own as well as some which are mere reactions to the greater problems abroad.

Results of Immigration.

Since America was a thin strip of civilization along the ocean boundary of an unknown wilderness, its citizens have depended upon a steady flow of immigration to fill the ranks of labor. From 1905 to 1914 inclusive the annual arrivals never fell below 751,785; in 1909; the highest year, 1907, saw the arrival of 1,285,349 alien immigrants; the yearly average was 1,012,194. The number for 1915 dropped to 326,799 and that for 1916 to 298,765. Moreover, the proportion of aliens returning to their former homes ("emigrant aliens departed") was exceptionally high. The net immigration of 1916 was 169,061. This was less than the total immigration and probably less than the net immigration (data showing numbers of alien emigrants prior to 1913 are not to be obtained) of any year since 1878 and lower than any year since 1846, except the years 1859 to 1863 inclusive and 1877 and 1878. Inconvenient consequences of the interruption of the ordinarily dependable influx of workmen are already seen in the differences and disturbances over labor questions that are arising on every hand and in the diminished output of some industries of vital importance. Soon it may be apparent even to the most emotional intelligence that to all the capable already here immigration constitutes a labor-saving device. The native stock, including the second generation of immigrants, has steadfastly escaped the coarser forms of labor and has effectively demanded to be elevated to preferred vocations upon the shoulders of these alien workers.

The Economic Struggle.

What will be the attitude of the Governments now at war toward emigration of the physically fit subsequent to its close? To-day they have called into the ranks of labor millions of women and children formerly excluded by inclination, by statute and by the superior industrial efficiency of those now in the trenches. If this war-line addition to the ranks of labor be not promptly excluded at the close of the war, it might be expected to result in a general lowering of wages in all the affected countries. With the high wages rates now prevailing in this country, the natural result would be a speedy resumption of emigration. If, however, the Powers now at war should decide to place legislative obstacles in the path of emigration, the industries of this country would be forced into a situation in which their competition, in international markets, would be, in this respect, subject to most unfavorable conditions. We are forced to ask ourselves, to what extent America, with its high standard of wages, its short hours of labor and its restrictions upon speed, output and efficiency; its labor union domination of legislatures and public executives, can compete successfully with Europe, purged as by fire of everything tending to inefficiency and courageously resolved to re-create what has been destroyed, to regain and augment the industrial position which temporary folly has imperiled. We should then be invited to an economic struggle which would be lost unless the highest American statesmanship should be fearlessly devoted to the task of freeing domestic industry from its shackles.

War Stimulation.

At this moment American industry is abnormally stimulated by foreign demand, due largely to war conditions. As far as the demand for war munitions is concerned, it is true that many of the munition plants are operating under contracts seeming to require their full operation for periods running far into the future, but he is little versed in the ways of trade who does not comprehend that the dawn of peace will be the signal for the cancellation of most of these contracts; either arbitrarily, where that is possible, or upon terms where arbitrary cancellation has been successfully guarded against. In either case the effect upon the labor employed will be the same; its employment, along with that of much of the capital by which it has been made fecund, will be no more. As our own Government has apparently determined greatly to strengthen and increase its immediately available defensive resources, military and naval, a means to counteract, in part at least, the difficulties to be apprehended from this source, is at hand.

Problems of Finance.

Problems of finance of no less interest and magnitude are at least partially visible.

Among those which will directly affect this market will be the refunding of the large volume of short-term securities which have been the principal means of foreign governmental financing here. In becoming accustomed to the absorption of foreign loans American investors accepted an opportunity which will not soon be withdrawn and an obligation which they will not be able to evade. They are committed to the continued acceptance of their share in the burdens of world finance and, particularly, will they not be able to decline the refunding of these short-term obligations. This must mean renewed pressure upon the investment market, an intensified

demand for capital, increased difficulty in the satisfaction of the normally recurring and increasing demands for capital on the part of domestic industries.

American Railways.

In the case of American railways, which in the last decade have encountered entirely new conditions arising out of the excesses and inconsistencies of public control and the greatly strengthened competition for capital of industries not subject to price regulation and of municipalities and other governments the integrity of the securities of which rests not at all upon the commercial success of their undertakings but wholly upon the power to absorb in taxes the potential profits of private industry, the probabilities are sufficiently ominous. If the more evil of these probabilities are to be avoided, it must be by means which will emancipate the railway industry from the conditions that so seriously impair its credit.

Questions of the Future.

One would like to know many things which are now part of an inscrutable future.

Will the normal interchanges of peaceful commerce begin when warfare ceases or will the antagonisms that have arisen poison the wells of trade and lead to the erection of artificial barriers to intercourse?

And if the nations now in conflict, by tariff restrictions and other legislation, arm themselves against each other, will they extend their commercial "war after the war" to this nation, whose progress in industry and wealth may arouse in them feelings both of envy and of dread?

Money and Prices.

Another query may be stated but is, as yet, without answer. Economists quite generally agree that there is a relation between the volume and flow of the monetary supply and the level of prices, and this conclusion finds support in monetary history. This does not mean that prices rise proportionately as the monetary supply increases and fall as it decreases, or even that they move upward or downward in proportion to the monetary flow (quantily multiplied by rate of circulation), but it seems to be the fact that when money, including credit money, is plentiful and its circulation rapid, prices tend to rise and when money is scarce prices tend to fall. That which is the basis of credit is a source of credit money. Collateral available as security for borrowings of credit money cannot ordinarily be created except by the transformation of capital or the construction of physical property having intrinsic value. But governments are exempt from, or above, the ordinary rules of finance and have the rare capacity to create credit by demanding it—and are not restricted even when every dollar of the new credit means the destruction of property previously existing. Almost fifty billions of this kind of credit have been created since the outbreak of the war; the amount is nearly double the total of the pre-war debt of all the nations which are participants in the conflict. To this enormous extent has the basis of credit money been diluted. Is there any restriction upon this process of inflation unless it is to be found in requirements which fix the relation of gold reserves to outstanding obligations? And how far will these restrictions operate to prevent the great rise in prices which would otherwise result from such inflation?

Federal Reserve Board.

It is most fortunate, in the face of such problems, that the United States, after a comprehensive investigation by the Aldrich Commission, has reorganized its monetary system; that it has created the Federal Reserve Board with broad powers and lofty prestige, competent to investigate and to contrive expedients and remedies, ready to advise legislators and leaders of finance, so equipped with the garments of reason and the voice of authority that its advice is likely to be heeded.

WILLARD STRAIGHT ON NEED OF FLEXIBLE TARIFF.

"The Tariff in Its Relation to Foreign Trade" was treated at length by Willard Straight at the annual convention of the National Implement & Vehicle Manufacturers' Association of the United States, at Atlantic City on the 20th inst. Mr. Straight, who is Chairman of the National Foreign Trades Committee on Foreign Trade Aspect of Tariff and Vice-President of the American International Corporation, feels that we have reached a period where the policies which will make or mar the economic future of this country must be determined, and he called upon his hearers "to consider the importance of the tariff, * * * in its collateral aspect as an instrument, whatever be its underlying principle, to be utilized in securing for American products fair and equivalent treatment in the markets of the world." Further, he asked that they give consideration to "the urgent necessity of securing legislative authorization for co-operation by our exporters, in order that having secured access to foreign markets, they may be in a position successfully to compete with our commercial rivals." Mr. Straight stated that by capitalizing our purchasing power we must protect our domestic producers against the unrestricted importation of foreign goods and assure our exports markets, to accomplish which he said we must have a flexible trading tariff. The following is taken from his speech:

The European war is the overshadowing fact in the world to-day. We have ceased to speculate as to the immediate reasons for the war and thinking people, for sometime past, have been concerning themselves with its probable results. Its fundamental causes were economic. Its results will be economic. Military necessity has already caused a startling transformation in the financial and industrial structures of the belligerent countries. Two years ago people prophesied that Europe would be crushed for a decade at least. Although it is obvious that the period of reconstruction will be difficult, it is equally obvious that the centralization of authority, and the coordination of finance, industry and transportation, have created economic machinery which will deal as effectively with the problems of readjustment as they have with the conduct of the war.

The warring governments have done more than establish their control over finance, industry and transportation, within their own borders. They have mobilized their economic, as they have their military forces, and the members of each of the belligerent groups are now co-operating to an extent heretofore unknown and almost inconceivable. These Powers, associated by their common determination to crush their enemies are now discussing economic alliances for the future. It is proposed that they establish preferential arrangements amongst themselves and that they jointly deal with their trade with neutral nations. Confronted by the necessity for recouping their losses these Powers are devising means by which they can

assure, and derive the greatest possible profit from their commercial expansion after the war.

The United States has been enriched during the past two years. First, because of our huge sales to Europe, and second, because we have found less active European competition in neutral markets. The United States will be Europe's greatest competitor after the war. Production in this country has been stimulated. As our gold reserves accumulate, we are witnessing a period of rising prices, which will be further enhanced by labor's increasing demands for higher pay. With the cessation of the abnormal demand for munitions and foodstuffs which will inevitably follow the conclusion of peace, we shall under any circumstances be obliged to pass through a difficult period of readjustment. To meet this situation it is essential that we maintain as far as possible our export trade as an outlet for our surplus products. Our exports will in any event be curtailed by a diminishing European demand. If, in addition, Europe is able, under a system of preferential tariffs, to discriminate against us in non-European markets, our whole economic structure will be menaced.

In meeting this situation two facts are in our favor. Despite the contemplated arrangements between the two groups of allies, and their possible reciprocal understandings with other countries not now at war, Europe must continue to make considerable purchases in this country. More than that, after the war, with our prevailing high prices, Europe, in order to find an outlet for her products, will seek access to this market. Our purchasing power is our first line of economic defense. We must utilize this purchasing power to protect our producers and our exporters against discrimination by the economic alliances now being organized in Europe. We must be on guard against possible preferential arrangements between the members of these alliances, and between these two groups and other countries not now at war, in order that our manufacturers may be able to compete with European manufacturers on a basis of equality throughout the world.

By capitalizing our purchasing power, we must protect our domestic producers against the unrestricted importation of foreign goods and assure our export markets. To accomplish these two results we must have a flexible trading tariff. Once our markets are assured, our manufacturers must be able to meet organized competition and organized buying by equally effective combinations amongst themselves.

Approximately three-fourths of our total normal foreign trade is conducted with the countries now at war and their colonies. Sweeping changes of tariff, navigation or financial policy on the part of either group of allies, such as are now contemplated, may seriously affect the domestic prosperity of the United States, in which foreign trade is a vital element.

Will either the Entente or Central Economic Alliance continue to grant what really amounts to most-favored-nation treatment to the products of the United States? In other words, assuming the adoption of a tariff (for revenue and protection) in the United Kingdom, will the United Kingdom, France and Russia give the United States the same tariff treatment that they extend to each other and to their colonies, receiving in return no more favorable treatment than the United States accords German and Austrian products? Or will they make an exclusive concession under the American tariff the price of a favorable entry into their own markets? The same query applies to an economic alliance of the Central Powers. It is apparent that with a tariff the United Kingdom will be in a strong position to claim concessions in neutral markets in return for continued free or favorable admission to the vast market of the British Islands. Latin-American countries enjoying free trade in the United Kingdom now have, as with the United States, little or nothing to gain from negotiation. If the British Government, and other European Governments, however, demand preference for the entry of their manufactures into Latin-American countries as the price of favorable treatment of Latin-American products, a serious obstacle will confront the ambition of the United States more largely to supply Latin-American needs in manufactured merchandise.

The European need of cheap foodstuffs and raw materials is a possible deterrent to the tariff taxation necessarily the basis for such reciprocity overtures.

Although the European Governments, except the British, maintain tariff systems with ample machinery for negotiation of special commercial treaties, inter-European tariff relations were stabilized, prior to the war, by British free-trade and the most-favored-nation provision of the Treaty of Frankfurt which ended the Franco-Prussian war.

A United Kingdom tariff would give what is now the world's greatest free market a basis, first, for the preferential treatment of colonial and allied products, and secondly, for the negotiation of preferential tariff agreements with non-British countries.

The other Entente Allies, moreover, all maintaining tariffs are free from the restraints of their former commercial treaties with Germany, and Austria-Hungary, and in a position to offer concessions to those countries with which they desire to extend their trade. Similarly, the Central Powers have a greater liberty of negotiation than before the war. All European nations, therefore, will, with peace, have a large market to offer, and may be expected to yield it only for opportunities to extend, or protect from discrimination, their foreign trade. The United States is normally the best customer of the United Kingdom and is one of the most profitable markets for France, Germany, and all the other belligerents.

Immediately the war ends, a period of commercial treaty adjustment will begin. More treaty making will be in progress in the five years after the declaration of peace than in any similar period of the world's history. The most-favored-nation relation which the European Governments have permitted the United States to enjoy, despite frequent American tariff changes and the extension of American tariff preferences to Cuba and to the colonies acquired from Spain, may not easily escape jeopardy. Many of the treaties between the United States and European Governments are ancient, with obsolete phraseology out of tune with modern expression of a new treaty system.

Even with no European disposition to discriminate, certain changes in these treaties will be inevitable if only to bring their provisions into harmony with the new agreements.

This renders highly important the United States treaty-making power. Their parliamentary system gives European Governments a superior efficiency in treaty making as compared with the United States, where treaties are negotiated by the Executive, subject to the ratification of the Senate by a two-thirds vote. With us, also, agreements affecting the revenues must obtain the approval of the House of Representatives. The necessity of a two-thirds Senate vote for ratification requires that treaties be so drawn as to command general approval, a difficult task which can be accomplished only by the most careful consultation of public opinion prior to negotiation, the most skillful handling of the American case in the exchanges and convincing presentation of the facts to the public in order to command sentiment in favor of ratification and maintenance of the treaty obligation afterward.

The Dingley Act provided that the President might negotiate reciprocity treaties for the encouragement of American foreign commerce. He did so. The Senate declined to act upon them. The history of commercial treaties in the United States is marked by frequent Senatorial disregard of the recommendations of the State Department.

The State Department now lacks, but should immediately provide, skilled resources for study of the entire treaty situation. The education of American public opinion upon treaty legislation is necessary.

The present United States tariff, approved Oct. 3 1913, ten months before the European war, was styled by its advocates "a competitive tariff," but the schedules were adjusted more along the lines of domestic than foreign policy. It replaced a maximum and minimum tariff, the minimum rates of which were extended to all nations which did not unduly discriminate against products of the United States. The maximum schedule added 25% ad valorem to all duties and was frankly a retaliatory weapon to be used against undue discrimination. The maximum schedule was never put into effect, although the possibility of its employment enabled the United States to obtain the removal of certain threatened discriminations. It was generally regarded as a dangerous weapon in that it could only be used against all the dutiable products of a discriminating nation, possibly involving a dislocation of commercial intercourse, more serious to the United States than a continuance of the discrimination.

The Underwood-Simmons tariff abandoned the retaliatory system, and consists of a single schedule. Paragraph A of Section IV provides:

"For the purpose of readjusting the present duties on importations into the United States, and at the same time to encourage the export trade of this country, the President of the United States is authorized and empowered to negotiate trade agreements with foreign nations, wherein mutual concessions are made looking forward toward freer trade relations and further reciprocal expansion of trade and commerce; Provided, however, that such trade agreements, before becoming operative, shall be submitted to the Congress of the United States for ratification or rejection."

No commercial agreements have been negotiated thereunder. Whether they would have been attempted save for the war it is impossible to say, but many familiar with foreign trade feel that the tariff is practically barren of trading margin. The duties on manufactures were placed as low as seemed advisable, even to radical tariff revisionists, and so many natural products, foodstuffs and raw materials were free-listed that upwards of 60% of the total value of all imports now enter the United States duty free; 95% of the value of imports from South America are on the free list and with the exception of Cuba, the same proportion of imports from Central America and the West Indies; while 90% of the imports from Africa, 97% of those from Oceania and 79% of those from Asia pass our customs houses without yielding a cent of duty.

The countries in these rapidly developing parts of the world have little to gain from negotiation with the United States, and since Europe is also a heavy customer and a source of capital, are doubly disinclined to accord the United States concessions not equally extended to Europe.

Present public discussion of the tariff in this country deals almost entirely with its domestic aspect. Little is heard of its administrative character, whether it should be a maximum and minimum, a general and conventional, a reciprocity or bargaining tariff.

Despite all the tariff talk the approaching election will not supply a verdict on one of the most important phases of this problem, namely, the method of dealing with the preferential arrangements among other nations, which may discriminate against the foreign trade of the United States. That commerce, normally valued at nearly five million dollars, is a vital element in our domestic prosperity, for one man in every ten daily is engaged in some activity made necessary by foreign trade. Employment, both of labor and capital, will be favorably or adversely affected by the extension or curtailment of this trade. The economic policies which are developing as a result of the European war make it imperative that we consider the potentialities of the tariff. Yet public knowledge of tariff technicalities is so slight that the result of no election can be accepted as an expression of national opinion as to the utilization of the tariff as an instrument to encourage or protect our foreign trade. That must remain a question of policy which Congress is urged to consider. But without disrespect it may fairly be said that only a small number of Senators and Representatives have given detailed attention to the problem. Congress has, however, created the United States Tariff Commission to meet a well-nigh unanimous demand for a more scientific investigation of tariff questions, and it is encouraging that this body is to come into existence at the precise moment when foreign trade problems, affecting our tariff policy, are arising in every quarter of the globe.

The six members of the Tariff Commission have not yet been appointed by the President.

The relation of the tariff to foreign trade, regardless of whether the tariff be hereafter adjusted on the high or low protective or the revenue plane, has been given the earnest attention of the National Foreign Trade Council, a body of fifty manufacturers, merchants, railroad and steamship men, farmers, bankers, created by the First National Foreign Trade Convention, held at Washington in May 1914, for the continuing investigation of the problems of overseas commerce. By publishing and widely distributing its reports, and holding annually a convention to which are invited all commercial industrial organizations, corporations, firms and individuals interested in export and import trade, the Council endeavors to encourage the development of a sound national foreign trade policy. It performs no function for the individual business of its members, for they stand as general representatives, upon the Council, of their various lines of industry.

It is possible that the European economic alliances may not be given the extreme expression now being discussed. Their complete operation may be found impractical. Whether this be the case or not, the whole international structure of commercial treaties must be reconstituted. In these negotiations we shall be obliged to take part, and in order that we may secure advantages for American trade and even to maintain our present equality of opportunity, it is necessary that we should be in a position to give concessions for concessions or possibly, in extreme cases, to retaliate, but never to our own disadvantage, against undue discrimination. The wisest general revision of the tariff cannot be expected to foresee all the contingencies which will arise in a world-wide commercial readjustment. Therein lies the peculiar value, at this time, of the Tariff Commission, provided always its personnel is equal to the problems by which it will be confronted. But it is essential to the success of the Commission that the business public, including labor, should study the situation. It will be necessary for associations such as your own to consider these questions, and to place before the Tariff Commission all possible information and to urge that legislation found necessary in the interest of our foreign trade, as well as a greater domestic commerce, shall be enacted. The matter is urgent and we shall be culpable if we fail to recognize the handwriting on the wall.

NOMINATIONS FOR FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.

Alba B. Johnson is the only nominee yet named for the Class B directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Three nominations have been made for Class A directors. They are: M. J. Murphy, Scranton; W. A. Wilbur, Sayre, Pa., and Thomas W. Marshall of West Chester. Nov. 11 is the day upon which the nominations close.

NEW YORK STATE BANKERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESERVE BANK DIRECTORS.

A committee representing the National Bank Section of the New York State Bankers' Association announced this week its recommendations for candidates as directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. As Class A director the committee recommends William Woodward, President of the Hanover National Bank of this city, and a Class A director since the organization of the Federal Reserve Bank, and as Class B directors Newcomb Carlton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Co.; Eugene H. Outerbridge, of the firm of Harvey & Outerbridge, import and export merchants and Managing Director of the Pantasote Leather and Agasote Millboard companies and President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, and Henry R. Towne, Chairman of the board of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., President of the Merchants' Association of New York from 1908 to 1913, and a director of the Federal Reserve bank since its organization. In submitting its recommendations to members, the committee, which is composed of Henry Burden 2d, Chairman, F. N. Benham Jr., John D. Everitt, James H. Perkins and B. E. Smythe, Secretary, says:

NEW YORK STATE BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.
National Bank Section.

New York, Oct. 25 1916.

To the Member Addressed:

The undersigned committee appointed by the National Bank Section of the New York State Bankers' Association and by the New Jersey and Connecticut Bankers' associations, has had a number of meetings to consider what policy it should pursue in carrying out the instructions of the resolution adopted last June, during the convention at Atlantic City, "to the end that all proper steps be taken to secure the best possible men as directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York."

Specifically, the committee is authorized by the resolution (a) to make recommendations to all member banks of candidates for directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, (b) to inform all member banks of the qualifications of all candidates for such directorship.

In seeking for names to suggest as candidates for directors the committee has restricted its search to those who are not only of high character and business standing but also fitted by temperament, ability and breadth of experience to pass upon the important questions of policy, domestic and international, which must present themselves for solution in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. In ascertaining and describing later the qualifications of those who are actually nominated for directors, the committee will apply the same tests.

In accordance with the resolution of the Federal Reserve Board dated Dec. 23 1915, those active in political organizations may not appropriately be nominated for directorships in Federal Reserve banks.

The committee has considered whether it should suggest several names or only one name for each vacancy, and it is unanimously of the opinion that its policy should be, unless under exceptional circumstances, to suggest a number of names for each vacancy in order to make clear and preserve its position as a non-partisan committee.

The committee has considered the geographical aspects of the Second Federal Reserve District, which embraces the entire State of New York, with 482 members; the twelve northerly counties of New Jersey, with 129 members, and Fairfield County, Conn., with fifteen members, and believes that the various sections of the district may properly expect to be represented from time to time on the board of directors. It feels, however, that such representation may be obtained more satisfactorily by general understanding and co-operation on the part of the member banks than by a contest each year between the different sections. The two vacancies occurring this year are at present filled by residents of New York City.

The committee recommends that these vacancies be filled by the election of residents of New York City because it is desirable that a certain number of the directors should always be available at short notice for consultation and service on the Executive Committee, and because the New York City banks, which are in the group voting this year, contribute so large a proportion (approximately 90%) of the total resources of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The committee will therefore suggest this year only names of residents of New York City; and while it will not assume to lay down any policy to be followed in the future its present view is that when an opportunity time is reached for a certain section to expect representation on the board of directors, only candidates from that section should be suggested by the committee.

The committee has considered whether or not the principle of rotation in office should apply in the selection of directors of the Federal Reserve bank and wishes to make it clear that by its action this year it does not wish to establish a precedent either for or against the principle.

COMPTROLLER WILLIAMS ON DECENTRALIZATION OF RESERVES, AND BENEFITS TO FARMER.

The first effect of the opening of the Federal Reserve banks as it concerns the farmer, according to Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams, has been the decentralization of the huge accumulations of money which had been permitted to concentrate in the few great centres, and the transfer of capital to these twelve reservoirs. This statement was made by Comptroller Williams in an address on "The Federal Reserve Act and the Farmer," delivered on the 20th inst. at the annual convention of the Farmers' National Congress of the United States at Indianapolis. From these twelve reservoirs, said the Comptroller, the pipe lines, already run to nearly 8,000 banks, where it is available for the use of every farmer, storekeeper or business man whose fidelity and industry and standing entitle him to credit. In seeking to indicate, from the latest official returns from

the national banks, how the work of decentralization and distribution is progressing, the Comptroller stated that during the four and a half months from May 1 1916 to Sept. 12 1916, the deposits in the national banks of New York City were reduced 222 million dollars, in Boston 36 million dollars, and in Philadelphia 13 millions. Coincidentally, he added, with the reduction which has taken place in the Eastern money centres, the deposits in the country banks and in the banks in other cities in the interior and in the West and North and South have shown enormous accumulations. In San Francisco, he essayed, the growth in deposits since May 1 was over 35 millions; in Kansas City, 23 millions; in Pittsburgh, 21 millions; in Cleveland, 18 millions; in Omaha, over 14 millions; in Houston, 8 millions; in Indianapolis, Columbus, Denver and Los Angeles, about 7 millions each. The Comptroller followed up his remarks concerning the decentralization of the money of the country with a recital of the specific provisions of the law which make it practicable for the farmer to get in touch with the money so distributed, calling attention to Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act giving to Reserve banks the right to discount notes of all member banks secured by wheat, corn, cotton and other staple agricultural products, and he called attention to the fact that although the ordinary commercial notes of merchants cannot be discounted in the Reserve banks if they run over ninety days, the notes and bills of exchange drawn or used for agricultural purposes or based on live stock can be discounted at the Reserve banks, even though they should have as much as six months to run. He also pointed out that the Reserve Act has given the national banks authority to make five-year loans on improved farm property—that it is the first time since the beginning of the national banking system, half a century ago, that the farmer has been able to borrow on the security of his farm from any national bank, and that though by the provision whereby the amount of money which national banks may lend on improved and unencumbered farm property is limited to not more than one-third of their time deposits or one-quarter of their capital and surplus, by this provision over 530 million dollars have become available for such loans. Before closing his remarks the Comptroller took occasion to allude to President Wilson's recent remark to the effect that some special interests are after his (the Comptroller's) official scalp. The Comptroller remarked that this was no surprise to him, and that he was aware that he has been held up as a kind of "Ogre, a Raw-Head and Bloody Bones, a terror to the banking and financial interests of the country." He added:

Maybe the best answer to that may be found in the records and indisputable facts that the national banks of the country are to-day stronger and in better condition than ever before; that they are more numerous than when I became Comptroller; are more prosperous and show a smaller proportion of failures and losses than was ever known in their history; and my office is receiving a steady stream of applications for charters for new national banks and for permission to increase the capital of the existing banks.

"My official scalp," he furthermore said, "is not especially dear to me. My business is to administer the law and to do justice, and the law is justice put into words, as I understand them." We give below the greater part of the address:

One of the chief difficulties hampering and obstructing the young and vigorous men who would farm if they could see in the work opportunities for success and the fulfillment of their ambitions—and the older men anxious to extend their activities and increase their product, has been the lack of capital. The farmer usually finds it harder than almost any other business man to obtain the capital he greatly needs; and when he does get it, he is too often forced to pay for it extortionate rates. All of us know that farming is becoming more and more an ordered business, governed by the same rules that apply in other business; less and less a hap-hazard venture on the caprices and chances of nature. Like every other business, it needs for success capital and the just credit that represents and secures capital. The farmer, I say, in a great measure, has lacked these, to this time. He has been denied the means of preparing and equipping himself. Too often he has been in the position of a man undertaking to open a store and lacking money or credit to obtain a stock of goods.

We hear, from many sources, clamorous cries of "back to the farm," and "back to the land." Gentlemen, we can't get people back to the farms or keep people on the farms unless we can show them promise that the farm will give them at least as much comfort and happiness and prospect as they can find in towns and cities by equal effort and labor of head and hand. Put money, or the opportunity to earn it, on the farms and the people will go to them fast enough and will stay with them.

That is precisely what the Federal Reserve system is doing in a large measure, and what we hope and believe the Rural Credits system will do in even larger measure. It is said of Mr. Gladstone that he could make even statistics eloquent, and of John Wesley that he could cause his hearers to shed tears by his way of saying "Macedonia." I am sorry I have no such faculty. I cannot so enunciate figures as to avoid temptations in my audience to yawning. But I beseech your patience while I try to show you some figures which don't lie and which it seems to me should be interesting and informing.

I am not going to tell you that there was really a dearth of money in this country before the Federal Reserve Act was passed, for it would not be true. There was plenty of money in the country. Official statements show that on January 1 1914—a week after the passage of the Federal Reserve Act—the actual money in circulation in this country, consisting of gold, silver and pa

sources of all the banks and trust companies in our country—State and national—July 1 1913, had been reported at over 25 billion dollars. The trouble was that these huge resources were not evenly distributed. People in some sections were able to borrow all the money they wanted and at favorable rates—4, 5, and 6 per cent—while in other sections very much higher rates were being charged, and many people just as honest and capable as those in the big money centres were unable to get money for their legitimate requirements on any terms, and others had to pay 8, 10, 15 and sometimes 50 and 100 per cent per annum, or more, for what they got.

These unfair, unfavorable, threatening condition developing unrest, uneasiness, unnecessary poverty and resentments against society and Government, all the more dangerous because vague, and because the real cause of the disease was obscure, and the remedy consequently undiscovered, really were results of our outworn and outgrown banking laws and system, favoring the few, depriving the many, discriminating inevitably against the farm and the farmer, the foundations of all. Hundreds of millions of dollars every year were drained away from the country banks, first to the banks in the fifty odd so-called Reserve cities, and then from these Reserve cities further concentrated in the three Central Reserve cities of New York, Chicago and St. Louis—principally in New York City.

An investigation made by the Comptroller of the Currency in the winter of 1914, a few weeks after the passage of the Federal Reserve Law, showed that the national banks in New York, Chicago and St. Louis and in three or four other eastern cities held 1500 million dollars of money belonging to other banks and trust companies from every part of the United States, and that the total amount of money which the national banks in these six or seven cities were lending back to all other banks and trust companies in the United States at that time was scarcely 110 million dollars, or less than 7 per cent of the 1500 million dollars of money which they were holding for the other banks, thus concentrated in these six or seven cities.

Approximately half of this 1500 million dollars was in the national banks of New York City to the credit of other banks and trust companies. A very large portion of it was being loaned in Wall Street at two or three per cent per annum, while you farmers were paying in many cases two and three per cent a month, sometimes as high as five and ten per cent a month. But even then, many farmers were not able to borrow enough money to operate their farms economically and efficiently.

The Federal Reserve Act has completely revolutionized, as I have said, the old banking and currency system. The only wonder is that we were able to get along as well as we did. You gentlemen of the farms know what would happen if you stacked all of your fertilizer in one pile or even in two or three central reserve piles. That plan would not do your crops any good, except in spots, and even where the fertilizer was heaped your land would be over-heated. The Federal Reserve Act has been the means of spreading the fertilizing money evenly and equitably over the whole land. It has established 12 great reservoirs conveniently located for every section of the country, and since the opening of the Federal Reserve banks, nearly two years ago, no member bank entitled to credit has applied for a loan which was not promptly furnished.

Every national bank and every other member bank of the system has the assurance that if it will conduct its affairs efficiently and according to law, these great Federal Reserve banks will not only be ready and able to help them meet any emergency that may arise, but can always be counted on to supply funds to help them meet the legitimate demands of their customers, far and near.

An immediate effect of the passage of the Federal Reserve Act was to inspire business men and bankers with new confidence and to give them new assurance that money and capital would be obtainable at fair and reasonable rates for the ordinary operations of business, and also for new creative and constructive work, and there was instant revival in business from the very day the Federal Reserve system was placed in operation, as the records clearly and abundantly show.

The huge increase in our money supply resulting from the imports of gold from abroad has been greatly augmented by the money which has come out of its hiding places, from old stockings and safe deposit boxes and been placed in banks and in circulation because of the new and increased confidence which every one has felt since our Federal Reserve system was started.

The first effect, therefore, of the opening of the Federal Reserve banks, as it concerns the farmer, has been the decentralization of the huge accumulations of money which had been permitted to concentrate in the few great centres, and the transfer of capital to these 12 reservoirs. From these 12 reservoirs the pipe lines already run to nearly 8,000 banks, where it is available for the use of every farmer, storekeeper or business man whose fidelity and industry and standing entitle him to credit.

This does not mean that the Federal Reserve Act has placed money at the threshold of everyone who asks for it, whether he is entitled to credit or not. The trouble heretofore has been that men who were in every way responsible, intelligent and trustworthy, have in wide sections of the country suffered severely, oftentimes because they could get no accommodation from the banks or got it on terms of interest and payment working silent ruin, demoralization and despair. God Almighty alone knows how many strong, capable, manly men have had the strength and hope and power sapped from them by unfair interest rates, how many promising boys and girls have been deprived of opportunity and driven to worthlessness and crime by the same direful, inexorable power.

The latest official returns from the national banks of the United States show vividly how the work of decentralization and distribution is progressing. I shall again impose on you a few more figures in considering the condition of our national banks on Sept. 12 1916, as compared with their status 4½ months earlier, on May 1 1916. During this period the transfer of money from the great centres to the country banks and to the interior cities has been especially noticeable. In these 4½ months, the deposits in the national banks of New York City were reduced 222 million dollars, in Boston the reduction was 36 millions, and in Philadelphia 13 millions. The aggregate reductions in seven or eight other Reserve cities amounted to 12 millions.

Coincidentally with the reduction which has taken place in the Eastern money centres, the deposits in the country banks and in the banks in other cities in the interior and in the West and North and in the South have shown enormous accumulations. The growth of deposits in San Francisco since May 1st was over 35 millions; in Kansas City, 23 millions; in Pittsburgh, 21 millions; in Cleveland, 18 millions; in Omaha, over 14 millions; in Houston, Texas, 8 millions; in Indianapolis, Columbus, Denver and Los Angeles, about 7 millions each. Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Richmond, Wichita and St. Joseph show increases of about 5 million dollars each in the deposits of their national banks in this brief period.

While such increases as these are shown in the larger interior cities, the country banks in nearly every State in the Union have increased largely their deposits. The preliminary figures, just compiled, indicate that the growth in the deposits of the country banks throughout the United States since May 1 1916, has been such that their deposits Sept. 12 1916 probably exceeded by more than 225 million dollars the greatest deposits they had ever previously recorded.

Having shown you how the money of the country has already been brought within reach of the farmer, has been and is being further decentralized and distributed, I will next ask your attention to certain specific provisions of the law which make it practicable for the farmer to get in touch with the money so distributed.

Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act expressly gives to every Federal Reserve bank the right to discount notes of all member banks secured by wheat, corn, cotton and other staple agricultural products; and although the ordinary commercial notes of merchants cannot be discounted in the Reserve banks if they run over 90 days, the notes and bills of exchange drawn or used for agricultural purposes or based on live stock can be discounted at the Reserve banks even though they should have as much as six months to run. Any member bank in good standing therefore can get money from its Federal Reserve bank, generally at rates lower than ever known before, for the six month notes discounted for the farmers, whether advanced for the planting of his crops or based on live stock or non-perishable products already grown.

Banks in different parts of the country are offering money in large sums to farmers at unusually low rates of interest for the purchase of young cattle with the agreement that the loan shall be continued or renewed until the cattle can be fattened and made ready for market. Every stock raiser can understand the value of these opportunities to get money on his cattle while they are in process of making.

The Federal Reserve banks, by standing ready to discount at low rates to any reasonable extent for their member banks the farmers' six months paper, enormously facilitate the farmer in getting money for the making of his crops and for raising his live stock.

Aside from the questions of individual character and responsibility, it is hard to see why farm products in the course of growth or manufacture or finished, ready for sale, should not be as legitimate security for loans as the merchant's goods on the shelves waiting to be sold, or the goods in a factory in process of manufacture, or manufactured goods awaiting orders from customers. Probably it has happened that a farmer with his wheat of his cotton stored, was unable to borrow on it, or refused to pay excessive interest, while the miller or the manufacturer on this same wheat or cotton could borrow readily at low interest. This should not be. It is poor business and vicious political economy, because it is a sure fact that if the farmer does not prosper and get his right share of the products of his land and labor, the merchant's goods will remain on the shelves and the manufacturer will find himself short of orders.

Beyond these, what I may call details, is the broad general truth that the Federal Reserve Act has assured, as I have tried to show you, a supply of money sufficient to meet the requirements of the country, and of every section of it, and at all seasons, and that the proper administration of it will protect all claims of the people against extortion; and will forbid the grasping from using for their own advantage the necessities of their neighbors. The farmer is put on the same plane as the business man. He is enabled to borrow according to his industry and commercial standing because his banks know exactly how and where to get the money for him. It will not be possible hereafter to have the money supply locked in the great centres to be used for speculation or gambling purposes, while the real producers and legitimate productive commerce are pinched or denied, perhaps just at the time of their most important need.

The Federal Reserve system furthermore greatly benefits the farmer by providing a method by which, when he has made his crops, he can borrow money to enable him to hold them until he gets a satisfactory market and can sell his products at what he believes them to be worth. The Federal Reserve banks throughout the country have been offering money to their member banks at the unprecedentedly low rate of 3 per cent on what they term "commodity paper"—that is to say, on notes secured by warehouse or terminal receipts for wheat, cotton, tobacco, corn or other staple products. But this is done with the understanding that the banks borrowing at this low rate must not charge their customers on this paper more than 6 per cent per annum at the outside.

So it is that the Federal Reserve Act is benefiting the farmer by enabling him to borrow money to make his crops, and then to borrow money when he has harvested them in order to carry them until he can obtain a satisfactory market. He is thus enabled to use his own judgment and consult his own convenience as to when he will sell what he has made. He cannot be forced into a glutted market or made to suffer for temporary sags in prices. It changes him in a great measure from the owner who must sell for the price the buyer chooses to fix, to the owner who can hold for what he thinks his goods are worth. It does not and cannot interfere with the law of supply and demand. It does release the farmer of the pressure to sell and leaves him free to study conditions for himself and act on his own opinion.

The Federal Reserve Act now goes still further and has given the national banks of the country authority to make five year loans on improved farm property. This is the first time since the beginning of the national banking system, half a century ago, that the farmer has been able to borrow on the security of his farm from any national bank. The amount of money which national banks may now, at their discretion, lend on improved and unencumbered farm property is limited to not more than one-third of their time deposits or one quarter of their capital and surplus; but by this provision, over 530 million dollars become available for such loans.

The figures show the farmers of the country are beginning to use this opportunity so recently provided for them. The total loans by national banks on farm property June 30 1915 were reported at 25 million dollars; and on Sept. 12 1916 they had increased to 48 million dollars and they grow steadily. The character of the average American farmer for conservatism and caution and his love for his land are guarantees that he will try not to use his new credit unwisely. He seems to me to be a better investment than the speculator in stocks whose collateral may be called gilt-edged to-day and waste paper next month. I am sorry to say we come across relics of such shrinkages in the banks sometimes, but happily not often.

On June 30 1916 our national banks were lending to their customers, on warehouse receipts secured by wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco and other commodities, more than 124 million dollars, and on Sept. 12 1916 this had increased to more than 155 million dollars, about one-third of which was based on cotton. Exactly how much of this money is being loaned to farmers has not been definitely reported; but we do know definitely that the farmers throughout the United States, as a result largely of the operations of the Federal Reserve Act, have been and are obtaining funds for making their crops, for carrying their crops after they are made until satisfactory prices are obtainable, and also are borrowing money on their farms for development purposes or for the acquisition of new land, on terms more favorable than ever known before in our history.

The Federal Reserve system does not, as I have said, undertake to provide credit for those who do not deserve it by character or financial responsibility, or both. It does go a long way toward assuring every business man, including the farmer, that he shall not be deprived by any temporary or permanent condition of the credit he has earned by his right living, his intelligence and thought and diligence.

The new system provides an abundant and ever-ready source for supplying money or credit to its member banks and through them to farmer,

merchant and business man. If the local member bank should lack the funds to meet the wants of a farmer customer, it doesn't have to wait for an increase in its deposits before it can grant the loan desired; nor does it have to call in loans from other customers. It merely takes from its vault a batch of notes acquired for loans made to farmers or others and maturing in not more than six months—it makes no difference whether these notes were given to raise crops or to buy cattle for fattening—and the little local bank then sends this paper to its Reserve bank. The Reserve bank discounts the paper at 3 or 4% or whatever the prevailing rate may be at the time, and the money thus received the local bank lends to its farmer client.

If the local bank lets the farmer have this money at not over 6%, and takes as security warehouse receipts for wheat or cotton or other such products, the local bank can have such paper rediscounted at the Reserve bank at especially favorable rates, say 3 or 3½%.

There is no likelihood that the Reserve banks may not have funds to meet all needs of member banks at any time. Whenever a Federal Reserve bank finds its funds running low, it can take the paper received from farmers and merchants and deposit it in trust with an officer connected with each Federal Reserve bank—the representative of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, known as the Federal Reserve Agent—who is empowered thereupon to deliver to the Federal Reserve bank an amount of Federal Reserve notes, which he receives under the law from the Comptroller of the Currency, equal to the face value of the commercial or agricultural paper so deposited. As these notes discounted for farmers or merchants are paid off the local bank pays its Federal Reserve bank, and the Federal Reserve bank deposits money with the Federal Reserve agent, and so redeems or retires the Federal Reserve notes thus issued to it.

Each Federal Reserve note must be secured by 100% of discounted bills; and besides this, each Federal Reserve bank is required to keep a supply of available gold on hand at all times equal to at least 40% of all outstanding notes. And furthermore, the United States Government itself stands behind every Federal Reserve note issued by any one of the twelve Federal Reserve banks.

The flexibility or elasticity of our currency is a cardinal feature of the Federal Reserve System. No longer do the business men dread the approach of harvest as a time for tight money and falling prices. The new system furnishes a volume of money, expanding naturally to meet normal and legitimate demands, and machinery for retiring it when the need for it no longer remains.

As I have pointed out on other occasions, the old, rigid and imperfect currency system which we had long ago outgrown made our very property a danger, the diligence of the farmer and the fertility of the soil an annual threat and cause of fright. The more abundantly kind Providence had blessed us with great crops, the more alarm was felt at financial centres at the drain on reserves required to move them. We had alternating chills of fear and stagnation and deadly interest rates, fevers of abundant and cheap money, over-confidence and desperate speculation. We had at one time of the year gluts of money, heaped at the centres with nobody wanting or employing it; at another time such scarcity that legitimate business was denied the means with which to move and the best collateral went begging. The effect of that was to increase and harden constantly and steadily the concentration of financial power in a few places and a few hands.

These unhealthy conditions which had called so loudly and so long, but vainly, for reform were admitted by even the bankers themselves in the great money centres. In a written statement to the Pufo Committee just ten months before President Wilson attached his signature to the Federal Reserve Act, Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. had claimed, to use their exact language, that

"Such concentration as has taken place in New York and other financial centres has been due, not to the purposes and activities of men, but primarily—mark you—to the operation of our antiquated banking system which automatically compels interior banks to 'concentrate' in New York City hundreds of millions of reserve funds."

They added that, secondarily, the accumulations in these centres were due to natural causes.

It is with great satisfaction that I can announce to you that as a result of the inauguration of the Federal Reserve system and the determined efforts of the Comptroller of the Currency to require the banks under his supervision to obey the laws against usury and extortion, there has been a general collapse in interest charges in those sections of the country where the abuse was greatest, and a general disposition on the part of the banks in all sections of the country to live within the law.

Hundreds of banks have made perpendicular drops from the excessive rates which they formerly charged. Many that have been charging on some of their loans as much as 50% or 60%, are limiting their charges to the rates permitted by the laws of their respective States. In other instances where 12% or 15% rates have prevailed, borrowers are being accommodated at 6% and 8%. The reports received from some of the small country banks in distant districts indicate that they are adopting a conservative course, desiring to avoid the jar which might result from too sudden a drop in rates, but that they are moving in the right direction. One bank testifies under oath that it has reduced its maximum from 1% a day, or 360% per annum, to about 1-3 of 1% per day, or 100% per annum. Another in the same State reports that it has brought its maximum rate from 300% down to 30% and other banks which heretofore have been charging an average of from 18% to 22% on all loans have come down to the legal rate of 10% authorized in their respective States.

It seems almost incredible, but one national bank reported to me under oath that it had been charging an average of 36% on all loans made by it, while another declared that the average rate which it received for all money loaned by it was 40%.

A great many farmers who had never known what it was to borrow money below 12% are getting it at 6%. The cashier of a national bank in the interior of Texas, which had been charging excessive interest rates, recently in a letter to the Comptroller's Office said:

"While it has been rather hard for us to get down to the legal rate, I realize that you are absolutely correct and I am sure that the cheaper rate of interest will bring and is already bringing to this bank a large increase of business. Your stand in this matter is entirely commendable and we will do our best to uphold you in it."

The total loans made by all national banks at the time of the June 1916 call amounted to 7,679 million dollars. Despite the reduction which has taken place in interest rates throughout the whole country, the indications are that the earnings of the national banks for 1916, based on their returns for the first six months, will be greater, both as to gross and net, than they have been in any previous year in their history. While the rates of interest they are charging are lower, and while the farmers, merchants and business men are deriving great benefit from these reduced rates, the banks seem to be more than making up for the reduction in interest rates by their larger business. The national banks in June 1916 were earning interest on 1 billion and a half dollars in excess of the amount they were lending in June 1913, before the passage of the Federal Reserve Act. If we assume that

they are receiving for these additional loans a profit of 3% per annum, this interest alone should add to their earnings nearly \$50,000,000 a year.

The managers of hundreds of country banks have admitted to me that their losses on loans to farmers have been strikingly small, amounting to a mere fraction of 1% of their aggregate loans; and that, though he is not always punctual in meeting his notes at maturity, the farmers' loans, I am assured, are about the safest that the banks ever make. And yet up to this time, it has been the farmer principally who has been paying the highest kind of rates, and who has suffered most from excessive charges.

I think you will agree with me that wise and foresighted statesmanship gives attention first to the foundations, to secure their permanent stability. While they are sound, the structure built on them will be invincible against any storm or stress. In this country we are beginning to be confronted by the facts of a limited quantity of land, and much of the land we have losing productive power annually because those who till it have not the means to keep it up or improve it; and at the same time a population steadily and swiftly increasing and promising indefinite expansion by the mathematical processes of human reproduction. Let me show you, for a moment, what land—old land cultivated for a thousand or fifteen hundred years—can be made to do.

We made last year in the United States 607 million bushels of wheat, an average of 12 bushels per acre. If we, on our new land cultivated for an average of probably less than 50 years, had gotten the yield per acre which Great Britain secures on her lands, some of which have been cultivated more than 1,000 years, our wheat crop on the acreage planted would have been 1,600 million bushels, or two and a half times our this year's yield. If we had reached the efficiency in cultivation shown by Germany in the production of oats, we would last year have raised 2,400 millions of bushels on the same acreage from which we this year produced 1,200 million bushels. Our rye crop could have been made on 47 per cent of the acreage we planted in rye if we had made the yield per acre that Belgium usually shows; and it can be no source of pride to us to realize that Belgium was accustomed to raise 120 million bushels of potatoes on the same number of acres on which last year we produced only 32 million bushels.

Having in mind present conditions, the probabilities of demand of the future, and the possibilities of production, this Administration has given much thought and labor to improving the condition of the American farmer and increasing his usefulness to the world, while promoting his own comfort and prosperity, by giving him every possible fair opportunity to increase his productive capacity. You have noticed that I spoke just now of the American farmer's usefulness to "the world," not to the country. The words were used advisedly. I tell you farmers, as I told the bankers at Kansas City the other day, that we Americans have outgrown our obligations to America. By force of our wealth, our population, our enormous power—never excelled by any nation that ever lived—and our immunity from the devastation of a war that has smitten every other nation and enriched us, we have become responsible to the world, its leading and guiding influence; and all our thinking and planning should include the entire planet. It is a responsibility that we cannot avoid if we would. For this world work of ours, the farmer is the fundamental source of strength. Therefore the Rural Credits or Farm Loan measure has been added to the Federal Reserve system.

The Federal Reserve Act enables the farmer to get, at liberal rates, the money he needs temporarily to make his crops; and also the money he may need to carry them for an advantageous market after they are made. The Rural Credits measure enables the farmer to borrow the more permanent capital he needs to enlarge his operations or to equip his farm with the machinery and buildings required for up-to-date operations; and furthermore it enables him to do so at better interest rates than he has ever known.

John Jones has a farm worth \$10,000. He wishes to put up a modern barn and silo, to run water pipes into his home, establish a gasoline engine to pump, saw wood and churn. His efforts to borrow in the past had been vain, though at one time he came near getting a bank to lend him \$5,000 for twenty years at 12%. This man will soon be in a position where he can get his \$5,000 from the Farm Loan Bank on a basis of paying interest at 5% a year for twenty years with a small additional payment on principal. At the end of twenty years he will find his yearly payments of \$80.24 per \$1,000, or \$401.20 for \$5,000, have not only covered all interest costs, but that there has been accumulated a sinking fund which has also paid off his principal and he is entirely out of debt.

If he had taken the money originally from the money lender at 12%, he would have had to pay \$600 a year for twenty years, or a total interest charge of \$12,000; and at the end of that time would have had to pay in addition the principal sum of \$5,000, making his total payments for principal and interest \$17,000.

The net result to this particular farmer, under the new Farm Loan plan, is that he gets his \$5,000 for new land and improvements, makes yearly payments of only \$401.20, instead of \$600—a saving each year of \$198.80—and at the end of twenty years, instead of having to pay the \$5,000 principal, is handed a receipt in full and his canceled mortgage.

The Farm Loan plan is safe and profitable for the Government; easy and most advantageous for the farmer, giving him better opportunity than he ever had, providing for his peculiar situation a peculiar, special and available basis for making the money represented by his land an active and ready force for enabling him to improve the value and capacity of that land and of the farm.

Now, gentlemen, I have tried to cover the main subject as comprehensively but as briefly as I could. It is of enormous interest to us here and to every student of our affairs and thinker on our future as a people, and as individuals.

Published utterances of the last few days suggest to me that I may interject here, near the close of what I have to say, a brief statement that may be regarded as almost personal. I see our President in an address at Shadow Lawn tells the country that the bankers, or certain bankers or some special interests are after my official scalp because I, as the Comptroller of the Currency, have enforced the law. This is no surprise to me.

I know that I have been held up as a kind of Ogre, a Raw-Head and Bloody Bones, a terror to the banking and financial interests of the country. Maybe the best answer to that may be found in the records and indisputable facts, that the national banks of the country are to-day stronger and in better condition than ever before; that they are more numerous than when I became Comptroller; are more prosperous, and show a small proportion of failures and losses than was ever known in their history; and my office is receiving a steady stream of applications for charters for new national banks and for permission to increase the capital of the existing banks.

But I shall ask your permission to present here an extract from a communication I wrote the "Wall Street Journal" in April last, in answer to certain criticisms of my efforts to enforce the law.

In my letter referred to I said, in part:

"Probably many honest bankers had fallen into the habit of using their own discretion as to when the law should be twisted, evaded or shamed a little for their own convenience or that of their customers. Conscious of their own good intentions, they are impatient of restraint and rigid regulations and enforcement of the law. The obvious danger is that if men of prudence and character are permitted to stretch or ignore any part of the law, men who are imprudent and of less character will do likewise with

results injurious to everybody. As the law itself may not discriminate, so officers of the law are forbidden to discriminate. When they undertake to be strict here and lax there, they betray their trusts and take serious chances of doing vast harm. It is like sanitary regulations in a city. They are useless unless applied universally. A best citizen permitted to disregard them and inflicting no harm, may infect his entire neighborhood and community."

My official scalp is not especially dear to me. My business is to administer the law and to do justice, and the law is justice put into words, as I understand them. I have had a somewhat stormy time and have been an uncomfortably prominent target. But always I have kept in mind some words spoken by Patrick Henry in a little wooden church, on a hill in my own town, about 141 years ago—"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God."

C. S. HAMLIN BELIEVES RESERVE SYSTEM WILL SUCCESSFULLY COPE WITH FUTURE PROBLEMS.

Declaring that the vast resources of the Federal Reserve system have been scarcely touched as yet, Charles S. Hamlin, of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, this week took occasion to add that "the real test of a banking system comes in times of adversity rather than of prosperity," and expressed his confidence that the Reserve system "will demonstrate its power to cope successfully with any and all problems which the future may have in store for us." These remarks were made by Mr. Hamlin before the Massachusetts State Board of Trade at its annual meeting in Boston on the 25th inst. In his statement to the effect that the Federal Reserve banks are all earning their expenses, Mr. Hamlin noted that for the eight months ending August 1916 the combined earnings of the twelve Reserve banks were over 2.7 million dollars and the total current expenses were 1.3 millions, leaving an excess of earnings over current expenses of 1.4 millions. His speech is printed in the "Boston Transcript" as follows:

The boards of trade of Massachusetts and of the United States may well take pride in the present unexampled prosperity of our country. They should take even greater pride in the realization that we have underlying this prosperity a firm foundation in the Federal Reserve banking system.

I shall not undertake to-day to discuss the question as to whether our present prosperity is caused by the Federal Reserve system or by what it is caused. The real test of a banking system comes not in times of prosperity but rather in adversity. We have had eras of great prosperity throughout the United States, quickly followed by severe crises, but we can all now rejoice in the fact that in any future trouble which may threaten us we have for our protection a system of banking probably as sound as any system in the world.

The vast resources of the Federal Reserve banks have been scarcely touched as yet, and, with the exception of the foreign trade now in a material degree financed by our own banks with the help of the Federal Reserve system, the operation of the Federal Reserve banks has been necessarily guided by the necessity for earnings rather than the necessity for assistance to member banks.

The Federal Reserve system is in splendid condition. All the twelve Federal Reserve banks are earning their expenses. Taking the system as a whole, for the eight months ending in August 1916, the combined earnings of the twelve Federal Reserve banks were over 2.7 millions of dollars, and the total current expenses were 1.3 millions, leaving an excess of earnings over current expenses of 1.4 millions. For the month of August the excess of earnings over current expenses showed an equivalent of 7.2 per cent dividends earned.

We all take pride in the prosperous condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Under the Federal Reserve Act there has been a very rapid development of the acceptance business in connection with our import and export trade. Since the opening of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, it has purchased, for its own account, acceptances amounting to over 36 millions, and has distributed acceptances among other Federal Reserve banks to the amount of over 16 millions. These purchases have assured a market to member banks for such commercial obligations, and have provided our exporters and importers with the means of financing their operations more economically than they have ever been able to do before. At the same time it has enabled member banks to develop an entirely new class of business. With the exception only of New York City, Boston has developed a much larger acceptance business than any other point in the country. These acceptances have covered an infinite variety of commodities, among which has been hides, leather, wool, Egyptian cotton, chilled beef, and machinery. While this business is still in its infancy, there is every evidence of its rapid development.

In the matter of rediscounts of commercial paper, there has not been very much activity in Boston because of the abundance of funds in the district since the opening of the Federal Reserve banks.

The bank has been well managed. Its officers are men of the highest standing, and under their administration everything looks bright for New England.

As I have said, the real test of a banking system comes in times of adversity rather than of prosperity. I am confident, however, that the Federal Reserve system will demonstrate its power to cope successfully with any and all problems which the future may have in store for us.

Even in the midst of our great prosperity, however, the necessity for caution and conservatism must be apparent to all. No such unexampled development as that through which we are now going could take place without some manifestation of undue speculative activities, and the market which shivers one day at rumors of peace, and is temporarily unstrung on the next day at the prospect of war, requires careful and conservative control.

The bankers of the United States have so far held the situation well in hand and I believe they can be relied upon to keep our development within normal bounds, repressing speculative tendencies. The burden of so doing is upon them, and I see no reason to doubt that they will successfully maintain this burden.

From time to time we hear it stated that there has been a decrease in the number of national banks and a resulting increase in the State banks and trust companies, and one would almost infer from such statements that the national bank system is in a waning condition. The very reverse, however, is the truth. The national banking system was never in a more flourishing condition than it is to-day, thanks in a good measure to the supporting influence of the Federal Reserve system.

Sooner or later the State banks and trust companies must realize that they must join our system to obtain the benefits of its consolidated reserves, or must establish a parallel system of their own, which is hardly within the range of probability.

The national banks are manned by an army of 75,000 men, with a pay-roll of nearly 100 millions of dollars a year; with a total capital of over a billion dollars contributed by 441,000 stockholders, and with over fourteen million depositors. There are to-day approximately 7,600 national banks. Since the opening of the Federal Reserve system down to the present time, excluding consolidations of national banks, the number of existing national banks which have increased in capital, plus the number of new national banks chartered, exceeded by 243 the number which, during the same period, have gone into liquidation or which have reduced their capital. Furthermore, the capital increase of existing national banks, plus the capital of the new chartered banks, for the same period, exceeds by over twenty millions of dollars the capital of all national banks which have gone into liquidation or which have reduced their capital.

During the last three years, while the increase in deposits of the national banks is not as large as that of the State banks and trust companies, because of their greater number, yet the ratio of increase for the national bank system has been 33 1-3%, against only 28% for the State banks and trust companies. In other words, the deposits of the national banks since the passage of the Federal Reserve Act have been increasing at a greater ratio than the deposits of the State banks and trust companies. Furthermore, the recent figures of the Comptroller thus far received indicate that the national banks, for the current year, will earn approximately 16% on their capital of over one billion dollars.

These figures convincingly demonstrate the prosperity of national banks under the Federal Reserve system, and it is confidently believed that the amendments to the Federal Reserve Act just made by Congress, giving, among other things, the power to member banks to accept bills of exchange in the domestic trade as well as in foreign transactions, will greatly add to their prosperity.

Furthermore, the last report of condition of our national banks shows a most gratifying distribution of the money of the country, away from the large centres where it was, under the old system, largely concentrated. Comparing May 1 of this year with Sept. 12, we find a material reduction of deposits in certain large centres, and a corresponding increase in others, yet the decline in these large centres has not interfered with their healthy growth and business activities, rates for money continuing as low or lower than was ever known before.

This diffusion of wealth and banking power throughout the smaller centres is a most gratifying demonstration of the widespread prosperity of our country. With care and conservatism, there is every reason to believe that this condition of prosperity may be retained even though there must inevitably be radical industrial changes following the close of the European war.

A. C. MILLER OF RESERVE BOARD ON PLANS FOR MEETING FOREIGN DRAIN AT WAR'S END.

Under the title of "The Federal Reserve System; Looking Ahead," A. C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve Board, at Washington, discussed before the Indianapolis Bankers' Association on the 24th inst., at Indianapolis, the administration of the gold supply of the country to meet the foreign drain which is expected at the close of the war. Among other things Mr. Miller essayed that to raise the gold lending power of the Federal Reserve banks to the point which would be necessary to meet possible demands of \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000, approximately \$400,000,000 would have to be added to the Reserve Bank's deposits, in order to give them, after setting aside the necessary reserve of 35% additional free gold to the amount of \$260,000,000. His further treatment of the problems of reconstruction are set out in the following extract from his speech:

The world has changed much during the two years since the Federal Reserve system was put into operation and there is every evidence that it is going to keep on changing at a rapid pace and for a long time to come. We are right now in the midst of a most acutely transitional position—more marked than any that has ever hitherto overtaken our foreign commerce.

Changes in our banking methods and the scope of banking operations, which were foreshadowed in the Federal Reserve Act, and for which provision was then made for the first time in the history of American banking legislation, are coming with a speed which was not anticipated and which could not have been anticipated.

Before the outbreak of the European war, our country had very little to do in the field of international finance except as a borrower, and so it had no occasion to develop the machinery of international banking. It sought such international banking facilities as it required from other countries, and took them on such terms as were given. American banking had been developed strictly on domestic lines, as an incident to the internal development of the country's industry and trade. The country was so large and rich, and offered so attractive a field for the investment of capital at home, that it left little or no margin of surplus banking capital for foreign operations, but instead attracted immense investments of foreign capital to it. As long as this condition continued we were content to let other countries take care of the business of international banking so far as our needs were concerned, for much the same reason that we were content to let other countries supply our needs for ocean-carrying service.

More than one occasion, however, had shown that the time was approaching when our country must look to its own facilities and resources for a larger measure of accommodation in international banking. The dependence upon foreign countries was being felt to be precarious. The Federal Reserve Act, therefore, undertook to create agencies which would give to the banking machinery of the country a greater measure of control over those factors in international finance which were of consequence to the stability and ease of American trade. For this purpose, it authorized national banks to establish foreign branches; for the first time it authorized national banks to accept against transactions arising out of the foreign trade of this country; in brief, created "dollar exchange."

It is a matter of common knowledge that up to date the United States has received from Europe since Aug. 1 1914 on settlement of international trade account \$631,097,000 of gold. If the present gold movement into the country sustains its pace to the end of the calendar year, (as seems likely, if those who estimate a trade balance in our favor of not much less than \$2,500,000,000 are right,) this amount of gold will be increased greatly. Indeed, so long as there is gold to be laid hold of it is likely that gold exports to us will grow, unless we take steps to check them, because of the diminu-

tion and gradual disappearance of the supply of European-held securities marketable in this country.

The result will be—indeed is already close at hand—that the United States, simply in its capacity as a trading country and without any design or ambition on its part, will have come more nearly having control of the supply of the most fundamental and important instrumentality of modern commerce and finance that has ever been witnessed.

But the gold which the European nations have been sending us because they must have our goods, it seems clear, they will endeavor after the war to get back from us, because, without it, it is extremely unlikely that they could re-establish their position as trading nations. Problems of finance will be to the forefront in Europe because financial reconstruction must accompany, if not, indeed, precede, commercial and industrial reconstruction.

We are likely to see the experience of the United States in the unsettled and uncertain decade that followed the Civil War repeated on a gigantic scale in Europe. The vast debts piled up by the European belligerents (now estimated at close to 50 billions of dollars), the huge issues of paper currency in one form or another, make the problems of the restoration of credit, the refunding of debts and the resumption of specie payment among the most urgent and the most difficult with which they will be confronted—problems for which no solution will be found which does not involve more or less participation and help on the side of the United States.

The Scandinavian countries, Holland, and ourselves, among the neutrals and Japan, among the belligerents, have been the chief recipients of the outflowing gold. All of these countries are likely, therefore, to have an opportunity to part with much of their recently acquired gold, but we are likely, almost certain, to be the principal market in which the yellow metal will be sought, because of our vast holdings and acquisitions.

We may also expect that the more rapid the process of financial recovery undertaken by the countries of Europe, the more intense will be the demands made upon us for gold. I repeat, therefore, that the problem of the wise and effective management of our gold supply is a very real problem.

I am not overlooking the suggestion, which has been made not infrequently within the past year by careful observers and students of the financial demoralization which is going on in Europe, that the commerce of the future will be organized upon some basis of barter and credit which will dispense with the necessity of having the liberal supply of gold necessitated under the old ways of international trading and banking. This suggestion certainly merits attention. It may be admitted that everything will be done which ingenuity, sharpened by the drastic experiences of war, can suggest to economize the use of gold in the credit systems of the European nations.

There is undeniable evidence of energetic efforts being made by the great banks of France and Germany to inaugurate a reign of economy in the handling of their gold by the transplantation of credit devices and expedients borrowed from the banking practices of England and the United States, such as the substitution of the checking account for the uneconomical and clumsy bank note.

The history of commerce shows that banking traditions die slow and hard; and so, in my judgment, it will be with the tradition that there is but one medium of international payment which is universally valid in the modern world, namely gold. I do not doubt that we shall get speedy and decisive testimony to this effect as soon as, or even before, the war is over.

All of the belligerent countries are straining public credit to the limit and involving the management of their great central banking institutions under the pressure of public necessity, in hazardous ventures in the field of finance. All, with the exception of England, have long since suspended specie payment, even though by one form of financial concealment or another they are attempting to mask the real situation, and England herself, long renowned as the world's one and secure free gold market, is rapidly approaching the point where there will be no escape for her from a suspension of specie payment, if the war continues much longer.

Such a step as the abandonment of specie payment and the dethronement of the pound sterling from its position of high prestige will be taken, we may believe, most reluctantly and as a last resort in a struggle of peculiar desperation and of national existence. And why? Because this greatest and oldest of the trading nations recognizes full well how essential gold is to the maintenance of her position in international trade and in international banking.

My own view and expectation is that the United States may be expected for a long time, perhaps permanently, to hold the position of a creditor nation, to which she has attained during the war—first, because of the practical extinction of our financial obligations to Europe, the interest on which had long been a very important element in the international account; secondly, because of the considerable financial obligations that Europe has incurred to us; and, thirdly, because industrially and commercially our position as the leading source of supply of many of the most important requisites of commerce will be strengthened by reason of the depletion of stocks of raw materials, &c., in Europe, and because the "forced draft" which war orders have given to the establishment and expansion of many of our leading manufacturing industries, has given an impulse to our outward commerce which is likely for years to lead to a mass and value of exports which will pay, or more than pay, for all the goods and services we shall need from Europe.

Indeed, it is conceivable that a situation may exist for some considerable time after the war in which the problem will be rather how to get rid of some of our redundant gold advantageously than how to hold on to it.

Thus far we have received since August 1 1914 \$631,097,000 more gold than we have exported. If we assume, further, that the rapidity with which the return will be made will be approximately identical with the rate of rapidity at which we have received it, we should be far within the limits of safe calculation if we fixed upon some \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000 at the present time, as the gold export demand which the banking system of the country might be called upon to meet within a period of two years. If the war runs another year, we may have to take more millions of European gold and might have to raise correspondingly the approximate amount of gold which might have to be returned to Europe. I say "might" rather than "would" because of my firm expectation that we shall not have to return so large an amount and also because I realize the importance of being prepared to deal with possibilities, in the face of so unprecedented a situation, however remote the possibilities may seem, and finally because of my strong conviction that there is nothing whatever in the possibilities which need embarrass us. Assuming, then, that we may have to return in the course of some two years, some \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000 of gold, how is our banking machinery prepared to cope with the problem of its orderly management?

This problem is one which concerns every part of our American banking system. But it may be admitted that it is in a peculiar sense a problem of concern to the Federal Reserve system. The Federal Reserve banks were specifically created, among other important objects, to manage the banking reserves of their members and to regulate the movement of gold.

What, then, is the gold position of the country and of the several component parts of its banking system, and especially, what is the gold position of the Federal Reserve banks?

The total gold holdings of the United States at this time, are estimated at \$2,600,000,000. Of this amount, approximately \$280,000,000 is in the Treasury of the United States, the balance being distributed amongst the banks of the country, including the Federal Reserve banks, and the hands of the general public. Over \$500,000,000 is held by the member banks of the Federal Reserve system, over \$300,000,000 is estimated to be held by State banks and trust companies, and the rest, it may be conjecturally estimated, is in the hands of the general public. The total amount of gold held in and by the Federal Reserve system is \$616,000,000. (October 13 1916). This is made up of \$405,000,000 held by the Federal Reserve banks, and \$210,000,000 held by the Federal Reserve agents, this last being some of the redundant gold of the country which has been impounded in exchange for Federal Reserve notes, and which is in the keeping of the Federal Reserve agents, to be held until the occasion for its use arises. It should not be inferred, however, that all of the \$616,000,000 held in the Federal Reserve system is free gold available to meet a foreign drain. Certain deductions must be made in arriving at a statement of the Federal Reserve system's free gold assets. The most important deductions are the reserves of 35% required by the law to be held against the reserve deposits of member banks, and of 40% against outstanding Federal Reserve notes. These deductions now aggregate \$195,000,000. After allowing for these reserves and in addition for a 40% reserve against Federal Reserve notes now secured by gold in the hands of the Federal Reserve agents which could be replaced by the deposit of eligible commercial collateral to secure such notes, the amount of the Federal Reserve system's available gold may be set down as \$345,000,000.

In November of this year, a further installment of member bank reserves will be deposited with the Reserve banks, to an estimated amount of about \$60,000,000. If this should all be deposited in gold, the free gold holdings of the Federal Reserve banks, after allowing for the required 35% reserve against the new deposits, would be increased by \$38,500,000, bringing the total free gold of the system to over \$380,000,000.

\$345,000,000 of free gold is certainly an imposing aggregate. It is the largest amount of gold that has ever been massed under effective and unified banking control in this country. To many it will seem altogether sufficient to answer any probable needs. Indeed, if we were to be guided in our judgment of the probable provision that should be made, purely by our past experience, and neglect the profound changes which have come to pass in the world of finance during the past two years, we might well believe that this amount would not only be ample, but more than ample, easily to provide for any probable demands. But I have already stated my reasons for believing that it will be prudent, in making our calculations, to take note of the possibilities as well as the probabilities, particularly as the latter are so incalculable, and to accept \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000 as the figure to bear in mind in estimating the amount of the possible gold demands that might be made upon us. Taking this figure as the goal of our calculations, it is clear that the present resources of the Federal Reserve system, big as they are, are not to be regarded in any but an optimistic calculation as certainly equal to meeting any possible drains of gold that might develop at the close of the war, and be equal, at the same time, to supplying any needs of our domestic banking situation which may develop. The practical problem confronting the managers of the Federal Reserve system is, therefore, how best to proceed in undertaking to mobilize from the extensive gold supply of the country outside of the Federal Reserve system, an amount of gold which will bring the free holdings of the system up to, say \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000; that is to say, how to bring under the control or management of the Federal Reserve banks an additional potential of \$400,000,000 of gold, of which \$250,000,000 would be over and above the required reserves.

This looks like a big order, but this is a day and a country of big things, and we are equal to the order. The problem should offer no great difficulty if we are alive to its importance, for the \$400,000,000 additional gold required by the Federal Reserve system is but one-sixth of the country's total supply. The problem has had the careful attention of the managers of the Federal Reserve system, and in its general aspects had the attention of the Congress which enacted the Federal Reserve Act; for while such a sensational contingency as that with which we are now confronted could not have been foreseen when the Federal Reserve Act was framed, it was foreseen that situations which would call for an effective marshalling of our gold resources would arise, and many of the fundamental features of the Reserve system were shaped with reference to this requirement; for the problem of handling the country's gold supply is, in a very special sense, a problem in reserve banking.

The elements that enter into the problem of handling this country's gold supply and the many factors that enter into the organization of the machinery for effectively mobilizing it were summarized by Mr. Miller as follows:

1. Europe may be expected in time to recover a large part of the gold she has sent us. There being no present method of estimating the probabilities, attention must be paid to the possibilities.
2. Europe having sent us thus far over \$630,000,000, prudent calculations will address themselves toward considering how an amount of \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000 of gold might best be mobilized for the purpose of meeting a foreign drain should it attain such a magnitude.
3. The Federal Reserve banking system, including therein the member banks, possesses over \$1,385,000,000 in cash, of which over \$1,100,000,000 is gold (which is something short of one-half of the total gold supply of the country), the remainder being exchangeable for gold at the Treasury of the United States.
4. The total gold within the immediate control of the Federal Reserve banks amounts to \$616,000,000, of which \$345,000,000 may be regarded as free gold; that is, the amount of gold-lending power without any impairment of reserves.
5. To raise the gold-lending power of the Reserve banks to the point which would be necessary to enable them to meet (what is, however, in view of present probabilities, unlikely), possible demands of \$500,000,000 or \$600,000,000, approximately \$400,000,000 would have to be added to the reserve banks' deposits in order to give them, after setting aside the necessary reserve of 35%, additional free gold to the amount of \$260,000,000.
6. This amount can be spared from vault cash now carried by member banks without unduly reducing their holdings of till money, and, therefore, presents the basis for the solution of the problem.
7. Gold lost by the banks to meet foreign demands would be replaced by mobilizing a part of the present floating supply of the community into their hands. This process would be facilitated by the ease with which Federal Reserve notes could be issued to fill the void created by the withdrawal of gold or other forms of currency.
8. The reserve banks possess an important leverage of control in their movable discount rate, which could be adjusted to counter any undue attempt of foreign markets to attract our gold by high rates.
9. An important element of strength in the protective capacity of the country against an undue drain of gold is the heavy holding of foreign Government obligations which run off in the next few years.

10. Finally, while realizing the importance of being alive to the possibilities in the face of a situation for which there is no parallel, let us not make the mistake of "overtraining" or of committing ourselves in advance to any definite single expectation of what is going to occur, and, in consequence, lose that balance of judgment which will not hesitate to shape and reshape its conclusions in accordance with the facts as they develop or change. An essential element in our preparation will be the ability to deal with the unexpected as well as with the anticipated.

E. H. GARY ON CONDITIONS IN THE ORIENT—THE NEED OF THE U. S. FOR PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Observations on his trip made during the summer to the Orient formed the greater part of the remarks of Elbert H. Gary at the semi-annual meeting in St. Louis yesterday of the American Iron & Steel Institute. Mr. Gary treated of some of the general features of the Philippines, China and Japan, in which he felt his associates, as business men, were especially concerned. More and more of our business men, said Mr. Gary, should come into close contact with the people of the countries mentioned. It will, he stated, be of interest to all. Many misunderstandings have arisen and some still exist. They can, and should, he argued, be removed. Mr. Gary also had something to say regarding what he considers the defects of our existing tariff duties, declaring that "if the present unprotective tariff laws remain unchanged, we shall probably meet with competition from foreign sources after the war closes which will adversely and perhaps disastrously affect American industry and American labor." In his outline of conditions in the several countries visited by him Mr. Gary in part said:

The Philippines.

The Philippine Islands, with proper development and modern practice, are capable of supporting comfortably ten times, or more, the number of people now living within their territory. There can be produced everything indigenous to semi-tropical latitudes and many things to better advantage than on any other lands within the same proximity to the Equator. Hemp, tobacco, sugar, rice, coconut oils, coffee, fruits, vegetables, grains, choicest timber and multitudes of other valuable products can be raised in as large or larger abundance than in any other country, with comparatively slight exception. The natural requisites, including moisture, water-power and particularly richness of soil, are all sufficient.

When the United States paid nearly \$20,000,000 to Spain, the owner, for the title to the Philippine Islands, she acquired a territory possessed of all the essentials for building up a rich, healthful and desirable extension of its dominions as a valuable and necessary supplement to the immense productive capacity which she already possessed; and it was inhabited by a people who, by nature, would readily become loyal and faithful citizens of our country. When the United States, by mere chance, or as the result of an overruling Providence, became responsible for the future welfare of the inhabitants of the islands and for the conditions which might directly and seriously affect other countries, especially those in proximity, there was much in the condition of the people to be deplored. The masses were ignorant; perhaps purposely deprived of education; and they were subjected to tyranny and cruelty. They were poor, unhealthy, diseased, overtaxed and wretched. They were more or less at war with each other and with their Government. Every influence, every tendency, was bad. They had no hope for the future. Intelligent happiness was neither a reminiscence nor even an aspiration. Because of the diseases prevalent, both the people and their beasts of burden were a menace to the outside world. The Filipinos were not blamable for this situation; they deserved a better fate.

The United States was a good Samaritan. The splendid men who were duly appointed by our country, including both military and civil representatives, with fortitude and judgment and human instincts took up and carried on the work of renovating and rejuvenating this conglomerate of physical and moral corruption, which had developed without the fault or the understanding of the people themselves. The results of their efforts will stand for all time to come as a monument to the generous, humane and intelligent policy of an enlightened and unselfish nation, unless something shall be done in the future to counteract or neutralize the results of the course which has been pursued. All those who have represented the United States in bringing about the wonderful changes in the Philippine Islands are entitled to the highest commendation. Their work has not been fully appreciated by the average citizen of this country.

There has been established a sound and exemplary government. The laws are wisely and justly administered by able and impartial judges; modern and commodious hospitals have been built and are in charge of competent, practical and humane doctors and nurses; plagues and dreadful contagious and infectious diseases have been largely stamped out; model schools, special and common, have been established, and they are filled with eager and industrious Filipinos taught in the English language. Good roads have been built; agriculture, horticulture and forestry have been improved; means and methods for civilization and for modern practical results have been taught, though, of course, much remains to be done.

There has been a general cleaning up, and the best results of experience in other up-to-date countries are being applied so far as possible. Filipinos understand and appreciate what has been done, and they are a grateful people. Of course, the large majority are referred to. There are always exceptions. All this has cost and is costing large sums of money, but emphasis should be given to the fact that, with the exception of the money paid for maintaining the army and navy, which is no more than it would be if stationed elsewhere, the total expense of making the improvements and changes adverted to and maintaining the same, as well as the expenses of administration, including the civil government, courts of law, salaries of appointees of the United States Government, schools, hospitals and everything else of the kind, are and, from the start, have been paid from the treasury of the Philippine Government.

Without the protection and assistance of the United States; without the experienced talent of representatives sent from here; without the added energy, skill and invested capital of Americans; if the Filipinos were again left to themselves, they would be unable to make the progress in the development of the resources of the country which is possible and desirable; and the future of the islands would be uncertain. They would not long be permitted to drift towards old conditions so as to be a menace to the health of neighboring nations particularly interested, for the latter would interfere and probably take possession and control.

The United States assumed a moral obligation to the Filipinos and to other nations when she took charge of these islands. She could not shirk it if she wished to do so.

Moreover, if the Filipinos desire it, as I believe they do, and if the United States, as I think a majority of the citizens wish, shall decide to have the Philippine Islands remain permanently a part of the territory of the United States, it would result in great financial benefit to the Islands and their inhabitants and also to the United States; and all other nations would approve. Considering the interests of the Filipinos and the Americans both, it would be a grave mistake to sever the relations now existing between them.

There cannot be properly developed the immense natural resources of the country and the resulting business, with adequate facilities for conducting the same, without large amounts of capital, and it is impossible to secure these unless and until there shall be permanently established a government which is satisfactory and will not be assailed. If the United States should abandon the Islands, capital already invested would be withdrawn, in part, at least, and additional investments would be discontinued. The Americans in the Philippines who have done and are doing much to advance the pecuniary interests of the Archipelago, as well as the natives themselves, understand and openly recognize the fatal results to the Islands if they should lose our support.

China.

During the last few decades, at least, China has not kept pace with others in the progressive march of nations. Possessed by nature with extraordinary opportunities, she has nevertheless been retroactive in disposition and, to some extent, has been exploited for the benefit of others. With a population of 400,000,000 and a territory almost as large as Russia, containing the richest and most productive soil, a variety of climate which permits the growth and maturity of the principal grains and fruits, and with an abundance of the richest minerals, she has, notwithstanding, become poor in cash resources; and the normal and necessary development of the country for the proper utilization of the national assets has been neglected, if not ignored. Consequently, in the consideration of questions relating to economic expansion, and in other respects, China has, for a long time, been well nigh helpless. It would not be useful, nor does time permit, to discuss the reasons for these conditions. Many of them are well known. It is sufficient to say that China, with her natural facilities, has the opportunity of becoming one of the greatest and most prosperous of nations.

Apparently, the leading Chinese statesmen, the most intelligent and most influential citizens, and the best thinkers, are keenly alive to the situation and are earnestly solicitous for the immediate future of China. The present Governmental Administration and the Parliament as well are devoting their talent and energy to ascertain and apply a solution for the problems which interfere with the growth and strength of their country. They realize that there is needed a new constitution which will establish a concentrated, unified, though democratic, government; a new and modern financial system which will be satisfactory to the financiers throughout the world; an adequate, thoroughly trained and fully equipped military force for defensive purposes; and the adoption of a systematic plan for the development of the whole country for the benefit and for the promotion of the welfare of the whole population. The leaders are frank and outspoken in declaring the desirability of a government such as I have indicated; and they appreciate also the necessity of having the friendship and assistance of all other nations. They know that, under these conditions and with this attitude on their part, and not otherwise, they may expect to establish a credit which will secure the loans necessary to reorganize the affairs of government, and will put to practical use the instrumentalities for providing the money which is now lacking.

The present Government is an honest, unselfish, capable, industrious and harmonious organization. There are statesmen in China of high intelligence and qualifications. It should be only a question of time when the internal strifes that are prevalent and have done so much to obstruct and retard the legitimate growth and prosperity, will have ceased; when the peoples of the different provinces will be pacified and possessed of a spirit of genuine loyalty and patriotism. This is what is especially needed in China, and this is what will be experienced when there is a clear and general understanding of the motives of those now in governmental control.

China is now in a transition stage of activity. For a single and simple instance, the visitor to Shanghai may see from his hotel window, within a space of two hundred by seventy-five feet, the jinrikisha, the sedan chair, the wheelbarrow (carrying a large load of freight or passengers), a cart drawn by a caribou or water buffalo, a donkey or pony cart used as a passenger vehicle, a bicycle, an automobile, an electric train; and nationalities and costumes of a great variety of patterns and styles.

One of the principal things needed in China is first-class railroads. We know by experience what they are and do for a new country. There are provinces with immense acreages of the most fertile soil and a population of scores of millions, that have no pretension of reasonable facilities for getting to purchasing or consuming markets. If there can be established the basis of credit as already suggested, and as now seems probable, it is to be hoped American capitalists will participate in further loans which will permit the rapid extension of railroad lines, for this will tend to correspondingly increase the volume of general business between the two countries. The people of China who are well posted are desirous of maintaining the most cordial and intimate relations with the business concerns of the United States. Formerly China desired to be left alone. She wanted to be exclusive and seclusive. She claimed to be self-contained, and really thought it was wise to live unto herself alone. That belief and attitude are becoming changed as a nation. She now wishes the open door policy to prevail. The national latch string is out for all other nations. Indeed, in some instances, those in authority have been too willing to grant concessions. Permanent concessions of territory at Shanghai, Peking, Hankow, Hongkong and other places have been granted to various foreign countries who still own and occupy the same. The United States was formerly included in the list, but I think we have released and abandoned all that were ever given to us.

The people are becoming familiar with the habits and methods of other peoples. They are entering educational institutions in other countries and they are learning the English language. True it is that large numbers in outlying provinces are ignorant concerning the language or ways or even existence of foreigners, but all those in control of national or provincial affairs are well advised and they welcome every opportunity to learn and to assimilate. Especially does China need and desire the sympathy and neighborly support of the people of the United States. Here is a great field for operation on the part of American business men which can be cultivated without injury or objection on the part of any other nation and with decided benefit to China herself. I could wish that in some respects the conditions in the United States which now exist, resulting, I think, from political agitation, might be modified.

Japan.

Japan is a vigorous, progressive, prosperous nation. Representatives have temporarily resided in foreign countries, including England, Germany and the United States, for the purpose of studying the languages, customs, methods, improvements and facilities for advancement and for defense; and

on their reports, from time to time, the Japanese people have adopted and assimilated what they consider to be the best features of enlightened civilization shown in the different countries. They are highly intelligent, determined, adaptable, very industrious, and, above everything else, superbly loyal to their emperor and to their nation. The ordinary citizen lives for his country and is just as willing to die for it. There are no internal strifes; on the contrary, there is a harmonious whole. They represent to the outside world a united front. This is as it ought to be in every nation. It gives a solidarity of power that is invincible.

It may therefore be seen why Japan has taken a leading position amongst the nations of the world, contrasting in a striking manner with her place sixty years ago. Rice is the principal, though not the only crop grown in Japan. As the Islands are mountainous and not fertile, it is probable at least 50% is not cultivated. The fish industry is large and profitable. In farming, mining, manufacturing, merchandising, and with respect to her schools, hospitals, courts, prisons, temples, means of transportation, military training and strength, and, generally, in the possession of modern equipment and administration of public and private affairs, Japan excels, and already may be considered a model government in many particulars.

Japan has grown and is growing with her strength. She has, with Korea, Formosa and other island territory recently acquired, 259,671 square miles and a population of 72,000,000, as compared with 37,000,000 in 1872. Besides all this, she is now increasing in wealth and in the near future will, I believe, be considered rich, unless her present policy shall be abandoned. Her financiers, her business men and her statesmen deservedly rank high. They are far-seeing and they are conservative. The wonderful natural beauties and artistic development and display, I cannot take time to describe.

For some time there have been suggestions, in public and in private, in the United States and in Japan as well, that, for numerous reasons not necessary to recall, there was possibility, if not likelihood, of active hostility between these two countries. Whenever either Government has decided to provide an additional warship some one in the other country has been prompt in charging that this meant preparation for war between these two nations.

I said repeatedly, on my own responsibility, making no claim except that I believed I could accurately represent public sentiment, that a large majority of the people of the United States did not desire, but would deplore and stubbornly oppose, war with Japan, except in self-defense, and that they were of the opinion there is not now nor will be any cause for serious trouble or disagreement; that there need be no conflict of opinion which could not be finally and satisfactorily settled by mutual negotiation and consideration. I also expressed the belief that our governmental administration is and would be inclined toward this most desirable exercise of authority. To all this I am sure this large company of representative business men will heartily subscribe. I would repeat and emphasize the sentiments thus expressed.

And now, gentlemen, I am here to say to you in words just as emphatic and in a belief no less absolute that the leading and controlling men of Japan are equally anxious to have a continuance, permanently, of the peaceable and friendly relations now existing between these two countries. That there may be exceptions may go without saying; it would be usual and need excite no surprise nor fear if such is the fact. Still, I have no positive information on which to base this conjecture. I had good opportunity to ascertain the real situation, though my visit to Japan was comparatively short. The most prominent and influential men in Japan are outspoken in their profession of friendship for the United States and her citizens. They refer with sentiments of gratitude to Commodore Perry's visit in 1853, to them, apparently hostile at that time. They now consider this action as friendly and as the beginning of the growth of a great and prosperous nation. They speak of the benefit Japan has received and is receiving from the United States, educationally and otherwise. They claim to have received the largest benefit in economic lines by visits to and intercourse with Americans. They refer with satisfaction to the large and increasing trade relations. And, without stopping to enumerate, they speak of our people as their friends and advisers, now and always, as fair and generous and pacificator in policy and practice; as a model government, whose friendly interest they court.

What Japan Wishes in China.

The subject of Japan's intentions toward China and her possessions is a mooted question in many foreign quarters. From considerable inquiry and study, I conclude Japan sincerely desires that China shall proceed and succeed in the directions I have indicated; that she shall become firmly established as a sound, peaceful, progressive, prosperous and rich Government with free and open seaports, transacting an increasing business of every kind, within the limits of her capabilities, with any country or all countries outside her domains, on a fair, just and profitable basis. I am confident Japan would like China for a continuous, permanent, friendly, profitable and satisfied customer, with no political, social or financial difficulties, internal or international. I think we may expect to see, before long, efforts on the part of the Japanese people to cultivate cordial business relations with those in China. I know there are important and influential men in Japan who will actively advocate this course. I am also of the opinion, founded on conversations, that the Japanese will be glad to consult with Americans concerning financial, commercial and even political questions relating to China. Japan and China both wish for close and intimate relations with the United States and are willing to discuss and determine all matters affecting the rights and interests of any, with the purpose of doing justice to themselves and all other nations. The more our statesmen study these questions the more clearly it will appear there need be no irreconcilable differences of opinion.

Korea.

Korea, as you know, has again become a part of Japan. The name has been changed to Chosen, which is the same word in the Japanese language. It is a fine country, with people of good appearance, disposition and physical and mental ability, fully equal to the average. Under Japanese methods, conditions and appearances are rapidly improving. The Koreans seem to be satisfied with the governmental change. They have more respect for the present administration than they entertained towards former one, and they believe their prosperity is increasing and will continue to increase. It seems probable there will be a gradual and complete amalgamation of the two races and, if so, it will be beneficial to both.

Concerning business conditions in this country, Mr. Gary said:

It is well known that the steel business in this country is better than ever before. Our concern is only for the future. Many believe there will be a continuance of large business for many months or years after the war closes; others think there will be a material recession. No one can certainly foretell. I have heretofore expressed opinions on the subject which have been published. Obviously the wise man will husband his resources, keep within safe limits and avoid over-extension. It is better to be prudent and make less profits than to become reckless or extravagant at the risk of calamity. With large bank balances we are independent and secure; with

large indebtedness to the banks which we could not readily pay, we would be in danger of bankruptcy depending upon future business conditions. All this we know by the experience of the past. As we cannot read the future we should exercise caution and be prepared for unfavorable changes.

Whenever the war shall close, the business of this country will be confronted with new conditions. The purchasing power of the whole world will have been very greatly reduced. Foreign countries who are now buying our products, because compelled, will withdraw their patronage in a large measure. Other non-producing countries will find their financial resources and credits lessened. More than this, foreign producers, in great need, will strive more diligently than ever to supply the countries that are financially able to pay and at prices based upon cheap labor and low cost, as they have a perfect right to do.

Our producers, including our wage earners, will find themselves in commercial antagonism with the most persistent and difficult competition ever experienced, unless this shall be prevented by laws that are reasonable and sufficient. Most of the foreign producing countries, and quite likely all of them, will be thoroughly protected by tariff provisions and we should be on a par with them in this respect.

I firmly believe, if the present unprotective tariff laws remain unchanged, we shall probably meet with competition from foreign sources after the war closes which will adversely, and perhaps disastrously, affect American industry and American labor. Conditions will be even worse than they were between October 1 1913, and the beginning of the war. If the laws shall be amended and adequate protection to American producers and their workmen is afforded, we may expect satisfactory business conditions for some time to come.

APPOINTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVISERS BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

The appointment of the members of the Advisory Commission which is to be associated with the Council of National Defense, created at the late session of Congress, was announced by President Wilson on the 11th inst. The Commission is to be composed of seven members, as follows:

Daniel Willard of Baltimore, President of the Baltimore & Ohio RR.
Samuel Gompers of Washington, President of the American Federation of Labor.

Dr. Franklin H. Martin of Chicago.

Howard E. Coffin of Detroit.

Bernard Baruch, the New York banker.

Dr. Hollis Godfrey of Philadelphia.

Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, President of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

In making known the appointments, President Wilson issued the following statement concerning the functions of the Commission:

The Council of National Defense has been created because the Congress has realized that the country is best prepared for war when thoroughly prepared for peace. From an economic point of view there is now very little difference between the machinery required for commercial efficiency and that required for military purposes. In both cases the whole industrial mechanism must be organized in the most effective way. Upon this conception of the national welfare the Council is organized, in the words of the Act, for "the creation of relations which will render possible in time of need the immediate concentration and utilization of the resources of the nation."

The organization of the Council likewise opens up a new and direct channel of communication and co-operation between business and scientific men and all departments of the Government, and it is hoped that it will, in addition, become a rallying point for civic bodies working for the national defense. The Council's chief functions are:

1. The co-ordination of all forms of transportation and the development of means of transportation to meet the military, industrial and commercial needs of the nation.

2. The extension of the industrial mobilization work of the Committee on Industrial Preparedness of the National Consulting Board. Complete information as to our present manufacturing and producing facilities adaptable to many-sided uses of modern warfare will be procured, analyzed and made use of.

One of the objects of the Council will be to inform American manufacturers as to the part they can and must play in national emergency. It is empowered to establish at once and maintain through subordinate bodies of specially qualified persons an auxiliary organization composed of men of the best creative and administrative capacity, capable of mobilizing to the utmost the resources of the country.

The personnel of the Council's advisory members, appointed without regard to party, marks the entrance of the non-partisan engineer and professional man into American Governmental affairs on a wider scale than ever before. It is responsive to the increased demand for and need of business organization in public matters and for the presence there of the best specialists in their respective fields. In the present instance, the time of some of the members of the Advisory Board could not be purchased. They serve the Government without remuneration, efficiency being their sole object and Americanism their only motive.

An appropriation of \$200,000 for the expenses of the Commission was authorized by Congress.

BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 53 shares, of which 50 shares were sold at auction and 3 shares at the Stock Exchange. Five shares of trust company stock were also sold at auction. A sale of 50 shares of Hanover National Bank stock was made at 650, an advance of 6½ points over the last previous sale price. Five shares of stock of the People's Trust Co. of Brooklyn were sold at 295. The last previous sale of the stock was made in September 1915 at 280½.

| Shares. | BANKS—New York. | Low. | High. | Close. | Last previous sale. |
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| *3 | Commerce, Nat. Bank of..... | 174 | 174 | 174 | Oct. 1916—174 |
| | Hanover Nat. Bank..... | 650 | 650 | 650 | June 1916—643½ |
| TRUST COMPANY—Brooklyn. | | | | | |
| | People's Trust Co..... | 295 | 295 | 295 | Sept. 1915—280½ |

at the Stock Exchange.

On Wednesday evening next, Nov. 1, W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, will address the members of the Forum of the New York Chapter, American Institute of Banking, on the subject of "The Present Position and Future Development of the Federal Reserve System." It is expected that a large audience will be on hand to greet Governor Harding, as in addition to the regular members of the Chapter a special invitation has been extended to all bank officers to be present. Preceding the meeting an informal dinner will be given Governor Harding at the McAlpin Hotel. The Forum section of the Chapter is open to the graduates and older men, and also all bank officers, whether members or not. Meetings are held every other Wednesday evening during the winter season. At these meetings talks are given by some well-known speakers along banking and economic lines, after which the meetings are open for informal discussions by those present.

J. B. Birmingham of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking has become identified with the National City Bank. He will take up work in the new business department. Mr. Birmingham first entered the banking business in 1904, when he went with the Citizens' Central National Bank of New York City. He remained with this institution until about a year ago, when he accepted a position with the Atlantic National Bank, which he is now leaving to go with the National City Bank.

At a meeting of directors of the Sherman National Bank of this city, on Tuesday, the resignation of Gustavus C. Marshall as Cashier was presented and accepted. Charles W. Hodson, formerly Assistant Cashier, was appointed Cashier.

The Pacific Bank of this city has opened a branch office at 57th Street and Madison Avenue. The opening of this new branch, which has a special department for women, marks another step in the progress of this old-established bank, which was founded in 1850. Three other branches are operated by the Pacific Bank; they are situated at Broadway and Grand Street, 28th Street and Madison Avenue and at 49th Street and Seventh Avenue.

N. D. Jay, Manager of the Bond Department of the Guaranty Trust Company of this city, has been chosen a Vice-President of that institution, and L. S. Critchell, Assistant-Secretary, has been appointed Manager of the Department of Publicity and New Business. Mr. Jay came to the Guaranty Trust from the First National Bank, of Milwaukee, Wis., in June 1915, to succeed Robert H. Cox as Manager of the Bond Department. He had been Vice-President of the First National Bank of Milwaukee since 1914, and prior to that time had been Manager of the Bond Department of the First National, which post he continued to fill until he undertook the Management of the Bond Department of the Guaranty Trust. Mr. Critchell has been connected with the Guaranty Trust Company for four years and was previously connected with western banks.

The Corn Exchange Bank of this city has received authorization from the State Banking Department to open a branch at 72nd Street and Lexington Avenue, to be known as the "East 72nd Street Branch." The Corn Exchange Bank now operates thirty-seven individual branches throughout this city, with main offices at 13 William Street.

Philip A. S. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine, has resigned from the directorate of the American Exchange National Bank of this city because of the Clayton Act. Mr. Franklin, as reported in our issue of Aug. 5, is a director in the National City Bank, which post he will continue to hold.

The International Banking Corporation moved on Oct. 23, from 60 Wall Street to The National City Bank Building, 55 Wall Street. The corporation was organized in 1902 and first located at the southwest corner of Wall Street and Broadway. In 1905 the necessity of larger quarters prompted the removal to 60 Wall Street. The new offices at 55 Wall Street are on the first office floor, and offer much larger accommodations and increased facilities. The International Banking Corporation was the first bank in this country to establish branches in the foreign field. To-day there are eighteen branch banks doing a general banking business located throughout the Orient, the Philippines and Panama.

Edward de Lima, formerly of the firm of D. A. de Lima & Sons, and Emil Fleischman, until recently a deputy manager of the London & Liverpool Bank of Commerce in London, have entered the employ of the Guaranty Trust Company of this city in its foreign department. Mr. de Lima, who is a brother of E. A. de Lima, President of the Battery Park National Bank, has traveled extensively in the Latin American countries and in Europe and will serve as a foreign representative of the institution with which he has just affiliated. Mr. Fleischman is well known in British and European banking circles as a commercial banker and will serve as an assistant manager of the Guaranty's foreign department.

Nelson J. H. Edge has been elected President of the Hudson County National Bank of Jersey City, N. J., to succeed John W. Hardenbergh, who has resigned in order to retain the Presidency of the Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey, located in Jersey City. Mr. Edge has been connected with the Hudson County National for seventeen years, having served as Cashier from 1899 to 1913, and since then as Vice-President. He entered the banking field in 1860 with the First National Bank of Jersey City, when it was known as the Mechanics' & Traders' Bank. He later became Assistant Cashier of the old Mechanics' Bank of New York, where he served for many years. He was an organizer of the Amsterdam Bank of New York and served that institution as Cashier until 1896, when he resigned with the expectation of retiring. Mr. Edge is also President of the Free Public Library of Jersey City and a manager of the Provident Institution for Savings of Jersey City.

Through the operation of the Clayton Law, several changes have recently been made in the directorates of Albany (N. Y.) banking institutions. Charles H. Sabin, President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York City, and James H. Perkins, both former Presidents of the National Commercial Bank of Albany, have resigned from the board of that institution. They have also resigned as directors of the Union Trust Co. of Albany. The Albany Trust Co. loses as director John J. Gallogly, Vice-President and director of the First National Bank, and Edward N. McKinney, director of the New York State National Bank. In noting that the Union Trust Co. is not affected by the interlocking provision of the Clayton Act, the Albany "Evening Journal" says:

The Union Trust Co. loses none of its directors because of permission granted the institution by the Federal Reserve Board on the ground that it is "not in direct competition with any of the banks."

That is where officials of the Albany Trust Co. claim the law is "unfair and discriminating." The Union Trust Co., they claim, is just as much in competition as the Albany Trust Co.

They point out that where Vice-President Gallogly of the First National Bank has been compelled to resign his directorship in the Albany Trust Co., John A. Becker, President of the same bank, has been permitted to retain his directorship in the Union Trust Co.; George L. Stedman, a director in the First National Bank, also retains his directorship in the Union Trust Co.

Other interlocking directorates not affected in their directorships in the Union Trust Co. by the law are: Ledyard Cogswell, Senator Henry M. Sage, Charles Gibson, John R. Carnell, William T. Mayer and Donald McDonald, all of the New York State National Bank.

Thomas Williams, senior partner in the firm of Ichabod T. Williams & Sons, lumber merchants, of this city, has been elected a director of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, at 31 Nassau St., and a member of the directorate of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, also of this city.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Percy E. Donner of Pittsburgh, was posted for transfer on the 19th inst. to C. McGhee Baxter for \$74,000. Mr. Donner was formerly a member of the firm of Donner, Childs & Woods of Pittsburgh and was suspended on the 23rd of September 1915 from the Stock Exchange for one year, because his firm was found to have transacted business for bucket shops. Mr. Donner, at the time of his suspension, denied the charge, contending that he was ignorant of the fact that the firms for which he had executed orders, were bucket shops.

W. O. Burr, owner of the Hartford "Times," has been elected a trustee of the Hartford Trust Company of Hartford, Connecticut. The Hartford "Times" is the leading Democratic paper in the State. Although not previously a Trustee of the trust company, Mr. Burr has long been interested in its success.

In accordance with the votes of stockholders and directors of both institutions the merger of the National Exchange

Bank of Hartford, Conn., with the First National Bank was completed on October 21. The consolidated bank, as noted in our issue of Sept. 16, will be known as the First National Bank of Hartford. It will have deposits of \$7,500,000 and resources aggregating \$10,000,000. When the details of the consolidation are completed the capital will be \$1,150,000 and surplus and profits will amount to \$850,000. At a meeting of the directors of the enlarged bank on the 21st inst. James H. Knight, President of the old First National was chosen President of the new bank. Other officers who have been elected to aid him in the management of the new institution are: Vice-Presidents, Ward W. Jacobs, Elijah C. Johnson and Henry M. Sperry; Cashier, Charles D. Riley, and Assistant Cashiers, Emerson F. Harrington, Henry W. White, Robert A. Boardman and Stephen G. Pierce. The details of the merger are set out as follows in a notice issued to the stockholders of the National Exchange Bank:

Pursuant to the action of the stockholders at their special meeting held October 18, this bank has been placed in voluntary liquidation and Mr. Henry M. Sperry is acting as liquidating agent. In accordance with the plan of consolidation with the First National Bank, the capital stock of that bank has been increased in the sum of \$500,000 and, subject to the right of the stockholders of that bank to subscribe therefor, the shares of the increased stock have been allotted to the stockholders of this bank as particularly explained in the accompanying letter of the First National Bank to the stockholders of this bank.

The directors of this bank have declared a first and final dividend in liquidation of \$95 a share, payable on or after Nov. 1 1916 to stockholders of record at the close of business Oct. 21 1916, upon surrender of the certificates of the capital stock of this bank held by the stockholders respectively.

The dividend upon two shares of the stock of this bank is equal to the subscription price of one share of the increased capital stock of the First National Bank and the directors of this bank have voted to recommend to the stockholders that they retain their investment in the consolidated bank by application of this dividend in payment of the subscription to the new stock. A convenient method of accomplishing this is indicated in the accompanying letter from the First National Bank.

Where an odd number of shares is held, no subscription privilege attaches to the odd share and if a stockholder applies his dividend in payment of his subscription in the manner indicated, a separate check for \$95 for the dividend upon the odd share will be mailed to him by the liquidating agent. In any case, the stockholders' certificates are required to be surrendered before payment of the dividend.

William A. Morgan, heretofore Vice-President of the Third National Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., has been elected to the Presidency of that institution to succeed John W. Robinson, who resigned because of ill health. W. F. Hopkins has retired as Vice-President of the Third National and it is understood that he will be replaced by George R. Rodgers, Assistant Cashier of the Manufacturers and Traders National Bank. Mr. Morgan is head of the Buffalo Copper & Brass Rolling & Milling Company. The Third National has a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus and profits of over \$350,000. It was chartered in 1865.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bankers Trust Company of Buffalo, N. Y., is to be held on Nov. 6 for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to increase the capital of the company from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The Bankers Trust Company, as reported in our issue of Saturday last, plans to absorb the Central National Bank (capital \$1,000,000) of Buffalo early in December. The increase in capital it is understood, will be used to exchange share for share the capital of the Central National Bank.

Moses J. Barber and Frank E. Richmond, 2nd, were elected directors of the Merchants National Bank of Providence, R. I., on the 23rd inst. Mr. Barber is Cashier of the institution.

William Gammell has been elected President of the Providence National Bank, of Providence, succeeding Robert H. I. Goddard, who has resigned because of the Clayton Act. William Gammell, Jr., has replaced his father as Vice-President and Paul C. De Wolf has been elected a director to succeed Henry D. Sharpe, resigned.

Henry P. Kendall of Norwood, Mass., has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Boston, to succeed Robert F. Herrick, who resigned because of the Clayton Act, and in order to retain his membership on the Old Colony Trust Company board. Mr. Kendall has been for many years identified with the Plimpton Press and the Lewis Manufacturing Company.

The Drivers & Merchants National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., a proposed new banking institution, has made application for a charter, to begin business around January 1, in temporary quarters in the Martin Building, Thirteenth and Market Streets, Philadelphia. The new organization, it is

said, will have a capital of \$100,000 (par \$50) and a surplus of \$6,000.

Joseph Wayne Jr., President of the Girard National Bank, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been selected by the American Bankers' Association to report upon the Federal Reserve Board check-collection plan. Mr. Wayne has taken an active part in the discussions of the Federal Reserve Act; at the meeting of the Clearing House Section of the American Bankers' Association last month he expounded his views on "Exchange Charges, Country Clearing Houses and Settlement of Balances."

William S. Hammond has become Cashier of the Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore, having assumed his duties on the 23d inst. as Cashier. Mr. Hammond succeeds Carter G. Osburn, heretofore Vice-President and Cashier, who resigned the last-named post in order to give more time to the executive and outside business. Mr. Hammond had been identified with the First National Bank of Baltimore as Cashier for fifteen years; that institution was recently merged with the Merchants-Mechanics' National Bank. The Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank is headed by Charles T. Crane and has a capital of \$650,000.

Benjamin Rush, President of the Insurance Company of North America of Philadelphia, has been chosen a director of the Central National Bank of that city.

John A. Bell, heretofore Vice-President of the Colonial Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been elected President of that company to succeed E. H. Jennings, who has resigned in order to continue as President of the Columbia National Bank. Three new directors have been added to the board of the Colonial Trust Company. They are: Richard G. Jennings, J. Dawson Callery, Jr., and George W. Rateliffe. Mr. Bell, the new President at the Colonial Trust is also President of the Freehold Bank, of Pittsburgh, which position he has held since 1894. When the controlling interest in the Freehold Bank was acquired in 1901, by the Colonial Trust Company, Mr. Bell was selected a Vice-President of the latter, holding that office up until the present time. He is also a Vice-President of the Columbia National and is President of the Carnegie Trust Company of Carnegie, Pa. besides being affiliated with many other financial and industrial institutions in Pittsburgh. Mr. Jennings was elected President of the Columbia National Bank in January 1915, following the resignation of R. J. Davidson.

James H. Lockhart and W. C. McBride have resigned from the board of the Union National Bank of Pittsburgh because of the provision in the Clayton Act forbidding interlocking directorates. Mr. Lockhart will retain his membership on the board of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh and Mr. McBride will remain as a director of the Third National Bank of St. Louis, Mo.

Through the operation of the Clayton Act E. H. Jennings, President of the Columbia National Bank of Pittsburgh, has resigned from the board of the Colonial Trust Co. of that city, of which he is also President.

F. B. Nimick has given up his membership on the board of the First-Second National Bank of Pittsburgh in order to continue on the directorate of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh.

The Central Trust Co. of Illinois at Chicago is to increase its capital from \$4,500,000 to \$6,000,000, as a result of action taken at a regular meeting of the board on the 24th inst. The new stock, it is said, will be sold to stockholders at \$150 a share. A meeting of the stockholders has been called for November 24, to vote on the proposed increase. The Central Trust is one of the largest in Chicago and has surplus and profits over \$1,000,000. Under the last call it reported deposits of more than fifty-one million dollars.

The directors of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Paul, Minn., have elected a new director, A. H. Harmon, managing partner of the Webb Publishing Co., that city. The board also elected Otto P. Hoff as an Assistant Cashier. Mr. Hoff is connected with and interested in a number of banks in Minnesota and North Dakota and he will devote his time largely in representing the bank in the matter of curing country business.

Alexander Brown, head of the banking firm of Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore, Md., James C. Fenhagen a

member of the firm of Robert Garrett & Sons and Wallace W. Lanahan, head of the banking house which bears his name, have resigned from the directorate of the Merchants Mechanics—First National Bank of Baltimore, in accordance with the requirements of the Clayton Act. Walter N. Stromenger of the bond department of Alexander Brown & Sons, Thomas E. Cottman a merchandise broker and John B. H. Dunn, Cashier of the bank, have been elected to succeed them.

Edward Taylor Campbell, President of the American Central Insurance Co., in St. Louis, Mo., and a director of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, died on the 18th inst. after an illness of about three months. Mr. Campbell had been President of the American Central Insurance Co. since 1908, and had served it in an official capacity since 1894. He was also a director in the Mercantile Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of Boston, and the Southern Surety Co. of St. Louis and Muskogee, Okla.

John W. Barr Jr., President of the Fidelity and Columbia Trust Co. of Louisville, Ky., has resigned from the directorate of the National Bank of Commerce in Louisville, because of the requirements of the Clayton Act; he will remain as a director of the National Bank of Kentucky.

E. S. Monohan has retired from the board of the Citizens National Bank of Louisville and will retain his membership on the directorate of the First National Bank.

Henry Almstedt, head of the brokerage firm of Almstedt Bros. of Louisville, has resigned from the board of the Union National Bank, but will continue on the directorate of the German Insurance Bank.

Mills B. Lane, President of the Citizens' & Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga., and associates have purchased a controlling interest in the American National Bank of Mason, Ga., an institution capitalized at \$500,000 and with a surplus of \$400,000, paying \$150 a share for the stock. At a meeting of the board of the American National on the 21st inst., Mr. Lane was elected President to succeed R. J. Taylor, resigned. L. P. Hillyer, Vice-President of the American National, also tendered his resignation and has been succeeded by George B. Clarke, heretofore Cashier of the Citizens' & Southern. E. C. Scott has been re-elected Cashier of the American National and W. E. Bozeman has been re-elected Assistant Cashier. The new board of directors, headed by Mr. Lane, consists of twelve members, as follows:

George B. Clarke, H. P. Smart and William Murphey, of Savannah; R. C. Hazlehurst, W. G. Lee, W. J. Little, Orville A. Park, Stephen Popper, E. T. Comer and John D. Comer, of Macon, and R. J. Lowry, President of the Lowry National Bank, Atlanta.

The American National Bank at the close of business on Oct. 20 showed deposits of over \$4,000,000. It will, it is said, become a branch of the Citizens' & Southern. For the present, it is stated, the American National will be operated under its own name, but eventually its title will be changed to that of the controlling institution. The Citizens' & Southern Bank has a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus and profits of over \$1,100,000. It already has a branch in Augusta and now ranks as one of the leading banks of the South. Mr. Taylor, the retiring President of the American National, will hereafter devote his entire attention to the interests of the Continental Trust Co. of Macon, of which he is President. It is stated that the purchase of the controlling interest in the American National was made through the firm of Robinson, Humphrey, Wardlaw Co. of Atlanta, who offered Mr. Lane and his associates the stock owned by the Johnston family, the largest single block of stock, and that of Joel Hurt of Atlanta, who held a large block in his own name and who represented other Atlanta interests. In addition to the purchase price of \$150 per share, it is said that an additional bonus of \$10 or \$20 a share may accrue to the stockholders when the assets are realized upon. The new owners are said to have agreed to pay \$150 a share for all other stock offered within the next fifteen days.

In the Citizens' & Southern Bank of Savannah, J. S. Ferguson, Assistant Cashier, has been promoted to the Cashiership to succeed George B. Clarke, now Vice-President of the American National of Macon.

Coincident with the resignation of L. P. Hillyer as Vice-President of the American National and the change in control of that institution, announcement is made of the intention of Mr. Hillyer to organize a new national bank to be known as the Bibb National Bank, with a capital of \$200,000. Mr. Hillyer is one of the best known bankers of the South and has had extensive banking experience. He organized the present American National Bank in 1891. He

assisted in the formation of and for twenty years served as Secretary of the Georgia Bankers' Association. He also held the post of Vice-President and officiated as President of the Association. He was a director of the Mutual Alliance Trust Company of New York, which was taken over by the Chatham & Phenix National Bank. Mr. Hillyer is also a director of the Southern States Life Insurance Company; the Georgia Casualty Company and the Central Georgia Power Company. He has just been reelected as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, serving at regular intervals on its finance committee.

H. B. Ainsworth has assumed the newly created position of 2nd Vice-President and director of the United States National Bank of Portland, Oregon. In his new position Mr. Ainsworth will be junior to his brother, John C. Ainsworth, the bank's President and R. L. Barnes, the Vice-President.

Shareholders of the Standard Bank of Canada (head office Toronto) have received notice that an allotment of new stock totalling 5,000 shares will be made to shareholders of record November 18 at a premium of 100%. The Standard Bank has a paid-in capital of \$3,000,000 and an authorized capital of \$5,000,000. The reserve fund of the bank stands at \$4,000,000. The increase of the authorized capital of the bank from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 was ratified by the stockholders on Feb. 16 1910. Its deposits then amounted to \$23,520,527, while its total assets aggregated \$30,144,756. For the fiscal year ending Jan. 31 1916 gross deposits were reported at \$43,099,050, and total assets at \$58,822,121. In 1909 the Standard Bank absorbed the Western Bank of Canada. Since then an additional million dollars of the stock has been taken by the proprietors, \$500,000 in June 1912, and \$500,000 in June 1913. The Standard Bank is headed by W. F. Cowan, as President, while G. P. Schofield is General Manager.

TREASURY CASH AND CURRENT LIABILITIES.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Sept. 30 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the U. S. Treasury for Sept. 30.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

| ASSETS— | | LIABILITIES— | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | |
| Gold coin..... | 972,236,900 21 | Gold certificates outstanding..... | 1,704,948,269 00 |
| Gold bullion..... | 1,008,390,833 67 | Gold reserve..... | 152,979,025 63 |
| | | Available gold in general fund..... | 122,600,439 25 |
| Total..... | 1,980,527,733 88 | Total..... | 1,980,527,733 88 |

Note.—Reserved against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$2,058,169 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes are also secured by silver dollars in Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.

| ASSETS— | | LIABILITIES— | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | |
| Silver dollars..... | 498,720,398 00 | Silver certificates outstanding..... | 483,104,746 00 |
| | | Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding..... | 2,058,169 00 |
| | | Available silver dollars in general fund..... | 13,567,483 00 |
| Total..... | 498,720,398 00 | Total..... | 498,720,398 00 |

GENERAL FUND.

| ASSETS— | | LIABILITIES— | |
|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| \$ | | \$ | |
| Avail. gold (see above)..... | 122,600,439 25 | Treasurer's checks outstanding..... | 3,107,122 44 |
| Available silver dollars (see above)..... | 13,567,483 00 | Deposits of Government officers..... | 7,449,254 25 |
| United States notes..... | 4,232,944 00 | Post Office Dept..... | 4,079,241 70 |
| Federal Reserve notes..... | 2,702,945 00 | Board of trustees, Postal Savings System (5% reserve)..... | 4,079,241 70 |
| Fed. Reserve bank notes..... | 46,935 00 | Comptroller of the Currency, agent for creditors of insolvent banks..... | 1,325,653 22 |
| National bank notes..... | 18,262,470 40 | Postmasters, clerks of courts, &c..... | 16,730,385 96 |
| Cert. checks on banks..... | 10,527 43 | Deposits for:..... | |
| Subsidiary silver coin..... | 11,396,106 80 | Redemption of Federal Reserve notes (5% fund)..... | 11,575,269 33 |
| Minor coin..... | 631,294 96 | Redemption of Federal Reserve bank notes (5% fund)..... | 500,000 00 |
| Silver bullion (available for subsidiary coinage)..... | 6,009,521 24 | Redemption of national bank notes (5% fund)..... | 23,279,474 47 |
| Unclassified (unsorted currency, &c.)..... | 428,853 37 | Retirement of additional circulating notes, Act May 30 1908..... | 4,635,795 00 |
| Deposits in Federal Reserve banks..... | 39,064,474 60 | Exchanges of currency, coin, &c..... | 11,361,340 12 |
| Deposits in national banks: | | | |
| To credit of Treasurer United States..... | 34,428,703 56 | | |
| To credit of other Government officers..... | 6,099,757 48 | | |
| Deposits in Philippine treasury: | | | |
| To credit of Treasurer United States..... | 3,336,700 04 | | |
| To credit of other Government officers..... | 1,437,092 41 | | |
| Total..... | 265,146,248 79 | Total..... | 265,146,248 79 |

*All reports from Treasury offices received before 11 a. m. are proved on the same day. All reports from depository banks are proved on the day of receipt or the day following.
**The balance stated is the amount available to pay Treasury warrants, disbursing officers checks and matured public debt obligations. Included in such obligations

is \$4,871,477 50 of outstanding national bank notes that have been assumed by the United States on deposit of lawful money for their retirement (see Act of July 14 1890) which by law is part of the public debt of the United States and is included in the public debt statement. Prior to July 1 1913 the amount of this fund was included as a part of the public debt and not as a liability in the general fund. On July 1 1913 the form of the daily statement was changed and the retirement fund was removed from the general fund balance and set up as a general fund liability. The Act of July 14 1890 provides, however, that this fund shall be included as a part of the public debt. The above statement restores it to the balance and makes it a part of the public debt as required by law.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF U. S. SEPT. 30 1916.
(Formerly Issued as "Statement of the Public Debt.")

The following statements of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States are as officially issued as of September 30 1916.

| CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS. | |
|---|------------------|
| Balance held by the Treasurer of the United States as per daily Treasury statement for Sept. 30 1916..... | \$181,102,712 34 |
| Deduct—Net excess of payments over receipts in Sept. reports subsequently received..... | 292,005 51 |
| Revised balance..... | \$180,810,706 83 |

| Settlement warrants, coupons, and checks outstanding: | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Treasury warrants..... | \$4,179,941 84 |
| Matured coupons..... | 599,555 49 |
| Interest checks..... | 347,576 06 |
| Disbursing officers' checks..... | 14,550,417 73 |
| Balance..... | 161,124,215 71 |
| Total..... | \$180,810,706 83 |

| PUBLIC DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST. | |
|---|-------------------------|
| (Payable on presentation.) | |
| Obligations required to be reissued when redeemed: | |
| United States notes..... | \$346,681,016 00 |
| Less gold reserve..... | 152,979,025 63 |
| Excess of notes over reserve..... | \$193,701,990 37 |
| Obligations that will be retired on presentation: | |
| Old demand notes..... | 53,152 50 |
| National bank notes assumed by the United States on deposit of lawful money for their retirement..... | 44,871,477 50 |
| Fractional currency..... | 6,848,076 90 |
| Total..... | \$245,474,697 27 |

| DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY. | |
|---|-----------------------|
| (Payable on presentation.) | |
| Funded Loan of 1891, continued at 2%, called for redemption May 18 1900; interest ceased Aug. 18 1900..... | \$4,000 00 |
| 1900; interest ceased Aug. 18 1900..... | 30,050 00 |
| Funded Loan of 1891, matured Sept. 2 1891..... | 12,050 00 |
| Loan of 1904, matured Feb. 2 1904..... | 318,000 00 |
| Funded Loan of 1907, matured July 2 1907..... | 12,040 00 |
| Refunding certificates, matured July 1 1907..... | 901,340 26 |
| Old debt matured at various dates prior to Jan. 1 1861, and other items of debt matured at various dates subsequent to Jan. 1 1861..... | |
| Total..... | \$1,469,980 26 |

| INTEREST-BEARING DEBT. | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| (Payable on or after specified future dates.) | | | | | |
| Title of Loan— | Interest Payable. | Amount Issued. | Outstanding Registered. | Sept. 30 1916 Coupon. | Total. |
| 2s, Consols of 1930..... | Q-J | 6546,250,150 | 624,606,550 | 2,714,300 | 627,320,850 |
| 3s, Loan of 1908-1918..... | Q-F | 6198,792,600 | 47,399,740 | 16,545,720 | 63,945,460 |
| 4s, Loan of 1925..... | Q-F | 162,315,400 | 101,379,350 | 17,110,550 | 118,489,900 |
| Panama Canal Loan: | | | | | |
| 2s, Series 1906..... | Q-F | 554,631,980 | 53,819,140 | 10,340 | 53,829,480 |
| 2s, Series 1908..... | Q-F | 430,000,000 | 29,663,620 | 203,350 | 29,867,000 |
| 3s, Series 1911..... | Q-M | 50,000,000 | 41,540,600 | 8,459,400 | 50,000,000 |
| 3s, Conversion bonds..... | Q-J | 10,689,800 | 1,847,400 | 8,842,400 | 10,689,800 |
| 3s, One-year Treas. notes..... | Q-J | 9,175,000 | 1,645,000 | 7,530,000 | 9,175,000 |
| 2½s, Postal Savings Bonds: | | | | | |
| 1st to 10th series..... | J-J | 5,245,100 | 7,441,360 | 803,740 | 8,245,100 |
| 1910-1936 (11th series)..... | J-J | 906,700 | 838,980 | 67,720 | 906,700 |

Aggregate of int.-bearing debt 1,171,006,700 910,181,740 62,287,550 972,469,290
a Of this amount \$9,754,300 have been converted into Conversion Bonds and \$9,175,000 into One-Year Treasury Notes.

b Of this original amount issued \$132,449,900 have been refunded into the 2% consols of 1930, and \$2,304,800 have been purchased for the sinking fund and canceled, and \$500 have otherwise been purchased and canceled.

c Of this original amount issued \$43,825,500 have been purchased for the sinking fund and canceled.

d Of this original amount issued \$802,500 have been converted into Conversion Bonds.

e Of this original amount issued \$133,000 have been converted into Conversion Bonds.

| GROSS DEBT. | | NET DEBT. | |
|--|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Debt bearing no interest..... | \$245,474,697 27 | Gross debt (opposite)..... | \$1,219,413,967 53 |
| Debt on which interest has ceased..... | 1,469,980 26 | Deduct—Balance available to pay maturing obligations (see above)..... | 161,124,215 71 |
| Interest-bearing debt..... | 972,469,290 00 | Net debt..... | \$1,058,289,751 82 |
| Aggregate..... | \$1,219,413,967 53 | | |

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation, also made up from the daily Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of July, August, September and October 1916:

| | July 1 1916. | Aug. 1 1916 | Sept. 1 1916 | Oct. 1 1916. |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Holdings in Sub-Treasuries— | | | | |
| Net gold coin and bullion..... | 234,888,296 | 303,862,781 | 288,506,199 | 275,579,465 |
| Net silver coin and bullion..... | 15,078,547 | 21,486,349 | 22,208,991 | 20,167,004 |
| Net United States Treas. notes..... | 4,789,347 | 5,230,387 | 4,485,577 | 4,252,074 |
| Net national bank notes..... | 24,084,897 | 25,635,837 | 21,627,497 | 18,562,470 |
| Net Federal Reserve notes..... | 2,795,605 | 2,039,155 | 2,661,140 | 2,702,945 |
| Net Federal Reserve bank notes..... | 33,630 | 23,270 | 60,135 | 46,935 |
| Net subsidiary silver..... | 17,382,273 | 16,743,003 | 15,929,801 | 11,396,107 |
| Minor coin, &c..... | 1,287,731 | 1,047,625 | 1,159,928 | 1,070,676 |
| Total cash in Sub-Treasuries..... | 300,340,326 | 377,074,407 | 356,638,668 | 333,758,546 |
| Less gold reserve fund..... | 152,979,026 | 152,979,026 | 152,979,026 | 152,979,026 |
| Cash balance in Sub-Treasuries..... | 147,361,300 | 224,095,381 | 203,659,642 | 180,779,520 |
| Cash in Federal Reserve banks..... | 111,476,569 | 56,422,247 | 49,423,211 | 39,064,475 |
| Cash in national banks: | | | | |
| To credit of Treasurer of U. S..... | 61,467,079 | 33,999,268 | 34,091,234 | 34,428,704 |
| To credit disbursing officers..... | 5,593,527 | 4,891,041 | 5,130,753 | 6,099,757 |
| Total..... | 67,060,606 | 38,890,309 | 39,222,017 | 40,528,461 |
| Cash in Philippine Islands..... | 4,767,345 | 4,626,025 | 5,529,599 | 4,773,792 |
| Net cash in banks, Sub-Treas..... | 330,604,820 | 324,038,962 | 295,834,329 | 265,146,248 |
| Deduct current liabilities..... | 93,785,229 | 94,055,957 | 87,546,763 | 84,043,536 |
| Available cash balance..... | 236,819,591 | 229,977,975 | 208,287,566 | 181,102,712 |

*Chiefly disbursing officers' balances. x Includes Oct. 1, \$9,609,521 24 silver bullion and \$1,070,675 96 minor coin, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Charcoal Iron of America, Preferred, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists companies under 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)' such as Steel Co. of Canada, Sifit & Co., etc.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. c Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. i Declared 3%, payable 1 1/2% Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 14, and 1 1/2% Feb. 1 1917 to holders of record Jan. 15 1917.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Oct. 21 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1915, shows an increase in the aggregate of 27.2%.

Table titled 'Clearings at—' with columns: 1916, 1915, Inc. or Dec., 1914, 1913. Lists cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

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: Shares, Stocks, Per cent, Shares, Stocks, Per cent. Lists items like 50 Hanover National Bank, 5 People's Tr. Co., etc.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table listing shares and stocks for Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston, including National Shawmut Bank, Taunton National Bank, etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with prices per share and per cent. Includes items like 12 Merchants National Bank, 5 Second National Bank, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with prices per share and per cent. Includes items like 800 Welsh Min. Min. & Kaolin, 80 Farm & Mech. Nat. Bank, etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTERS.

Table showing applications for charters for various banks, including The First National Bank of Brockton, Mont., and The First National Bank of Farmington, Mo.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Table showing charters issued for various banks, including The National Bank of Okene, Okene, Okla., and The First National Bank of Waverly, Va.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL APPROVED.

The First National Bank of Akron, Colo. Capital increased from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Increase \$15,000

LIQUIDATIONS.

The Yellowstone Valley National Bank of Sidney, Mont. Capital \$35,000 Succeeded by the Yellowstone Valley Bank & Trust Co. Liquidating agent: J. A. Barrett, Sidney, Mont.

Total capital \$185,000

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the reported imports of merchandise at New York for the week ending Oct. 21 and since the first week of January:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK.

Table showing foreign imports at New York for the week ending Oct. 21 and since the first week of January, categorized by year (1916, 1915, 1914, 1913).

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Table showing exports from New York for the week ending Oct. 21 and since the first week of January, categorized by year (1916, 1915, 1914, 1913).

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

Table showing exports and imports of specie at New York for the week ending Oct. 21 and since the first week of January, categorized by year (1916, 1915, 1914, 1913) and type (Gold, Silver).

Of the above exports for the week in 1916, \$171,000 were American gold coin.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Oct. 21:

Purchases on a large scale of acceptances and net withdrawals in some volume of member bank deposits largely account for the decreases in gold and total reserves indicated by the weekly bank statement as at close of business Oct. 20 1916. Aggregate cash reserves of the banks show a decrease for the week of 10.9 millions. New York, Philadelphia and Cleveland reporting the largest reductions in their cash holdings. The total decrease in gold reserves is slightly over 10 millions. In the case of New York a loss of 8.2 millions in cash reserve is accompanied by an increase of 4.5 millions in the total amount due from other Federal Reserve banks of 1.7 millions in earning assets and of 1.9 millions in total deposits. The loss of 2.8 millions shown by the Philadelphia Bank goes hand in hand with an increase of 1.6 millions in earning assets and a decrease in deposits. The Cleveland Bank shows a decline of 2.3 millions in cash reserve, together with a change of an unfavorable balance of over half a million to a favorable balance of 1.8 millions in account with other Federal Reserve banks. Boston reports a gain of 3.5 millions in total reserve, together with an increase of 1.2 millions in earning assets and a decrease of 4.3 millions in the amount due from other Federal Reserve banks. Discount paper held by the banks aggregates \$21,365,000, or about \$600,000 less than the week before. The 3 Southern banks report considerable liquidation of paper, offset in part by increases in the amounts on hand reported by the Chicago and Minneapolis banks. Of the total about \$840,000 is represented by member banks' own collateral notes discounted by 8 Federal Reserve banks. Acceptances on hand show an increase of 5.1 millions, the 3 Eastern banks reporting considerable purchases of this class of paper during the past week. Of the total bills—including acceptances—reported on hand at the close of the report week, 37.3% matured within 30 and 34.5% after 30 but within 60 days. Transactions in U. S. securities—including the conversion on Oct. 1 of 2% bonds into 3% bonds and notes—are reported by 5 banks, resulting in a decrease by \$1,307,000 of the amount of U. S. bonds and an increase of \$1,153,000 in the amount of 1-yr notes carried. Municipal warrants on hand show an increase for the week of over 1 million, mainly the result of purchases during the week of New York City and Cincinnati warrants. Aggregate earning assets are at present about 190 million dollars, a gain of 4.5 millions for the week, and constitute about 341% of the banks' paid-in capital. Of the total earning assets 43.5% is represented by acceptances, 21.8% by U. S. bonds, 17.2% by warrants, 11.3% by discounts and 6.2% by Treasury notes. Federal Reserve Bank notes in circulation decreased slightly during the week. The agents report the issue to the banks of \$230,803,000 (net) of Federal Reserve notes, an increase of \$4,921,000 for the week. Against the total issued they hold \$215,329,000 of gold and \$16,338,000 of paper. The banks report a total of \$212,044,000 of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation and aggregate liabilities of \$11,896,000 on notes issued to them by the agents.

The figures of the consolidated statement for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for each of the eight preceding weeks, thus furnishing a useful comparison. In the second table we show the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve Federal Reserve banks. The statement of Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (the third table following) gives details regarding the transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and the Reserve Agents and between the latter and the Federal Reserve banks.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 20 1916.

Large table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Oct. 20 1916, with columns for dates from Oct. 20 1916 to Aug. 25 1916 and rows for resources (Gold coin and certificates in vault, Gold settlement fund, etc.) and liabilities (Bills discounted and bought, Maturities within 10 days, etc.).

Statement of New York City Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing House members for the week ending Oct. 21. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given. In order to furnish a comparison, we have inserted the totals of actual condition for each of the three groups and also the grand aggregates for the three preceding weeks.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURN.

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Investments, etc., Gold, Legal Tenders, Silver, Nat. Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Reserves, Add'l Deposits, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, National Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for State Banks and Trust Companies.

a Includes capital set aside for Foreign Branches, \$3,000,000.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION.

Table with columns: Averages, Actual Figures. Sub-columns: Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, Surplus Reserve, Inc. or Dec. from Preceding Week. Rows include Members Federal Reserve Bank, State Banks, and Trust Companies.

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.

a This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Banks includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 21, \$1,943,700; Oct. 14, \$1,914,200; Oct. 7, \$1,829,850; Sept. 30, \$1,890,850.

b This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Banks includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: Oct. 21, \$1,947,450; Oct. 14, \$1,950,250; Oct. 7, \$1,884,700; Sept. 30, \$1,793,300.

The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House, and these are shown in the following table:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with columns for Loans and investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits, Reserve on deposits, and Percentage of reserve, 27.4%. Includes sub-sections for RESERVE: State Banks and Trust Companies.

The averages of the New York City Clearing House banks and trust companies, combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York City outside of the Clearing House, compare as follows for a series of weeks past:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK. We omit ciphers in all these figures.

Table with columns: Week ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Specta., Other Money, Total Money Holdings, and Entire Reserve on Deposits. Shows data for weeks from July 29 to Oct. 21.

Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—Following is the report made to the Clearing House by clearing non-member institutions which are not included in the "Clearing House return" on the preceding page:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

Large table with columns: CLEARING NON-MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profit, Loans, Discounts, Investments, etc., Gold, Legal Tenders, Silver, Nat. Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Reserves, Additional Deposits, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, National Bank Circulation. Includes sub-sections for Members of Fed'l Reserve Bank, State Banks, and Trust Companies.

Philadelphia Banks.—Summary of weekly totals of Clearing House banks and trust companies of Philadelphia: We omit two ciphers (00) in all these figures.

Table with columns: Loans, Discounts & Investments, Due from Banks, Deposits (Bank, Individual, Total), Reserves Held, and Excess Reserves. Shows weekly data from Oct. 21 to Aug. 29.

Note.—National bank note circulation Oct. 21, \$9,168,000; exchanges for Clearing House (included in "Bank Deposits"), banks, \$19,888,000; trust companies, \$2,735,000; total, \$22,823,000. Capital and surplus at latest dates: banks, \$64,175,600; trust companies, \$41,295,200; total, \$105,470,800.

In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House" furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the whole State. The figures are compiled so as to distinguish between the results for New York City (Greater New York) and those for the rest of the State, as per the following:

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 98, p. 1661.

The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions were published in the "Chronicle" March 28 1914 (V. 98, p. 968). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 4 1914 (V. 98, p. 1045).

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Week ended Oct. 21, State Banks in Greater N. Y., Trust Cos. in Greater N. Y., State Banks outside of Greater N. Y., Trust Cos. outside of Greater N. Y. Shows Capital as of June 30, Surplus as of June 30, Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Deposits, Reserve on deposits, and P. c. of reserve to deposits.

+ Increase over last week. — Decrease from last week.

Boston Clearing House Banks.—We give below a summary showing the totals for all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

Table with columns: BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Oct. 21 1916, Changes from previous week, Oct. 14 1916, Oct. 7 1916. Shows Circulation, Loans, Investments, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, Exchanges for Clear. House, Cash reserves, Reserve in Fed. Res'v'e Banks, Reserve with other banks, Excess with Reserve Agent, and Excess with Fed. Res'v'e B'k.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—See third page preceding.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Oct. 27 1916.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—The security markets continue to reflect the wholly abnormal and in some cases precarious conditions existing in other departments of activity as a result of the war.

Industrially there is no change worthy of note. Iron has recently made a further advance of from \$1 to \$3 per ton; steel products are from \$15 to \$20 per ton higher than a year ago; coke is selling at a price for which there is no parallel and it is expected that in each case prices will go higher.

There was a slight reaction in both wheat and cotton earlier in the week, but this movement was perfectly natural and of brief duration. As is well known, the general conditions regarding both crops are unchanged and prices are again soaring as the week draws to a close.

More gold has been received here for foreign credit. The European bank statements show no changes of conditions worthy of note, but exchange on Berlin and Vienna has been week, the latter making a new low record.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange has remained in virtually a stationary position during the week. Gold importations include \$28,000,000 which was received in New York from Canada, \$9,500,000 which was received at Philadelphia also from Canada, and \$2,500,000 at San Francisco from Australia. Continental exchanges irregular.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.71 1/4 for sixty days, 4.7565@4.75 11-16 for cheques and 4.76 7-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.75 7-16, sixty days 4.70 3/4, ninety days 4.68 3/4, and documents for payment (sixty days), 4.70 3/4. Cotton for payment 4.75 7-16 and grain for payment 4.75 7-16.

Exchange at Paris on London, 27.81 1/2 fr.; week's range, 27.81 1/2 fr. high and 27.81 1/2 fr. low.

Table with columns: Sterling Actual, Sixty Days, Cheques, Cables, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Domestic Exchange.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board this week include \$7,000 Virginia 6s, def. tr. co. receipts, at 56 to 58; \$9,000 New York Canal 4s, 1960, at 105 1/2; \$21,000 New York Canal 4s, 1961, at 105 1/2 and \$1,000 New York State 4 1/2s, at 115 3/4.

A marked increase was noted in the volume of trading in railway and industrial bonds this week. Prices were irregular, the advances and declines being about evenly distributed. With a few exceptions, fluctuations were narrow. Bond houses and investors generally have been interested in the new \$300,000,000 British 5 1/2% loan. This issue is to be equally divided in two maturities of three and five years and unlike the former loan only about 1-3 of the security pledged consists of American bonds and stocks.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$3,000 2s reg., at 99 3/4; \$5,500 3s, coup., at 100 3/4 to 100 7/8, and \$1,000 4s, coup., at 110 3/4. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for week's range see third page following.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—It is not strange that a market which was only momentarily affected by rather positive peace rumors and the actual danger of new complications over the submarine question should be apparently indifferent to the approaching Presidential election. Prices on Monday showed a general advance throughout the list, but during the rest of the week the movement was irregular. The volume of business, it is hardly necessary to add, has been over 1,200,000 shares every day.

Among the railroad group, Atchison moved up from 106 to 108 1/2, the final figure being 107 1/2. Canadian Pacific, after advancing from 175 1/2 to 176 3/4, closed at 174 3/4, while Chesapeake & Ohio and Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul lost 1 and 1/2 points respectively for the week. Rock Island was by far the

most spectacular. Reports of good business, together with a favorable outlook for reorganization, being the probable causes of the movement. From 24 3/4 it advanced steadily to 34 1/2, the last quotation being 32 1/2. Lehigh lost 1/2 point for the week, while Norfolk & Western and Reading, reacting from their recent sharp advances, lost 1/2 and 2 points for the week, final figures being 142 3/4 and 109. Union Pacific, after moving up from 150 1/2 to 153 1/2, closed at 150 3/4.

The industrial issues were more irregular. Bethlehem Steel reached a new high record of 650. American Can moved up from 61 to 63 1/4. The Cogan sugar companies continued their advance, as did the copper stocks, the latter due, no doubt, to recent rumors of heavy tonnage for Europe. Steel reached a new high mark of 121 3/4, but closed at 119, a loss of 3/4 point for the week, while the high, low and last price of Industrial Alcohol, General Motors and Mercantile, Marine com. and pref. were 146 1/2-136 1/2-145 1/2, \$50-789-835 44-39 3/4-40 1/8 and 118 3/4-114 3/4-115.

For daily volume of business see page 1583. The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Oct. 27, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Aero Tea, First pref certifs, Adams Express, etc.

Outside Securities.—Trading at the Broad Street "curb" has been brisk and with prices that were, as was the case in other securities markets, irregular. Butterworth-Judson advanced from 74 to 76, the close, however, being at 75 3/4. Chevrolet Motors advanced from 199 to 201, fell to 191 and closed at 192. Guantanamo Sugar, in sympathy with other Cuban sugar companies, advanced from 70 to 77, the final quotation. Kathodion Bronze lost a point, closing at 9, while Marlin Arms advanced from 60 to 88, the last price being 72. Midvale Steel fluctuated between 66 1/2 and 70 1/2 and the high, low and last prices for Springfield Body, and Submarine Boat, were 100, 93, 95 1/2 and 43, 40 1/2, 41 1/2. Standard Oil issues were active and advanced in value. Illinois Pipe Line moved up from 220 to 227 and Ohio Oil from 345 to 384, the final figure being 375. The other oil issues, most of which sell at "cents a share," were also active. A complete record of "curb" transactions for the week will be found on page 1583.

New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly 1575

OCCUPYING TWO PAGES.

For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Oct. 21 to Friday Oct. 27), Sales for the Week Shares, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Par, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1915), and various stock entries including Atch Topeka & Santa Fe., Chesapeake & Ohio., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. a Ex-div. and rights. b New stock. c Par \$25 per share. e First installment paid. x Ex-dividend. y Full paid.

For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Oct 21 to Friday Oct 27), Sales for the Week Shares, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Industrial & Misc. (Con.) Par, Butte & Superior Copper, California Petroleum, etc.), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1915 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights, a Ex-div. and rights. b New stock. c Par \$25 per share. d Ex-stock dividend. e No dividend. f Par \$100 per share.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 1577

In Jan. 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed, and prices are now all—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Oct. 27, Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range, etc. Includes sections for U. S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and various Corporate Bonds.

* No price Friday; interest this week. † Due April. ‡ Due May. § Due June. ¶ Due July. & Due Aug. †† Due Nov. ‡‡ Due Dec. §§ Option sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Oct. 27. Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range, etc. Includes entries like Delaware & Hudson (Cont), 1st lien equip g 4 1/2, 1st & ref 4 1/2, etc.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Oct. 27. Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range, etc. Includes entries like Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5d, Registered, 1st int reduced to 4s, etc.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due April. d Due May. e Due June. f Due July. g Due Aug. h Due Oct.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Oct. 27, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 27, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes entries for NY Cent & H R RR (Con.), Rutland & Cham 1st 4 1/2, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Oct. 27, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 27, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High. Includes entries for Peoria & Pekin Un 1st 4 1/2, K C P & M Ry ref 4 1/2, etc.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due May. g Due June. h Due July. k Due Aug. l Due Oct. p Due Nov. q Due Dec.

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

Table with 5 columns: Saturday Oct. 21, Monday Oct. 23, Tuesday Oct. 24, Wednesday Oct. 25, Thursday Oct. 26, Friday Oct. 27. Lists various stock prices and market activity.

Sales of the Week Stocks

Table with columns: Stocks Boston Stock Exchange, Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), Range for Previous Year 1915 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Aitch Topoka & Santa Fe, Boston Elevated, etc., with their price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices. * Ex-dividend and rights. b Ex-stock dividend. c Assessment paid. h: Ex-rights. s Ex-dividend. s Ex-Tamarack stock. w Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds like Am Ag Chemical, Am Tel & Tel col, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Alliance Insurance, American Gas of N J, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds like Am Gas & Elec, Bidwin Locom, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Alabama Co, 1st preferred, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Baltimore Tube, Calumet & Hecla, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bonds like Alabama Coal & T, Alabama Co gen 6s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Complete record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is as follows:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like American Radiator, Amer Shipbuilding, etc.

Table with columns: Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Bonds (Concluded) such as Chicago City Ry 5s, Chic Ry & Con Ry 5s, etc.

z Ex-dividend. a Ex-dividend 2%, stock dividend 40%. b Ex-div., ex-rights.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent. of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include American Sewer Pipe, Am Wind Glass Mach, Prefered, Cable Consol Mining, etc.

z Ex-dividend.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, both inclusive. It covers all the sales for the week ending Friday afternoon.

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 27, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Stocks—Aetna Explosives, Amer Druggist Synd, Am Int Corp, etc.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 27 1916, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad & Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds. Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

Table with columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, Week ending Oct. 27, 1916, 1915, Jan. 1 to Oct. 27, 1916, 1915. Rows include Stocks—No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, Bonds, Government bonds, State, mun., &c. bonds, R.R. & misc. bonds, Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns: Week ending Oct. 27 1916, Boston (Shares, Bond Sales), Philadelphia (Shares, Bond Sales), Baltimore (Shares, Bond Sales). Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

Table with columns: Rights—N Y Central, Tennessee Copper, Texas Company, Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries, Other Oil Stocks. Rows include N Y Central, Tennessee Copper, Texas Company, Anglo-Amer Oil, Galena-Signal Oil, etc.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

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

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), July 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Includes sub-tables for 'Various Fiscal Years' and 'AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly'.

AGGREGATES 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, %).

a Includes Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling Ry. b Includes Evansville & Terre Haute. c Includes Mason City & Fort Dodge and the Wisconsin Creek District Ry. d Includes not only operating revenue, but also all other receipts. e Does not include earnings of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek the St. Louis from Mountain & Southern. f Includes the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry., Chicago Indiana & Southern RR, and Dunkirk Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh RR. g Includes the Northern Ohio RR. h We no longer include the Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of October. The table covers 24 roads and shows 7.24% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Third Week of October, 1916, 1915, Increase, Decrease. Lists various railroad companies and their earnings.

For the second week of October our final statement covers 34 roads and shows 10.60% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Second week of October, 1916, 1915, Increase, Decrease. Lists various railroad companies and their earnings.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings with charges and surplus of STEAM railroads and industrial companies reported this week:

Large table with multiple columns: Roads, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Fixed Chgs., Balance, Surplus. Lists various railroad companies and their monthly earnings.

After allowing for uncollectible revenues and taxes, operating income for Sept. 1916 was \$380,929, against \$339,936, and for period from July 1 to Sept. 30 was \$917,930 in 1916, against \$684,902.

For September taxes and uncollectible railway revenue amounted to \$581,756, against \$485,837 in 1915; after deducting which net for September 1916 was \$4,783,895, against \$3,639,361 last year.

Table with 4 columns: Month of June, 1916, 1915, July 1 to June 30, 1916, 1915. Lists American Express Co. and Express privileges.

Table with 4 columns: Month of August, 1916, 1915, July 1 to Aug 31, 1916, 1915. Lists Northern Express Co. and Express privileges.

Table with 4 columns: Month of August, 1916, 1915, July 1 to Aug 31, 1916, 1915. Lists various companies and their earnings.

Table with 4 columns: Month of August, 1916, 1915, July 1 to Aug 31, 1916, 1915. Lists various companies and their earnings.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings, Jan. 1 to latest date. Lists various electric railway and utility companies.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

Proportion of Gross Revenue Used for (a) All Operating Expenses (b) Conducting Transportation, (c) General and Administration Expenses.

Table with columns: All Oper. Exp., Cond. Tran., Gen. & Adm. Exp., 1915, 1916, % per mile, % per mile. Rows include New Eng. Roads, N. Y. N. H. & Hart., Central New Eng. d., Boston & Albany, Boston & Maine, Rutland, Coal Roads, Cent. RR. of N. J., Delaware & Hudson, Del. Lack. & West., Trunk Lines, Baltimore & Ohio, Erie, N. Y. Central, Penna. & Va., Pass. gen. & Mds. Line, Long Island, Light Traffic Line, N. Y. Ont. & West.

In cost of "conducting transportation," which is the account that represents the cost of operating the plant as distinguished from maintenance and administration, the New Haven in 1916, before it was overloaded so badly, compared reasonably with many others, and it was even lower than any road except the coal roads, N. Y. Cent and its own Cent. New Eng.

Expenditures Made During August by New Haven and Central New England, Charged to General Expenses.

Table with columns: August, Gross Earnings, Legal Salaries & Exp. of Federal Pension, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916. Rows include 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916.

The increase in clerks is due to higher wages, a larger volume of business, the steadily increasing number of reports and to the transfer of certain clerks to the general office from divisional offices, &c. Because of geographical and commercial complications the New Haven is also obliged to maintain administrative offices in Boston, New Haven and New York, an added expense that many roads do not have because nearly all of them are able to maintain their principal offices in one place.

In 1916 the New Haven was unable to take advantage of the large increase in business because its plant was not adequate and because the plants of many receivers of freight were insufficient to release freight cars promptly.

In spite of the very bad weather, congestion on the road and numerous labor troubles, the percentage of total operating expenses decreased .56%.

In making any comparisons of the results for the railroads in New England, it should be borne in mind that fuel costs these roads very much more than it does roads like the New York Central, the Pennsylvania and the coal roads, all of which have tracks directly to coal mines. This increases the cost to the New Haven in a year at least \$3,500,000, and yet the general basis of rates, both freight and passenger, is no higher than on these roads, and in numerous instances is lower.

Earnings Per Mile—Gross and Net after Taxes.

Table with columns: Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, 1915, 1916. Rows include New York New Haven & Hartford, Central New England, Boston & Albany, Boston & Maine, Rutland, Central RR. of New Jersey, Delaware & Hudson, Delaware Lackawann & Western, Baltimore & Ohio, Erie, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Long Island, N. Y. Ontario & Western.

Wages are much higher to-day than in 1913 and 1914 and the same is true of nearly all materials.

The directors and officers are struggling with a most difficult problem. The volume of freight business now being done by the company in a year is equal to moving more than 3,000,000,000 tons of freight one mile, or 8,000,000 tons moved one mile every day. If, by wise expenditures for improved facilities, such as modern engines, better freight terminals, better tools and better methods, a saving could be made of only one-tenth of a cent, or one mill, in handling a ton one mile, the saving would be \$3,000,000 a year, which added sum could be spent for more improvements in order to bring the property up to a modern condition of efficiency.

In the last two fiscal years the company has paid of its floating debt in the hands of the public nearly \$9,500,000, and has arranged to get nearly \$10,500,000 worth of new equipment, and has expended for improvements and betterments to its property and for necessary advances to subordinate properties nearly \$6,650,000.

All manufacturing enterprises have been, and are having a difficult time in New England on account of higher prices for labor and material, and the New Haven road is no different from the others, except that it has been unable to raise the price of its product, transportation, in the way all other manufacturers have raised their prices.

Nearly everything that the railroad company buys and nearly all of the wages that it pays are very much higher than a year ago, and it is inevitable that rates must, sooner or later, be raised if the company is to go on and make the improvements which are essential for the growth of all business in New England for the economical operation of the railroad and for the ultimate resumption of dividends.

Therefore, in the interest of New England, which needs better and more transportation, and of the stockholders who need dividends, these facts and figures are submitted.—V. 103, p. 1501, 1302.

(The) Hocking Valley Railway Company.

(17th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

On subsequent pages will be found the text of the annual report, signed by Chairman Frank Trumbull and President Geo. W. Stevens, together with the income account for the year ending June 30 1916 and balance sheet as of June 30 1916. The comparative income account, balance sheet and statistics were published in V. 103, p. 1504.

Northern Pacific Railway.

(20th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

On subsequent pages will be found the remarks of President Jule M. Hannaford, together with the income account for the year ending June 30 1916 and balance sheet as of June 30 1916. The comparative income account, balance sheet and general statistics were published in V. 103, p. 1405.—V. 103, p. 1405.

Western Maryland Railway.

(7th Annual Report—Year ending June 30 1916.)

On subsequent pages will be found the remarks of President Carl R. Gray; also the comparative income account for the last two years, the profit and loss account for the late year and the balance sheet as of June 30 1916.

CLASSIFICATION OF TONNAGE FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Products of—Agricul. Animals *Mines. Forests. Manufac. Mds. 1915-16 (tons) 721,995 152,831 1,006,154 1,293,101 2,253,200 495,207 1914-15 333,135 150,017 8,602,280 1,222,960 1,623,257 471,061 * Includes 8,819,691 tons of bituminous coal in 1915-16, against 7,413,492 tons in 1914-15.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Miles operated, Passengers carried, Av. recs. p. pass. p. mile, Tons rev. freight carried, Tons rev. coal & coke, Tons carried one mile, Av. recs. p. ton p. mile, Oper. revenue per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, Total oper. revenue, Expenses—Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscell. operations, Transportat'n for invest.

Total oper. revenue \$10,930,369 \$8,683,459 \$8,267,736 \$7,632,679

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Total expenses, Net oper. revenue, Taxes accrued, &c., Operating income, Miscel. operations, Total oper. income, Int. adv. to sub. cos., For construction, For add'n & better'ts, Inc. from coal cos., &c.

Total expenses \$7,039,608 \$6,257,412 \$7,848,630 \$6,019,147

Operating income \$3,541,600 \$2,118,188 \$155,091 \$1,373,532

Total oper. income \$3,541,670 \$2,118,258 \$154,147 \$1,375,873

Gross corp. income \$3,854,563 \$2,387,124 \$381,602 \$2,450,923

Total deductions \$3,314,870 \$3,295,029 \$3,097,267 \$2,874,896

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets—Property owned, Secs. of other cos. pledged, Cash, Loans & bills rec, Traffic, &c., bal., Agts. & condnc, Material & supp, Misc. accounts, Disc't on bonds, do stock, Other deferred, &c., accounts, Profit and loss, Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Loans & bills pay, Traffic, &c., bal., Acc'ts & wages, Motor int., &c., Acc'r'd interest, rents, &c., Accrued taxes, Miscellaneous, Accrued depreciation, Unadjusted accounts, Approp. surplus, Total

Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.

(6th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

Pres. Mark W. Potter, N. Y., Aug. 1, says in substance (compare map on p. 23 of "Railway & Industrial" Section):

Results—Operating revenue increased \$840,668, or 37.18%; net earnings increased \$492,169, or 46.06%, and miscellaneous income increased \$177,249, or 76.21%, so that the total income, after taxes, increased \$678,406, or 59.68%. The income carried to profit and loss, after deducting interest, rentals and other fixed charges, was \$560,238, being an increase of \$412,433, or 279.03%. Passenger traffic (\$231,180) increased \$48,704.

Merchandise freight (\$1,002,622) shows an increase of \$302,639, while the number of tons thereof carried one mile increased 45.26%. Transportation of coal yielded \$1,797,030, or an increase of \$474,234, the coal tonnage carried one mile increasing 30.8%.

The expenditure for maintenance of way and structures amounted to \$305,336, or \$1.051 per mile operated, as compared with \$250,578, or \$978 per mile operated, for the previous year, an increase of 22.07%. Maintenance of equipment amounted to \$390,069, an increase of \$111,296, or 39.92%. The total cost of transportation was \$558,972, an increase of \$109,557, or 24.38%. The increase in the revenue ton-miles was 33.03%.

Capital Stock.—On April 1 1916 the preferred stock was increased by \$1,500,000, making the total issue \$11,500,000. This issue was taken by the Cumberland Corporation, the consideration being \$750,000 capital stock of Holston Corporation and cancellation of \$758,348 indebtedness of Car. Clinch. & Ohio Ry. to Cumberland Corp. (V. 102, p. 1436).

Financing.—On April 1 1916 \$330,000 5% notes were issued, payable \$12,500 monthly until April 1 1918, for the purchase of 10 Mallet freight locomotives; \$250,000 First Mortgage bonds were sold on Nov. 11 1915.

On April 1 1916 the company guaranteed the payment of principal and interest of Holston Corporation's \$1,500,000 Realty and Collateral Trust Convertible 5% 10-year gold notes, and acquired the entire capital stock, \$750,000, of that corporation, as above stated. Holston Corporation is the owner of (a) valuable real estate at Kingsport, Johnson City and Erwin, Tenn., at Altapass, N. O., and extensive terminal property at Charleston, S. C., upon which large expenditures have been made; (b) considerable real estate at various points along the railway, some of which will become important as sites for additional industries; (c) \$1,500,000 pref. stock of Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry., acquired from the Cumberland Corp. [The notes dated Ap. 1 1916 and callable at par on 30 days' notice are convertible into this pref. stock at any time before maturity or redemption date. Denom. \$1,000 c&r*. Int., A. & O. Trustee, Central Tr. Co.—Ed.]

On April 1 1916 we guaranteed payment of principal and interest of Black Mountain Ry. \$500,000 First Mtge. 5% gold bonds, maturing in annual installments of \$25,000, beginning April 1 1917. It is considered that the earnings of Black Mountain Ry. Co. will be sufficient to pay the interest on the issue of bonds and the principal there of. [Total auth. issue \$750,000; callable at par at any time on 4 weeks' notice. Final \$250,000 if issued to mature April 1 1936. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Trustee, N. Y. Trust Co.—Ed.]

First Mortgage bonds of Clinchfield Northern Ry. of Kentucky, dated May 1 1912 and maturing May 1 1917, were received for account of that portion of the cost of the Elkhorn Extension located in Kentucky. The capital stock of the railway is owned by your company, which also has a lease of the property in Kentucky for 99 years.

Equipment Notes.—Payments of principal of equipment trust notes, Series A to E, &c., aggregated \$501,000. Industrial Development.—The development of industries along the line of the railway during the year has progressed most favorably. Nearly 50 new enterprises have been established embracing dye, chemical, tannin extract, tanning, wood pulp, lime, feldspar, wood-working plants, and

lumber operations. The Clinchfield Portland Cement Corporation has doubled its capacity to provide for a daily output of 5,000 barrels. The Federal Dyeing & Chemical Corporation has erected at Kingsport, Tenn., numerous buildings of a permanent character for the manufacture of all of the principal coal-tar dyes direct from raw materials, also chemicals.

CLASSIFICATION OF TONNAGE FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Agricultural, Animals, Mines, Forests, Manufacture, Misc. Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Aver. miles operated, Passengers carried, Freight revenue, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger, Mail and express, Total operating revenue, etc.

BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913. Rows include Assets (Property owned, Securities owned, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

—V. 102, p. 2076, 1435.

Norfolk Southern Railroad Co.

(6th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

Pres. & Gen. Mgr. J. H. Young, Norfolk, says in substance:

Results (Steam Lines).—There was a substantial recovery during the year from the depression caused by the European war. Operating revenues increased \$726,981, or 20.1%, while operating expenses increased only \$90,745, or 3.3%.

Freight traffic increased \$660,804, or 26.4%; the tons carried one mile increased 89,185,029, or 48.6%, and the average number of tons per train mile was 261.08, against 199.73 for the year 1915, an increase of 64.35 tons, or 32.7%. There has been very little change for a number of years in the volume of lumber handled by this company, but the large increase in the tonnage of all other commodities since 1910 has reduced the percentage that lumber bears to our total tonnage from 55% to 42%.

Passenger traffic did not keep pace with the improvement in freight traffic, nor has it yet reached the volume recorded during the year 1914. This may be attributed almost entirely to the operation of automobiles between various towns along the line of your road.

Improvements, &c.—During the past year the physical condition of the property has been improved out of earnings, and the management expects to continue this policy for some time, and when the contemplated betterments are completed the owners of the stock will have an excellent investment. Progress was made during the year in widening cuts and fills and in improving the condition of the road bed. Ballast was put under 48.85 miles of track, viz.: Clinders, 8.56 miles; sand, 31.56 miles; rock, 6.73 miles; oyster shells, 2 miles. 4,793 miles of new 70-lb. steel rail were laid in the main track.

Maintenance of equipment expenses increased \$56,542, or 10.2%. The average cost of repairs per locomotive in 1916 was \$1,906.26; per passenger car, \$483.85, and per freight car, \$62.15, against \$2,025.25, \$417.93 and \$55.70, respectively, in 1915.

Funded Debt.—On Sept. 1 1915 an equipment trust agreement was made with the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. to secure \$26,000 Equipment Trust Series B notes issued in connection with the purchase of 24 Roger ballast cars and one plow car. These notes mature at the rate of \$2,600 per year.

Industrial Development.—There were placed in operation during the year 35 new spur tracks to serve new industries. It is estimated that the annual revenue to your company from these industries will be \$189,000. Eleven additional industries were located on spur tracks already installed and it is estimated will yield an annual revenue of \$35,000. The set-back to all industrial development resulting from the European war began to yield early last fall, since which time there has been a marked improvement.

Agricultural Development.—Inquiries for farm lands, especially in the drainage districts around Belhaven and Terra Ceia, N. C., have been numerous and some large tracts of land have been sold in these sections. Near Terra Ceia the acreage in farm lands has been increased about 2,000 acres. Irish potatoes are being grown more extensively in the drainage

districts now than ever before, yielding an average during the year of approximately 70 barrels per acre. The revenue from the handling of these potatoes and the inbound movement of fertilizer, seed potatoes and lime used in their cultivation brings your company from \$21 to \$25 per acre.

In the vicinity of Beaufort, N. C., one firm has purchased for colonization purposes 37,000 acres of land which will be drained and put in condition for settlers. On the Sand Hill section of North Carolina there is a continual development of new lands which are being planted in corn, cotton, tobacco, and especially peach trees; the shippers of peaches marketed during the past season approximately 25,000 crates.

Rolling Stock.—The following additional equipment was purchased during the year: 6 consolidation locomotives, 48 ballast cars, 98 steel gondola cars, 2 air dump cars.

Contract was made on Jan. 7 1916 for the construction of locomotive and car shops at Carolina Junction, Va., 2.29 miles from Berkley, for the general repair of equipment. These shops will replace those now at Berkley, which are no longer adequate to take care of the necessary repair and construction work. It is expected that the new shops will be completed and ready for use by Dec. 1 1916.

Rates.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission has substantially increased your company's intra-State freight rates within that State, effective Aug. 23 1916.

CLASSIFICATION OF TONNAGE—STEAM DIVISION—Products of—

Table with 5 columns: Year, Agriculture, Animals, Mines, Forests, Manufacture, Misc. Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS—STEAM DIVISION.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Average miles, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, etc.

* Equipment as above on June 30 1916 includes 15 locomotives leased and 341 cars in passenger, freight and company's service. The company also owned 9 barges, 5 car floats and 1 tug. Equipment on hand June 30 1916 (electric line): Cars owned or leased in passenger service, 39; others in freight service, 6; company's service (caboose car), 1.

INCOME ACCOUNTS. (a) Norfolk Southern RR. Steam Division.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, etc.), Expenses (Total operating, P. C. of exp., etc.), Operating income, etc.

Total deductions, \$1,327,125; Balance, sur. or def., \$586,126 def.

(b) Norfolk & Southern Electric Division.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Revenues (Operating, Interest, etc.), Net revenue, etc.

(c) Combined Steam and Electric Divisions.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Revenues, Net revenue, etc.

(d) John L. Roper Lumber Co.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Revenues, Net revenue, etc.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets (Real estate, Leased property, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, etc.).

e Includes road, \$24,485,651, and equipment, \$3,800,527, less depreciation reserve, \$356,021; bal., \$3,444,507, and \$487,943 gen. expenditures.

Note.—The N. & S. RR., with the Virginia Ry. and the Norfolk & West. Ry., guarantees the authorized issue of \$2,000,000 1st M. 50-yr. 4s of the Norfolk Terminal Ry., due May 1 1961. The company also guarantees \$73,190 Carolina RR. bonds.—V. 103, p. 1501.

Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

Receiver Walter L. Ross says in substance:

Results.—The gross operating revenue was \$5,643,365, an increase of \$1,007,306, or 21.73%. Freight traffic increased \$944,470, or 23.70%, the number of tons of revenue freight carried one mile increased 21.67%, the average haul increasing 8.79% and the rate per ton per mile showing an increase of 1.74%. Passenger traffic increased \$57,565, or 17.42%. Operating expenses increased \$126,938, or 3.63%. Maintenance of way and structures increased \$82,500, or 14.38%. 161,252 cross ties were placed in main track. Obsolete equipment retired represented a charge to operating

expenses of \$58,425, as compared with \$155,446 during the preceding year. Regardless of these abnormal increases and decreases, there was a net decrease in the total maintenance of equipment expenses of \$20,644.

The expenses of conducting transportation increased \$69,333, or 3.89%. With an increase of 155,764 train miles, or 8.8%, there was an increase of 177,989.397 in the tons one mile, or 21.3%. The average tons of revenue freight carried per car mile increased 1.49 tons, or 8.05%. The loaded car mileage increased 5,210,612, or 12.57%, as compared with preceding year, and empty car mileage decreased 6,694,903 miles, or 27.11%.

Securities.—No dividends were received during the year on the Chicago & Alton RR. common or preferred stock owned (\$14,420,000 and \$6,480,000, respectively). The Toledo Terminal RR. Co. paid \$20,800 of its certificates of indebtedness held by this company.

Expenses.—The cost of supplies of all kinds has increased enormously, due to the extraordinary conditions prevailing in this country and in Europe. Effective July 1 1915, also, the rate used for charges to equipment depreciation accounts was increased from 1 to 3% at request of the U. S. C. Commission; this has increased maintenance of equipment expenses about \$63,000 per annum. Taxes decreased \$12,114.

Improvements, etc.—For additions and betterments there was charged into road and equipment account, \$103,341. Property investment was reduced \$90,774 on account of retirement of 344 obsolete cars.

CHARACTERISTICS OF LINE—TOTAL MILES 450.58.

Table with columns: Curved Miles, Tangent Miles, Level Miles, Ascending Miles, Descending Miles. Rows for 1916 and 1915.

COMPOSITION OF TRACK JUNE 30—TOTAL MILES 450.58.

Table with columns: Steel Bridges, etc., Miles of Ballast, Miles of Rail. Rows for 1916 and 1915.

AVERAGE REPAIRS PER YEAR.

Table with columns: Per Mile, Per Locomotive, Per Passenger Car, Per Freight Car. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF TONNAGE.

Table with columns: Year, Agriculture, Animals, Mines, Forests, Mfrs. &c., Total. Rows for 1915-16 and 1914-15.

Table with columns: Equipment, Locomotives, Passenger Cars, Freight Cars. Rows for 1916 and 1915.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS. (Miles operated 451).

Table with columns: Operations, Passengers carried, Tons freight carried, etc. Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns: Operating Revenues, Total oper. revenues, Expenses, Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenues, Dividends, etc. Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13.

Total deductions... \$1,785,549... Balance, sur. or def. sur \$309,169 def. \$547,906 sur \$118,306

x Includes \$16,640 Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR. bonds.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1916, 1915, 1916, 1915. Rows for Assets, Liabilities, Total.

a After adding sundry items (net) amounting to \$6,847.—V. 102, p. 1812.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.

(65th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

The report, signed by E. C. Lewis, Chairman, and Jno. Howe Peyton, President, says in substance:

Results.—The earnings have shown a marked recovery, the gross operating revenue being \$12,670,688, an increase of almost 16% over 1915. The operating ratio was reduced from 83.20% to 74.50% and the net income amounted to \$2,337,518, against \$524,623. A dividend of 3% was paid Feb. 2 and the rate was raised to 3 1/2% Aug. 1 (V. 102, p. 251).

Bonds.—The bonded debt has been increased by the issuance of \$903,000 First Consol. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, in lieu of that amount of 1st M. 7% bonds which matured July 1 1913. This amount, with the \$597,000 of a similar issue held in the treasury on June 30 1916, aggregating \$1,500,000, were sold in July 1915 (V. 101, p. 694). There was retired \$20,000 Tracy City Branch 6% bonds matured Jan. 1 1916. The net change showed an increase of \$883,000.

Guaranteed Bonds.—This company has endorsed jointly and severally with the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR., both as to principal and interest, \$3,500,000 Paducah & Illinois RR. 1st M. 4 1/2% 40-Year sinking fund gold bonds (V. 102, p. 251).

Additions and Betterments.—Property investment has been charged during the year for expenditures for additions and betterments on equipment \$881,769, and on road \$1,176,478.

Cross-ties.—There were 548,601 cross-ties and 373 sets of switch-ties used in renewals and 114,830 cross-ties and 203 sets of switch-ties in additions and betterments and for miscellaneous purposes.

Improvements.—The Nashville Division, between Nashville and Hollow Rock Junction, is limited in train-load by reason of a few reaches of 2.1% grades opposed to northbound traffic, and 2% opposed to southbound traffic. It is proposed to reduce these grades to a maximum of 1.5% opposed to northbound and 1.25% opposed to southbound traffic, which grades will then become the maxima for this division. Grading for this plan has been completed near Burns, from mile post 34 to mile post 38. It is also proposed to reduce grades in the vicinity of Camden to 1% opposed to trains moving in both directions, thus giving a reach of 35 miles, extending from Hollow Rock Junction through Camden to Gorman, over which trains may be loaded for 7 1/2% of grade.

There were 219 feet of pile trestle and 162 ft. of bridge spans added, and 1,124 ft. of timber trestle filled; 74 ft. of bridge spans replaced timber trestle; 360 ft. of light steel bridges were replaced by spans of heavier design; 2,570 ft. of timber trestle were replaced by cross-tied timber structure with concrete supports and ballast decks, and 1,800 ft. of untreated open deck trestle were converted into cross-tied ballast decks.

Paducah & Illinois RR.—The railroad line between Paducah and the Ohio River opposite Metropolis, Ill., has been completed and pending the completion of the bridge a transfer by boat has been established, and the line is now in operation. Work on the bridge is progressing satisfactorily. Plans for expenditures on current work, all amounts advanced by this railway have been repaid by the Paducah & Illinois RR. Co. (V. 101, p. 1465).

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows for Miles operated, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, Other cars, Operations, Passengers carried, Rate per pass. per mile, Freight (tons) carried, Freight (tons) one mile, Rate per ton per mile, Gross earnings per mile, Earnings per pass. train mile, Earnings per frt. train mile.

* Also owns 3 steamers, 3 transfer barges.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows for Earnings, Passengers, Freight, Mail, express, rents, etc., Total gross earnings, Expenses, Maintenance of way, Maintenance of equip't, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscel. operations, Transportation for invest., Total expenses, P. C. of exp. to earnings, Net earnings, Income from invest'ts, Outside operations, Other income.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows for Total income, Disbursements, Interest, Taxes, Rentals, etc., Dividends on stock, Total disbursements, Balance, surplus.

x "Other income" in 1915-16 includes hire of equipment, balance, \$361,404; rental received, etc., \$273,640, and income from miscellaneous physical capital property, \$57,600.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1916, 1915, 1916, 1915. Rows for Assets, Liabilities, Total.

a Includes \$30,325 sundry notes payable, maturing between Oct. 6 1916 and Feb. 24 1919. b After deducting \$100,000 miscellaneous appropriations of surplus and crediting sundry items aggregating (net) \$9,027.—V. 103, p. 1413, 1301.

Moline Plow Co. (Moline, Ill.)

(Report for Fiscal Year ending July 31 1916.)

Pres. G. A. Stephens, Moline, Oct. 9, wrote in substance:

Income Account.—The net profit for the year after charging all operating expenses, including \$166,564 for repairs and renewals of fixed assets, \$136,069 for depreciation of fixed assets, \$66,437 for interest on borrowed money and after making provision for bad debts and all accrual charges, amounted to \$1,034,552, an increase of \$509,605. After bringing forward adjusted balance at July 31 1915, \$604,693, and deducting 1st pref. dividend 7% calling for \$525,000, the balance at July 31 1916 was \$1,114,245.

At the annual meeting on Sept. 25 the directors were authorized to pay the 1st pref. dividend of 7%, the 2d pref. dividend of 6% and a dividend of 2% on the common stock, which together will absorb \$515,000, leaving a balance of undistributed profits amounting to \$299,245.

Sales.—The sales for the year show an increase of about 5 1/2% over those of the preceding year; the same having been effected mainly in our foreign business. The sales of all our products have been maintained with the exception of Hunney buggies. The decline in the sales of these goods may be partly attributed to the prevailing conditions in the Southern States and partly to the tendency of the times to substitute automobiles for horse-drawn vehicles. The Stephens Six, a six-cylinder five-passenger automobile, has now been placed on the market and has met with such success in the short period of its existence to date that we are confident that any

Borden's Condensed Milk Co.

(Official Statement as to Milk Question.)

In the advertising department of this issue of the "Chronicle" will be found the official statement made by this company's Farm Products Division regarding the milk question and the measures which the management believes should be adopted for the permanent settlement of the same.

From the foregoing statement we have taken the following:

Distinction between this Company and Ordinary Middleman.

We ask the fair-minded man to make some distinction between the middleman who has invested no money in his business, and whose only reason for existence is his ability to stand between producer and consumer for his personal benefit, and the middleman who, like our company, which has an \$11,000,000 cash investment in the Eastern branch of its fluid milk business alone.

In this particular branch we employ thousands of men and women with an aggregate yearly pay-roll of about \$4,500,000, and employ scores of veterinarians and inspectors who guard the health of our customers from the moment the milk is received from the dairymen at upward of 130 different bottling plants and receiving stations throughout New York and adjoining States until it is delivered to the people of this city and its environs. We have heard of no substitute for this kind of a middleman that offers any hope of bettering the existing method of milk collection, care and distribution short of State or municipal ownership.

We believe that no food product is handled so directly, efficiently and cheaply as milk. The great incentive to economy and efficiency is found in the competition between 450 milk distributors, each fighting the other for the favor of the public as to service, quality and price. This incentive would be lost were the State or the city to become an actual monopoly.

Public Asked to Await Referee's Investigation of Trust Charge.

As one of the largest distributors we come in for our full share of the opprobrium that is popularly supposed to attach to a "trust." As a matter of fact, if any combination, in order to lessen costs, wants our fluid milk business for the amount of cash we have invested in it, we will be glad to retire from this branch of our business. However, in the face of existing laws, a combination of dealers is not practicable.

We will therefore welcome the opportunity of having this charge thoroughly investigated so far as our company is concerned in the proceedings now pending before Referee Dykman or by the Wickes Committee. In these proceedings the Attorney-General, for reasons which undoubtedly appear to him to be sound, has elected to investigate first the "trust" charge against the distributors, although the proceeding was originally instigated on a charge that the Dairymen's League was the guilty party, and despite the fact that in the papers prepared by the Attorney-General it does not appear that any one made a "trust" charge against the dealers.

From the newspaper accounts, a casual observer would undoubtedly gain the impression that the milk shortage was caused by the refusal of the dairymen to ship milk until the owners of over 200,000 cows had their full demands accepted not as individuals but as an organization in control of the greater part of New York's milk supply. On this point we invite the public to observe the attitude of the parties in the proceeding before Referee Dykman, and to draw their own conclusions.

Commissioner Dillon makes quite a point of the fact that these dealers own practically all of the pasteurizing plants available for this district, and therefore the producers must patronize them or forego the New York market. It will doubtless impress many as not unusual that all of the milk dealers have equipped themselves with pasteurizing plants in view of the regulations of the Board of Health on that subject.

Small Profits From Fluid Milk Supplemented by Other Business.

Ever since we have been in business we have been subject to the keenest competition, and our costs have constantly increased, with the result that there has been a gradual reduction in our profits from this branch of our business. We have already published our profits for the year ended June 30 1916 (V. 103, p. 667), showing that we earned one-quarter of one cent upon each quart of milk handled during that year, or about 3% on the gross business done, but about 5% on the cash investment in this department.

An editorial writer publishes the fact that we have a preferred capital stock of \$7,500,000 on which we pay 6%, and \$21,000,000 of common stock on which we pay 8%, as positive proof that our statement as to profits is not to be relied upon. Such reasoning ignores the profits from the other branch of our business, which includes the making and selling of condensed and evaporated milk and other products. The two branches are as separate and distinct as if they were owned and operated by separate corporations. The markets are different, the problems are different, the channels and processes of distribution are different, the management and operating personnel are different, and separate books and records are kept. The figures we have published have to do with the fluid milk branch of our business, which is the only branch that affects the New York consumer and the only one which is in competition with the other New York distributors.

Company's Need of Large Capital.

Our big capital is necessary (first) because of our big volume of business, (second) the large plant equipment required in the milk business, and (third) the fact that our net profit from all branches of our business for the last fiscal year was only about 6% on the volume of business done. That our stock issue is not excessive and has real value behind it is proven by the fact that we have made a tangible investment in our business largely in excess of our total stock issue.

The profits from the manufacturing branch of the business, which is not involved in this controversy, were sufficient to make up for the lack of an adequate profit in the fluid milk branch and enable us to pay our dividends. To ask us to run one important line of business with no profit, because we have made a profit in another line, is surely unreasonable.

Dairy Farms Probably Deserve Larger Return, All Should Furnish Data.

Is the same economy practiced generally on the dairy farms as we have been compelled to observe?

The people must pay a price that will insure production and distribution on the plane of quantity and quality and they should pay no more.

In the recent milk controversy we stood against monopolistic methods, contending for the principle of monthly prices to the producer and the consumer which would reflect natural market conditions. We believe that a law compelling all milk producers and milk distributors to keep accurate books of account showing detailed costs and profits or losses, such records to be open to some public official such as the Department of Agriculture, and requiring the filing of periodic reports, would benefit the whole industry and remove the suspicion and distrust which now characterize the relations between producer, distributor and consumer.

We have positive knowledge of our own business only and know very little of the real conditions which confront the dairyman. From this limited knowledge we believe that he was justified in demanding more for his milk. We know his costs have increased and we believe his profit has been inadequate.—V. 103, p. 667.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Alabama New Orleans & Texas Pacific Jct. Rys.—

On and after Oct. 16 1916, upon surrender of coupons Nos. 51 and 52, due April 1 and Oct. 1 1916, interest on the \$340,000 "C" income debentures in respect of the year ending Dec. 31 1916, will be paid at the full rate of 5%, less income tax, by Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., 87 Lombard St., London, E. C.—V. 102, p. 885.

Birmingham Ensley & Bessemer RR.—Sale.—

See Birmingham Ry., Light & Power Co. below.—V. 103, p. 937.

Birmingham Ry., Light & Power Co.—Amalgamation.

—The Georgia P. S. Commission on Oct. 20 authorized the substitution of the Birmingham-Tidewater Ry. Co., whose entire capital stock is to be owned by this company, for J. D. Kirkpatrick as purchaser of the Birmingham Ensley & Bessemer RR. properties at the foreclosure sale.

It is expected therefore that within 60 days the two properties will be merged as one system with universal transfers, as already agreed upon on all lines of the united properties, unless the city should prevail in its equity suit to prevent the purchase and the proposed guaranty of the bond of the new company issuable, it is understood, per plan in V. 101, p. 1013.—V. 103, p. 937.

Black Mountain Ry.—Bonds Guaranteed.—

See Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. under "Annual Reports" above.

Boston & Maine RR.—More Time to Sell Control.—

Judge Mayer in the Federal District Court at N. Y. on Oct. 20 granted an extension of one year from Jan. 1 1917 to Jan. 1 1918 for the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. to dispose of its holdings of B. & M. stock in accordance with the Federal dissolution decree against the New Haven company.—V. 103, p. 1502, 1300.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific—Sub. Co. Committee.—

See St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR. below.—V. 103, p. 1508, 1301.

Cincinnati Dayton & Toledo Traction Co.—Sale.—

Judge Geoghegan in the Court of Common Pleas at Cincinnati on Oct. 19 ordered the sale of this property, no bids to be received for less than 2-3 of the difference between the amount of an appraisement and \$2,500,000, the amount of the bonded debt. Protest against the sale was entered by a bondholder, who claimed that a sale was not necessary; holding that if Receiver Beuton S. Oppenheimer would proceed to collect back rentals alleged to be due from the Ohio Electric Ry., all debts could be paid and the receivership lifted.—V. 103, p. 406.

Cities Service Co.—Subsidiary Company Litigation.—

See Montgomery Light & Water Power Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 103, p. 1412, 1301.

Fort Smith & Western RR.—Property Ordered Sold.—

Judge Frank A. Youmans in the U. S. Circuit Court at Fort Smith, Ark., on Oct. 21 ordered this property sold to satisfy a decree in favor of the Superior Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, the mortgage trustee. Receiver was appointed on Oct. 9 1915, interest on the \$6,240,000 bonds being in default since Oct. 1 1907. See V. 101, p. 1553, 1272.

Great Northern Ry.—Listing—Deposits.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,000,000 additional 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4 1/2% bonds, on official notice that they have been sold, making the total amount auth. to be listed to date, \$37,000,000.

Since Jan. 20 1914 the following underlying bonds have been retired and canceled, viz.: \$62,000 4 1/2% and \$122,000 4% St. P. M. & M. Consol. Mtge. bonds. Since said date also there have been deposited with Bankers Trust Co., the mortgage trustee, the following amounts of capital stock, additional to those previously held by it, viz.: \$1,800,000 Vancouver Victoria & Eastern Ry. & Nav. Co.; \$25,000 Manitoba Great Northern Ry. Co.; \$30,000 Nelson & Fort Sheppard Ry. Co.; \$12,600 Lake Superior Terminal & Transfer Co.; \$550,000 Great Falls & Teton County Ry. Co.; \$20,000 Crow's Nest Southern Ry. Co.; \$1,750,000 Great Northern Office Building Co.; \$179,250 Great Northern Equipment Co. The bonds provided by the mortgage to be issued against these deposits are in the treasury.

Since the deposit of the above securities, the \$250,000 stock Great Falls & Teton County Ry. Co. has been withdrawn, and surrendered to the Great Falls & Teton County Ry. Co. against the conveyance to the Great Northern Ry. Co. of the entire physical property of the Great Falls & Teton County Ry. Co. A supplemental indenture has been executed by this company, placing said physical property under the lien of the First and Refunding Mortgage.—V. 103, p. 1513, 1501.

Guantanamo & Western RR.—Earnings.—

| June 30 Years— | 1915-16. | 1914-15. | 1915-16. | 1914-15. | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Gross earnings..... | \$597,132 | \$465,097 | Hire of equipment..... | \$3,841 | \$7,883 |
| Net, after taxes..... | 118,407 | 108,618 | Other rents, &c..... | 20,729 | 2,634 |
| Other income, &c..... | 46,277 | 27,990 | Bond interest..... | 71,643 | 69,195 |
| | | | Amort. of asset, &c..... | 3,569 | 35,176 |
| Total income..... | \$164,685 | \$136,608 | Balance, surplus..... | 34,912 | 22,620 |

—V. 103, p. 1508, 758.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Lee-Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Kissel, Kinnell cutt & Co., are offering Interborough R. T. Co. First & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds at 98 3/4 and int. Of the \$160,957,000 bonds authorized by the P. S. Commission in 1913, all (excepting \$370,000 authorized for refunding purposes, but not required) have now been issued. See full particulars in letter of Pres. Shonts in V. 101, p. 1972, and additional data in V. 102, p. 437.

Data from Letter of President T. P. Shonts, New York, Oct. 24 1916.

The work of constructing the new subways and the elevated extensions has made excellent progress, and in many cases the construction of large portions of the new subway lines is practically completed, while the third-tracking of the elevated is completed and in operation.

Dividends Paid on Company's Capital Stock (Amount Authorized and Outstanding \$35,000,000)—Per Cent.

| 1904 | 1905 | 1906 | 1907 | 1908 | 1909 | 1910 | 1911 | 1912 | 1913 | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 |
|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 5 | 7 1/4 | 8 1/4 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 1/2 | 15 | 12 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

Bond Issue.—Of the \$160,957,000 First & Refunding Mtge. 5% bonds authorized by the P. S. Commission in 1913, all (excepting \$370,000 authorized for refunding purposes but not required) have now been issued and sold. The bonds have been issued as follows: \$52,615,000 for the refunding of the \$33,959,000 4 1/2-year mortgage 5% gold bonds called Nov. 1 1913; and to retire all of the then existing floating debt (since accomplished); \$79,145,000 for new subway construction; \$11,550,000 for elevated third-tracking; \$14,069,000 for elevated extensions and \$3,308,000 for the Manhattan division power improvements. (The entire block of \$160,957,000 bonds, as afloat, was sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. and by them to a syndicate and has now with the exception of less than \$21,000,000 been sold to the public.—Ed.)

Earnings for Fiscal Year ended June 30.

| | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total gross income..... | \$36,472,359 | \$34,057,374 | \$34,128,248 |
| Net earnings..... | 20,122,586 | 18,982,079 | 19,144,246 |
| Rentals..... | 8,328,129 | 8,243,522 | 8,244,521 |

Net inc. applicable to int. & divs. \$11,794,457 \$10,738,557 \$10,899,725

It will be noted that the net income for the year ended June 30 1916 is over \$2,000,000 in excess of the interest and sinking fund on the entire \$160,957,000 bonds authorized to be issued to Jan. 1 1917 for construction and equipment, notwithstanding the fact that the company has as yet received no return on investment to be made by it and the city in the construction and equipment of the new lines, which will add 170% to the miles of track now in operation in the subway. Said interest and sinking fund will amount to \$9,657,420 per annum, as against which the income of the co. for the year ended June 30 1916 was, as shown above, \$11,794,457.

The original estimate, made in May 1913 and passed upon by Guy E. Tripp and William Barclay Parsons, for the first five years of operation after the completion of the property—to the effect that the annual net income available for interest would average \$13,088,000 and beginning with the fifth year that the annual net income would amount to \$15,490,000—would now, in light of added experience since that date, be materially exceeded.

No. of Pass. Carried and Gross Oper. Rev. (in Millions)—June 30 Years.

| 1905 | 1906 | 1907 | 1908 | 1909 | 1910 | 1911 | 1912 | 1913 | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pass..... | 329 | 395 | 449 | 483 | 514 | 552 | 578 | 607 | 634 | 651 | 647 |
| Gross..... | \$16 | \$19 | \$22 | \$24 | \$26 | \$28 | \$29 | \$31 | \$32 | \$33 | \$33 |

For the annual report of this company, published at length, see V. 103, p. 1131. See also "Railway and Industrial Section," with map, published to-day.—V. 103, p. 1115.

Mexico Tramways Co.—Resolutions Approved.—

At meetings of the bondholders of this company and its associate companies recently held in London the resolutions referred to in V. 103, p. 933, concerning the conduct of the system pending the return of conditions in Mexico favorable to reorganization, were formally approved.—V. 103, p. 938, 235.

Middletown & Unionville RR.—Income Bond Interest.—This company will, on Nov. 1, pay 2% interest on its \$250,000 outstanding Second Mtge. 6% non-cumulative Adjustable Income bonds, upon presentation at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., of coupon No. 3 for interest for the six months ending April 30 1916.—V. 101, p. 1371.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Control.—It is reported currently that Hayden, Stone & Co. and J. S. Bache & Co., underwriters under the reorganization plan, have given an option on their stock to a banking firm which has also secured options on the holdings of several large individual shareholders, acting, it is said, in the interest of a large railway company.—V. 103, p. 1299, 1210.

Montgomery Light & Traction Co.—Litigation.—See Montgomery Light & Water Power Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 102, p. 1718.

Nashv. Chatt. & St. Louis Ry.—Listing—Report.—The New York Stock Exchange has listed an additional \$1,000,000 First Consolidated Mortgage 5% bonds, making the total listed \$10,108,000. The annual report for 1915-16 is cited under "Annual Reports" above.—V. 103, p. 1413, 1301.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—First Mtge. Bonds Offered.—William Salomon & Co., New York, are offering, at 99 and int., a block of the First Mtge. 6% gold bonds, dated March 1 1916, due Oct. 1 1925, being part of the original issue of \$5,870,000. Int. J. & D., without deduction for any tax or taxes other than Federal or State income taxes. A circular shows:

The bonds are callable at 105 and int. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice. Denom. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100; c* & r*, \$1,000. Trustee, Columbia Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of President J. S. Pveatt, Sept. 8 1916.
Organization.—Organized in Louisiana in Feb. 1916 as the successor of the New Orleans Texas & Mexico Railroad.

| | Authorized. | Outstanding. |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Capitalization of New Company— | | |
| First Mtge. bonds, due Oct. 1 1925 (present issue bears 6%) | \$15,000,000 | \$5,870,000 |
| Income bonds, 5%, non-cum. due Oct. 1 1935 | 25,000,000 | 14,675,000 |
| Capital stock (voting trust certificates) | 15,000,000 | 15,000,000 |
| Equipment obligations of company and sub. cos., maturing serially up to June 1 1924 | | 1,569,542 |

These 1st M. bonds are a first lien (through deposit of collateral) upon a total of about 820 miles of railway, together with equipment, terminals, &c., at the low rate of about \$7,200 per mile on property, mostly main line. There are also pledged under the mortgage, trackage rights upon about 101 miles additional. Of the remainder of the authorized issue, \$130,000 are in the treasury and \$9,000,000 may be issued for new construction, additions, betterments, &c.

Earnings Compiled to Show Income Applicable to Securities of Present Co.
[Year ended June 30 1916 and (supplied by Ed.) 3 Mos. end. Sept. 30.]

| | Year 15-16. | 1916-3 Mos. | 1915-1915. |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gross earnings | \$5,044,295 | \$1,993,971 | \$1,299,777 |
| Net income (after taxes) | \$1,049,229 | \$865,656 | \$386,676 |
| Rentals | \$413,835 | \$72,738 | \$104,481 |
| Interest on equipment notes | 99,484 | 21,120 | 26,395 |
| Balance | \$535,910 | \$771,799 | \$255,801 |
| Interest on \$5,870,000 First Mtge. 6s. | 352,200 | 88,050 | 88,050 |
| Other income charges | 6,189 | 724 | 1,174 |
| Balance | \$177,522 | \$683,025 | \$166,577 |

Operating expenses and taxes for year 1915-16 here include \$40,381 on account of certain expenses of the receivership period.
For the first four years ended June 30 1915 the total operating revenue averaged \$4,890,746 per annum, or an amount which, on the basis of the operating cost during the past fiscal year, was sufficient to provide a substantial margin, in each year, over and above the present fixed charges.

Other Assets.—The company will, in final settlement of certain claims against the St. Louis & San Francisco RR., receive approximately \$460,000 cash, \$460,000 6% Income Mtge. bonds, Series "A," and \$386,000 6% profit stock (trust certificates) of the new St. Louis-San Francisco Railway and \$953,735 First Mtge. 6% bonds and \$70,000 capital stock of San Benito & Rio Grande Valley Ry., (which owns about 65 miles of railway in the Rio Grande Valley). As of June 30 1916 the company and its subsidiaries had as against current liabilities of \$922,072, cash and other current assets of \$2,697,101.

Property.—Total mileage operated directly by this company and its subsidiaries aggregates 921 miles; direct operating connection (under contract), 93 miles; total, 1,014 miles, known as the "Gulf Coast Lines," comprising a main line from New Orleans via Baton Rouge and Houston to Brownsville, Tex., including several branches. Physical condition, good; maximum gradient on main line only 3-10 of 1%. Capacity is in excess of present traffic. The lines traverse the Gulf Coast region of Louisiana and Texas, a section of exceptional development in recent years.

Diversified Commodities Carried during Fiscal Year ended June 30 1916—Products of.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| Agriculture | 19.85% | Forest | 38.62% | Miscellaneous | 7.65% |
| Mines | 18.66% | Manufactures | 15.22% | Total | 100.00% |

General.—While the earnings shown establish the 1st M. bonds on a sound investment basis, the above statement does not reflect to any appreciable extent, either (a) the reduction in rental charge through new arrangements just concluded; (b) the new independent traffic agencies established in important cities in the Middle West and South, to solicit interchange business, an important factor in view of the large volume of interchange traffic available at New Orleans and Houston. The territory directly tributary originates a large tonnage of lumber, rice, sugar, vegetables, cattle, &c., and promises ultimately a much larger traffic.
For list of directors, &c., see "Railway and Industrial Section," issued to-day.—V. 103, p. 493, 61.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Report.—See "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page and V. 103, p. 1501, and also special statement under "Annual Reports" above.

More Time for Sale of Control of Boston & Me.—See that Co. Employees Urged to Economize.—See "Editorial Depart."

New Bonds.—The shareholders on Oct. 25 voted to create an issue of \$700,000 7-year 5% gold debenture bonds, the proceeds to be used for the construction of a new terminal passenger station at New Haven, Conn.—See V. 103, p. 1501, 1302.

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.—Stock—Bonds.—The Provincial Board of Public Utilities has recently authorized this company to issue (a) \$3,000,000 5% 30-year bonds at 99, of a total of \$5,000,000 authorized; (b) 25,000 shares of preferred stock at 75, and (c) 25,000 shares of common stock at 40, the proceeds to be used in connection with the taking over of the Halifax Electric Tramway and the development of power on the Gasperque River.—See V. 102, p. 976.

Ohio Electric Ry.—Rentals.—See Cincinnati Dayton & Toledo Traction Co. above.—V. 102, p. 801.

Pere Marquette RR.—Extension of Agreement.—Owing to the delay in obtaining the approval of the Mich. RR. Commission to the plan or reorganization, the committee for the company's equipment obligations entered into an agreement with the receivers in July last for an informal extension of the arrangement described in V. 99, p. 539, in accordance with which the equipment maturities for year ended June 30

1917 are being met as follows, this providing for all these obligations (aside from those held by J. P. Morgan & Co., the Guaranty Trust Co. about \$1,700,000 and the \$700,000 or more pledged as part security under receiver's certificates):

| Principal Due— | July 31 1916. | Sept. 30 1916. | Nov. 30 1916. | Mar. 31 1917. | May 31 1917. | Total. |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| P. M. Pullman Co.: | | | | | | |
| Apr. 1 1916 | \$132,000 | | | | | \$132,000 |
| Oct. 1 1916 | | \$132,000 | | | | 132,000 |
| Apr. 1 1917 | | | | \$132,000 | | 132,000 |
| P. M. Equip. Gold: | | | | | | |
| June 1 1916 | 44,000 | | | | | 44,000 |
| Dec. 1 1916 | | | \$44,000 | | | 44,000 |
| June 1 1917 | | | | | \$44,000 | 44,000 |
| Interest Due: | | | | | | |
| Pullman Co.: | | | | | | |
| Oct. 1 1916 | | \$19,800 | | | | \$19,800 |
| Apr. 1 1917 | | | | \$10,500 | | 16,500 |
| Dec. 1 1916 | | | \$11,000 | | | 11,000 |
| June 1 1917 | | | | | \$9,900 | 9,900 |
| Total, prin. & int. | \$176,000 | \$151,800 | \$55,000 | \$148,500 | \$53,900 | \$585,200 |

All these payments are made through the Columbia Trust Co., depository, 60 Broadway, N. Y.—V. 103, p. 1302, 939.

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.—Earnings.
Public Service System—
Gross increase in total business.....\$423,477 \$3,630,354
Percentage of increase.....13.2% 13.3%
Balance available (after payment of operating expenses, fixed charges, sinking fund requirements, &c.) for amortization, dividends and surplus.....\$562,707 \$3,927,314
Increase in surplus available for dividends over corresponding period in 1914.....\$98,430 \$888,504
—V. 103, p. 1211, 1119.

St. Joseph Ry., Light, Heat & Power Co.—Bonds.—The Missouri P. S. Commission has approved the issuance of the First & Refunding mortgage sinking fund 5% 30-year gold bonds, due 1946, \$751,000 to be issued immediately, \$326,000 being utilized to retire the bonds outstanding on its Interurban railway property. See description in V. 103, p. 1302, 939.

St. Louis & San Francisco RR.—Certificates Expected to be Ready Nov. 8.—It is expected that the bonds and stock (trust certificates) of the new company, organized in Missouri, and the purchase warrants and fully paid subscription certificates, provided for by the plan of reorganization, will be ready for delivery to holders of certificates of deposit on Nov. 8 1916 at the places named in adv. on another page.

Holders of certificates of deposit for stock bearing notation of election to prepay the entire purchase price of the new securities which they are entitled to purchase under the plan are hereby required to make payment of such entire purchase price, to wit: \$45 (and int., 85 cts.) for each share represented by their certificates of deposit, at Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, on Nov. 8 1916, and against such payment and the surrender of such certificates of deposit will receive the fully paid subscription certificates and the proportionate part of the stock of the re-capitalized New Mexico & Arizona Land Co. which the holders of such certificates of deposit are entitled to receive under the plan. Those who fail to make such payment on Nov. 8 1916 will forfeit all their rights and interest.

Holders of certificates of deposit for stock not bearing notation of election to prepay the entire purchase price of the new securities which they are entitled to purchase under the plan must surrender their certificates of deposit in negotiable form at the Guaranty Trust Co. on or after Nov. 8 1916, and on such surrender will be entitled to receive the purchase warrants and the proportionate part of the stock of the re-capitalized New Mexico & Arizona Land Co. to which they are entitled under the plan. See plan, V. 102, p. 896, 1061, 2342.—V. 103, p. 1413, 1406, 1211.

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway.—New Securities to be Ready Nov. 8—Officers.—The new securities are expected to be ready for delivery on Nov. 8. See St. Louis & San Francisco RR. above.

Henry Ruhlender, formerly a member of the firm of Speyer & Co., has been elected Chairman of the board while W. C. Nixon, who was chief operating official during the receivership, has been made President. W. B. Biddle will be Vice-Pres. in charge of traffic, and G. W. Hilliard, for many years Vice-Pres. in charge of finances, will continue as a Vice-Pres., with headquarters in this city. It is also reported that vacancies on the board following the resignation of temporary directors have been or will be filled by the election of the following: F. W. Allen, E. N. Brown, Henry Ruhlender, J. W. Lusk, James Speyer, Frederick Strauss and E. V. R. Thayer.—V. 103, p. 1413.

St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR.—Protective Committee.—The committee named below have consented (see adv. pages) to act for the protection of the interests of holders of the First Mtge. 4½% bonds due 1940 (\$12,400,790 outstanding). These bonds are unconditionally guaranteed by the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., which owns all of the stock of the company and operates it under lease.

Action seeking the foreclosure of the First and Refunding Mtge. of the guarantor company, if successful, may seriously impair the guaranty, and it is therefore deemed essential that the holders of First Mtge. 4½% gold bonds unite for their protection. Holders are invited to deposit their bonds in negotiable form (and, if coupon bonds, bearing the Feb. 1 1917 and all subsequent coupons) with the depository, the New York Trust Co., N. Y., or with its agent, the British Linen Bank, London, England.

Committee: Eugene Meyer Jr., Chairman; Horace E. Andrews, Philip Livermore and Willis D. Wood, with Alfred A. Cook as Counsel and Herbert W. Morse Secretary, 26 Broad St., N. Y.—V. 103, p. 1302.

Southern Ry.—Proposed New Refunding & Improvement Mortgage—Proposition to Exchange the Development & General Mortgage 4s for the New 4½s.—The shareholders will vote Jan. 5 on a plan for the creation of a new Refunding & Improvement Mortgage upon the properties. This plan includes a proposal to exchange the Development & General Mortgage 4% bonds, due April 1 1956, for new Refunding & Improvement Mortgage Series A 4½% bonds, due Oct. 1 1999, interest payable A. & O. in each year. Holders of the Development & Gen. Mtge. 4s are accordingly invited, by adv. on another page, to signify their willingness to make the exchange by depositing their bonds immediately with Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Coupon bonds should be deposited with Oct. 1 1917 and subsequent coupons attached, the current coupon due April 1 1917 being retained by you for collection when due. The first semi-annual installment of interest on the new 4½% bonds will be payable Oct. 1 1917 for the period from April 1 1917. The deposited bonds will be returned on application in case the plan is not declared effective, or is withdrawn by the board of directors on or before March 1 1917.

All outstanding Development & General Mtge. bonds which may be taken up from the public by exchange, and all such bonds now held in the treasury of the railway company, will be pledged under the proposed mortgage to the end that ultimately the proposed mortgage shall replace the Development & General Mtge. when the same may be canceled. The railway company will covenant in the new mortgage that no additional bonds shall be issued under the Development & General Mtge., out will

retain the right to issue the remaining authorized bonds under its First Consolidated Mortgage of Oct. 2, 1894 for the purpose of refunding the underlying bonds therein provided for and of purchasing stocks of certain leased lines as therein specified.

Digest of Statement to Shareholders by President Fairfax Harrison, New York, Oct. 25, 1916.

Present Position.—The existing Development & General Mgtg. was created in 1906 and provides for a maximum issue of \$200,000,000 of bonds, of which \$61,333,000 4% bonds have been issued and sold, as follows: To pay or to reimburse the treasury for expenditures for improvements, additions, extensions, branch lines & equipment \$45,323,000 For refunding purposes 16,010,000

Since 1906 general financial conditions have so changed that the Development & General Mgtg. 4% bonds do not now provide, and for some years past have not provided, a means of financing the development of the property. The bonds sold on the N. Y. Stock Exchange as high as 85 in July 1909, and, although the amount of the bonds outstanding has not been increased since that time, recent quotations have been around 75. That this decline was due to the general demand for a higher return upon invested capital, and not to lack of soundness in the company's financial position, is shown by the fact that (1) The current average price of 23 selected railroad bonds is about nine points below the average price of such bonds in July 1909, and (2) In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909 the company's net income over all fixed charges (including interest on the Development & General Mgtg. bonds) was \$3,589,385, or less than 1 1/2 times the interest on these bonds then outstanding, while in the past fiscal year to June 30, 1916 that income was \$9,333,898, an amount equal to nearly four times such interest.

In consequence the most necessary improvements have been defrayed by current funds out of treasury cash, and by resort to short-term loans and other income-producing improvements needed for the efficient and economical handling of the growing traffic of the South have had to be postponed. The company now has outstanding \$15,000,000 of short-term notes, maturing \$5,000,000 on Feb. 1, 1917, and \$10,000,000 on Mar. 2, 1917, and has in its treasury \$43,699,000 of unsold Development & General Mgtg. bonds drawn for capital expenditures made for improvements, additions and acquisitions, some of which bonds are pledged as security for these notes.

New Mortgage.—The board of directors considers that, in the interest of the stockholders, a medium of financing the company's requirements must be provided, and hereby recommends that (a) the short-term notes may be funded, (b) the current treasury funds may be reimbursed for 4 1/2% bonds issued in cash which in recent years have been expended for necessary improvements and additions, and (c) the company may procure the funds which it will need from time to time for future improvements and additions and for refunding its existing bonded debt. Since the Development & General Mgtg. can no longer be relied on, because of the maximum 4% rate, the board considers that the stockholders should authorize a new mortgage under which bonds may be issued from time to time in series, at such rate of interest for each series as the circumstances may require.

The lien and security of such new mortgage will be materially strengthened, and the market value of the bonds issued thereunder will be enhanced, by the cancellation of the Development & General Mgtg., so that the new mortgage may rank as the Development & General Mgtg. does at present, that is to say, as a first lien on certain properties, and as a general lien, next after the First Consolidated Mgtg. of Oct. 2, 1894, on the properties covered by that mortgage, and next after divisional mortgages on other properties. To accomplish this, it is proposed to offer the holders of the outstanding \$61,333,000 Development & General Mgtg. bonds the opportunity to exchange their bonds for bonds issued under the new mortgage. The Development & General Mgtg. bonds are owned by more than 4,000 holders, and the indenture must be offered to them to bring about the exchange. It is, therefore, proposed to offer them for 4 1/2% bonds issued under the new mortgage for their present 4% bonds. Ultimately, when all of the Development & General Mgtg. bonds have been taken up, the mortgage securing them will be canceled and satisfied of record; until then the Development & General Mgtg. bonds, as exchanged, will be pledged with the trustee of the new mortgage as part of the security for the bonds to be issued thereunder.

The board of directors accordingly recommends to the stockholders the creation of a new Refunding & Improvement Mgtg. to secure gold bonds in a total authorized amount never to exceed \$500,000,000, to be issued in lettered series, the interest at such rates, and maturing on such dates not later than Oct. 1, 1999, as shall be fixed by the board of directors with respect to each series. Bonds will be reserved under the mortgage to refund at maturity all outstanding bonded debt of the company.

Approximate Purposes for which the \$500,000,000 Bonds May be Issued.

- (1) To be issued presently (amounts aggregating \$96,292,000)— (a) Series A 4 1/2% bonds, maturing Oct. 1, 1999 (interest payable A. & O.), to retire a like amount of Development & General Mgtg. bonds outstanding in the hands of the public. These new bonds to be payable, principal and interest without deduction for any tax under any present or future law. \$61,333,000 (b) Series B 5% bonds, maturing Oct. 1, 1999, to be delivered into the company's treasury in exchange for the \$43,699,000 Development & General Mgtg. bonds now held by the company, which have been issued for improvements and acquisitions heretofore made. 34,959,000 (The new 5% bonds thus taken into the treasury will be available from time to time to provide money to retire the \$15,000,000 of notes outstanding, and to reimburse the current treasury funds for capital expenditures heretofore made, and to defray the cost of further productive improvements and acquisitions.) (2) To be reserved for future issues (amounts aggregating \$403,708,000)— (c) To refund outstanding bonded debt (other than Development & General Mgtg. bonds above provided for) \$179,597,000 (d) To retire, from time to time, the proportion chargeable to capital of equip. trust obligations outstanding on July 1, '16 10,461,000 (e) To acquire the outstanding stocks of certain leased and other lines of value to the Southern Ry. system 20,000,000 (f) From time to time, during the life of the mortgage, for additions, betterments and acquisitions (including equipment and securities of connecting or branch lines and terminals) as defined in and under the limitations provided in the mortgage; the bonds thus reserved, and any bonds not required for the above-mentioned specific purposes, to be issued at their face value for the actual cost of such additions, betterments and acquisitions; or against the deposit with the corporate trustee of their face value in cash, such cash to be held by the corporate trustee as part of the trust estate until expended for authorized purposes. After \$100,000,000 of the bonds reserved for these purposes shall have been issued, further bonds so reserved may only be issued for not exceeding 80% of the cost of authorized improvements and acquisitions. 193,650,000

The company will covenant in the new mortgage that no additional bonds shall be issued under the Development & General Mgtg.—V. 103, p. 1412, 1032.

Toledo St. Louis & Western Ry.—Notes—Report.—

Receiver Walter L. Ross offers, at not less than par and interest, to the highest bidder, 100 receiver's 6% collateral notes, par \$1,000, dated Aug. 1, 1916, due Aug. 1, 1918, or on the termination of the receivership. These notes are a part of an issue of 500 receiver's collateral notes, Series "A," authorized by the Court in July last, and are redeemable at par and interest on any interest date after Aug. 1, 1917 on 30 days' notice. As collateral therefor have been deposited 7,140 shares common stock of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line R.R. The notes are also a general lien on the receivership estate subject to prior lien. See also Annual Report on a previous page.—V. 102, p. 1812.

Virginia Railway & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Gross earnings, Net, after taxes, etc., Other income, Gross inc., Bal., surp.

United Light & Ry.—Bonds Sold.—

This company has sold to William P. Froehlich & Co., Inc., \$1,000,000 First & Refunding 5% bonds and \$1,500,000 6% 10-year debentures, which

will be offered about Nov. 10. Proceeds of the bonds and debentures will be used to retire \$750,000 of short-time notes now outstanding, and to provide funds for liquidation of all floating debt, and will also give substantially \$1,000,000 for additions etc. to operated properties.—V. 103, p. 1211.

Wellsville & Buffalo RR.—To be Discontinued.—

The directors announce that on and after Nov. 1, 1916 they will suspend operations of this railroad, running between Buffalo and Wellsville, 85 miles. On and after that date, the corporation will receive no passengers or freight. This action is taken, the directors say, on account of the continued large cash financial loss of money in the passenger and traffic service ever since the company was organized (amounting in the last ten months, it is stated, to \$45,000—Ed.). "For the above reasons the directors are reluctantly obliged to wind up the affairs of the company and discontinue its operations as a railroad," President Fritzsche adds: "The company is perfectly solvent now, but if its operation were continued there is no doubt but that it would soon be insolvent." Compare V. 102, p. 252, 68.

Western Pacific RR.—Bond Sale.—

E. H. Rollins & Sons having associated with them Hayden, Stone & Co., have purchased \$2,500,000 of the new 1st M. 5% bonds. Selling plans have not been completed, but it is expected they will be announced in the near future.

This purchase carries with it options on about \$7,500,000 of additional bonds, which are all that will remain in the original syndicate after this purchase. A portion of the common and pref. stocks held by the syndicate which underwrote the \$20,000,000 bond issue has been sold, and this purchase carries options on the remainder of such stocks remaining in the syndicate.—V. 103, p. 1120, 845.

Western Pacific Ry.—Final Bond Payment.—

Notice is given that the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Cal. has fixed the sum finally payable with respect to the First Mortgage 5% 30-year gold bonds out of proceeds of the foreclosure sale, and that the below named will be prepared to make payment. Holders of undeposited bonds will receive \$354.55 for each \$1,000 bond for limited periods at— Post Office Bldg., San Francisco; Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; the Equitable Trust Co., of N. Y.; Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. (London branch), London, Eng.; A. Rothschild & Co., Amsterdam, Holland.—V. 103, p. 1120, 845.

Wheeling & Lake Erie RR.—Deposits.—

The time for deposits of stock and bonds of this company under the plan dated Sept. 20, 1916 expired on Oct. 25, but for the time being further deposits will be received on approval of the committee.—V. 103, p. 1413, 1 09.

Wisconsin-Minnesota Lt. & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Sept. 30 Years. 1914-15. 1915-16. Sept. 30 Years. 1914-15. 1915-16. Gross earnings \$1,085,309 \$1,244,648 Net, aft. taxes \$558,234 \$662,801 Deduct in 1915-16 interest, \$245,013, and pref. divs. \$200,130 445,143

Balance for 12 months to Sept. 30, 1916. \$217,658 —V. 102, p. 1898.

Youngstown & Suburban Ry.—Securities Issued.—

The Ohio P. U. Commission has authorized this company to issue \$350,000 common stock, \$500,000 6% cumulative pref. stock and \$700,000 First M. 5% 20-year gold bonds, all of which are to be delivered to J. W. Blackburn on behalf of the bondholders' protective committee of the Youngstown & Southern Ry. The securities are to be delivered in payment for the property heretofore owned and operated by the Youngstown & Southern and purchased (V. 103, p. 940) at judicial sale by Mr. Blackburn on behalf of the bondholders' protective committee, for the payment by Mr. Blackburn of the floating indebtedness of the Youngstown & Southern Ry., with interest to Oct. 1, 1916, \$136,000; for the payment of the indebtedness to the International Trust Co., Boston, Mass., with interest to Oct. 1, 1916, \$26,000; for expenses and allowances to the bondholders' protective committee, \$10,000, and for additions, extensions and improvements costing approximately \$30,000.—V. 103, p. 1033.

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Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, New York, Phila. and Pittsburgh, are offering at 102 1/2 and interest \$884,000 General Mortgage 5% 30-year gold bonds dated Dec. 15, 1913, due Dec. 15, 1943. An advertisement shows:

Int. J. & D. Demom. \$1,000 e*. Red. after Dec. 1, 1918 on any int. date at 105 and interest. Trustee, Fidelity Trust Co., Free of Pennsylvania State tax.

Data from Letter of Vice Pres. Lewis Lillie.

The company serves a population of about 138,000 in Allentown, South Bethlehem and surrounding municipalities, and is the only gas company operating in this territory. Controlled by United Gas Improvement Co., which owns a majority of the capital stock.

Table with 3 columns: Underlying bonds, Gen. M. 5s, 6% Cumulative preferred stock, Common stock. Includes Authorized, Closed, and Outstg. amounts.

The Bonds.—Secured by a mortgage on the entire property now owned, or hereafter acquired, subject to \$686,000 underlying bonds maturing in 1924, to retire which bonds of this issue are reserved. Additional bonds may be issued for additions, extensions and betterments, when net earnings are 1 1/2 times the interest charges on all bonds outstanding and to be issued. Net earnings reported for the 12 months ended Aug. 31, 1916 were more than 2 1/2 times the interest charges on all bonds now outstanding. Fractions are perpetual, and except possibly in one or two minor instances are exclusive.—V. 97, p. 1900.

Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.—Sept. Quarter.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales Billed, Net Profits. Rows for April, May, June, and Total.

The sales billed for the 6 mos. to Sept. 30, 1916 amounted to \$9,325,990 and the net profits, \$1,495,960.—V. 103, p. 1303.

American Brass Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 8 1/2% has been declared on the common stock, payable 3 1/2% along with the regular quarterly 1 1/2% on Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31, and 5% on Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 30.—V. 103, p. 498.

American Chicle Co. (N. J.).—Purchase by Allied Co.—

See American Chicle Co. of N. Y. below.—V. 102, p. 1251.

American Chicle Co., Inc., of N. Y.—Offer to Purchase.

This company, incorporated at Albany on Oct. 25 with 2,000 shares of stock of no par value, has offered to purchase outright the Sterling Gum Co. (see that company below and in V. 103, p. 491; V. 99, p. 54; V. 98, p. 1076). The directors of the new company include J. D. H. A. and Thomas Adams, who are directors and principal stockholders of the Amer. Chicle Co. of N. J.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Earnings for Sept. Quar.—

Table with 4 columns: Month, Net earnings, Bond interest, Sinking fund. Rows for 3 Mos. to Sept., 1916, 1915, and 1916, 1915.

* After charging replacements and renewals and interest on loans. Net current assets Sept. 30, 1916, \$11,129,003. Bonds in hands of public \$3,730,000. Pres. Theodore S. Haskett and Treas. Geo. A. Hill say: "Attention is drawn to the fact that the leather business, as is well known, is subject to wide fluctuations, and that the effect of such fluctuations is naturally liable to be more pronounced in quarterly statements than in statements

covering a more extended period. This statement has been prepared on the same accounting basis as the annual statement of June 30 1916.

American Malting Co.—Bonds to be Called.—Pres W. B. Franklin has sent the following to holders of the 1st M. bonds: About one-half of the (about \$1,553,000 outstanding) 6% First Mtgs. bonds have been exchanged for 6% First Refunding bonds, and owing to the sale of the several properties, nearly \$500,000 has been accumulated in the sinking fund to be used for retirement and cancellation of outstanding 6% bonds.

Earnings for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 31.—Table with columns for 1915-16 and 1914-15, listing Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, and Gross income.

American Soda Fountain Co.—Cancellation of Stock.—The directors have voted to apply a portion of the surplus to the purchase and cancellation of stock in the company provided the same can be secured at prices which, in the opinion of the directors, make such purchase advisable.

Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31 1916.—Table with columns for 1916 and 1915, listing Assets (Real estate, plant and equipment, Merchandise, Cash & debts rec., Unexpired insur., Stocks owned) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Surplus, Reserves).

American Window Glass Machine Co.—Accumulation.—A dividend of 12 1/2% has been declared on the pref. stock on account of accumulations, payable Nov. 3 to holders of record Oct. 27.

Associated Dry Goods Corporation.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the \$13-18,700 6% first pref. stock (cumulative after Dec. 1 1917), \$6,725,500 7% second pref. stock (cumulative after Dec. 1 1917), and \$14,985,000 common stock, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding certificates of the capital stocks of the Associated Merchants Co. or United Dry Goods Cos. or certificates of deposit of the United States Trust Co., N. Y.

Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford, Conn.—New Stock.—Shareholders of record Oct. 21 have the privilege of subscribing for 10,000 shares of unissued capital stock at par, \$25 per share, on or before noon of Nov. 18, in the ratio of one new share for each two shares now held.

California Packing Corporation.—Incorporated.—This company was incorporated at Albany on Oct. 19 with 100,000 shares of preferred stock of \$100 par value and 500,000 shares of common stock without par value.

Canada Foundries & Forgings Co.—Dividend.—An extra dividend of 3% has been declared on the common stock, along with the regular quarterly 3% payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31.

Central Leather Co.—Earnings for 3 & 9 Mos. end. Sept. 30.—Table with columns for 1916, 1915, 1916, and 1915, listing Total net earnings, Less exp., Balance, Total, Deduct—Int. on 1st M. 5%, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, and Surplus for period.

* Total net earnings are stated after deducting expenses incident to operations, including those for repairs and maintenance, approximately \$14,580 for the quarter and \$1,209,832 for the nine months.

Charcoal Iron Co. of America.—Earnings.—The profits from operations after deducting all expenses amounted to \$336,415 and the balance after deducting \$10,511 for interest on borrowed money and \$24,000 for extinguishing of the construction cost of the company's new acetone plant was \$301,905, against \$329,854 for the preceding six months.

The company now has unfilled orders in hand for delivery prior to July 1 1917 of 103,467 tons, at an average selling value of \$17 7/8 a ton at the furnace. In addition orders for 4,825 tons at an average selling price of \$19 02 a ton, furnace, have been taken for delivery during the last half of 1917.

Citizens Telephone Co., Mich.—New Bonds.—The Mich. RR. Commission has approved the creation of a mortgage to secure not exceeding \$3,000,000 5% 20-year 1st Ref. gold bonds, of which \$600,000 will be issued on Dec. 1, to take up outstanding 6% bonds.

The company was incorporated under Michigan laws in 1895. It has an authorized issue of \$5,000,000 capital stock, all one class, of which \$3,851,735 is outstanding; par value, \$10.—V. 103, p. 940.

Civic Investment & Industrial Co.—Stock.—See Shawinigan Water & Power Co. below.—V. 103, p. 1304, 843.

Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Co.—Dividends Resumed.—A dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 24. This is the first payment since Aug. 1915, when 1 1/2% was paid.—V. 101, p. 1407.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co.—Pref. Stock Retirement.—Shareholders will vote on Nov. 6 on propositions (a) to authorize the retirement, either by purchase and cancellation or by call and redemption, of both of all the now outstanding \$4,103,754 preferred stock; (b) to repeal the provisions of the articles of amendment of the charter relative to the contemporaneous issuance of additional common stock and retirement or redemption of preferred stock, so far as said provisions apply to preferred stock now outstanding or to an equal amount of authorized but unissued common stock reserved for such retirement; and (c) to classify as common stock the \$4,103,754 of authorized but unissued stock, which will result from the retirement of preferred stock.

Corn Products Refin. Co.—Earnings 9 Mos. end. Sept. 30.

Table with columns for 1916 and 1915, listing Current prof., Bond interest, and deprec'n &c.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Extra Dividends.—

An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$35,000,000 pref. stock on account of accumulations, payable Nov. 29 to holders of record Nov. 15. This compares with 1 1/2% in Oct. and Sept. and 1% in June.—V. 103, p. 1121, 667.

Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.—Extra Common Div.—

An extra dividend of 5% has been declared on the \$19,532,800 common stock, payable to holders of record Nov. 30. This compares with an extra div. of 5% in Nov. and 7 1/2% in July last.—V. 103, p. 1414.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Extra Dividend—Stock Increase.—This company has declared an extra dividend of \$1,000,000 payable on common stock, of record Oct. 31.

The directors have also authorized the issuance of \$2,000,000 additional pref. stock and \$2,000,000 new common stock which will be offered for subscription at par, as below, increasing the outstanding stock to \$8,000,000 of each class.

Right to Subscribe for New Stock—New Pref. Underwritten—Financial Status. (1) The \$2,000,000 preferred stock, which is to be offered for subscription at par and dividends to holders of preferred stock of record Oct. 31, in the proportion of one share of new stock for each three shares of pref. stock held.

The entire issue of \$2,000,000 preferred stock has been underwritten by William P. Gombright & Co., Inc. (2) The \$2,000,000 new common stock, which is to be offered at par and dividends to holders of common stock of record Oct. 31 in the proportion of one share of new stock for each three shares of common stock held.

The company has paid dividends on its preferred stock at the rate of 6% p. a. since Feb. 1912, and prior to that from organization, at the rate of 5%. 3% dividends have been paid on the common since July 1909. An extra dividend of \$1,500,000 was paid on the common stock in 1913.

Fajardo Sugar Co., Porto Rico.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1915-16 and 1914-15, listing Gross income, Net income, and Bad debt res.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada.—Dividend.—

The shareholders of this company on Oct. 24 decided that no dividend action be taken at this time, owing to the large expenditures for additions and the payment of about \$750,000 war tax to the Dominion Government.

Ford Motor Co., Detroit.—English Plant.—In reply to an inquiry an officer of the company writes: The Ford Motor Co. (England), Ltd., we understand, is to build a plant at Southampton with an annual capacity of approximately 50,000 machines.

General Electric Co.—Subsidiary Co. Stock Increase.—

See Electric Bond & Share Co. above.—V. 103, p. 582. Hendee Mfg. Co., Springfield, Mass.—Earnings.—Directors.

The total surplus as above in 1915-16, after crediting \$150,000 cancellation of 1st reserve provided for retirement of pref. stock, \$906,551. The capital stock, \$12,200,800, includes 100,000 shares of common stock and 22,008 shares of preferred stock (par \$100).

Holston Corporation.—Bonds Guaranteed.—

See Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. under "Annual Reports" above. Home Telephone & Telegraph Co., Portland, Ore.—Default in October Interest on 5% First Lien Bonds.—

This company has defaulted in the payment of the semi-annual interest due Oct. 15 on the (about) \$3,000,000 outstanding First Lien 5% bonds. President Samuel Hill in a letter to the stock and bondholders says in part: "There are at present outstanding substantially \$5,000,000 of stock and \$3,000,000 of bonds. The company's business in 1915 showed an increase in revenue and is now earning a net revenue of about \$100,000 a year above operating expenses and taxes."

Hudson Navigation Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1916, 1915, 1916, and 1915, listing Gross earnings and Expenses.

Bal. for int., taxes, &c.—\$70,496 \$58,636 \$432,553 \$283,537 The net results over all expenses, interest and taxes for Sept. 1916 was \$43,758, and for the 9 months to Sept. 30 1916 \$206,705, against \$34,747 and \$66,365, respectively, for the same period in 1915.—V. 102, p. 1350.

Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Co.—Extra Dividends.—

An extra dividend of 20 cents (4-5 of 1%) has been declared on the stock (par \$25) along with the regular dividend of 30 cents (1 2-5%), both payable Nov. 6 to holders of record Oct. 31. A like amount was paid in Aug.—V. 103, p. 410.

Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co.—Stock Increase.—

This company on Oct. 18 filed an amendment to its charter increasing the authorized stock from \$1,700,000 to \$2,700,000, the new stock to be 7% cumulative preferred.—V. 103, p. 1214, 1122.

International Motor Co.—Time Extended.—

Inasmuch as the company's indebtedness, aggregating nearly \$3,000,000, matures Nov. 1 next, the stockholders' committee has extended the time for deposit of stock until Oct. 30 and urges all shareholders to deposit their stock with Columbia Trust Co., N. Y. See V. 103, p. 1415, 1214.

International Salt Co.—Tenders For Bonds.—The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., as trustee, will receive tenders up to noon Oct. 31 for \$146,336 First & Consolidated Collateral Trust Mtge. bonds at 105 and interest. Of the foregoing \$72,250 has been received on account of the payment of the sinking fund, payable in 1917, and will be applied to the purchase of bonds a year in advance.—V. 103, p. 848.

Janney & Burrough (Tanning and Leather), Phila.—Bonds Offered.—Frazier & Co., Phila., N. Y. and Baltimore, are offering if, when and as issued, at par and int., \$450,000 First Mtge. Sinking Fund 6% gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1916, due Nov. 1 1936. A circular shows:

Int. M. & N. Authorized and outstanding, \$450,000. Free of Pennsylvania State tax. The company covenants to pay the normal Federal income tax. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Callable all or part at 105 and int. on any int. date on four weeks' notice. Trustee, Northern Trust Co. of Phila.

Data from Letter from Pres., Thomas Janney, Oct. 23 1916.—An absolute first closed mortgage on property costing about \$900,000. In addition the company has net quick assets of about \$250,000. Company is successor to tanning and leather business of 25 years standing. These bonds are issued to retire existing real estate mortgages and bank loans. After this financing the company will be entirely free from floating debt.

Net Earnings for the Past Five Years (Average over \$182,655).

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| 1911. | 1912. | 1913. | 1914. | 1915. |
| \$181,607 | \$202,304 | \$196,544 | \$187,662 | \$145,157 |

A sinking fund for the purchase and cancellation of \$22,000 bonds per annum at 105 and interest, unless they are purchasable on the open market at a lower price, becomes immediately operative. The property is covered by fire insurance in excess of \$1,000,000, also by use and occupancy insurance and tornado insurance.

Jewel Tea Co., Philadelphia.—Sales.—1916-4 wks. to Oct. 7-1915. Increase. 1916-40 wks. to Oct. 7-1915. Increase. \$1,036,718 \$664,000 \$372,718 \$9,007,922 \$5,745,134 \$3,262,788 —V. 103, p. 1214, 848.

Kentucky River Coal Corp.—Stock Increase.—This company filed an amendment to its charter at Richmond, Va., on Oct. 24 increasing its capital stock from \$3,329,800 to \$5,000,000.

Kings County Electric Light & Power Co.—Sub. Co. Rates.—The P. S. Commission directed the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brooklyn to make certain reductions in rates of about 11 cents maximum per k.w. hour to 8 cents. The present rate for retail lighting of 11 cents is to be reduced to 8 cents for the first two k.w. hours average daily use per month, and to 6 cents for the second two k.w. hours, while the present rate of 4 cents for the excess use over 4 k.w. hours average daily use per month is retained. The retail power rates is to be reduced from a maximum of 10 cents per k.w. to 8 cents.—V. 103, p. 1510.

Ludlow Mfg. Associates, Boston.—Dividend.—A special dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the stock, along with the regular quarterly \$1.50, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 11.—V. 98, p. 1697.

Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—First Preferred Stock Offered.—Chandler & Co., New York and Phila., are offering, at 98 and div., by adv. on another page, \$1,500,000 Cum. 7% First Pref. Stock (pr \$100). A circular shows:

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Divs. Q-J, commencing Jan. 1 1917. In case of dissolution or liquidation, holders of 1st pref. shares to receive par and divs. before any amount is paid on 2d pref. and common stocks. Callable at \$112.50 per share; pro rate if less than entire amount.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. J. Gorman, New York, Oct. 13 1916.—Organization.—The company will presently be incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts and take over all the business and assets of the present Manhattan Electrical Supply Co. as a going concern.

Capitalization to Be Authorized and Outstanding, in \$100 Shares.

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| 7% Cum. First Pref. stock | \$1,500,000 | Common stock | \$3,000,000 |
| 7% Cum. 2d Pref. stock | 500,000 | Mortgage or funded debt | None |

The agreement of association will provide: (a) That no securities prior to the First Pref. stock may be issued nor the pref. stock increased without consent of 75% of outstanding stocks; (b) that the first pref. stock shall receive a preferential cumulative dividend at rate of 7% per annum, the first quarterly dividend being payable Jan. 1 1917.

Business.—Founded in 1889 with a capital of \$1,300 and largely through the employment of its surplus profits has shown steady growth to its present importance. Company owns and operates: (a) two large factories in Jersey City and two in Northern Ohio, manufacturing 60% of the goods it handles; (b) head offices and principal store occupying entire building at 17 Park Place, N. Y. City. Also operates retail stores in New York, Chicago and St. Louis and a sales office in San Francisco. Principal products are "Red Seal" dry battery, the "Hi-Up" dry battery, the "Mosco" dry battery and "Mosco" electric appliances.

Earnings Applicable to Dividends (\$105,000 Yearly) on New First Pref. Stock. For 8 mos. end. Aug. 31 '16, \$358,060, being at annual rate of over \$525,000. Average annual earns. for the 2-3 years end Aug. 31 1916, over \$420,000.

Assets Back of the \$1,500,000 First Pref. Stock at Aug. 31 1916. Net tangible assets, excl. of good-will, pat't rights & trade-marks, \$2,490,000. Net quick assets (\$106 per share of first pref.), over \$1,600,000. Cash in bank (with no debt other than current accounts) \$489,848.

Preferred Stock Provisions.—(a) Sinking fund commencing Oct. 1 1917, for redemption of the 1st pref., \$30,000 yearly to Jan. 1 1921; thereafter \$40,000 per annum. (b) With the consent of 75% of the 2d pref. and com. stocks, the whole first pref. issue may be called and canceled. (c) The pref. stocks to have voting power only in case four consecutive dividends are not paid, on the 1st or 2d pref. stocks, in which event the pref. stock-holders shall elect a majority of directors until default is cured. (d) Life insurance policies aggregating \$250,000 will be obtained on the lives of the principal officers, applicable only to retirement of 1st pref. stock.

Management.—The present management will be continued, it having been agreed that 5 1/2-year contracts, dating from July 1 1916 shall be entered into with the officers who are now most active in the administration of the business. (There is stated to be considerable activity in the common shares at rising prices.)—Compare V. 103, p. 1510.

Mexican Petroleum Co.—New Marine Facilities.—This company's earnings are reported to be increasing decidedly as a result of the increasing ocean transport facilities now available. Orders were placed before the European war for numerous new tankers and these are being regularly delivered. In July one tanker of 7,573 tons and 43,300 barrels capacity was put in commission; last month (Sept.) another of 10,000 tons, and in about two months a 12,300-ton tanker will join the fleet. In about five months two more tankers of 10,350 and one of 10,500 tons, it is stated, will be added, and during the summer and autumn of 1917 six additional tankers will be put afloat with a total tonnage of about 51,000 tons. Five more are chartered with a total tonnage of 51,500 tons, to be available at the close of the war. All these ships are additions to the fleet of the Transport Co., but they will all carry the company's oil.—V. 103, p. 327, 319.

Montana Power Co. (incl. Sub. Cos.).—Consol. Earns.

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| | —3 mos. to Sept. 30— | —9 mos. to Sept. 30— | —9 mos. to Sept. 30— |
| | 1916. | 1915. | 1915. |
| Gross earnings | \$1,501,967 | \$1,082,318 | \$4,414,721 |
| Oper. expenses and taxes | 366,673 | 297,695 | 1,053,927 |
| Net earnings | \$1,141,294 | \$784,623 | \$3,351,794 |
| Int. and bonds discounted | 316,283 | 297,274 | 981,158 |
| Balance, surplus | \$825,031 | \$487,349 | \$2,370,636 |

—V. 102, p. 2346.

Montgomery Light & Water Power Co.—Litigation.—The U. S. Supreme Court has denied the application on behalf of Montgomery Light & Traction Co. for a writ of certiorari to review the affirmation by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals of the judgment theretofore awarded to the water power company (a Cities Service subsidiary) in the action instituted by it in the U. S. District Court to compel said traction company to take and pay for current for the operation of its street railway system from it pursuant to its contract. The contention of the traction company of non-performance on the part of the water power company of the contract justifying a refusal on its part to take current was disposed of by the lower courts adversely to the traction company.—V. 103, p. 243.

National Acme Mfg. Co.—Preferred Stock Redemption.—This company will, on Jan. 1 next, retire at 105 its entire \$1,500,000 6% preferred stock, leaving outstanding only the \$5,000,000 common stock. The preferred stock to be retired was issued about a year ago. Compare V. 102, p. 1253.

National Carbon Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared, along with the regular quarterly 2% both payable Jan. 15.—V. 102, p. 890.

National Motor Car & Vehicle Corp.—Incorporated.—This company was incorporated at Albany Oct. 24 with 80,000 shares of capital stock of no par value, and will carry on business with \$800,000. See report of Pres. Arthur C. Newby regarding this company in last week's "Chronicle," V. 103, p. 1511.

National Refining Co., Cleveland.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the common stock, along with the regular quarterly 1 1/2%, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. Extra payments of 1 1/2% in Aug., 1% in Feb. and 1/2% in May have been made.—V. 103, p. 325.

National Screw & Tack Co.—Prof. Stock Redemption.—This company, it is announced, will on Nov. 1 retire its \$461,000 outstanding preferred stock, leaving outstanding only the \$1,750,000 common stock.—V. 102, p. 441.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 5% has been declared on the \$35,000,000 stock along with the regular quarterly 4%, both payable Nov. 10 to holders of record Oct. 31. Extra dividends in 1916 to date have been as follows: 10% Nov. 10, 10% Oct. 10, 10% July 10, 5% June 10, 5% May 10, 10% April 10, 10% Jan. 10.—V. 103, p. 1215, 498.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Combined Income Account.

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| | —3 mos. to Sept. 30— | —9 mos. to Sept. 30— | —9 mos. to Sept. 30— |
| | 1916. | 1915. | 1915. |
| Gross earnings | \$787,586 | \$688,462 | \$2,263,884 |
| Net earnings | 643,764 | 554,241 | 1,835,278 |
| Other income | 30,702 | 69,266 | 93,794 |
| Total income | \$674,466 | \$623,507 | \$1,929,072 |
| Fixed charges | 323,338 | 317,320 | 968,822 |
| Dividends paid | (2%) 115,154 | (2) 115,154 | (6) 345,462 |
| Balance, surplus | \$235,974 | \$191,133 | \$614,788 |

—V. 102, p. 1630.

Norfolk-Berkley Bridge Corp.—New Bonds.—The stockholders of this company on Oct. 20 authorized the issue of \$350,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds. The proceeds to be used for construction of a bridge to connect Norfolk and its largest ward. About \$155,000 of capital stock has been subscribed by the people of Norfolk. It has been estimated that the bridge will cost between \$350,000 and \$450,000.

Northern California Power Co.—Assessment.—An assessment of \$1 per share has been levied on the stock delinquent Nov. 28, date day Dec. 27.—V. 103, p. 583.

Ohio State Telephone Co.—Additional Stock.—This company has applied to the Ohio P. U. Commission for permission to sell \$2,000,000 of its authorized preferred stock to pay off short time loans amounting to \$1,320,360 and to complete improvements under construction.—V. 102, p. 1894.

Owens Bottle Machine Co.—Listing—Acquisition.—The New York Stock Exchange has admitted to list \$300,000 7% cumulative preferred stock and \$50,000 common stock, making the total amounts authorized to be listed of preferred stock \$7,257,400, and of common stock \$9,050,000.

The additional stock was issued with \$185,000 in money is for the entire authorized and issued capital stock of Graham Glass Co. of Indiana, consisting of 5,000 shares (par \$100), which company owned 50 shares (par \$100) of stock of Graham Glass Co. of Okla., the entire authorized and issued capital stock being \$10,000. The net profits of the two plants of Graham Glass Co. of Ind. for the 12 months ending Aug. 31 1915 were \$36,945, and the net profits of Graham Glass Co. of Okla. for the same period were \$15,568.—V. 103, p. 1122, 935.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co., Philadelphia.—Earnings.

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| | 1915-16. | 1914-15. | 1915-16. | 1914-15. |
| Net income | \$2,616,808 | \$1,115,997 | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |
| Other income | 196,738 | 163,875 | 600,000 | 750,000 |
| Gross income | \$2,807,545 | \$1,279,872 | Rate per cent. | (8%) (10%) |
| Interest on notes | 75,891 | 92,246 | Balance, surp. | \$1,931,654 |

Sales in 1915-16 were \$10,855,416, against \$7,797,582.—V. 102, p. 2259.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Deposits Urged.—This company has addressed a letter to the outstanding security holders urging deposits under the plan for the retirement of trust certificates. The letter says:

More than 7,300 holders, owning in the aggregate \$26,313,000 of the trust certificates, have assented to the plan. Among this number, practically all of the holders of the 5% certificates are included, but there are still outstanding a small number of the 4% trust certificates and of the Edison 5% trust certificates.

While the unpledged stock and the unencumbered property of the Philadelphia Electric Co. of Pennsylvania, operated under its own franchise, represent a large percentage of the property and business in the city of Philadelphia, upon which a mortgage may be created for an issue of securities, it is desirable, especially in view of the large number of assents (over 93%) by holders of all classes of trust certificates, that the financial plan as announced be carried out.

The existing financial conditions have made this plan possible, and furnished the company the opportunity to put into effect its long-considered economic plan of unifying all the properties. See V. 103, p. 1416, 1122.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Dividends Increased.—A dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$12,500,000 common stock, payable Dec. 6 to holders of record Nov. 15. This compares with 1% in July last. The regular 1 1/4% on the pref. was also declared, payable Nov. 22 to holders of record Nov. 1.—V. 103, p. 411, 148.

Pure Oil Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 4% (par \$5) has been declared on the \$4,535,245 common stock, along with the regular quarterly 6%, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. This compares with an extra of 2% in Sept. last.—V. 103, p. 412, 326.

Riordan Pulp & Paper Co.—Extra Dividends.—An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock along with the regular quarterly 1%, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 7.—V. 103, p. 326.

San Benito Land & Water Co.—Foreclosure Sale.—The Federal Court at Houston, Tex., on Oct. 24 ordered this company's property sold under foreclosure sale to satisfy claims of about \$1,050,000, represented by W. R. Compton Bond & Mtgo. Co. of St. L.—V. 97, p. 448.

Scovill Manufacturing Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 10% has been declared on the \$5,000,000 stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 25. Extra dividends in 1916 have been 10% Oct., Sept., Aug., July, June and May 1, and 8% April 1.—V. 103, p. 1215, 412.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co., Prov. of Quebec.—Notes.—Stone & Webster, Curtis & Sanger and Chase & Co., of Boston, have sold, at 99 3/4 and int., to yield 5 1/2%, \$2,500,000 Two-Year 5% Secured Gold Coupon Notes (closed issue), dated Oct. 2 1916, due Oct. 1 1918. See also adv. on another page. A circular shows:

Interest A. & O. at New York Trust Co., trustee, N. Y., without deduction for taxes of any nature imposed by any taxing authority in Canada. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Callable in lots of not less than \$500,000 at 101 and interest on any interest date upon 30 days' notice.

The company has developed 150,000 h. p. on the St. Maurice River, and serves an unusually well diversified market with its 700 miles of transmission lines, including Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, Thetford Mines and 30 smaller cities and towns in the Province of Quebec. It has also developed a large demand for power among the industrial plants located near the company's development at Shawinigan Falls. It also owns or controls water rights on St. Maurice River capable of a further development of 110,000 h. p.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. E. Aldred, Montreal, Oct. 17 1916. Capitalization Authorized, Outstanding. First Consol. (closed) Mtgo. Gold 5s, due Jan. 1 1934 (remainder, \$463,500, in sinking fund) \$5,000,000 \$4,536,500 Perpetual Consol. Mtgo. Debenture 4 1/2% stock 5,500,000 5,476,261 Two-Year 5% Notes (this issue) 2,500,000 2,500,000 Capital Stock (par \$100), paying 7% dividends 20,000,000 15,000,000

Purpose of Issue.—The proceeds of these notes are to be applied: (a) to payments for the construction for the Quebec Government of a large dam at the headwaters of the St. Maurice River, which, on completion in 1918 will increase the company's capacity and will constitute the largest and most economical conservation of water thus far undertaken on this continent. The company will be reimbursed in 4 1/2% bonds of the Province of Quebec, and (b) for additions and extensions to subsidiary companies.

Security.—A first and closed lien on: (a) 10,000 shares (par \$1,000,000) Laurentide Power Co., Ltd.; (b) 27,000 shares (par \$2,700,000) Civic Investment & Industrial Co.; (c) \$100,000 Cedars Rapids Mtgo. & Power Co. 1st M. 5% bonds (V. 103, p. 323, 238); and (d) \$500,000 Province of Quebec 4 1/2% Gold Bonds due June 1 1946. Total present value, over \$3,350,000. The company reserves the right, with the approval of the trustee, to vary the proportionate amounts of the above securities, provided that their value as quoted in the market must at all times represent a margin of 25% above the face value of the notes then outstanding. These notes are followed by \$15,000,000 of capital stock of a present market value of about \$20,000,000.

Property.—Incorporated in 1898 under special charter of Province of Quebec and owns and operates one of the largest and most successful of existing hydro-electric systems. Its properties are located on and about the St. Maurice River, which drains an area of about 18,000 square miles.

At Shawinigan Falls, 85 miles from Montreal, 75 miles from Quebec, and 20 miles from Three Rivers, P. Q., the company owns 1,100 acres of land, including all water rights and two stations, with present capacities of 60,000 and 90,000 h. p. In addition to the further 40,000 h. p. now available for development at the aforesaid point, the company has recently purchased in fee, the lands, water rights, etc., at Gres Falls on the St. Maurice River, 4 miles below Shawinigan Falls, which are capable of an ultimate development of 40,000 to 70,000 h. p. The latter property is held by the Gres Falls Development Co., Ltd., all of the bonds and stocks of which are owned by the Shawinigan.

Through contracts with Laurentide Power Co., Ltd. (V. 103, p. 1035), in which the company has a substantial stock interest and whose plant at Grand Mere, about 12 miles above Shawinigan Falls, is operated by the Shawinigan Co., this company is able to obtain 50,000 h. p., with an option until July 1 1918 on 90,000 h. p. additional.

The company also owns \$4,000,000 of the capital stock of the Civic Investment & Industrial Co. (V. 103, p. 1304), which controls, through ownership of practically the entire capital stocks, the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co., serving Montreal, and the Cedars Rapids Mtgo. & Power Co., which has developed 110,000 h. p. on the St. Lawrence River, with the rights to develop 160,000 h. p. (V. 103, p. 323).

Through a control, and in some cases a complete ownership, in the stocks of various subsidiary manufacturing and distributing companies, the company has obtained a most satisfactory diversity factor in the sale of its power. Among such companies are the following: Canadian Electrode Co., Ltd., Shawinigan Electro Metals Co., Ltd., Continental Heat & Light Co., Laval Electric Co., North Shore Power Co., St. Maurice Light & Power Co., Canada Carbide Co., Three Rivers Traction Co. and Public Service Corporation of Quebec. Jointly with the Canadian Pacific, the company owns the entire capital stock of Shawinigan Falls Term. Ry. Co.

Gross and Net Earnings for Years 1906 to 1915. Year—1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1915. Gross earn. \$362,306 \$706,244 \$991,029 \$1,589,671 \$1,805,217 \$1,920,143 Net. aft. tax 81,305 269,419 407,255 872,360 1,061,469 1,169,032 Net earnings for 1915, after all charges, were nearly ten times interest charges on this issue of notes.

It is confidently expected that the earnings for the year 1916 will show a further substantial increase.—V. 103, p. 1511, 1046.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Consolidated Earnings.—Sept. 30 Years—1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12. Total receipts... \$8,396,652 \$7,384,403 Pref. divs. (8%) \$297,906 \$296,680 Net earnings... 3,703,520 2,120,121 Com. divs. (6.8%) 1,988,167 (10) 337,160 Res. for mach., etc. 16,320 24,000 Balance, surplus 221,890 293,580 * Individual amounts supplied by editor.—V. 102, p. 2260.

Spicer Manufacturing Corp., South Plainfield, N. J.—Preferred Stock Sold.—Cassatt & Co., Phila., and Merrill, Lynch & Co., New York, have sold the \$1,500,000 first preferred 8% cumulative and convertible stock of this company, but an advertisement of the offering, published for record purposes, will be found on another page. A detailed description of the property, earnings, &c., will be found in our issue of Sept. 30.—V. 103, p. 1215.

Standard Milling Co.—(See Annual Reports).—Divs.—A dividend of 8% (4% in cash and 4% in stock) has been declared on the \$4,000,000 common stock, payable 1% in stock and 1% in cash on Nov. 29 1916, Feb. 28, May and Aug. 31 1917, to holders of record Nov. 29 1916, Feb. 19 and May and Aug. 21 1917, respectively. A dividend of 1 1/2% was also declared on the \$6,488,000 pref. stock, payable Nov. 29 to holders of record Nov. 20. This compares with 5% on the common and 1% on the preferred in Aug. last.—V. 103, p. 65.

Standard Shipbuilding Co., Shooters Island N. Y.—Control of this company, with \$3,000,000 capital stock, has passed to Jose Marimon, Pres. Banco Espanol, Havana, Cuba. The company has at present six ships under construction for foreign delivery. It is stated that the new management will expend upwards of \$2,000,000 for extensions, &c., and will increase the capacity of the yard to 18 vessels.—V. 102, p. 980.

Sterling Gum Co.—Offer to Purchase.—The stockholders will vote Nov. 9 on accepting the offer of the American Chiclet Co. of N. Y. (see above) to purchase this company outright.—V. 103, p. 491.

Stevens Mtgo. Co., Fall River, Mass.—Stock.—The stockholders of this company recently authorized the increase in capital stock from \$700,000 to \$1,200,000, the new stock to be distributed as a stock dividend.

United Drug Co.—Application for Listing.—Application has been made to the New York Stock Exchange for authority to list \$7,500,000 7% 1st pref. stock, \$9,109,000 6% non-cumulative 2d pref. and \$20,500,000 common stock.—V. 103, p. 1216, 1123.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Subsidiary Co. Bonds.—See Allentown & Bethlehem Gas Co. above.—V. 102, p. 1537.

United States Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy. Co.—Extra Div.—An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$12,000,000 pref. stock along with the quarterly 1/2% of 1%, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 3.—V. 102, p. 350.

United States Steel Corp.—Hearings Feb. 26.—The United States Supreme Court on Oct. 16 granted the motion by the Government to advance the anti-trust suit against the corporation and fixed Feb. 26 as the date for arguments.—V. 103, p. 1432, 1046.

Utah Power & Light Co.—New Preferred Stock.—Stockholders voted on Oct. 13 to increase the capital stock from \$45,000,000, consisting of \$5,000,000 [1st] "preferred" stock, \$10,000,000 2d preferred stock and \$30,000,000 common stock, to \$60,000,000, the new stock to consist of \$10,000,000 [1st] "preferred" and \$50,000,000 common. The proceeds of the new stock, it is said, are to be reserved for future requirements.—V. 102, p. 2172.

Winton Co. (Automobile Mfrs.), Cleveland, O.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Borton & Borton, Cleveland, and F. W. Freeman, Columbus, O., offer at 103 and div. the unsold portion of \$1,500,000 7% cum. pref. stock. A circular shows:

Prof. Stock.—Tax-exempt in Ohio. Par \$100. Dividends Q.-J. Preferred as to assets and dividends. Red., all or part, on any dividend date after Jan. 1 1919 at \$105 and divs. Preferred shareholders as a class shall have equal vote with common shareholders as a class in event of default with respect to dividends, the maintenance of net quick assets equal to 125% of the pref. stock outstanding, or the annual retirement of pref. stock through sinking fund, and no cash dividends on the common shall be paid in event of default in any of these three provisions. The entire proceeds of this issue will be used to strengthen working capital.

No mortgage or lien shall be placed upon any of the property, nor shall any pref. stock having priority over or parity with this issue be created without consent of 75% of the pref. stock outstanding. For five years beginning Jan. 1 1919 the company shall retire annually \$75,000 of the pref. stock and annually thereafter \$150,000 until the entire issue is retired and canceled.

Capitalization Authorized and Issued (No Bonds). Pref. stock, 7% cumulative \$1,500,000 Common stock 1,000,000

Organization.—Incorporated Mar. 15 1897 and has been in continuous and successful operation for 20 years. In no year since 1898 has it failed to earn and pay a dividend on its stock. The company manufactures the Winton automobile, pursuing the policy of quality in a restricted output rather than quantity production. Also manufactures gas and oil engines of the "Diesel" type.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of July 31 1916, adjusted to include the proceeds of the present financing, shows net tangible assets of \$4,243,121 and net quick assets of \$2,579,101, or \$282.87 of total net assets and \$171.94 of net quick assets per share of pref. stock. Certified public accountants report in substance: "All expenditures for patterns and patents have been regularly charged off in full, and the net worth of \$4,243,121 is exclusive of any valuation for good-will or other intangible assets. It is our opinion that the net worth is conservatively stated and in accordance with the books."

Earnings.—For the past eight years net earnings averaged \$459,000 per year, or over four times the dividend requirements of this issue. Directors.—Alexander Winton (Pres.), Thos. Henderson (V.-Pres.), Geo. H. Brown (Sec. & Treas.), O. W. Churchill (Gen. Mgr.), Z. W. Davis, I. W. Metcalf and C. W. Mears.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—The investment banking firm of Joel Stockard & Co., which has had offices in the Dime Bank Building, in Detroit, for the past year, has opened new offices on the main floor of the new Penobscot Building, facing the elevators. They are in a convenient and prominent location, and easily accessible from both Fort Street and Congress Street. The new quarters are handsomely appointed, containing four private offices, besides the necessary space for cashier, stenographers, etc. R. T. Bates, formerly Manager of the Simon J. Murphy Estate, and more recently Manager of the Penobscot Building, has become associated with Joel Stockard & Co.

—An analysis and resume of the "Rock Island" road has been issued in pamphlet form by W. R. Edelman & Co., bankers, Stock Exchange Bldg., Philadelphia. This details the results of the first year of the road in receivership, income balance sheet and statistics for 1916, describing the first and refunding mortgages, equity, financing, credit and value of the property. "Chronicle" readers interested in this property can secure this pamphlet by asking for "C-3."

—Chandler & Co., Incorporated, 34 Pine Street, this city, 1338 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Boston and Lancaster, are to-day offering by advertisement \$1,500,000 Manhattan Electrical Supply Co., Inc., 7% cumulative first preferred stock at 98 and accrued dividends. The offering is made subject to allotment. All the particulars appear in the advertisement and further information in our "General Investment News Department."

—At prices to yield 3.80 to 4.80%, William R. Compton Co., 14 Wall St., this city, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago, are featuring a selected list of municipal bonds exempt from Federal income tax, for the investment of November funds, among our advertisements elsewhere in the "Chronicle." Write for the firm's complete list, circular "No. 33," and its instructive booklet on municipal bonds, "The Premier Investment."

—The National City Company, National City Bank Building, this city, is advertising a page list of investment bonds in this issue of the "Chronicle." The State and municipal bonds yield 3.70% to 4.25%, railroad 4.26% to 5.45%, public utility 4.70% to 5.37% and foreign government 5% to 6.35%. Several of the bonds are legal savings bank investments in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

—All the notes having been sold, Curtis & Sanger and Stone & Webster of this city are publishing as a matter of record their joint offering of \$2,500,000 Shawinigan Water & Power Co. of Province of Quebec 2-year 5% secured gold notes due Oct. 1 1918. Price 99 3/4 and interest, to yield 5 1/2%. All the security features are described in to-day's record advertisement.

—A list of conservative bonds suitable for banks, estates, individuals and others who seek safety and marketability is advertised in our to-day's issue by Remick, Hodges & Co., 14 Wall Street, this city. The municipal issues yield 3.80% to 4.02% and the railroad bonds 4.15% to 5.25%. Ask for circular "C. C. 91," listing these and other issues of similar grade.

—"Something for Nothing" is the leading article in the monthly issue of "Development," the journal published by Day & Zimmerman, constructing engineers and architects, 611 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. The next issue will contain an article on "Grasp," also of interest to "Chronicle" readers. Write Day & Zimmerman for complimentary copies.

—The municipal bond department of the National City Company, 55 Wall Street, this city, has issued a chart to show at a glance the rates and amounts of income tax to be collected under the new revenue bill, which became a law Sept. 8 1916. The chart also shows a comparison with the income rates previously in force.

Reports and Documents.

THE NEW YORK NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY

FORTY-FIFTH GENERAL STATEMENT—FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1916.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1916.

| | 1916. | Comparison with 1915. | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | | Increase. | Decrease. |
| Average Miles Operated..... | 2,004.62 | 1.45 | |
| Railway Operating Revenues— | | | |
| Freight..... | \$37,448,020 64 | \$6,268,701 93 | |
| Passenger..... | 29,620,567 21 | 2,609,768 38 | |
| Excess Baggage..... | 154,323 33 | 17,980 83 | |
| Mail..... | 714,772 07 | | |
| Express..... | 3,578,326 45 | \$88,687 32 | \$2,383 09 |
| Other Transportation..... | 1,278,586 61 | 320,916 35 | |
| Incidental..... | 2,840,076 21 | \$15,045 62 | |
| Joint Facility..... | 676,977 39 | 33,671 86 | |
| Total Railway Operating Revenues..... | \$76,311,652 91 | \$10,932,389 20 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$38.067 89 | \$5.429 99 | |
| Railway Operating Expenses— | | | |
| Maintenance of Way and Structures..... | \$8,779,166 06 | \$1,049,925 48 | |
| Maintenance of Equipment..... | 10,859,656 11 | 1,079,326 42 | |
| Traffic..... | 470,278 42 | | |
| Transportation—Rail Line..... | 28,423,556 85 | 4,464,854 39 | 3,089 86 |
| Miscellaneous Operations..... | 845,779 80 | 253,726 11 | |
| Transportation for Investment—Deduct..... | 1,756,431 21 | 145,187 75 | |
| | 56,510 64 | | 38,196 24 |
| Total Railway Operating Expenses..... | \$51,078,357 81 | \$6,951,734 05 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$25.480 32 | \$3.451 92 | |
| Net Revenue from Railway Operations..... | \$25,233,295 10 | \$3,980,655 15 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$12.587 57 | \$1.978 07 | |
| Railway Tax Accruals..... | \$2,856,251 61 | \$112,333 14 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$1,424 84 | \$55 05 | |
| Uncollectible Railway Revenues..... | 5,760 64 | | 2,069 72 |
| Total Taxes and Uncollectible Railway Revenues..... | \$2,862,015 25 | \$110,263 42 | |
| Railway Operating Income..... | \$22,371,279 85 | \$3,870,391 73 | |
| Miscellaneous Operating Income..... | 10,601 65 | 9,408 31 | |
| Total Operating Income..... | \$22,381,881 50 | \$3,879,800 04 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$11.165 15 | \$1.928 75 | |
| Non-Operating Income— | | | |
| Dividend Income..... | | | |
| Income from Funded Securities..... | \$1,746,569 01 | \$295,902 11 | |
| Income from Unfunded Securities..... | 941,765 83 | 762,647 51 | |
| Rent from Locomotives, Passenger Train Cars and Work Equipment..... | 1,175,373 09 | | \$261,208 61 |
| Joint Facility Rent Income..... | 207,480 45 | 64,882 90 | |
| Income from Lease of Road..... | 1,549,678 12 | | 32,298 06 |
| Miscellaneous Rent Income..... | 644,756 98 | | 229,354 99 |
| Miscellaneous (Debit)..... | 3,821 43 | 14,270 51 | 10,662 44 |
| Total Non-Operating Income..... | \$6,459,230 33 | \$604,178 93 | |
| Gross Income..... | \$28,841,111 83 | \$4,483,978 97 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$14.387 32 | \$2.228 03 | |
| Deductions from Gross Income— | | | |
| Rent for Locomotives, Passenger Train Cars, Floating and Work Equipment and Balance for Hire of Freight Cars..... | \$2,700,888 04 | \$2,102,787 07 | |
| Joint Facility Rents..... | 2,938,564 03 | 210,225 77 | |
| Rent for Leased Roads..... | 6,156,401 09 | | 17,657 25 |
| Miscellaneous Rents..... | 199,292 69 | | 5,355 90 |
| Miscellaneous Tax Accruals..... | 98,128 60 | 4,654 10 | |
| Separately Operated Properties— | | | |
| Boston RR. Holding Co. Guarantee..... | 117,595 24 | | |
| N. Y. W. & B. Ry. Co. Guarantee (Bond Interest)..... | 864,000 00 | | 13,076 46 |
| Interest on Funded Debt..... | 9,343,382 08 | | |
| Interest on Unfunded Debt..... | 1,964,519 29 | 184,732 33 | 57,154 30 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 142,583 91 | 67,938 18 | |
| Total Deductions from Gross Income..... | \$24,525,354 97 | \$2,476,193 54 | |
| Per Mile (Average)..... | \$12.234 42 | \$1.227 29 | |
| *Net Income..... | \$4,316,766 86 | \$2,007,785 43 | |
| Ratio of Operating Expenses to Total Operating Revenues..... | 66.93% | .56% | |
| Ratio of Operating Expenses and Taxes to Total Operating Revenues..... | 70.68% | 1.01% | |

Notes.—The N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co. Income Account does not include interest due from Subsidiary Companies unless earned and paid in cash. * During the fiscal year there was included in Maintenance \$1,066,270 47, which money has not been expended because of the inability of the Company to obtain labor and material. It has been decided, with the permission of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to carry this amount forward to the next fiscal year as a reserve to be used when the maintenance expenditures are actually made.

A balance of \$159,403 58 account of Insurance has also been carried over to the next fiscal year so that the actual balance for the fiscal year ending June 30 1916 was \$5,532,430 91, an increase of \$3,224,459 48, as compared with actual figures for the previous year.

OPERATING RESULTS.

MILES OPERATED.

There was an increase in average miles of road operated of 1.45 miles.

The average miles of track maintained was 4,307.68 compared with 4,315.49 the previous year, a decrease of 7.81 miles due to various minor track changes and remeasurements.

REVENUES.

The Operating Revenues for the year of \$76,311,652 91 were the largest in the history of the Company and \$10,932,389 20, or 16.72% more than a year ago. The largest previous year was 1913, when the Operating Revenues were \$68,613,503 08.

FREIGHT.

Freight Revenue increased \$6,268,701 93, or 20.11%.

There were 28,285,411 tons of revenue freight carried during the year. This was an increase of 4,443,388 tons. The number of tons of revenue freight carried one mile was 2,461,693,534, an increase of 276,584,374 ton miles. The average distance haul of one ton of revenue freight this year was 87.03 miles as compared with 91.65 miles last year. The average amount received for each ton of freight was \$1.33020 as compared with \$1.31453 a year ago.

The average number of tons of revenue freight per revenue train mile was 333.74, an increase of 0.57 tons. The average number of tons of revenue freight per loaded car mile this year was 16.27 as compared with 15.59 tons a year ago. The average number of freight cars (including caboose) per revenue train mile was 29.25 this year as compared with 31.78 cars a year ago, a decrease of 2.53 cars.

Revenue freight train miles increased 804,727 miles. The increase in freight train miles is due to the increased business handled and to the lighter loading of trains because of heavy less than carload shipments and on account of the severe weather conditions during the past winter.

PASSENGER.

Passenger Revenue increased \$2,609,768 38, or 9.66%. Excess Baggage Revenue increased \$17,980 83, or 13.19%. Mail Revenue decreased \$2,383 09, or 0.33%. Express Revenue increased \$868,687 32, or 32.06%.

There were 82,246,385 revenue passengers carried during the year, an increase of 4,073,687 passengers. Total number of revenue passengers carried one mile was 1,571,060,117, an increase of 93,191,183 passenger miles. The average distance each revenue passenger was carried was 19.10 miles as compared with 18.91 miles last year. The average

amount received from each passenger was \$3.6014 as compared with \$3.4553 last year. The average revenue per passenger per mile this year was \$.01885 as compared with \$.01828 a year ago.

The average number of passengers per revenue train mile was 102, an increase of 5 passengers. The average number of passengers per revenue car mile was 26, an increase of 1 over last year. The average number of passenger train cars per revenue train mile was 5.1 as compared with 5 cars a year ago.

Revenue passenger train miles increased 136,906 miles, due to increased business and severe weather in the winter months.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION.

Other Transportation Revenue increased \$320,916 35, or 23.51%. This account includes Special Train Service, Revenue from Pullman Service, Switching and Milk Revenues.

INCIDENTAL.

Incidental Revenue increased \$815,045 62, or 40.25%. This account includes: dining car revenue which increased \$46,045 34, or 10.57%; revenue from restaurants which increased \$178,682 85, or 183.75%; other items such as Station and Train Privileges, Parcel Room Receipts, Storage, Demurrage, etc., which increased \$579,880 44, or 51.52%; and revenue from electric current and other power sold which increased \$10,436 99, or 2.85%.

\$132,835 61 of the increase in revenue from restaurants is due to the Company's taking over the operation of the restaurants at New Haven, Providence and Willimantic, and to the operation for the entire year of the restaurant at Hartford which was not operated a large part of the previous year as the station was being reconstructed after being destroyed by fire.

JOINT FACILITY.

Joint Facility Revenue increased \$33,671 86, or 5.23%. This account includes the Company's proportion of revenue collected for the use of privileges in stations owned by other carriers and used jointly by this Company. Most of the increase is due to additional revenues derived from privileges in the Grand Central Terminal.

EXPENSES.

During the year the expenses have been very heavy, due to increased business, severe winter weather, freight congestion, higher wages and the increased cost of material.

MAINTENANCE OF WAY AND STRUCTURES.

The charge increased \$1,049,925 48, or 13.58%, and took 11.50% of Operating Revenues as compared with 11.82% a year ago. Removing snow and ice cost \$352,731 59, an increase of \$244,077 85.

A brief description of the character of the improvements made during the year is given below.

Grade crossings eliminated during the year:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| State of Connecticut..... | 3 |
| State of Massachusetts..... | 2 |
| Total..... | 5 |

The elimination of the Corbin Avenue grade crossing at New Britain, Conn., ordered by the Public Service Commission is about completed.

New Passenger Stations have been provided during the year at the following points:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Brayton, Mass. | Pawtucket-Central Falls, R. I. |
| Hanover, Mass. | Portsmouth, R. I. |
| Hartford, Conn. | South St. Station, Conn. (Suffield Branch). |
| Merwinsville, Conn. | |

Improved facilities have been provided at twenty-seven other points.

The rebuilding of the Hartford Passenger Station is completed and the station was opened to the public in September 1915.

The new Pawtucket-Central Falls Passenger Station with approaches, platforms, elevators, etc., was completed and opened to the public in January 1916.

New Freight Stations have been built during the year at the following points:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Braintree, Mass. | Merwinsville, Conn. |
| Colchester, Conn. | Unionville, Conn. |
| Hanover, Mass. | |

Improved facilities have been provided during the year at twenty other stations.

Improvements to Roadway and Track.—Owned and leased track operated (excluding sidings), is laid with rail of the various weights per yard as follows:

| Weight. | Miles. | % of Total. | Comparison of Miles with 1915. Increase, Decrease. |
|------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| 141 lb..... | .82 | .03 | .04 |
| 107..... | 123.23 | 4.18 | 91.48 |
| 100..... | 927.19 | 31.45 | 53.65 |
| 90..... | 166.90 | 5.66 | 9.52 |
| 80..... | 477.93 | 16.21 | 23.01 |
| 79..... | 105.36 | 3.57 | 6.02 |
| 75..... | 583.22 | 19.78 | 40.21 |
| 74..... | 8.68 | .29 | .05 |
| 72..... | 178.35 | 6.05 | 7.31 |
| 70..... | 28.20 | .96 | 4.61 |
| 68-67-66-60..... | 155.18 | 5.26 | 18.94 |
| 56 or under..... | 159.22 | 5.40 | 1.47 |
| | 34.09 | 1.16 | 5.45 |
| Total..... | 2,948.27 | 100% | 2.48 |

Note.—All Steel Rail. With exception of sidings (not included in above figures) there is no iron rail in the track.

New rail was laid during the year as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 141 lb..... | 242 tons |
| 107..... | 16,467 " |
| 100..... | 435 " |
| 90..... | 79 " |
| 90 (re-rolled)..... | 190 " |
| 88..... | 16 " |
| 80..... | 1,920 " |
| 78..... | 4 " |
| 68 (re-rolled)..... | 26 " |
| Total..... | 19,370 tons |

The total number of ties laid during the year was 1,014,886, of which 22,324 were creosoted and provided with tie plates and screw spikes.

Signal and Interlocking Improvements and Additions have been made during the year at forty-eight points. In addition, standard train order signals have been installed at forty-one points and forty-seven derails have been connected to main line switches.

To afford protection for the public at grade crossings, fourteen crossing bells have been installed.

Bridges.—During the year thirty-two bridges were either repaired, strengthened or renewed.

The new tracks across Winthrop Cove, New London, Conn., including construction of solid embankment and twenty-two foot concrete arch, were opened to service in February 1916. A portion of the permanent approach to Thames River bridge, including new steel bridge over the Central Vermont tracks, was placed in service in September 1915. Contract for the bridge substructure designed to carry a four track superstructure is awarded, and the construction of west abutment and caisson for one pier is under way. The plans for two track superstructure are completed and bids asked for.

The construction of the undercrossing for the State of Connecticut and new abutments for the Fairview Avenue bridge, in the town of Groton, Conn., are practically completed.

The construction of the twenty foot highway bridge spanning four tracks at Stonington, Conn., ordered by the Public Utilities Commission, is completed, and was opened to the public in November 1915.

Because of the difficulty in obtaining men and materials, some work that was to have been done within the fiscal year had to be deferred.

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.

The charge increased \$1,079,326 42, or 11.04% and took 14.23% of Operating Revenues this year as compared with 14.96% a year ago. Included in Maintenance of Equipment are charges account of Depreciation, as prescribed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Steam Locomotives..... | \$284,235 80 |
| Other Locomotives..... | 76,620 24 |
| Freight Train Cars..... | 956,550 97 |
| Passenger Train Cars..... | 469,259 55 |
| Floating Equipment..... | 87,619 63 |
| Work Equipment..... | 24,464 73 |
| Total..... | \$1,898,750 97 |

The equipment retired from service during the year, as shown at the bottom of page 36, [pamphlet report] resulted in the following charges to Operating Expenses:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Steam Locomotives..... | \$61,851 67 |
| Other Locomotives—Cr..... | 275 00 |
| Freight Train Cars..... | 113,527 45 |
| Passenger Train Cars..... | 138,691 88 |
| Work Equipment..... | 103,200 93 |
| Total..... | \$416,996 93 |

Steam Locomotives.—Total number on active list June 30

| | |
|---|-------|
| 1915..... | 1,165 |
| Locomotives retired from service during the year..... | 34 |
| New locomotives added during the year..... | 1,131 |
| Total on active list June 30 1916..... | 1,159 |

The thirty-four locomotives retired from service were all of light capacity and in a number of instances their boilers would not meet the requirements of the Federal Boiler Inspection Act.

The hauling capacity of the steam locomotives is as follows:

| Active List— | Number. | Tractive Power, Pounds. | Total Weight on Drivers, Tons. | Total Weight of Locomotives, Tons (exclusive of Tenders). |
|--|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| June 30 1915..... | 1,165 | 28,573,600 | 61,515 | 78,296 |
| Added during fiscal year*..... | --- | 16,996 | 20 | 39 |
| Added during fiscal year account new locomotives received..... | 28 | 1,339,165 | 2,737 | 3,689 |
| Total..... | 1,193 | 29,929,761 | 64,272 | 82,004 |
| Retired from service during year..... | 34 | 514,747 | 1,189 | 1,632 |
| June 30 1916..... | 1,159 | 29,415,014 | 63,083 | 80,372 |

* Increased account of superheaters applied and change from compound to simple cylinder locomotives.

There were 657 locomotives which received general overhauling and heavy repairs during the year.

The following statement shows the character and condition of the steam locomotives on June 30 1916:

| Wheel Arrangement. | In Service With- drawn, 6-30-15. | Added In Service (new), 6-30-16. | Total On Drivers. | Average Weight Each Locomotive, Tons (exclusive of Tender). | Average Tractive Power, Pounds. |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 200..... | 10 | 2 | 8 | 36 | 16,399 |
| 2000..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 61 | 27,995 |
| 20000..... | 203 | 1 | 202 | 61 | 27,617 |
| 200000..... | 343 | 8 | 355 | 71 | 32,546 |
| 2000000..... | 35 | --- | 35 | 70 | 47,827 |
| 20000000..... | --- | 28 | 28 | 131 | 15,323 |
| 200000000..... | 367 | 21 | 346 | 54 | 25,171 |
| 2000000000..... | 106 | 1 | 105 | 68 | 25,127 |
| 20000000000..... | 12 | --- | 12 | 104 | 35,614 |
| 200000000000..... | 88 | --- | 88 | 122 | 75 |
| Total..... | 1,165 | 34 | 1,159 | 70 | 54 |

| Condition— | Number. | Per Cent. |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Good | 895 | 77.2 |
| Fair | 82 | 7.1 |
| In shop for repairs | 136 | 11.7 |
| Awaiting repairs, to be repaired when suitable service demands | 46 | 4.0 |
| | 1,159 | 100.0 |
| Number of locomotives equipped with superheaters | 120 | 10.4 |

The forty-six locomotives awaiting repairs are of light capacity.

Electric Locomotives.—Hauling capacity and condition:

| Active List. | Number. | Tractive Power, Pounds. | Total Weight on Drivers, Tons. | Total Weight of Locomotives, Tons. |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| June 30 1915 | 102 | 1,503,940 | 8,144 | 10,443 |
| Retired during fiscal year | | | | |
| June 30 1916 | 102 | 1,503,940 | 8,144 | 10,443 |

There were thirty-five locomotives which received a general overhauling during the year.

CARS IN FREIGHT SERVICE.

Of the total number of freight cars owned June 30 1916, 1,268, or 3.73%, were in need of repairs.

During the year 229,543 freight cars were repaired, the repairs varying from minor repairs to general overhauling.

The five hundred steel, self-clearing hopper coal cars, ordered under an Equipment Trust and due several months ago, have not been received on account of labor and material troubles.

CARS IN PASSENGER SERVICE.

Of the total number of passenger cars owned June 30 1916 124, or 5.72% were in need of repairs. During the year 8,608 passenger cars were repaired, the repairs varying from minor repairs to general overhauling.

NEW EQUIPMENT IN SERVICE.

In addition to the equipment shown under Additions and Betterments on page 36, [pamphlet report] the following equipment was received during the year under Equipment Trusts:

- 28 steam locomotives.
- 2 all-steel dining cars.
- 2 all-steel multiple-unit motor cars.

On June 30 1916 there were one hundred passenger train cars due from the Osgood Bradley Car Company on the 1916 contract. Of this number there have been received since June 30 1916:

- 6 all-steel coaches.
- 13 all-steel 60-ft. baggage cars.
- 9 all-steel 70-ft. baggage cars.

The twenty all-steel passenger train cars due from the Osgood Bradley Car Company on the 1915 contract have all been received and were paid for out of current cash.

TRAFFIC EXPENSES.

The charge decreased \$3,089 86, or 0.65% and took 0.61% of Operating Revenues as compared with 0.72% last year.

The most noticeable decreases were in Advertising and Stationery and Printing, while Outside Agencies and Industrial Bureau show increases.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

The charge increased \$4,464,854 39, or 18.64% and took 37.26% of Operating Revenues this year as compared with 36.65% a year ago, an increase of 0.61%.

The miles run by revenue trains of all classes were 22,543,164, an increase of 958,282, or 4.44%. The cost per revenue train mile for Transportation Expenses was \$1 26 compared with \$1 11 for last year, an increase of 15 cents per mile.

Cost of fuel for revenue train and yard steam locomotives increased \$887,198 14 over the previous year, due to severe weather conditions, an increase in train miles and higher prices.

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS.

The charge increased \$253,726 11, or 42.86% and took 1.10% of Operating Revenues this year as compared with 0.91% last year. There was an increase in the cost of operating dining car service of \$48,775 11 over last year. The number of revenue meals served during the year was 417,622, an increase of 39,082 meals.

There was an increase in cost of operating restaurants of \$138,851 18, due to taking over the restaurants at New Haven, Providence and Willimantic, and the opening of the Hartford restaurant upon the completion of the station.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

The charge shows an increase of \$145,187 75, or 9.01%, and took 2.30% of Operating Revenues as compared with 2.46% a year ago. There was an increase in pensions of \$11,238 43, in valuation expenses of \$95,831 69 and in wages of general office clerks. Additional clerks were also employed because of the heavy business.

The amount of pensions paid during the year was \$187,514 63, and the cost to the Company account of the Federal Act requiring valuation of railroads amounted to \$186,719 43.

PAY-ROLLS AND MATERIALS.

On June 30th the total number of employees was 35,485 and the total payrolls for the year for all classes of labor paid for directly were \$29,269,103.48. Payrolls for the year

increased \$3,503,789 68, or 13.6%. Payrolls for the current fiscal year will show still further increases. Expenditures for material of all kinds except equipment amounted to \$15,439,174 15.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

This account increased \$604,178 93. The increase is due to dividend of \$291,864 00 from the New York Ontario & Western Railway Company on its preferred and common stock, as compared with dividend of \$132 00 on its preferred stock last year and to an increase in interest of \$308,609 50 from The New England Navigation Company, that Company's cash income being sufficient to pay all interest for the year.

The interest on the securities of other subsidiary companies held by the New Haven Company was not included in income unless actually earned and paid in cash.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME.

The charge increased \$2,476,193 54, due principally to the increase in Hire of Equipment of \$2,102,787 07 on account of congestion, embargoes, severe weather conditions and lack of facilities. Joint Facility Rents, Miscellaneous Taxes, Interest on Debt, and expenses of Trustees appointed by the Federal Court show increases.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Charges and credits to Profit and Loss have been made during the year as shown on pages 32 and 33 [pamphlet report].

The properties as a whole, in which the Company has an interest, showed better results for the year than for several years and their physical condition is improved. What losses the Company will sustain when sales are made as ordered by the United States Court cannot now be stated, but the properties have a greater value to-day than a year ago.

FINANCIAL.

The Company in the past two years has spent for the protection of its property the following:

| | 1916. | *1915. |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| For Road and Equipment | \$3,756,269 59 | \$1,358,261 86 |
| For Grand Central Terminal Building | 49,661 73 | 643,432 37 |
| For Additions and Betterments on Leased Steam Railroad Properties | 273,606 20 | 538,664 29 |
| For Advances to Subsidiary Companies for Additions and Betterments | 115,000 00 | 520,982 06 |
| | \$4,194,537 52 | \$3,061,340 58 |

* Revised for purpose of comparison.

MATURING DEBT.

There will mature between October 1 1916 and June 30 1917 the following:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Portland Street Ry. Co. First Mortgage Gold Bonds, November 1 1916 | \$30,000 00 |
| The N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co. One-Year Collateral Gold Notes, May 1 1917 | 25,000,000 00 |
| Total | \$25,030,000 00 |

There will also mature on May 1 1917 Three Year Collateral Gold Notes of The New England Navigation Company amounting to \$20,000,000 00 for which your Company as the only stockholder is responsible.

CHANGES IN DEBT IN HANDS OF THE PUBLIC

(Including The New England Navigation Co.).

| Debt as of June 30 1915. | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Mortgage Bonds | \$58,354,000 00 |
| Debentures | 155,892,100 00 |
| Loans and Bills Payable | 30,139,000 00 |
| New England Nav. Co. Gold Notes | 20,000,000 00 |
| | \$264,385,100 00 |

| Debt as of June 30 1916. | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mortgage Bonds | \$58,579,000 00 |
| Debentures | 155,546,919 50 |
| Long Term Note | 222,000 00 |
| Loans and Bills Payable | 25,007,000 00 |
| New England Nav. Co. Gold Notes | 19,305,000 00 |
| | 258,659,919 50 |

Decrease ----- \$5,725,180 50

Accounted for as Follows:

| | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| European Loan Debentures of 1907 due April 1 1922, acquired and canceled | | \$345,180 50 |
| Worcester & Conn. Eastern Ry. Co. 4 1/2% First Mortgage Gold Bonds due Jan. 1 1945, purchased for Sinking Fund | | 24,000 00 |
| Loans and Bills Payable | | 2,910,000 00 |
| One-Year Collateral Gold Notes | | 2,000,000 00 |
| Sale of Treasury Holdings— | | |
| N. Y. P. & B. RR. Co. 4% General Mortgage Bonds due April 1 1942 | \$247,000 00 | |
| New Haven & Derby RR. Co. 5% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds due May 1 1918, sold by New England Navigation Company | 1,000 00 | |
| Naugatuck RR. Co. 4% First Mortgage Bonds due May 1 1954, sold by New England Navigation Company | 1,000 00 | |
| The New England Navigation Company Gold Notes due May 1 1917, held in treasury | | 695,000 00 |
| | \$249,000 00 | \$5,974,180 50 |
| Decrease in debt | \$5,725,180 50 | |

For every \$100 of stock this Company has \$164 63 of debt, which is \$3 65 less than last year.

EUROPEAN LOAN.

During the last year a large number of the Company's European Loan Debentures of 1907 found their way into this country and request was made that each 500 franc debenture be stamped at a par value of \$96 50 and each coupon \$1 93. For this stamping your Company was to be paid 2 1/2% on the face value of each debenture so stamped. The

request was granted by your Directors and up to October 1st the Company stamped 136,792 of these debentures, for which it received in cash \$330,010 70. The amount so received was invested in the European Loan Debentures of 1907 and 3,795 of these debentures of a par value of \$366,217 50 were acquired at a cost of \$329,902 03. The debentures so acquired have been canceled and the debt correspondingly reduced. The debentures in the hands of the public stamped by your Company have since been exchanged for Dollar Debentures of denominations of \$1,000 in coupon form, so that on October 1st the European Loan is divided as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| In Dollar Debentures..... | \$12,834,210 50 |
| In 500 Franc Debentures..... | 14,784,572 00 |
| | \$27,618,782 50 |

RENEWAL OF NOTES.

The \$27,000,000 00 Five per cent One Year Notes due May 1 1916 were paid on that date by a new issue of One Year Four and one-half per cent Notes due May 1 1917, for \$25,000,000 00 and \$2,000,000 00 in cash. The loan last year with interest, discount and commission cost 7¼ per cent and this year it cost with interest and discount 4¾ per cent.

INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

The amount paid for interest and discount on short term paper, including The New England Navigation Company and The Harlem River & Port Chester Railroad Company for the past three years has been:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| For the year ending June 30 1914..... | \$4,483,366 48 |
| For the year ending June 30 1915..... | 3,662,051 36 |
| For the year ending June 30 1916..... | 2,862,139 34 |

SECURITIES SOLD AND NOTES RECEIVABLE COLLECTIONS.

During the year securities have been sold and cash collections made on notes receivable as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| <i>Securities Sold.</i> | |
| 32,208 Shares Waterbury Gas Light Co. Stock, Par Value \$805,200 00..... | \$1,482,587 00 |
| New York Providence & Boston RR. Co. Bonds..... | 233,202 50 |
| Salts Textile Manufacturing Co., Mortgage Note..... | 75,000 00 |
| 9 Shares Westinghouse Air Brake Co. Stock, Par Value \$450..... | 1,248 65 |
| 10 Shares Post Publishing Co. Stock, Par Value \$1,000..... | 1,020 00 |
| 2 Shares Queensbury Mills Stock, Par Value \$200..... | 136 50 |
| <i>Notes Receivable Collections.</i> | |
| The New England Navigation Co..... | 301,157 10 |
| Hartford & Connecticut Western Ry. Co..... | 819,781 71 |
| Housatonic Power Co..... | 615,000 00 |
| The Connecticut Co..... | 300,000 00 |
| Rutland Railroad Co..... | 150,000 00 |
| Shearer Realty Trust..... | 150,000 00 |
| Berkshire St. Ry. Co..... | 55,000 00 |
| City Lumber & Coal Co..... | 5,000 00 |
| Miscellaneous Notes..... | 1,291 79 |
| | \$4,190,425 25 |

The proceeds from the sale of the securities and the collections on notes were used to reduce the debt of your Company and pay for additions to the property.

In addition there was sold by the Housatonic Power Company 23,331 shares of the capital stock of the Waterbury Gas Light Company for \$1,084,812 00; 500 shares of the capital stock of the Watertown Gas Company for \$50,000 00; and 7,000 shares of the capital stock and notes aggregating \$67,500 00 of The Westport Water Company for \$92,500 00; a total of \$1,227,312 00. This amount was used to pay off the notes of the Housatonic Power Company in the hands of the public amounting to \$400,000 00 and the balance was paid on the notes of the Housatonic Power Company held by the New Haven Company.

SALES OF PROPERTY.

Sales of land not required for the corporate purposes of the Company amounted to \$698,489 44. Land no longer needed or likely to be required by your Company is sold whenever fair prices can be obtained.

Increases in rentals for land station concessions have been made in many cases.

During the year the Company realized from the sale of second-hand and scrap material \$1,014,565 00.

SETTLEMENT OF THE BILLARD CASE.

The suit against John L. Billard and others was settled and the suit withdrawn upon the receipt of \$1,250,000 00 in cash which was applied to reduce the book value of your Company's investment in the Boston Railroad Holding Company.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTS.

Under lease and conditional sale agreements, one with the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company dated April 1 1914, one with the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit & Insurance Company dated November 2 1914, and two with the Commercial Trust Company of Philadelphia dated December 1 1915 and September 1 1916, respectively, equipment has been purchased or contracted for at a total cost of \$8,776,037 10. A list of this equipment, some of which has been delivered and is in service, follows:

- 50 Pacific type locomotives.
- 30 Mikado type locomotives.
- 182 All steel coaches.
- 85 All steel baggage cars.
- 15 All steel postal cars.
- 28 All steel smoking cars.
- 10 All steel combination baggage and smoking cars.
- 10 All steel multiple unit motor cars.
- 17 All steel multiple unit motor cars.
- 26 All steel multiple unit motor cars.
- 25 Steel underframe milk cars.
- 50 Steel refrigerator cars.
- 6 Steel dining cars.
- 500 Steel self-clearing hopper coal cars.
- 4 Steam locomotive cranes.
- 2 Steam wrecking derricks.
- 1 Steel business car.

For this equipment \$1,566,037 10 was paid as first installment of the various trusts and the balance will be paid in installments at the rate of \$638,000 00 a year for the first ten years from date of agreements and \$166,000 00 a year for the succeeding five years.

PUBLIC CONTROL.

LEGISLATION.

No legislation substantially affecting the interests of your Company was passed by any of the State legislatures during the past fiscal year. The report of the Public Service Commission of Massachusetts about the capital expenditures, investments and contingent liabilities of your Company, made as a result of an investigation ordered by the General Court of 1915, was not acted upon by the General Court of 1916.

Before the legal status of your Company is definitely settled in Massachusetts a bill must be passed by the General Court and it is earnestly hoped that public opinion and confidence in the Company will be strong enough to bring about the passage of the needed bill.

MORE TIME UNDER FEDERAL DECREE.

Modifications of the dissolution decree of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York were requested by your Company so as to permit of a reorganization of the Eastern Steamship Corporation. This request having been assented to by the Attorney General, the modifications were entered and the reorganization is now proceeding.

On June 30 1916 your Company through the Navigation Company owned securities with a book value of \$4,200,000 00 of the Eastern Steamship Corporation which is in the hands of receivers. Since the close of the fiscal year \$1,000,000 00 par value of the Bonds and 20,000 shares of common stock have been sold, an assessment of \$375,000 00 on 15,000 shares of preferred stock has been paid and securities in the reorganized Company are to be received as follows: \$1,500,000 00 5% Income Bonds and 18,750 shares of preferred stock. Under the decree of the Court these securities must be sold by July 1 1917, but as the conditions for sale of the property have been very adverse an application for an extension of time will be made.

A request to extend to January 1 1919 the time in which, under the decree, the trustees of the Boston Railroad Holding Company are required to sell the stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad has been filed and is now pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. It is hoped that the Attorney General will consent to the extension as requested and give the trustees time in which to sell the stock after the proposed reorganization of the Boston & Maine Railroad has become effective.

RATES.

During the year much work has been done in revising both freight and passenger rates.

In August 1915 rates for parties of 100 or more traveling together were increased from 2 cents to 2¼ cents per mile, and in January 1916 commutation rates between New York and points in Connecticut, Greenwich to Stamford inclusive, were increased to the basis in effect between New York and points within that State, declared reasonable by the Supreme Court of that State.

The revision of local commodity rates having been practically completed, consideration is now being given to revision of joint class rates with connections in New England, after which the question of increasing joint commodity rates will be considered.

While in some cases reductions were made, the revision resulted in putting the rates on a slightly higher level, and further increase should be made because of the great increase in wages and prices of material.

In order to encourage the prompt unloading of cars a "track charge" of \$2 00 per delayed car day was made effective at New York and Boston and later a similar charge of \$5 00 a day at all points. The establishment of demurrage and storage rules and rates that will stimulate the removal of freight from cars and warehouses is now under consideration.

VALUATION.

During the year the forces of the Inter-State Commerce Commission have continued the work of valuation under the Act of Congress passed March 1 1913.

The date of valuation of the property was fixed as of June 30 1915. The date for the valuation of the property of the Central New England Railway Company was fixed as of June 30 1916, but the Government will not begin work on that property until next spring.

The Government Roadway Parties have made a cross-section survey of the roadbed and an inventory of the track material on about 1,352 miles of road; have completed an inventory of the terminals at Boston and at Harlem River and are now at Providence.

The Land Parties have completed an investigation of the values of similar and adjacent land on about 411 miles.

The Electrical Party has completed its inventory of electrical construction on about 82 miles, and has yet to complete the Nantasket Beach Branch, the main line between Cedar Hill and Woodlawn, and the Harlem River Branch.

The Telephone and Telegraph Party has covered 949 miles.

The inspection and inventory of the bridges and buildings started in the fall of 1915. The Bridge Party has covered 830 miles of line, and the Building Party 374 miles.

The inventory of the equipment and the machinery commenced on July 5 1916, and this will probably take about nine months.

The Valuation Department of the Company was organized in December 1913; about 145 employees are now engaged in the work; to June 30 1916 \$301,783 94 has been expended by the Company. The work for the next year will cost about \$200,000 00.

No report about the valuation is expected from the Government until after January 1 1918.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The gross earnings of the Company for the fiscal year ending June 30 1916 were the largest in its history, but the year was a difficult and somewhat unsatisfactory one because the volume of business in New England overtaxed the facilities of the Company and of many manufacturers and merchants. There were severe storms, especially in December 1915, which reduced the efficiency of the Company, particularly between New York and New Haven, and between Maybrook and Danbury, via the Poughkeepsie Bridge, and there was great congestion on all lines reaching New York City.

There was much unrest among many classes of men, due to the unusual manufacturing activity, and the Company had to deal with fifty-seven strikes and to hire a very large number of inexperienced men, many of whom remained in the service only a few days. There was considerable difficulty in getting an adequate supply of fuel, both for the Company and for manufacturers. As a result of these conditions, there were more freight cars on the road for months than could be handled promptly and economically either by the road or by the consignees, and there was great congestion and expense. At one time, on the New Haven and Central New England roads combined, there were over 57,000 freight cars, or at least 12,000 more cars than could be handled satisfactorily on existing tracks and terminals. From 12,000 to 15,000 cars of freight were ready for unloading each day, but the congestion of terminals and the lack of facilities of both the railroad and the owners of the freight rarely permitted the unloading of as many as 6,000 cars a day, and some days less than 4,200 cars were released.

So great was the congestion on all roads east of Buffalo and Pittsburgh that the Eastern Freight Accumulation Conference Committee was created, made up of the railway Presidents and on which Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Clark was an effective member.

This Committee had full power to divert freight, to place embargoes and to take any action that would help the general situation.

For the first five months of this fiscal year to November 30 1915, the gross earnings of the Company increased \$3,684,-840 06, with an increase in expenses of only \$636,712 47. This was before the volume of business showed the very large increase of succeeding months and before the heavy storms and the overtaxing and clogging of terminals and other facilities. As late as August 1 1915 the Company had 203 engines stored, in good order, waiting for business. These were quickly put into service, although they were too small for economical work, and 83 heavy engines were ordered for delivery in 1916, of which 80 were received by October 10th.

The following table shows the growth of business:

| | Freight. | Passenger. |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1909 | \$26,596,000 00 | \$22,853,000 00 |
| 1910 | 30,111,000 00 | 24,886,000 00 |
| 1911 | 30,329,000 00 | 26,213,000 00 |
| 1912 | 32,131,000 00 | 26,316,000 00 |
| 1913 | 34,072,000 03 | 27,896,000 00 |
| 1914 | 32,478,000 00 | 27,401,000 00 |
| 1915 | 31,179,000 00 | 27,011,000 00 |
| 1916 | 37,448,000 00 | 29,621,000 00 |

and the figures below show the amount of gross earnings used for transportation expenses and for all operating expenses:

| | Transportation Expenses. | Operating Expenses. |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1909 | 41.38% | 66.39% |
| 1910 | 37.80% | 63.74% |
| 1911 | 39.46% | 65.80% |
| 1912 | 38.76% | 64.84% |
| 1913 | 39.65% | 68.83% |
| 1914 | 40.33% | 72.83% |
| 1915 | 33.65% | 67.49% |
| 1916 | 37.26% | 66.93% |

Beginning with the fiscal year 1914 charges for Depreciation of Equipment have been made as follows, and included in operating expenses and the percentages shown above:

| | | Per Cent of Gross Earnings. |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Year ending June 30 1914 | \$1,773,365 79 | 2.63 |
| Year ending June 30 1915 | 724,434 53 | 2.64 |
| Year ending June 30 1916 | 1,898,760 97 | 2.49 |

So great was the unrest among men, and so difficult was it to obtain and retain them that many increases in rates of pay have been made during the year. In the months December 1915, to March 1916, inclusive, very handsome increases in gross revenue were almost entirely absorbed by increases in expenses and per diem charges for freight cars. While the amount of gross earnings used for expenses, 66.93%, was less than for several years, in spite of the conditions existing, it was higher than it should have been if the facilities of merchants, manufacturers and the Company for handling, loading and unloading freight had been adequate.

The experience of the year indicates that, as pointed out in the report of 1915, the plant of the Company must have sub-

stantial additions made to it if it is to perform the present business satisfactorily and economically and be ready to do the constantly growing business of New England. Many studies and suggestions as to improvements have been made during the past few years, and a careful review of these has been made during the last six months, and the following kinds of work should be done and equipment purchased as soon as the money, men and material can be obtained:

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Heavier and Stronger Bridges (including the Thames River Bridge at New London, and the Connecticut River Bridge at Hartford) | \$3,400,000 00 |
| Additional Main Tracks and Sidings | 2,800,000 00 |
| Improved Signals and Interlocking Plants | 880,000 00 |
| Improved Telephone and Telegraph Facilities, including storm proof wires between New York and New Haven | 600,000 00 |
| Improved Engine Terminals | 480,000 00 |
| Freight Terminal Improvements at large and important terminals | 5,900,000 00 |
| Passenger Terminal Improvements | 1,700,000 00 |
| Equipment, Shops and Tools | 9,300,000 00 |
| This includes 53 heavy steam freight engines; 60 heavy electric engines for passenger, freight and switching service; 100 steel passenger train cars; 700 freight train cars. | |
| Miscellaneous Improvements, such as heavier rail, heavier ballast, small additions to stations, industrial tracks, labor saving devices, etc., etc. | 2,800,000 00 |
| Total | \$27,860,000 00 |

Of this sum approximately \$3,860,000 00 will be chargeable to Operating Expenses, leaving \$24,000,000 00 to be charged to Property Account.

Nothing is included in this estimate for the elimination of grade crossings and only those passenger terminal improvements are included which are imperative for the safe and expeditious handling of passengers, nor is anything included for carrying the Company's tracks through New London on an elevated structure—something that should be done after the Thames River bridge is finished.

If these expenditures can be made, the capacity of the road will be increased, better service will be given to the public, and large savings in expenses can be made which are most important, especially if wages and material are to continue on the present basis. The Company is preparing to do as much of this work as practicable, believing that the only way it can be restored to a dividend paying basis is to put the plant in condition to produce and furnish safe and adequate transportation at the lowest unit cost, and to give improved working conditions to the employees.

In order to make these improvements there is needed the co-operation of the public, the owners of the property and the employees. The public should realize that the New England railroads have to pay freight on all fuel coal for their locomotives and that a very large amount of this coal has to be brought in all rail. These freight charges on coal increase the fuel cost for a road like the New Haven between \$3,000,-000 00 and \$4,000,000 00 a year as compared with the same amount of coal used by roads like the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, and Delaware Lackawanna & Western, and yet the passenger and freight rates on the New Haven are no higher than on those roads, and in many cases are lower. It is also to be borne in mind that the New Haven derives nearly one-half of its earnings from the operation of passenger trains and that the average distance traveled by each passenger is only nineteen miles. More than half of the passenger trains run by the Company earn less than \$1 00 per mile, and many earn less than 25 cents a mile. The average cost of running all trains one mile, both freight and passenger, without allowing anything for maintenance of track and equipment or taxes for the year was \$1 26, and including all expenses and taxes was \$2 39. A very large proportion of the freight cars handled are loaded with less than carload merchandise, and the average haul of all freight is only eighty-four miles. This large proportion of short haul passengers and merchandise makes the business of the Company a retail instead of a wholesale one, and with the increase in wages and the high cost of fuel adds largely to the expense of operation.

The Federal Government is now underpaying the Company for the carriage of mail and parcel post at least \$1,000,000 00 a year, a sum that the Company is justly entitled to to-day and for a number of previous years. Under these conditions, if legislation and the economic conditions of the country force upon the road very large increases in wages and higher prices for material, the public authorities should allow increased rates, if the road is to be kept in position to furnish the amount and quality of transportation that its territory needs. The public should also realize that those improvements that add to the capacity of the road should be made first and should consent to a postponement of improvements like passenger stations and elimination of grade crossings, which, while desirable, are not absolutely necessary to the general development of the territory served by the Company and which do not increase the capacity of the road.

The owners of the securities should realize that 25,769 stockholders and at least 20,000 bond and note holders possess an unexercised power and influence which should be used for the protection of their property by demanding sane regulation and reasonable advances in rates to meet advances in wages and increased cost of material.

Recently, because of pressure from four labor organizations, the President recommended and Congress passed a misnamed "Eight-Hour Law," which may cause, when the law takes effect, a very large increase in expenses—between \$1,500,-000 00 and \$2,000,000 00 a year, depending on the interpretation of the law. There are less than 7,500 men in these organizations on the New Haven system and less than 400,-000 on all the railways in the United States. There are, as

already told, 25,769 stockholders of the New Haven, and at least 600,000 holders of railway stocks in the United States (not to mention at least an equal number of bondholders), but their influence has not been exercised for their own protection. The directors and officers are doing their utmost to safeguard and improve the property, but the active influence and support of all owners of securities are needed, not only in creating a favorable public opinion, but in providing new capital, in excess of what can be saved from earnings and sales of property, in order to make those improvements that will increase the earning power of the property.

The employees should realize that they are citizens of the territory served by the road, as well as members of labor organizations. They owe a duty to themselves and their families, to the Company that furnishes employment, and to the communities in which they live, as well as to their organization. It is very much to their present and future interest to have the road adjusted to the needs of the territory served and improved working conditions created. This work can be accomplished more quickly if every man who receives pay from the Company will be economical and careful and do the best work he can. A cent a day saved by each

employee would make more than \$100,000 00 a year to be put into improvements.

In the interest of the territory served the co-operation of the public, the employees and the owners is asked so that the Company will the sooner be in a position to serve adequately all interested in its welfare.

On March 14th Mr. E. J. Pearson was appointed Assistant to the President to expedite the work of making and executing plans for the improvement work mentioned and to relieve the President of certain detailed work to which it was impossible to give sufficient attention.

During the year a very large amount of service was given to the public and the thanks of the public and of the Company are due to many loyal officers and thousands of loyal men who performed their tasks under very difficult conditions.

Statements of account of the New Haven Company and of various subordinate companies are submitted.

By order of the Board of Directors,
 HOWARD ELLIOTT,
 Chairman.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1916.

| ASSETS. | 1916. | Comparison with 1915. | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Increase. | Decrease. |
| Investments: | | | |
| Road..... | \$135,741,269 29 | \$1,717,206 74 | |
| Equipment..... | 61,921,134 78 | 439,353 61 | |
| Improvements on Leased Railway Property..... | \$197,662,404 07 | \$2,156,560 35 | |
| Sinking Funds..... | 4,169,546 08 | 179,124 68 | |
| Less Company's own issues..... | \$168,000 00 | | 495 00 |
| Less Company's own issues..... | 168,000 00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Physical Property..... | 5,356,944 11 | | 470 84 |
| Investment in buildings at Grand Central Terminal, New York City..... | 5,999,055 85 | | 2,738 27 |
| Stocks—In hands of Trustees (See subsequent page)..... | 52,119,953 36 | | 1,250,000 00 |
| Pledged (See subsequent page)..... | 31,444,196 21 | | |
| Unpledged (See subsequent page)..... | 76,483,107 59 | | 1,176,261 13 |
| Bonds—Pledged (See subsequent page)..... | 14,270,027 50 | | |
| Unpledged (See subsequent page)..... | 4,470,668 50 | | 45,000 00 |
| Notes—Unpledged (See subsequent page)..... | 35,878,646 28 | | 2,637,003 86 |
| Advances Unpledged (See subsequent page)..... | 1,678,755 11 | 36,083 48 | |
| Total Investments..... | \$429,513,304 66 | | \$2,740,200 59 |
| Current Assets: | | | |
| Cash..... | 5,042,265 55 | 1,255,622 62 | |
| Special Deposits..... | 2,126,457 48 | 13,056 66 | |
| Net Balance due from Agents and Conductors..... | 5,411,821 09 | 2,278,755 43 | |
| Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable..... | 236,169 73 | 24,293 46 | |
| Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable..... | 4,517,927 30 | 470,179 37 | |
| Materials and Supplies..... | 6,811,461 98 | 1,228,762 80 | |
| Interest and Dividends Receivable..... | 698,332 55 | 276,212 52 | |
| Loans and Bills Receivable..... | 3,702 18 | | 991 79 |
| Rents Receivable..... | 1,008 34 | 1,008 34 | |
| Other Current Assets..... | 33,019 70 | | 168,294 46 |
| Total Current Assets..... | \$24,882,165 90 | \$5,378,604 95 | |
| Deferred Assets: | | | |
| Working Fund Advances..... | 99,902 59 | 11,207 72 | |
| Unadjusted Debts: | | | |
| Rents and Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance..... | 50,744 90 | 30,736 19 | |
| Other Unadjusted Debts..... | 3,557,718 79 | 489,344 74 | |
| Total Unadjusted Debts..... | 3,608,463 69 | 520,080 93 | |
| Grand Total..... | \$458,103,836 84 | \$3,169,693 01 | |
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| | | | |
| LIABILITIES. | | | |
| Stock: | | | |
| Capital Stock (in hands of public)..... | \$157,117,900 00 | | |
| Premium on Capital Stock (since July 1 1909)..... | 19,282,887 50 | | |
| Grants in aid of Construction..... | \$176,400,787 50 | \$18,271 69 | |
| Less held in Treasury..... | 18,271 69 | | |
| Long Term Debt: | | | |
| Mortgage Bonds (See subsequent page)..... | \$58,779,000 00 | | |
| Less held in Treasury and Sinking Fund..... | 168,000 00 | | |
| Debentures (See subsequent page)..... | \$157,619,269 50 | | |
| Less held in Treasury..... | 2,072,350 00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Obligations (See subsequent page)..... | 222,000 00 | | |
| Loans and Bills Payable..... | 25,007,000 00 | | 4,910,000 00 |
| Non-Negotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies..... | 626,393 42 | | 181,143 16 |
| Total Long Term Debt..... | \$240,013,312 92 | | \$5,213,323 66 |
| Current Liabilities: | | | |
| Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable..... | 4,257,639 34 | | 172,369 44 |
| Audited Accounts and Wages Payable..... | 4,181,116 23 | 439,386 51 | |
| Miscellaneous Accounts Payable..... | 56,000 00 | | |
| Matured Dividends and Interest Unpaid..... | 1,974,744 64 | 28,902 45 | |
| Matured Funded Debt Unpaid..... | 6,512 68 | | |
| Unmatured Interest Accrued..... | 2,378,783 33 | | 48,878 98 |
| Unmatured Rents Accrued..... | 481,375 80 | | 7,694 25 |
| Other Current Liabilities..... | 179,556 05 | | 50,677 06 |
| Total Current Liabilities..... | \$13,515,728 07 | \$188,669 23 | |
| Deferred Liabilities: | | | |
| Retained Percentages due Contractors..... | 39,956 91 | | 43,203 15 |
| Deposits account of Sidetracks..... | 88,277 67 | 16,124 67 | |
| Total Deferred Liabilities..... | 128,234 58 | | 27,078 48 |
| Unadjusted Credits: | | | |
| Accrued Taxes..... | 192,000 00 | | 13,542 57 |
| Personal Injury Reserve..... | 600,000 00 | | 97,608 69 |
| Operating Reserves..... | 1,216,674 05 | 1,216,674 05 | |
| Other Unadjusted Credits..... | 2,140,314 94 | 172,087 14 | |
| Total Unadjusted Credits..... | \$4,148,988 99 | \$1,277,609 93 | |
| Reserve for Accrued Depreciation of Equipment..... | 5,490,954 69 | 1,748,089 42 | |
| Reserve for Accrued Depreciation Account of Thames River Bridge..... | 480,000 00 | 480,000 00 | |
| Equipment and Personal Property Leased..... | 9,477,069 23 | | |
| Profit and Loss—Surplus (See subsequent page)..... | 8,430,489 17 | 4,697,454 88 | |
| Grand Total..... | \$458,103,836 84 | \$3,169,693 01 | |

For Contingent Liabilities see subsequent page.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

| CREDIT. | | DEBIT. | |
|--|----------------|---|----------------|
| Balance brought forward from June 30 1915 | \$3,733,034 29 | Book value of abandoned facilities | \$104,198 80 |
| Net income for the year | 4,315,756 86 | Payments to other roads on unadjusted per diem charges during period October 1 1907, to February 28 1908 | 23,501 25 |
| Amount received for stamping 128,883 Five Hundred Franc French Loan Debentures, par value of \$96 50 each and coupon \$1 93 each | 310,930 24 | Discount on Equipment Trust Certificates Series "BB" dated December 1 1915 | 22,785 00 |
| Profit on sale of land | 105,706 71 | Loss on Second Mortgage Notes of Park Square Theatre, Boston | 20,000 00 |
| Final adjustment in connection with the Boston & Albany Operating Agreement of 1912, which was canceled as of Jan. 31 1914 | 52,325 52 | Old Colony R. R. Co. account representing excess of current liabilities over current assets assumed at the time of lease, July 1 1893 | 9,621 54 |
| Profit on sale of securities | 26,533 52 | Cost of printing "Dollar Debentures" exchanged for French Franc Debentures | 4,400 00 |
| Amount received from outside parties for cost of sidetracks and other facilities located on railroad property | 35,789 38 | Miscellaneous charges | 29,990 31 |
| Difference between cost and par value of 3,577 Five Hundred Franc French Loan Debentures purchased | 34,336 83 | | |
| Overcharges carried in "Other Unadjusted Credits," unrefundable and transferred to Profit and Loss | 21,848 55 | Balance June 30 1916, as per balance sheet | \$214,496 90 |
| Cancellation of unpaid wages | 4,661 75 | | 8,430,489 17 |
| Miscellaneous Credits | 4,062 42 | | |
| | \$8,644,986 07 | | \$8,644,986 07 |

STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT LIABILITIES
JUNE 30 1916.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 519, of the Acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed at its 1909 Session, The New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company is authorized to guarantee the principal of, and the dividends and interest upon, the capital stock, bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness of Boston Railroad Holding Company. On June 15 1910 the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed an Act authorizing the issue of preferred stock (without voting power) of Boston Railroad Holding Company, in exchange for its four per cent fifty-year Debentures dated November 1 1909; and on January 10 1911 the \$20,012,000 00 Debentures owned by The New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company were exchanged for preferred stock. On June 30 1916 there were held by the public 28,000 shares of preferred stock of Boston Railroad Holding Company, on which the guaranty of four per cent cumulative dividends per annum and the payment of principal at one hundred per cent on liquidation had been executed, and on the same date The New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company owned the following stock, which is held for the Company by Trustees under decree of the Federal Court:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| 31,065 shares of Common Stock of Par Value | \$3,106,500 00 |
| 244,939 shares of Preferred Stock of Par Value | 24,493,900 00 |

THE NEW YORK NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD CO.
Is liable jointly with other roads for any deficiency on foreclosure of bonds of the Boston Terminal Company.

Guarantees the payment of principal and interest of the four per cent First Mortgage Gold Bonds of the Central New England Railway Company of the issue of January 1 1911, to the amount of \$13,427,000 00.

Is liable for the amount of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company Sinking Fund, \$963,932 45, which liability is offset by the securities, etc., in hands of the Trustees.

Guarantees four per cent dividends on preferred stock of the New England Investment & Security Company, \$4,000,000 00, and payment of principal at one hundred five per cent on liquidation; also guarantees the payment of principal, \$5,000,000 00 and interest of the New England Investment & Security Company fifteen-year Funding Gold Notes dated April 1 1909.

Guarantees the payment of principal and interest of the Gold Debentures of The New England Navigation Company in case of termination of lease of the Old Colony Railroad Company, \$3,600,000 00.

Guarantees jointly and severally with The Pennsylvania Railroad Company the payment of the principal and interest of The New York Connecting Railroad Company First Mortgage 4½% Gold Bonds due August 1 1953, of the principal amount outstanding of \$24,000,000 00.

Guarantees the payment of principal and interest of the four per cent fifty-year First and Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds of the New York & Stamford Railway Company of the issue of November 1 1908, to the amount of \$247,000 00.

Guarantees the payment of principal and interest of the four and one-half per cent First Mortgage Gold Bonds of the New York Westchester & Boston Railway Company of the issue of July 1 1911, to the amount of \$19,200,000 00.

Guarantees four per cent dividends on preferred stock of the Springfield Railway Companies, \$3,387,900 00, and payment of principal at one hundred five per cent on liquidation.

ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS.

Owing to financial conditions, severe weather during the past winter, scarcity of labor and material, the expenditures for Additions and Betterments have been smaller than they would have been under normal conditions.

The expenditures for the year ending June 30 1916 follow:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| New or improved bridges | \$374,487 85 |
| New York Division electrification, power plant, &c | 154,794 34 |
| Bridgeport, Conn., increased yard facilities | 103,009 55 |
| Waterbury, Conn., yard improvements | 27,842 87 |
| New York Division, signals | 167,540 76 |
| Increased weight of rail | 48,039 82 |
| Increased weight of other track material | 70,662 55 |
| Westbrook-Saybrook, passing sidings | 117,568 12 |
| Other new passing sidings | 118,304 71 |
| New roadway machines | 19,691 94 |
| Kingston to Midway, stone ballast | 84,620 29 |
| Elimination of grade crossings | 95,038 78 |
| Cedar Hill, Conn., coaling facilities | 18,310 18 |
| Hartford, Conn., reconstruction passenger station | 71,179 33 |
| Midway, Conn., extension eastbound lead track | 25,082 45 |
| Groton-Midway, four-tracking | 112,669 51 |
| South Boston cut improvements | 86,004 11 |
| New York-New Haven, telegraph plant | 94,995 75 |
| Sundry other additions and betterments | 84,646 04 |
| | \$1,872,988 75 |

New Equipment, consisting of 30 coaches, 10 combination passenger cars, 5 other combination cars, 24 baggage and express cars, 5 postal cars, 51 cabooses, 1 box car, was received during the year.

Cars were converted as follows: 71 coaches, 8 combination and 3 baggage and express cars into "Other company service cars"; 5 coaches into combination passenger cars; 9 postal into other combination cars; 12 coaches into Officers' and pay cars; 40 box cars into "Other company service cars" and 30 flats into "Other company service cars".

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Initial payments and installments on Trust Equipment | 1,008,722 74 |
| | 874,558 10 |
| | \$3,756,269 59 |
| Less: | |
| Equipment put out of service: 22 passenger, 9 freight and 3 switch locomotives; 85 box, 52 flat, 132 coal, 38 caboose, 46 coaches, 37 combination passenger cars, 11 baggage and express, 1 other passenger car, 1 ballast, 2 steam shovels, 1 wrecking car, 145 "Other company service cars" and 7 other combination cars | \$676,546 17 |
| *Real estate sold, book value | 592,782 73 |
| Facilities abandoned | 71,003 46 |
| | 1,340,332 36 |

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Charged to Cost of Road | \$2,415,937 23 |
| Charged to Equipment | 1,209,202 56 |
| Trust Equipment Charged to Equipment Suspense | 332,176 57 |
| | 874,558 10 |
| Total as above | \$2,415,937 23 |

* Sold for \$698,489 44.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1916.

| RESOURCES TO ACCOUNT FOR. | |
|---|-----------------|
| Cash on hand and in banks June 30 1915 | \$3,786,642 93 |
| Special deposits for payment of interest, dividends, &c. | 2,113,400 82 |
| | \$5,900,043 75 |
| Income for the year: | |
| Balance, after expenses, taxes and fixed charges | 4,315,756 86 |
| Decrease in sundry assets: | |
| Treasury securities sold: | |
| N. Y. P. & B. R.R. Bonds | \$247,000 00 |
| Miscellaneous securities | 1,221,261 13 |
| Notes of and advances to other companies and individuals paid off | 2,805,395 65 |
| Park Square Property | 2,209 00 |
| | 4,275,865 78 |
| Settlement of Billard suit | 1,250,000 00 |
| Grants in aid of construction | 18,271 69 |
| Increase in sundry current liabilities less increase in sundry assets | 511,980 51 |
| Profit and Loss: | |
| Balance of sundry accounts | 381,698 02 |
| | \$16,653,616 61 |

| RESOURCES ACCOUNTED FOR. | |
|---|-----------------|
| Expenditures: | |
| For additions to road | \$1,872,988 75 |
| For new equipment | 1,008,722 74 |
| Initial payments and installments on Trust Equipment | 874,558 10 |
| | \$3,756,269 59 |
| Less real estate sold, book value | \$592,782 73 |
| Abandoned structures | 71,003 46 |
| Equipment retired | 676,546 17 |
| | 1,340,332 36 |
| Advances account structures at Grand Central Terminal, New York | \$49,661 73 |
| Additions and Betterments on Leased Steam Railroad Properties | \$273,606 20 |
| Less charged to income | 58,398 04 |
| | 215,208 16 |
| Advances to subsidiary companies covered by notes | 115,000 00 |
| | 379,869 89 |
| Decrease in Notes Payable | 4,310,000 00 |
| Decrease in Non-Negotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies | 181,143 16 |
| Mortgage Debt paid off | 345,180 50 |
| Bonds purchased for Sinking Fund | 24,000 00 |
| Increase in sundry assets: | |
| Materials and Supplies | 1,228,762 80 |
| Cash on hand and in banks June 30 1916 | \$5,042,265 55 |
| Special deposits for payment of interest, dividends, &c. | 2,126,457 48 |
| | 7,168,723 03 |
| | \$16,653,616 61 |

INVESTMENTS.

STOCKS—IN THE HANDS OF TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

| | Number of Shares. | Par Value. | Book Value. |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| *Boston & Maine RR. Leased Lines: | | | |
| Boston & Lowell Railroad Corporation | 412 | \$41,200 00 | \$88,775 13 |
| Concord & Montreal Railroad | 2,469 | 246,900 00 | 395,765 70 |
| Concord & Portsmouth Railroad Company | 18 | 1,800 00 | 3,285 00 |
| Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers Railroad Company | 1,464 | 146,400 00 | 208,162 44 |
| Connecticut River Railroad Company | 1,015 | 101,500 00 | 276,220 04 |
| Hereford Railway Company | 246 | 24,600 00 | 41,919 26 |
| Lowell & Andover Railroad Company | 193 | 19,300 00 | 21,928 77 |
| Manchester & Lawrence Railroad Company | 63 | 6,300 00 | 14,081 66 |
| Massawippi Valley Railroad Company | 354 | 35,400 00 | 46,020 00 |
| Nashua & Lowell Railroad Corporation | 84 | 8,400 00 | 20,170 51 |
| Northern Railroad (of New Hampshire) | 922 | 92,200 00 | 130,750 27 |
| Pemigewasset Valley Railroad Company | 710 | 71,000 00 | 99,676 51 |
| Peterborough Railroad Company | 86 | 8,600 00 | 8,390 00 |
| Upper Coos Railroad Company (of New Hampshire) | 73 | 7,300 00 | 10,242 75 |
| Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad Company | 184 | 18,400 00 | 30,439 77 |
| Wilton Railroad Company | 98 | 9,800 00 | 21,389 14 |
| Boston Railroad Holding Company, Common and Preferred | 276,004 | 27,600,400 00 | 26,350,400 00 |
| Rhode Island Company, The | 96,855 | 9,685,500 00 | 24,352,336 41 |
| Total | 381,250 | \$38,125,000 00 | \$52,119,953 36 |

* Under decree of the Court the investments in Boston & Maine leased lines must be sold on or before January 1 1917.

STOCKS—PLEGDED AND UNPLEGDED.

| | Shares. | *PLEGDED. | | UNPLEGDED. | |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Par Value. | Book Value. | Par Value. | Book Value. |
| Berkshire Street Ry. Co | 53,981 | | | \$5,398,100 00 | \$6,371,395 58 |
| Boston & Providence RR. Corporation | 5,246 | \$524,600 00 | \$1,582,443 18 | | |
| Boston Terminal Co., The | 2,000 | | | 200,000 00 | 200,000 00 |
| Central New England Ry. Co., Common and Preferred | 85,320 | | | 8,532,136 78 | 1,921,727 96 |
| Harlem River & Port Chester RR., The | { Scrip, \$136 78 } | | | | |
| Hartford & Connecticut Western RR. Co. | 10,000 | | | 1,000,000 00 | 1,000,000 00 |
| Holyoke & Westfield RR. Co. | 17,482 | | | 1,748,200 00 | 1,201,063 69 |
| Iron Works Aqueduct & Water Co. | 200 | | | 20,000 00 | 20,000 00 |
| Millbrook Company | 1-12 interest | | | 100 00 | 100 00 |
| New England Navigation Co., The | 1,000 | | | 100,000 00 | 100,000 00 |
| New York Connecting RR. Co., The | 494,055 | | | 49,405,500 00 | 53,322,899 48 |
| New York Ontario & Western Ry. Co., Common and Preferred | 15,000 | | | 1,500,000 00 | 1,527,204 33 |
| New York & Stamford Ry. Co. | 291,622 | 29,162,200 00 | 13,108,397 62 | | |
| New York Westchester & Boston Ry. Co. | { Scrip, \$37 50 } | | | 500,000 00 | 610,643 40 |
| Norwich & Worcester RR. Co. | 97 | | | 4,924,937 50 | 6,241,951 76 |
| Old Colony Railroad Co. | 97,100 | 97,100 00 | 219,038 19 | | |
| Pennsylvania RR. Co., The | 9,813,200 | 9,813,200 00 | 13,065,341 80 | | |
| Pittsfield & North Adams RR. Corp. | 1,168 | | | 58,400 00 | 71,907 64 |
| Providence Warren & Bristol RR. Co., Common and Preferred | 50 | | | 5,000 00 | 6,965 26 |
| Providence & Worcester RR. Co. | 4,868 | 486,700 00 | 730,212 67 | 100 00 | 220 00 |
| Quincy Quarries Co. | 9,551 | 955,100 00 | 2,738,762 75 | | |
| Roxbury Central Wharf Co. | 38 | | | 1,900 00 | 2,110 00 |
| Rutland RR. Co. | 7 | | | 700 00 | 77 00 |
| South Bay Wharf & Terminal Co. | 23,520 1/2 | | | 2,352,050 00 | 2,364,977 15 |
| Vermont Co., The | 9 | | | 900 00 | 19 00 |
| Westchester Street RR. Co., The | 6,500 | | | 650,000 00 | 571,164 31 |
| Wood River Branch RR. Co. | 7,000 | | | 700,000 00 | 905,783 53 |
| Miscellaneous | 336 | | | 33,600 00 | 21,477 50 |
| | 15 | | | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 |
| Total | 1,182,320 1/2 | \$41,038,900 00 | \$31,444,196 21 | \$77,133,124 28 | \$76,463,107 59 |

* Pledged as part of collateral securing \$25,000,000 00 One-Year 4 1/2% Gold Notes of The N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co. dated May 1 1916.
† Nominal Value.

BONDS—PLEGDED AND UNPLEGDED.

| | Rate of Int. | *PLEGDED. | | UNPLEGDED. | |
|---|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Par Value. | Book Value. | Par Value. | Book Value. |
| Berkshire Street Ry. Co.: | | | | | |
| 20-Year Gold Debentures due 1925 | | | | | |
| Central New England Ry. Co.: | 5% | | | \$200,000 00 | \$200,000 00 |
| First Mortgage 50-Year Gold Bonds due 1961 | 4% | \$1,500,000 00 | \$1,270,027 50 | | |
| Income Bonds (scrip) due 1949 | 5% | | | 608 50 | 608 50 |
| Dutchess County RR. 1st Mtge. Gold Bonds due 1940 | 4 1/2% | | | 5,000 00 | 5,230 00 |
| Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR. Co.: | | | | | |
| Consolidated & 1st Mtge. 50-Year Bonds due 1937 | 5% | | | 22,000 00 | 25,300 00 |
| Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.: | | | | | |
| General Mtge. Gold Bonds due 1988 | 5% | 13,000,000 00 | 13,000,000 00 | | |
| Harlem River & Portchester RR., The: | 4% | | | 38,000 00 | 38,000 00 |
| 15-Year Prior Lien Gold Debs. dated May 1 1915 | | | | | |
| New York & Stamford Ry. Co.: | 5% | | | | |
| First & Refunding 50-Year Gold Bonds due 1958 | 4% | | | 678,000 00 | 599,880 00 |
| New York Westchester & Boston Ry. Co.: | | | | | |
| First Mortgage Gold Bonds due 1946 | 4 1/2% | | | 2,190,000 00 | 2,190,000 00 |
| Park Square Theatre Co., Inc.: | | | | | |
| Second Mortgage Notes due 1932 | 5% | | | 275,000 00 | 275,000 00 |
| Pawtuxet Valley Electric Street Ry. Co.: | | | | | |
| Bonds due 1933 | 5% | | | 38,000 00 | 39,900 00 |
| Vermont Co., The: | | | | | |
| First Mtge. 20-Year Gold Bonds due 1931 | 5% | | | 846,000 00 | 846,500 00 |
| Westchester Street RR. Co., The: | | | | | |
| First Mtge. Gold Bonds dated Sept. 1 1914 | 5% | | | 222,000 00 | 222,000 00 |
| Wood River Branch RR. Co.: | | | | | |
| First Mortgage Bonds due 1924 | 5 1/2% | | | 56,500 00 | 28,250 00 |
| Total | | \$14,500,000 00 | \$14,270,027 50 | \$4,571,108 50 | \$4,470,668 50 |

* Pledged as part of collateral securing \$25,000,000 00 One-Year 4 1/2% Gold Notes of The N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co. dated May 1 1916.

NOTES—UNPLEGDED.

| | Rate of Interest. | Amount. |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| Berkshire Street Ry. Co. | 6% | \$3,309,760 45 |
| City Lumber & Coal Co. | 5% | 5,000 00 |
| Connecticut Co., The | 6% | 1,725,000 00 |
| Harlem River & Port Chester RR. Co., The | 4% | 15,000,000 00 |
| Housatonic Power Co. | 6% | 625,000 00 |
| Larkin, P. C. | 5% | 63,894 05 |
| Millbrook Company | 5 and 6% | 2,313,241 21 |
| New England Navigation Co., The | 4 1/2, 5 and 6% | 3,603,650 94 |
| New York & Stamford Ry. Co. | 6% | 204,872 08 |
| New York Westchester & Boston Ry. Co. | 5 and 6% | 5,462,888 50 |
| Providence Warren & Bristol RR. Co. | 6% | 352,397 30 |
| Rhode Island Co., The | 6% | 2,964,798 45 |
| Trustees of the Mass. Automobile Club Trust | 5% | 90,000 00 |
| Westchester Street RR. Co., The | 6% | 153,643 30 |
| Wood River Branch RR. Co. | 5 and 6% | 4,500 00 |
| Total | | \$35,878,646 28 |

ADVANCES—UNPLEGDED.

| | Amount. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Boston & Providence RR. Corporation | \$101,060 62 |
| New York Westchester & Boston Ry. Co. | *1 00 |
| Norwich & Worcester RR. Co. | 832,224 58 |
| Old Colony RR. Co. | 745,468 91 |
| Total | \$1,678,755 11 |

*The advances made to the New York Westchester & Boston Railway Co. amount to \$3,727,325 00, but as the prospect of their being repaid is very remote they have been reduced to a nominal value of \$1 00.

MORTGAGE BONDS, INCLUDING BONDS OF MERGED ROADS ASSUMED.

| | Rate and Character of Debt. | Total Outstanding. | Date of Maturity. | Interest Payable. |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co.—H. R. & P. O. | 4% | First Mortgage | May 1 1954 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| New York Prov. & Boston RR. Co. | 4% | General Mortgage | April 1 1942 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Housatonic RR. Co. | 5% | Consolidated Mortgage | Nov. 1 1937 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| Danbury & Norwalk RR. Co. | 6% | Consolidated Mortgage | July 1 1920 | Jan. 1 Nov. 1 |
| Danbury & Norwalk RR. Co. | 5% | Consolidated Mortgage | July 1 1920 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Danbury & Norwalk RR. Co. | 5% | General Mortgage | April 1 1925 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Danbury & Norwalk RR. Co. | 4% | First Refunding Mtg. Gold | June 1 1955 | June 1 Dec. 1 |
| New Haven & Derby RR. Co. | 5% | Consolidated Mortgage | May 1 1918 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| Providence & Springfield RR. Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | July 1 1922 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Naugatuck RR. Co. | 4% | First Mortgage | May 1 1954 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| Boston & New York Air Line RR. Co. | 4% | First Mortgage Gold | Aug. 1 1955 | Feb. 1 Aug. 1 |
| Providence Terminal Company | 4% | First Mortgage Gold | Mar. 1 1956 | Mar. 1 Sept. 1 |
| † Worcester & Conn. Eastern Ry. Co. | 4 1/2% | First Mortgage Gold | Jan. 1 1943 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| New Haven & Centerville St. Ry. Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Sept. 1 1933 | Mar. 1 Sept. 1 |
| Meriden Horse RR. Co. | 5% | Consolidated Mortgage | Jan. 1 1924 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Norwich Street Railway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Oct. 2 1923 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Montville Street Railway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | May 1 1920 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| New London Street Railway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Oct. 2 1923 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Portland Street Railway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Nov. 1 1916 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| Hartford Manchester & Rockville Tramway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Oct. 1 1924 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Hartford Street Railway Co. | 4% | First Mortgage Gold | Sept. 1 1930 | Mar. 1 Sept. 1 |
| Greenwich Tramway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | July 1 1931 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| *Branford Electric Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Oct. 1 1937 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Torington & Winchester St. Ry. Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | Dec. 1 1917 | June 1 Dec. 1 |
| Meriden Southington & Compounce Tramway Co. | 5% | First Mortgage | July 1 1928 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Pawtuxet Valley RR. Co. | 4% | First Mortgage | April 1 1925 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| New England RR. Co. | 4% | Consolidated Mortgage | July 1 1945 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| New England RR. Co. | 5% | Consolidated Mortgage | July 1 1945 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Stafford Springs Street Ry. Co. | 5% | First Mortgage Gold | July 1 1956 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| New Haven & Northampton Co. | 4% | Ref. Cons. M. Gold Bonds | June 1 1956 | June 1 Dec. 1 |
| Total | | \$58,779,000 00 | | |

† In Sinking Fund (New York Trust Company, Trustee.)

Worcester & Connecticut Eastern Ry. Co. 4 1/2% First Mortgage Gold Bonds \$168,000 00

NOTE.—Certain property of this Company is subject to a lien under a mortgage of the New York & New England Railroad Company to secure Boston Terminal Bonds of that Company to the amount of \$1,500,000, due April 1 1939, bearing interest at 4 per cent.

*Principal and interest to maturity deposited with the Union and New Haven Trust Co.

DEBENTURES, INCLUDING DEBENTURES OF MERGED ROADS ASSUMED.

| | Total Outstanding. | Date of Maturity. | Interest Payable. |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| *Convertible 6% Debenture Certificates | \$39,029,060 00 | Jan. 15 1948 | Jan. 15 July 15 |
| *Convertible 3 1/2% Debenture Certificates | 9,765,450 00 | Jan. 1 1956 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Non-Convertible 4% Debentures | 5,000,000 00 | Mar. 1 1947 | Mar. 1 Sept. 1 |
| *Non-Convertible 3 1/2% Debentures | 5,000,000 00 | Mar. 1 1947 | Mar. 1 Sept. 1 |
| *Non-Convertible 3 1/2% Debentures | 10,000,000 00 | April 1 1954 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Non-Convertible 4% Debentures | 15,000,000 00 | July 1 1955 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Non-Convertible 4% Debentures | 15,000,000 00 | May 1 1956 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| European Loan of 1907 | 27,639,819 50 | April 1 1922 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Naugatuck RR. Co. 3 1/2% Debentures | 234,000 00 | Oct. 1 1930 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| Hartford Street Railway Co. 4% Debentures Series M. | 165,000 00 | Jan. 1 1930 | Jan. 15 July 15 |
| The Consolidated Railway Co.— | | | |
| *3%, 3 1/2% and 4% Debentures | 972,400 00 | Feb. 1 1930 | Feb. 1 Aug. 1 |
| 4% Debentures | 4,255,000 00 | July 1 1954 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| 4% Debentures | 2,309,000 00 | Jan. 1 1955 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| 4% Debentures | 1,340,000 00 | April 1 1955 | April 1 Oct. 1 |
| 4% Debentures | 2,011,000 00 | Jan. 1 1956 | Jan. 1 July 1 |
| Providence Securities Co. 4% Gold Debentures | 19,899,000 00 | May 1 1957 | May 1 Nov. 1 |
| Total | \$157,619,269 50 | | |

MISCELLANEOUS OBLIGATIONS.

| | | | |
|--|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Suffolk Savings Bank for Seamen and Others Promissory Note | \$222,000 00 | May 7 1919 | May 7 Nov. 7 |
| *Include Treasury Holdings as follows: | | | |
| Convertible 6% Debenture Certificates | | | \$487,800 00 |
| Convertible 3 1/2% Debenture Certificates | | | 852,100 00 |
| 3 1/2% Non-Convertible Debentures, 1947 | | | 9,000 00 |
| 3 1/2% Non-Convertible Debentures, 1954 | | | 2,100 00 |
| The Consolidated Ry. Co. 3%, 3 1/2% and 4% Debentures | | | 2,350 00 |
| Providence Securities Co. 4% Gold Debentures | | | 719,000 00 |
| Total | | | \$2,072,350 00 |

THE HOCKING VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916.

Columbus, Ohio, September 21 1916.

To the Stockholders:

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, for the fiscal year ended June 30 1916, is herewith submitted.

The average mileage operated during the year was 350.7 miles, a decrease over the previous year of 1.0 miles. The mileage at the end of the year was 350.2 miles.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR.

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Operating Revenues were | \$7,411,526 35 |
| (Increase \$1,230,373 35, or 19.91%) | |
| Operating Expenses were | 4,953,576 89 |
| (Increase \$769,206 89, or 18.38%) | |
| Net Operating Revenue was | \$2,457,949 46 |
| (Increase \$461,166 49, or 23.10%) | |
| Taxes were | 501,751 60 |
| (Increase \$83,229 45, or 19.89%) | |
| Operating Income, Taxes deducted, was | \$1,956,197 87 |
| (Increase \$377,937 04, or 23.95%) | |
| Miscellaneous Income was | 962,440 54 |
| (Increase \$669,549 76, or 228.60%) | |
| Rentals and Other Payments were | \$2,918,638 40 |
| (Increase \$539,630 95) | 570,829 29 |
| Income for the year available for interest was | \$2,347,709 11 |
| (Increase \$507,855 85, or 27.60%) | |
| Interest (53.92% of amount available) amounted to | 1,265,943 42 |
| (Decrease \$80,507 46, or 5.98%) | |
| Net Income for the year amounted to | \$1,081,765 69 |
| (Increase \$588,363 31, or 119.25%) | |
| Dividends paid during the year: | |
| Two dividends of 2% each, aggregating | 439,980 00 |
| Remainder | \$641,785 69 |

RETURN ON PROPERTY.

The following table shows the amount of return to your Company, from transportation operations only, upon its investment in road and equipment at the termination of each fiscal year of the five year period ended June 30 1916:

| Year ended | Property Investment. | Total Operating Income. | Per Cent of Return. |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| June 30: | | | |
| 1916 | \$44,960,442 81 | \$2,806,638 19 | 6.24 |
| 1915 | 44,600,137 33 | 1,741,552 16 | 3.90 |
| 1914 | 44,441,150 66 | 1,926,037 53 | 4.33 |
| 1913 | 41,412,617 88 | 2,817,692 68 | 6.80 |
| 1912 | 40,541,201 96 | 2,739,094 06 | 6.76 |
| Average | \$43,191,110 13 | \$2,406,202 92 | 5.57 |

FINANCIAL.

The changes in funded debt shown by balance sheet of June 30 1916, as compared with June 30 1915, consisted in the retirement of \$5,000 par amount of The Hocking Valley Railway Company First Consolidated Mortgage 4 1/2% Bonds through the sinking fund, in the annual payments of \$496,000 on equipment trusts, in the retirement of \$4,000,000 face amount one-year 6% gold notes by the issue and sale of \$4,000,000 face amount two-year 5% gold notes maturing November 1 1917, and by the addition of \$220,000 face amount of equipment obligations in respect of two hundred 50-ton coal cars acquired.

An analysis of the property accounts will be found on pages 12 and 13 [pamphlet report], by reference to which it will be seen that additions and betterments were made during the year to the net amount of \$364,993 88, of which \$93,493 22 was added to cost of road, and \$271,500 66 was added to cost of equipment.

During the past seven years your Company's net addition to property accounts has been as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Equipment | \$4,034,509 56 |
| Additions and Betterments | 2,685,656 04 |
| | \$6,720,165 60 |

GENERAL REMARKS.

The equipment in service June 30 1916 consisted of:

| | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|-----|
| Locomotives owned | 136 | Decrease | 12 |
| Locomotives leased under equipment trusts | 8 | No change | |
| Total locomotives | 144 | Decrease | 12 |
| Passenger train cars owned | 81 | Decrease | 5 |
| Freight train and miscellaneous cars owned | 9,744 | Increase | 64 |
| Freight train cars leased under equipment trusts | 5,541 | Increase | 195 |
| Freight train cars under special trust | 47 | No change | |
| Total freight train and miscellaneous cars | 15,332 | Increase | 259 |

The changes during the year in accrued depreciation of equipment account were as follows:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Balance to credit of account June 30 1915 | \$1,227,429 08 |
| Amount credited during year ended June 30 1916 by charges to operating expenses | \$218,330 31 |
| Amount credited by adjustment of charges in 1909 | 6,538 25 |
| Charges to account for: | \$224,868 56 |
| Accrued depreciation on equipment retired during year— | |
| 12 locomotives | \$21,415 61 |
| 48 freight and work cars | 4,202 03 |
| 5 passenger cars | 1,289 30 |
| Accrued depreciation on cars changed in class during year | 974 93 |
| | 27,881 87 |
| | 196,986 69 |
| Balance to credit of account June 30 1916 | \$1,424,415 77 |

The business of your Company has not reached its previous record but has been good during the year, as the facts given below indicate:

| | 1916. | 1915. | Increase. |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating revenues | \$7,411,526 35 | \$6,181,152 97 | \$1,230,373 38 |
| Net operating revenue | \$2,457,949 46 | \$1,996,782 97 | \$461,166 49 |
| Operating ratio | 66.8% | 67.7% | *.9% |
| Tons of revenue freight carried one mile | 1,476,563,174 | 1,171,899,998 | 304,663,176 |
| Revenue train load, tons | 1,159 | 1,035 | 124 |
| Revenue tons per loaded car | 39.1 | 37.0 | 2.1 |

* Decrease.

The construction of five additional 100-car tracks, and a 15-stall engine house, with other shop facilities, including

shop tracks, in Parsons Yard at South Columbus is well under way, in order to provide necessary facilities for new business to be received from The Chesapeake & Ohio Northern Railway upon its completion. The capacity of the Toledo Dock Yard is being increased by the construction of twelve additional storage tracks. The light double-track girder bridges over the Hoeking River north of Lancaster and south of Sugar Grove were replaced by modern heavy bridges.

The revenue coal and coke tonnage was 8,351,853 tons, an increase of 33.2%; other revenue freight tonnage was 3,406,798 tons, an increase of 19.9%. Total revenue tonnage was 11,758,651 tons, an increase of 29%. Freight revenue was \$5,996,618 27, an increase of 22.1%. Freight train mileage was 1,273,552 miles, an increase of 12.5%. Revenue ton miles were 1,476,563,174, an increase of 26%. Ton mile revenue was 4.06 mills, a decrease of 3.1%. Revenue per freight train mile was \$4.709, an increase of 8.5%. Revenue tonnage per train mile was 1,159 tons, an increase of 12%; including Company's freight, the tonnage per train mile was 1,194 tons, an increase of 11.8%. Tonnage per locomotive, including Company's freight, was 1,016 tons, an increase of 10.2%. Revenue tonnage per loaded car was 39.1 tons, an increase of 5.7%. Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road were 4,210,331, an increase of 26.4%.

There were 1,785,343 passengers carried, a decrease of 1.4%. The number of passengers carried one mile was 44,537,880, an increase of .6%. Passenger revenue was \$861,174 21, an increase of 3.4%. Revenue per passenger per mile was 1.891 cents, an increase of 2.5%. The number of passengers carried one mile per mile of road was 126,997, an increase of .9%. Passenger train mileage was 705,252, a decrease of .5%. Passenger revenue per train mile was \$1.194, an increase of 3.6%; including mail and express it was \$1,364, an increase of 4%. Passenger service train revenue per train mile was \$1.428, an increase of 4.2%.

There were 2,143 tons of new 100-lb. rails, equal to 13.64 track miles, and 2,381 tons of new 90-lb. rails, equal to 16.84 track miles, used in the renewal of existing main tracks.

The average amount expended for repairs per locomotive was \$2,429 92; per passenger train car, \$737 57; per freight train car, \$66 36.

Appreciative acknowledgment is hereby made of efficient services during the year of officers and employees.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. W. STEVENS,
President.

FRANK TRUMBULL,
Chairman.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1916.

| ASSETS. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Property Investment— | | Capital Stock | \$11,000,000 00 |
| Cost of Road | \$29,012,080 74 | Fixed Debt | |
| Cost of Equipment | 14,741,228 11 | First Consolidated Mortgage | |
| | \$43,753,308 85 | 4½% Bonds, 1909 | \$16,025,000 00 |
| Securities of Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies—Pledged. | | First Mortgage C. & H. V. RR. | 1,401,000 00 |
| Stocks | \$108,088 66 | 4% Bonds, 1948 | 2,441,000 00 |
| Bonds | 300,000 00 | First Mortgage Cols. & Tol. RR. 4% Bonds, 1955 | 4,000,000 00 |
| | 408,088 66 | Two-Year 5% Gold Notes, 1917 | \$23,867,000 00 |
| Securities of Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies—Unpledged. | | Equipment Trust Obligations | 2,051,000 00 |
| Bonds | \$150,000 00 | | 25,918,000 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 37,752 00 | Working Liabilities— | \$36,918,000 00 |
| | 187,752 00 | Loans and Bills Payable | \$1,035,786 52 |
| Other Investments— | | Traffic Balances | 662,296 71 |
| Miscellaneous Investments—Securities—Pledged | 1,928,950 00 | Audited Vouchers and Wages Unpaid | 909,070 41 |
| | \$46,278,099 51 | Miscellaneous Accounts Payable | 81,873 00 |
| Working Assets— | | Matured Interest, Dividends and Rents Unpaid | 370,588 00 |
| Cash | \$948,309 47 | Other Working Liabilities | 37,329 85 |
| Loans and Bills Receivable | 77,315 36 | | \$3,006,944 49 |
| Traffic Balances | 74,736 33 | Deferred Liabilities— | |
| Agents and Conductors | 610,741 78 | Unmatured Interest, Dividends and Rents Payable | \$132,776 96 |
| Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable | 350,894 07 | Taxes Accrued | 296,104 90 |
| Other Working Assets | 35,246 46 | Operating Reserves | 23,319 78 |
| | \$2,097,243 47 | Accrued Depreciation—Equipment | 1,424,415 77 |
| Materials and Supplies | 1,033,852 27 | Other Deferred Credit Items | 144,142 28 |
| Securities in Treasury—Unpledged. | | | 2,020,759 69 |
| Stocks | 501 00 | Appropriated Surplus— | 5,117,704 18 |
| Deferred Assets— | | Additions to Property through Income since June 30 1907 | \$181,409 11 |
| Advances to Proprietary, Affiliated and Controlled Companies | \$55,548 51 | Funded Debt Retired through Income and Surplus | 131,331 90 |
| Advances, Working Funds | 1,161 15 | Reserve Invested in Sinking Fund | 817 52 |
| Insurance paid in advance | 1,436 67 | Reserve Invested in Insurance Fund | 40,083 80 |
| Cash and Securities in Sinking and Redemption Funds | 15 72 | Appropriated surplus against contingent liability for freight claims | 120,000 00 |
| Cash and Securities in Insurance Reserve Fund | 40,083 80 | | \$473,642 33 |
| Other Deferred Debit Items | 31,034 58 | Profit and Loss—Balance | 7,029,630 17 |
| | 129,280 43 | | 7,503,272 50 |
| | 3,260,877 17 | Total | \$49,538,976 68 |
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This Company and The Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company severally endorsed, in 1901, upon 5% First Mortgage Bonds of the Kanawha & Hoeking Coal & Coke Company due 1951 (\$2,842,000 outstanding), and, in 1902, upon 5% First Mortgage Bonds of the Continental Coal Company due 1952 (\$1,569,000 outstanding), purported guaranties thereof. In quo warranto litigation in Ohio, to which the

bondholders were not parties, the purported guaranties of this Company upon the bonds last mentioned have been declared ultra vires and the performance of the contracts pursuant to which both guaranties were made has been enjoined by the Federal Court in that State. The enforceability of these alleged guaranties by the bondholders is now in litigation.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1916.

Office of the
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 15 1916.

To the Stockholders of the Northern Pacific Railway Company:

The following, being the Twentieth Annual Report, shows the result of the operation of your property for the fiscal year ending June 30 1916.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

| | 1915. | 1916. | Increase (+) or Decrease (-). |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| I—Operating Income. | | | |
| Railway operating revenues | 63,171,652 60 | 75,939,230 65 | +12,767,578 05 |
| Railway operating expenses | 37,108,048 88 | 40,366,411 85 | +3,258,362 97 |
| Net revenue | 26,063,603 72 | 35,572,818 80 | +9,509,215 08 |
| Railway tax accruals | 4,470,958 70 | 5,073,415 42 | +602,456 72 |
| Uncollectible railway revenues | 4,151 33 | 6,213 55 | +2,062 22 |
| Total operating income | 21,588,493 69 | 30,493,189 83 | +8,904,696 14 |
| II—Non-operating Income. | | | |
| Hire of freight cars—credit balance | 512,197 20 | 301,152 76 | -211,044 44 |
| Rent from locomotives and cars | 421,787 31 | 306,156 59 | -115,630 72 |
| Joint facility rent income | 1,839,275 32 | 2,019,951 04 | +180,675 72 |
| Income from lease of road | 273,352 51 | 287,660 54 | +14,308 03 |
| Miscellaneous rent income | 330,970 61 | 319,024 03 | -11,946 58 |
| Miscellaneous non-operating physical property—rents | 35,748 88 | 40,142 66 | +4,393 78 |
| Separately operated properties—profit | 39,194 81 | 21,283 15 | -17,911 66 |
| Dividend income | *6,203,932 00 | *4,345,152 00 | -1,858,780 00 |
| Income from funded securities | 235,004 75 | 235,305 50 | +300 75 |
| Income from unfunded securities and accounts | 440,713 01 | 473,235 83 | +32,522 82 |
| Income from sinking and other reserve funds | 108,245 99 | 124,982 77 | +16,736 78 |
| Miscellaneous income | 2,536 94 | 5,211 08 | +2,674 14 |
| Total non-oper. income | 10,442,959 33 | 8,479,257 95 | -1,963,701 38 |
| Gross income | 32,031,453 02 | 38,972,447 78 | +6,940,994 76 |
| III—Deductions from Gross Income. | | | |
| Rent for locomotives and cars | 118,532 38 | 123,541 16 | +5,008 78 |
| Joint facility rents | 493,150 80 | 540,555 58 | +47,404 78 |
| Rent for lease of road | 51,331 86 | 51,331 86 | — |
| Miscellaneous rents | 5,752 89 | 5,338 68 | -414 21 |
| Miscellaneous tax accruals | — | 144 88 | +144 88 |
| Interest on funded debt | †12,294,400 16 | †12,303,326 33 | +8,926 17 |
| Interest on unfunded debt | 54,380 43 | 25,925 49 | -28,454 94 |
| Miscellaneous income charges | 191,084 17 | 192,410 15 | +1,325 98 |
| Total deductions from gross income | 13,208,632 69 | 13,242,574 13 | +33,941 44 |
| Net income | 18,822,820 33 | 25,729,873 65 | +6,907,053 32 |
| IV—Disposition of Net Income. | | | |
| Dividend appropriation of income | 17,360,000 00 | 17,360,000 00 | — |
| Income balance for year—transferred to profit and loss | 1,462,820 33 | 8,369,873 65 | +6,907,053 32 |

* Includes dividends on stock of Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. owned by this Company.
† Includes interest paid on this Company's proportion of joint bonds issued by this Company and the Great Northern Railway Company, secured by C. B. & Q. RR. capital stock as collateral.

MILEAGE OPERATED.

Changes have taken place in the mileage operated during the year as follows:

| | Miles. |
|--|----------|
| There were added: | |
| July 1 1915 Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. in Minnesota, leased | 4.03 |
| July 31 1915 Fort Simcoe Branch in Washington, extended | 1.34 |
| Sept. 1 1915 Great Northern Railway in Washington, leased | 11.75 |
| Oct. 1 1915 Golden Valley Branch in North Dakota and Montana, constructed | 25.90 |
| June 30 1916 Fairview Branch, North Dakota, transferred from spur tracks | 1.04 |
| June 30 1916 Sundry minor changes and corrections | .73 |
| Total additions | 44.77 |
| Deductions: | |
| June 30 1916 Tumwater Branch in Washington, shortened | 6.10 |
| Net additions | 38.67 |
| Mileage operated June 30 1915 | 6,466.17 |
| Mileage operated June 30 1916 | 6,504.84 |
| Average mileage operated during the year | 6,501.11 |

REVENUE TRAIN MILEAGE.

Revenue passenger train miles during the year were 9,874,845, a decrease of 481,860 miles compared with the previous year.

Revenue freight and mixed train miles during the year were 11,088,936, an increase of 2,076,701 miles.

Revenue special train miles during the year were 14,708, a decrease of 3,914 miles.

All revenue train miles during the year were 20,978,489, an increase of 1,590,927 train miles.

EARNINGS.

FREIGHT BUSINESS.

Freight revenue was \$55,656,395 19, an increase of \$11,822,758 29, or 26.97 per cent compared with the previous year.

7,017,609,074 tons of revenue freight were moved one mile, an increase of 1,853,037,642 tons one mile, or 35.88 per cent more than the previous year.

The average earnings per ton mile decreased from .00849 to .00793.

The revenue train load increased from 573.06 to 632.85 tons. The total train load, including company freight, increased from 668.45 to 717.02 tons.

The number of miles run by revenue freight trains was 10,200,544, an increase of 2,092,984, or 25.82 per cent.

PASSENGER BUSINESS.

Passenger revenue was \$13,852,254 49, an increase of \$233,140 69, or 1.71 per cent, compared with the previous year.

Mail revenue was \$1,161,943 23, an increase of \$45,417 84, or 4.07 per cent.

Express revenue was \$1,341,515 80, an increase of \$116,322 92, or 9.49 per cent.

Sleeping car, parlor and chair car, excess baggage and miscellaneous passenger revenue was \$847,116 94, an increase of \$43,636 66, or 5.43 per cent.

Total revenue from persons and property carried on passenger trains was \$17,202,830 46, an increase of \$438,518 11, or 2.62 per cent, compared with the previous year.

The number of passengers carried was 8,680,837, a decrease of 75,947 from the previous year, and the number of passengers carried one mile was 616,681,153, an increase of 16,408,000, or 2.73 per cent.

The number of miles run by revenue passenger trains was 9,874,845, a decrease of 481,860, or 4.65 per cent.

The average earnings per passenger per mile was .02246, against .02269 last year.

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES PER MILE OPERATED.

| | 1915. | 1916. |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Operating revenues per mile (average) | \$9,777 88 | \$11,680 96 |
| Operating expenses per mile (average) | 5,743 68 | 6,209 16 |
| Net operating revenue per mile (average) | 4,034 20 | 5,471 80 |
| Taxes per mile (average) | 692 03 | 780 39 |

RATIOS.

| | 1915. | 1916. |
|---|--------|--------|
| Operating expenses to operating revenue | 58.74% | 53.16% |
| Taxes to operating revenue | 7.08% | 6.68% |

OPERATING EXPENSES.

CONDUCTING TRANSPORTATION.

The charges for transportation expenses were \$20,900,054 72, an increase of \$1,912,998 96, or 10.08 per cent, as against an increase in total operating revenue of 20.21 per cent.

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT.

The charges for maintenance of equipment were \$7,846,259 43, an increase of \$529,185 01, or 7.23 per cent.

Locomotives.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Total number of locomotives on active list June 30 1915 | 1,361 |
| Additions: | |
| Engine acquired with road purchased | 1 |
| Engine restored to active list | 1 |
| | 2 |
| Deductions: | |
| Engines sold during the year, from active list | 3 |
| Engines dismantled | 4 |
| | 7 |
| Total locomotives on active list June 30 1916 | 1,356 |

In addition to the engines on active list there were:
Withdrawn from service and on hand from previous year 122
Dismantled during year 82
Restored to active list 1
— 83

Leaving on hand engines withdrawn from service which may be sold 39

Passenger Equipment.

On June 30 1916 the company owned 1,281 passenger train cars, including 128 sleeping cars owned jointly with the Pullman Company, a decrease of 6 cars. The number and kind of cars owned is shown in table on page 38 [pamphlet report].

Of the 1,281 cars owned 971 were not due in shops for two months or more.

Freight Equipment.

Comparative number and capacity of freight cars.

| | 1915. | | 1916. | | Decrease. | |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | Number | Capacity, Tons.* | Number | Capacity, Tons.* | Number | Capacity, Tons.* |
| Box | 25,936 | 983,150 | 25,552 | 972,045 | 384 | 11,105 |
| Furniture and Automobile | 672 | 24,895 | 648 | 24,270 | 24 | 625 |
| Refrigerator | 4,052 | 129,855 | 4,035 | 129,420 | 17 | 435 |
| Stock | 2,473 | 57,435 | 2,399 | 55,825 | 74 | 1,610 |
| Flat | 8,507 | 301,085 | 8,348 | 296,735 | 159 | 4,350 |
| Oil | 62 | 2,555 | 62 | 2,555 | — | — |
| Coal | 5,206 | 252,065 | 5,097 | 249,115 | 109 | 2,950 |
| Ballast and Ore | 1,252 | 54,290 | 1,224 | 53,170 | 28 | 1,120 |
| Total | 48,160 | 1,805,330 | 47,365 | 1,783,135 | 795 | 22,195 |
| Percentage | | | | | 1.65 | 1.23 |
| Average capacity per car | | 37.5 | | 37.6 | | |

* Tons of 2,000 pounds.

Of the total number of freight cars on the road on June 30 1916, 1,251 or 2.64% were in need of repairs costing \$5.00 or more per car.

No additional passenger equipment is under contract for construction or is building at company shops. 250 freight cars authorized for construction from second-hand material at company shops.

MAINTENANCE OF WAY AND STRUCTURES.

The charges for Maintenance of Way and Structures were \$8,833,210 00, an increase of \$309,552 55, or 3.63 per cent.

The following statements give particulars of some of the work done and show that the property has been well maintained.

PERMANENT WAY.

| | 1915. | 1916. |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| New main line laid with 90-pound rail.....miles | 45.39 | ----- |
| New second track laid with 90-pound rail..... | 61.56 | ----- |
| New branch lines laid with 90-pound rail..... | 3.82 | ----- |
| New branch lines laid with 85-pound rail..... | 36.87 | 25.90 |
| New branch lines laid with 56, 60 and 70-pound rail..... | 1.33 | 1.34 |
| Main line relaid with 90-pound rail..... | 119.88 | 88.05 |
| Main line relaid with 85-pound rail..... | 9.01 | 0.91 |
| Second track relaid with 90-pound rail..... | 22.85 | 83.16 |
| Branch lines relaid with 90-pound rail..... | 1.39 | .48 |
| Branch lines relaid with 56, 60, 72 or 85-pound rail..... | 79.31 | 74.76 |
| Sidings and spurs constructed..... | 33.69 | 37.80 |
| Track ballasted..... | 382.97 | 173.70 |
| Embankment widened..... | 64.73 | 27.51 |
| Cross tie renewals—main line.....ties | 1,956,832 | 1,597,826 |
| Cross tie renewals—branch lines..... | 1,060,667 | 1,002,622 |
| Timber bridges replaced by permanent structures and embankments..... | 57 | 25 |
| Equal to.....miles | 1.36 | 0.45 |
| Timber bridges renewed..... | 176 | 106 |
| Timber culverts replaced..... | 176 | 116 |
| New stock fences constructed.....miles | 126.44 | 101.17 |
| New snow fences constructed..... | 3.65 | 2.93 |

RAIL IN MAIN, SECOND AND THIRD TRACKS.

| | Main Line Miles. | Branches Miles. | Second and Third Track Miles. | Total Miles. | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | 1916. | 1915. |
| 100-pound steel..... | 47.40 | ----- | 403.67 | 47.40 | 47.40 |
| 90-pound steel..... | 1,784.87 | 75.99 | 2,264.53 | 2,264.53 | 2,092.72 |
| 85-pound steel..... | 889.29 | 356.43 | 257.97 | 1,503.69 | 1,564.49 |
| 80-pound steel..... | 1.12 | ----- | 1.10 | 2.22 | 2.22 |
| 70-pound steel..... | ----- | 5.14 | ----- | 5.14 | 5.14 |
| 72-pound steel..... | 83.25 | 1,174.13 | 11.51 | 1,268.89 | 1,273.50 |
| 70-pound steel..... | ----- | 43.86 | ----- | 43.86 | 43.86 |
| 66 & 67-pound steel..... | 50.59 | 464.78 | 4.25 | 519.62 | 550.65 |
| 60-pound steel..... | 2.60 | 80.82 | .33 | 83.75 | 83.60 |
| 50-pound steel..... | 2.59 | 1,207.40 | .81 | 1,210.80 | 1,259.40 |
| Other weights..... | ----- | 10.90 | ----- | 10.90 | 15.71 |
| Total..... | 2,861.71 | 3,419.45 | 679.64 | 6,960.80 | 6,938.66 |

BRIDGES.

During the year 132 bridges were replaced, 106 of which, 14,932 feet in length, were replaced by timber structures, and 1 permanent and 25 timber structures in permanent form as follows:

| | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| By embankment..... | 10 bridges, 1,523 lineal feet. |
| By steel truss, girder, I-beam and reinforced concrete trestle..... | 7 bridges, 884 lineal feet. |
| Total..... | 26 bridges, 2,407 lineal feet. |

In addition to changes referred to above, 3 temporary bridges were abandoned and 23 temporary structures were added, 116 timber culverts were rebuilt, 14 in temporary and 102 in permanent form.

There are now under construction on operated lines, 716 lineal feet of steel girder and I-beam spans for single track, 456 lineal feet of steel trusses for single track, one 140-foot double-track steel truss, one 218-foot single-track draw span, 394 lineal feet of double track, 126 lineal feet of 4 track and 54 lineal feet of 6-track and 54 lineal feet of 11-track solid floor steel construction of deck type; 128 lineal feet of single-track, 66 lineal feet of double-track, 157 lineal feet of 4-track, 867 lineal feet of 6-track, 71 lineal feet of 9-track, 71 lineal feet of 10-track and 92 lineal feet of 11-track reinforced concrete trestle and one 68-foot reinforced concrete arch carrying 9 tracks.

BRIDGES AS THEY EXISTED JUNE 30 1916.

| Description— | No. | Aggregate Length— Lineal Ft. | Miles. |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Steel, iron, stone and concrete permanent bridges..... | 661 | 121,269 | 22.96 |
| Timber & combination iron & timber structures..... | 2,668 | 421,354 | 79.80 |
| Total..... | 3,329 | 542,623 | 102.76 |

Total length of timber structures replaced by steel bridges, embankment or other permanent form, from July 1st 1885, when work was commenced, to June 30th 1916, has been 132.52 miles.

BUILDINGS AT STATIONS.

New buildings and structures, or increased facilities, have been provided at the following stations:

- Minnesota.—Morgan Park, Cromwell, Aitkin, Deerwood and Becker.
- North Dakota.—Jamestown, Arena, Solen, Burt and Sweet Briar.
- Montana.—Willow Creek.
- Idaho.—Sand Point.
- Washington.—Pullman.

WATER SUPPLY.

Additional or increased facilities have been provided at the following points:

- Montana.—Logan and Roberts.
- Idaho.—Wallace and Arrow.
- Washington.—Edgecomb.

CHARGES TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Upon requisition of the Executive Officers, approved by the Board of Directors, expenditures for additions to and betterments of the property have been made during the past fiscal year for:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Real Estate, Right of Way and Terminals— | |
| Superior, Wisconsin, real estate..... | \$780,919 91 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota, real estate..... | 6,025 24 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota, real estate..... | Cr3,829 40 |
| Seattle, Washington, real estate..... | Cr7,432 88 |
| Total..... | \$775,682 87 |

Branches, Line Changes, Grade Revision and Second Main Track

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Grassy Point Line, Wisconsin-Minnesota (second main track)..... | \$21 86 |
| Cuyuna Northern Branch, Minnesota (extension)..... | 11,542 26 |
| Golden Valley Branch, North Dakota (construction)..... | 325,096 11 |
| Flathead Valley Line, Montana (construction)..... | 3,974 03 |
| Edgecomb to Kruse, Washington (construction)..... | 23,027 45 |
| Freemont-Ballard Line and draw bridge, Washington (construction)..... | Cr20,737 19 |
| Gray's Harbor & Columbia River Railway, Washington (right of way)..... | 948 43 |
| Gray's Harbor Branch connection at Nisqually and St. Clair, Washington..... | 67,477 89 |
| Lake Union Line Franchise, Washington..... | 36,995 46 |
| Simcoe Branch extension, Washington (construction)..... | 19,808 94 |
| Spokane, Washington (grade separation)..... | 994,393 27 |
| Sunnyside Branch extension, Washington (construction)..... | 84,231.60 |
| Tenino to Vancouver, Washington (grade revision and double track)..... | Cr14,398.75 |
| Point Defiance Line, Tacoma to Tenino, Washington (construction)..... | 56,268 68 |
| Sundry adjustments..... | Cr6,061 92 |
| Total..... | \$1,582,588 12 |

Additions and Betterments—

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Right of way and station grounds (sale of property)..... | Cr\$125,542 93 |
| Widening cuts and fills..... | 10,044 48 |
| Protection of banks and drainage..... | 65,610 41 |
| Grade reduction and change of line (adjustments)..... | Cr37,358 72 |
| Tunnel improvements..... | 15,439 01 |
| Bridges, trestles and culverts..... | 70,480 68 |
| Increased weight of rail..... | 215,782 67 |
| Improved frogs and switches..... | 15,461 22 |
| Track fastenings and appurtenances..... | 315,871 64 |
| Ballast..... | 130,918 65 |
| Additional main tracks..... | 774 35 |
| Sidings and spur tracks..... | 59,310 64 |
| Terminal yards..... | 81,642 43 |
| Fencing right of way..... | 33,932 92 |
| Improvement of crossings—under and over grade..... | 31,150 04 |
| Elimination of grade crossings..... | Cr3,398 97 |
| Interlocking apparatus..... | 14,826 66 |
| Block and other signal apparatus..... | 3,913 65 |
| Telegraph and telephone lines..... | 38,943 06 |
| Station buildings and fixtures..... | 722,890 24 |
| Shops, engine houses and turntables..... | 76,934 07 |
| Shop machinery and tools..... | Cr3,424 95 |
| Water and fuel stations..... | 2,280 59 |
| Dock and wharf property..... | Cr2,666 37 |
| Snow and sand fences and snow sheds..... | 3,196 32 |
| Assessments for public improvements..... | 96,612 02 |
| Paving..... | 9,503 45 |
| Roadway machinery and tools..... | Cr191 22 |
| Coal and ore wharves..... | Cr62,776 14 |
| Other additions and betterments..... | 30,356 16 |
| Big Fork & International Falls Ry.—improvements..... | 3,392 28 |
| Total..... | \$1,823,909 74 |
| Total..... | \$4,182,180 73 |

| | Total | Less Used | Charged |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| New Equipment— | | | |
| Locomotives..... | \$91,985 32 | \$28,599 18 | \$63,386 14 |
| Passenger train cars..... | 21,138 47 | 14,519 38 | 6,619 09 |
| Freight train and work cars..... | 180,423 65 | 270,842 33 | Cr90,418 68 |
| Total..... | \$293,547 44 | \$313,960 89 | |

Balance being equipment abandoned in excess of replacements 20,413 45

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Total..... | \$4,161,767 28 |
| Less— | |
| Adjustment of original value of lines abandoned, etc., in previous years in connection with line changes..... | 187,899 48 |
| Net charges to capital account for the year..... | \$3,973,867 80 |

In addition to the foregoing, added to the cost of the Northern Pacific Estate, advances have been made during the year to sundry companies, as follows:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Midland Railway Company of Manitoba..... | Cr\$6,793 67 |
| Olympic Peninsular Railway Company..... | 30 50 |
| Kenewick Northern Railway Company..... | 30 50 |
| Bear Creek & Western Railway Company..... | 213 27 |
| Missoula & Hamilton Railway Company..... | 453 09 |
| Northern Pacific Terminal Company..... | 44,965 80 |
| Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway Company..... | 300,343 40 |
| Total..... | \$339,242 89 |

RESERVE FOR ACCRUED DEPRECIATION OF EQUIPMENT.

Credit balance, reserve for accrued depreciation July 1 1915 \$14,113,666 11

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Credits during the year ending June 30th 1916: | |
| From charges to operating expenses: | |
| Maintenance of equipment, depreciation..... | \$685,276 97 |
| Locomotives..... | \$194,876 49 |
| Freight cars..... | 384,983 35 |
| Passenger cars..... | 91,826 17 |
| Floating equipment..... | 1,054 24 |
| Work equipment..... | 12,536 72 |
| Maintenance of equipment, retirements..... | 69,105 56 |
| From salvage..... | 131,381 00 |
| From equipment sold..... | 63,299 32 |
| Total..... | 949,062 85 |
| Less equipment retired: | \$15,062,728 96 |
| Locomotives..... | \$28,599 18 |
| Passenger cars..... | 14,519 38 |
| Freight cars..... | 216,227 32 |
| Miscellaneous equipment..... | 54,615 01 |
| Total..... | 313,960 89 |
| Credit balance June 30 1916..... | \$14,748,768 07 |

CAPITAL STOCK AND DEBT.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| There has been no change in the amount of capital stock outstanding during the year, viz..... | \$248,000,000 00 |
| Changes in bonded debt were as follows: | |
| Prior Lien Bonds purchased and canceled under Article 8, Section 2 of Mortgage..... | \$530,000 00 |
| St. Paul & Northern Pacific Ry. Co. mortgage bonds purchased by trustee and canceled..... | 27,000 00 |
| Decrease in mortgage debt..... | \$557,000 00 |

GENERAL.

The large increase in freight earnings (\$11,822,758 29) was due to the general prosperity of the country tributary to our lines, due to record crops and the consequent money return to the producers in practically all of such territory. The prices received by the growers were better than they have enjoyed for some time, and we handled during the crop year July 31 1915 to August 1 1916 87,371 cars of grain, as compared with 64,039 cars for the previous year, an increase of

23,332 cars. There was also great activity in the mining interests in our country; copper, lead, zinc and iron mines being worked to their full capacity and the metal selling at high prices created a demand for transportation of not only the products, but of supplies, material, machinery, &c., that swelled our receipts from merchandise to the maximum figures for years.

While the mining and lumber interests are still very active and prosperous, the grain crops for the coming season will not be as satisfactory as for the year just closed, and it is feared the effect on business of the current year will be quite pronounced.

Further details of the Company's transactions will be found in the attached report of the Comptroller.

The Directors desire to extend to the officers and employees of the Company their thanks for the loyalty to the interests in their care, and their appreciation of the results which have been brought about by the intelligent, conscientious and faithful performance of the duties entrusted to them.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JULE M. HANNAFORD,
President.

IN MEMORIAM.

On the 17th of August, 1916, the Company suffered a great loss in the death of its Chairman, Col. William P. Clough.

Your Executive Committee, at a meeting held on August 30 1916 expressed its appreciation of Colonel Clough's character and ability, and of the excellence of his official services to the Company, by the unanimous adoption of the following minute, which has been spread upon the permanent records of the Company:

Col. William P. Clough, the Chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, died August 17th, 1916, in New York City, terminating a service of four years as Vice-President and Chairman and fifteen years as Director and member of the Executive Committee.

During all this period he applied himself unreservedly to the conservation, development and betterment of the Company's properties and interests, and to this task he dedicated with tireless energy the keenness of an analytical mind and the mature judgment resulting from long experience in corporate affairs. The use of his abilities was ever intelligent, loyal and courageous, and was unrestricted by either hours or environment. His devotion to this service was not merely the performance of a duty. It became the all-absorbing inspiration of his life.

His belief in the property's supremacy, in the efficiency and loyalty of its organization, and in the promise of its future, was inspiring; and this belief he at all times jealously defended and justified against all criticism.

His death has deprived the Company of the services of an able counsellor and a capable, conservative and conscientious guardian of its interests; and the Directors record their deep sense of the loss which is sustained by them and by the officers and stockholders of the Company.

To the family of Colonel Clough the Directors extend their heartfelt sympathy, and this testimonial of the high esteem in which he was held by them, both as a man and as an official.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1916.

| ASSETS. | |
|---|-------------------------|
| INVESTMENTS: | |
| Road and Equipment (Northern Pacific Estate) June 30 1915: | |
| Road, lands, &c. | \$416,312,917 95 |
| Equipment | 61,899,930 83 |
| Charges since June 30 1915 | \$478,212,848 78 |
| Land Department current assets | 3,973,867 80 |
| Less—Land Department net receipts | 12,867,715 18 |
| | 6,069,636 91 |
| | 6,798,078 27 |
| Sinking Funds | \$488,984,794 85 |
| Deposits in lieu of mortgaged property (net moneys in hands of Trustees from sale of land grant lands, &c.) | 1,207 07 |
| Miscellaneous physical property | 3,847,890 07 |
| | 2,444,973 95 |
| INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES: | |
| Stocks | \$140,467,141 30 |
| Bonds | 25,430,775 00 |
| Notes | 6,530,182 12 |
| Advances | 1,429,281 75 |
| | 173,857,380 17 |
| OTHER INVESTMENTS: | |
| Bonds | 25,000 00 |
| Total Capital Assets | \$669,161,246 11 |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | |
| Cash | \$18,305,323 42 |
| Special deposits (for payment of interest and dividends) | 1,831,005 52 |
| Loans and bills receivable | 42,533 01 |
| Traffic and car service balances receivable | 1,588,697 08 |
| Net balance receivable from agents and conductors | 796,048 16 |
| Miscellaneous accounts receivable | 3,689,878 69 |
| Material and supplies | 6,583,836 45 |
| Interest, dividends and rents receivable | 309,053 20 |
| | \$33,151,375 53 |
| DEFERRED ASSETS: | |
| Working fund advances | \$31,036 63 |
| Cash and securities in insurance fund | 5,803,205 98 |
| | 5,834,242 61 |
| UNADJUSTED DEBITS | 258,125 15 |
| | \$708,404,989 40 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital Stock—Common | \$248,000,000 00 |
| LONG TERM DEBT: | |
| Funded Debt | \$322,685,000 00 |
| Less—Held in Treasury | 9,149,500 00 |
| Actually outstanding | 313,535,500 00 |
| Total Capital Liabilities | \$561,535,500 00 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | |
| Traffic and car service balances payable | \$1,061,908 58 |
| Audited accounts and wages payable | 9,675,620 52 |
| Miscellaneous accounts payable | 520,028 40 |
| Interest matured unpaid | 1,873,108 75 |
| Dividends matured unpaid | 1,854 50 |
| Unmatured dividends declared | 4,340,000 00 |
| Unmatured interest accrued | 509,040 83 |
| Unmatured rents accrued | 10,397 01 |
| | \$17,991,958 59 |
| DEFERRED LIABILITIES: | |
| Other deferred liabilities | 150,300 93 |
| UNADJUSTED CREDITS: | |
| Accrued depreciation of equipment | \$14,748,768 07 |
| Other unadjusted credits | 14,177,694 68 |
| Insurance and casualty reserves | 5,803,205 98 |
| Taxes accrued—partly estimated | 2,715,069 29 |
| | 37,444,738 02 |
| CORPORATE SURPLUS: | |
| Appropriated surplus not specifically invested | \$353,754 71 |
| Profit and loss balance | 90,898,737 15 |
| | 91,252,491 86 |
| | \$708,404,989 40 |

* Includes this Company's one-half of \$107,613,500 stock of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company to secure \$215,227,000 joint bonds made and issued by this Company and the Great Northern Railway Company to pay for said stock, costing \$109,114,809 76.

FUNDED DEBT JUNE 30 1916.

| NAME. | Amount Outstanding. | Date. | Matures. | INTEREST. | | Amt. Charged Income for Fiscal Year.* |
|--|-------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Rate. | When Payable. | |
| ISSUED | | | | | | |
| Northern Pacific Ry. Co. prior lien mortgage | \$112,085,500 00 | 1897 | 1997 | 4% | Jan., April, July, Oct. | \$4,499,320 00 |
| Northern Pacific Ry. Co. general lien mortgage | 60,000,000 00 | 1897 | 2047 | 3% | Feb., May, Aug., Nov. | 1,638,045 00 |
| Northern Pacific Ry. Co. St. Paul-Duluth Division mortgage | 8,080,000 00 | 1900 | 1996 | 4% | June, December | 323,200 00 |
| Northern Pacific Ry. Co. refunding and improvement mtge. | 20,000,000 00 | 1914 | 2047 | 4 3/4% | January, July | 900,000 00 |
| Northern Pacific-Great Northern joint collateral bonds, Northern Pacific one-half. | 107,613,500 00 | 1901 | 1921 | 4% | January, July † | 4,253,700 00 |
| ASSUMED | | | | | | |
| St. Paul & Northern Pacific Ry. mortgage | 7,786,000 00 | 1883 | 1923 | 6% | February, August † | 468,461 33 |
| St. Paul & Duluth RR. first mortgage | 1,000,000 00 | 1881 | 1931 | 5% | February, August | 50,000 00 |
| St. Paul & Duluth RR. second mortgage | 2,000,000 00 | 1887 | 1917 | 5% | April, October | 100,000 00 |
| St. Paul & Duluth RR. first consolidated mortgage | 1,000,000 00 | 1898 | 1968 | 4% | June, December | 40,000 00 |
| St. Paul & Duluth RR. Duluth Short Line mortgage | 500,000 00 | 1886 | 1916 | 5% | March, September | 25,000 00 |
| Washington & Columbia River Ry. first mortgage | 2,620,000 00 | 1895 | 1935 | 4% | January, July | 5,600 00 |
| Total | \$322,685,000 00 | | | | | \$12,303,326 33 |

* Interest on bonds in treasury not included above, viz.: General Lien Bonds, \$5,398,500; Washington & Columbia River Railway Bonds, \$2,480,000; Northern Pacific-Great Northern Joint Bonds, \$1,271,000.
† Registered interest payable quarterly.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY LAND DEPARTMENT.

The total net sales of all lands aggregated 1,283,068.29 acres. The consideration received therefor was \$6,432,518 47, consisting of:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash | \$1,444,877 90 |
| Contracts for deferred payments | 4,987,640 57 |
| Total | \$6,432,518 47 |

The cash transactions of the Department were as follows:

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Received from sales as above | \$1,444,877 90 |
| Received from payments on contracts | 1,590,814 11 |
| Interest collected on deferred payments | 521,240 89 |
| Total | \$3,556,932 90 |
| Less for expenses | \$320,872 20 |
| Less for taxes | 563,250 25 |
| | 884,122 45 |
| Net cash receipts for year | \$2,682,810 45 |

The net proceeds credited to the Northern Pacific Estate were made up as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Total net sales as above | \$6,432,518 47 |
| Interest collected | 521,240 89 |
| | \$6,953,759 36 |
| Less expenses and taxes | 884,122 45 |
| | \$6,069,636 91 |

BALANCE OF LAND DEPARTMENT CURT ASSETS.

| | 1915. | 1916. | Increase (+) or Decrease (-) |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Contracts for sale of lands | \$9,916,556 53 | \$13,303,332 99 | +\$3,386,826 46 |
| Bills receivable | 805 86 | 4 00 | -801 86 |
| Accounts receivable | 108,898 74 | 97,345 65 | -11,553 09 |
| | \$10,026,231 13 | \$13,400,732 64 | +\$3,374,501 51 |
| Less, accounts payable | 283,875 77 | 310,826 54 | +46,950 77 |
| Less, suspense account (collections not taken to account by land agents) | 116,986 98 | 222,190 92 | +105,203 94 |
| | \$380,862 75 | \$533,017 46 | +\$152,154 71 |
| Balance Land Department current assets: | \$9,645,368 38 | \$12,867,715 18 | +\$3,222,346 80 |

THE WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY COMPANY

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916.

Baltimore, Md., October 18 1916.

To the Stockholders of the Western Maryland Railway Company:

The Seventh Annual Report of the operations of your Company, embracing the fiscal year ended June 30 1916, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The results of the operations for the year is reflected in the following condensed comparative statement:

| | 1916. | 1915. | Increase. |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Miles Operated..... | 688.59 | 661.23 | 27.36 |
| Railway Operating Revenues \$10,930,369 09 | | \$8,683,458 96 | \$2,246,910 13 |
| Railway Operating Expenses 7,039,608 19 | | 6,257,412 21 | 782,195 98 |
| Net Operating Revenue..... | \$3,890,760 90 | \$2,426,046 75 | \$1,464,714 15 |
| Railway Tax Accruals..... | \$348,740 00 | \$306,000 00 | \$42,740 00 |
| Uncollectible Railway Revenue..... | 420 51 | 858 59 | Dec.438 08 |
| Operating Income..... | \$3,541,600 39 | \$2,119,188 16 | \$1,422,412 23 |
| Miscellaneous Operations..... | 70 02 | Loss 930 31 | 1,000 33 |
| Total Operating Income..... | \$3,541,670 41 | \$2,118,257 85 | \$1,423,412 56 |
| Other Income..... | 312,892 64 | 268,865 97 | 44,026 67 |
| Gross Income..... | \$3,854,563 05 | \$2,387,123 82 | \$1,467,439 23 |
| Deductions from Gross Income..... | 3,314,869 62 | 3,295,029 17 | 19,840 45 |
| Net Income..... | \$539,693 43 | \$907,095 35 | \$1,447,598 78 |
| Operating Ratio..... | 64.40% | 72.06% | Dec.7.66% |

In connection with the above, the following remarks explain the increases and decreases:

MILEAGE.

Increase of miles operated from 661.23 to 688.59, or 27.36 miles, is in the following:

| | |
|--|-------|
| Nesle Branch—Charlton, Md., to connection with W. N. & M. Ry..... | 2.84 |
| Williamsport Nesle & Martinsburg Ry.—Connection with Charlton Branch to near Nesle, W. Va..... | .91 |
| Somerset Coal Ry.—Coal Junction, Pa., to Gray, Pa..... | 2.20 |
| Rockwood Junction, Pa., to Coal Junction, Pa.—Trackage Rights over Baltimore & Ohio RR..... | 21.70 |
| Less Adjustments..... | 27.65 |
| | .29 |
| | 27.36 |

OPERATING REVENUES.

Total Operating Revenues amounted to \$10,930,369 09, as compared with \$8,683,458 96 last year, an increase of \$2,246,910 13, or 25.88%. Of this increase, \$827,271 01 resulted from coal shipments and \$1,232,339 83 from miscellaneous freight, or increases of 20.48% and 37.48%, respectively. Passenger revenue increased \$3,963 57, or 0.42%, and other revenue from passenger trains increased \$14,356 81, or 4.93%; a total increase of \$18,320 38, or 1.48%.

The increase in freight revenue to some extent reflects the prosperous condition of the country, but is likewise due to realization upon new constructions, which came into service during the year. The freight revenue accruing to this Company from the more important of the latter is as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Port Covington Grain Elevator..... | \$413,923 10 |
| Somerset Coal Railway..... | 63,615 78 |
| Nesle Branch..... | 70,849 66 |
| Total..... | \$548,388 54 |

Passenger revenue, which shows only a slight increase, following a decrease of \$73,038 21 in the preceding fiscal year, is still unsatisfactory, notwithstanding the fact that, with permission of the West Virginia authorities, an increase from two to two and one-half cents per mile was authorized, approximating \$35,000 00 per annum. In the new fiscal year the passenger business is showing a gratifying increase.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

Total Operating Expenses amounted to \$7,039,608 19, compared with \$6,257,412 51 last year, an increase of \$782,195 98, or 12.50%.

Maintenance of Way Expenses amounted to \$1,269,244 85, compared with \$1,204,048 00, an increase of \$65,196 85, or 5.41%.

Improvement in track conditions continues, and the present maintenance program will insure a steady advance. Both ballast and new rail are being liberally applied.

Maintenance of Equipment Expenses amounted to \$1,736,704 49, compared with \$1,479,331 49, an increase of \$259,373 00, or 17.53%.

Locomotive mileage for the year increased 882,268, or 17.42%, and freight car mileage increased 19,611,323, or 26.72%.

Both locomotive and car repair conditions are normal. Obsolete Equipment, consisting of 266 freight cars, 11 passenger coaches, 22 locomotives and 36 work cars, all of light capacity and not justifying repairs, were charged off during the year, resulting in a charge to Operating Expenses of \$109,451 15.

Traffic Expenses amounted to \$257,528 39, compared with \$260,135 68 last year, a decrease of \$2,607 29, or 1%.

Transportation Expenses amounted to \$3,452,852 33, compared with \$3,056,078 13 last year, an increase of \$396,774 20, or 12.98%. The transportation ratio was 31.59%, compared with 35.19% last year, a decrease of 3.60%. The revenue per freight train mile was \$4 20, compared with \$3 85 last year, an increase of \$0 35.

Constant attention is being paid to the important question of train loading, an additional advance from 735 to 837 revenue tons per freight train mile having been accomplished.

Miscellaneous Operations amounted to \$85,434 81, compared with \$38,045 95 last year, an increase of \$47,388 86, or 124.56%. The increase is due mainly to the operation of the Port Covington Grain Elevator, for which there was no corresponding item last year.

General Expenses amounted to \$245,436 29, compared with \$229,062 93 last year, an increase of \$16,373 36, or 7.15%.

The increase was principally occasioned by putting on office force to properly care for the increase in business, and the ever increasing requirements and demands of the Interstate and State Commissions.

The following important work, constituting additions, improvements and permanent betterments to the property, has been completed during the year:

- Baltimore—
 - Track facilities for U. S. Asphalt & Refining Company and the Prudential Oil Company at Curtis Bay.
- Port Covington—
 - Grain elevator.
 - Fire protection system for coal pier.
 - Strengthening transfer bridge.
 - Storage and train tracks, 3.5 miles.
- Green Spring—
 - Connection with Pennsylvania Railroad.
- Emory Grove—
 - Rest room and additional bunks.
- Westminster—
 - Paving driveway to freight station.
- Baltimore to Hagerstown—
 - Strengthening bridges for operation of new Mallet locomotives.
 - Telephone line.
- Big Pool to Emory Grove—
 - Automatic block signals.
- Parkhead—
 - Overhead highway crossing.
- North Junction to Lurgan—
 - Anti-creeper.
- Hagerstown—
 - Wagon scales.
 - Excavating cut and track improvements west of Antietam Street.
 - Paving on McPherson Street.
 - Shops:
 - Additions to steam piping in power house.
 - Alligator shears for cutting scrap.
 - Electric magnet separator.
 - Concrete storage building.
- Charlton—
 - Track scales.
- Pearce—
 - Bunk house.
- Maryland Junction—
 - Car repair yards.
 - Office building.
 - Rest room.
- Cumberland—
 - Sidewalk on Market Street.
 - Overhead track crane.
- Glenville—
 - Freight house.
- Fowblesburg—
 - Crossing bell.
- Hanover—
 - Crossing bell.
- York—
 - Overhead track crane.
- Tunnels—
 - Guard rails through all tunnels.
- Rockwood Junction—
 - Connection with Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.
- Westersport—
 - Connection and interchange yard with Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad.
- Davis—
 - Sidings for Mine No. 29.
- Elkins—
 - Paving on Eleventh Street.

Commercial and industrial tracks were constructed at the following points:

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Asbestos, | Parkhead, | Ohiopyle, |
| Smithsburg, | Oldtown, | Stewarton, |
| Hagerstown, | Sloan, | Shaw, |
| York, | Lonaconing, | Wallman. |
| | Woodmont, | |

TIE PLATES.

During the year 210,467 heavy tie plates were applied, at a cost for material and labor of \$34,506 10.

RAIL.

29.4 miles of new 90-pound rail were laid to replace worn rail and to provide relay rail for coal extensions and sidings.

BALLAST.

103,607 cubic yards of crushed rock ballast were renewed during the year.

AUTOMATIC BLOCK SIGNALS.

During the year automatic electric block signals were installed between Emory Grove, Md., and Hagerstown, Md., via Westminster; between Williamsport, Md., and Big Pool, Md., and between Colmar, Pa., and Connellsville, Pa., a total distance of 146 miles.

All single track on the main line, through Westminster, between Baltimore, Md., and Connellsville, Pa., is now protected by these signals.

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Somerset Coal Railway Company.—This line from Coal Junction, Pa., was completed October 1 1915 to Mine 123 of the Consolidation Coal Company, a distance of 2.2 miles, and is being extended to Mine 125, an additional distance of 2.4 miles.

Mine 123 is being developed and has encountered some difficulties, which are being overcome, and which account for the light production of 61,896 net tons to June 30 1916.

Mine 125 has three openings and will develop more rapidly. The tracks to this mine were completed in September 1916.

Fairmont Helen's Run Railway Company.—The line has been completed from Chiefton, W. Va., to Idamay, a distance of 4.85 miles, with a branch, 1.86 miles in length, to Carolina, at each of which places the Consolidation Coal Company has installed thoroughly modern steel tipples with concrete lined shafts. Coal produced will be of the best grade of Fairmont gas coal. These two mines will ultimately have an annual capacity of 1,000,000 tons. Their output during development and for the calendar year 1917 should be from 250,000 to 300,000 tons.

Fairmont Binghamon Railway Company.—This line, 8.0 miles in length, is under construction and the grading should be completed by January 1 1917. There will be some delay in securing the material for the steel bridges, but it is hoped to have the road in operation early in 1917.

This branch will serve three openings at Wyatt, W. Va., belonging to the Consolidation Coal Company, which will deliver their output through one tippie, permitting a very economical switching operation. These will be slope openings on the outcrop, and will permit of rapid development. The output should reasonably reach 300,000 tons in 1917, and when fully developed will produce 1,500,000 tons per annum.

Nessle Branch.—Mention was made in the last annual report of the completion of this branch from Charlton to the south bank of the Potomac River, 2.84 miles, and which was opened for operation July 7 1915. At this point connection is made with the Williamsport Nessle & Martinsburg Railway, from which, during the year under review, 212,284 net tons of limestone have been received for delivery to furnaces in the Pittsburgh District.

Double Track.—The very large increase in business, and the hopeful prospect of a continuance, has emphasized the necessity for additional double track, particularly in the territory between Big Pool and Highfield. Work under progress at the close of the fiscal year, providing a second track from Edgemont to Pen Mar, a distance of 3.52 miles, was completed and put in operation October 1 1916. The construction of a second track from the Hagerstown passenger station to Security, 2.4 miles, and from Big Pool to Clearspring, 5.62 miles, is now under way, and these additional facilities should be available by January 1 1917.

FINANCES.

Floating indebtedness amounting to \$1,200,000 represented by notes of \$400,000, \$300,000 and \$500,000, due September 1 1916, December 1 1916 and March 1 1917, respectively, was added to the Company's liabilities during the year. This amount was applied: to the construction of grain elevator at Port Covington, \$681,228 59; to Additions and Betterments Railway Properties, \$483,246 78; Coal Properties, \$35,524 63.

Equipment Trust obligations amounting to \$249,205 were paid during the year, leaving \$203,500 unpaid of said obligations outstanding at June 30 1915. There was issued during the year \$450,000 of 5% notes to cover purchase of 15 Mallet compound locomotives and \$2,003,638 14 of 5% notes (interest included in notes) to partially cover purchase of 2,000 all-steel hopper cars.

The obligations for installation of block signals between Cumberland, Md., and Big Pool, Md., amounting to \$120,000, were paid off. For installation of block signals between Colmar, Pa., and Greenwood, Pa., obligations were incurred amounting to \$67,088, payable in 60 monthly installments.

FINANCIAL READJUSTMENT.

Your Board has had under consideration, during the year, plans for the readjustment of the Company's finances. The interest upon the \$10,000,000 of secured notes and \$6,000,000 unsecured notes has remained unpaid since January 1 1915 and the principal of these notes, due July 1 1915 also remains unpaid, although the interest has been accrued and charged to Income in the Company's accounts.

The improvement of the Company's affairs, reflected in the last year's operations, will, it is hoped, facilitate the consummation of a plan, at a reasonably early date, to which the assent of the Noteholders' Committee can be secured.

GENERAL.

The Port Covington Grain Elevator was opened for operation December 15 1915. The amount of grain handled and the resulting traffic has been very encouraging. To enable your Company to handle an increased grain business, an addition to the elevator was constructed, which increased the capacity from 900,000 bushels to 1,900,000 bushels. The additional facilities were available September 20th 1916. In the six and one-half months of the past fiscal year during which the elevator was in operation 14,965,740 bushels of grain were received, representing the contents of 10,448 cars and 33 small bay boats. 127 vessels were loaded at an average of 112,248 bushels per vessel.

CONCLUSIONS.

The progress of your Company during the past year has been consistent, and it is pleasing to report that even a higher level of earnings is being returned in the new fiscal year.

The results attained have been through the loyal cooperation and efficiency of the officers and employees of your Company, which the Board gratefully acknowledges.

By order of the Board of Directors.

CARL R. GRAY,
President.

STATEMENT NO. 2—COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 1916 AND 1915.

| Railway Operating Income— | 1916. | 1915. | Increase. |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rail Operations: | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Operating Revenues..... | 10,930,369 09 | 8,683,458 96 | 2,246,910 13 |
| Operating Expenses..... | 7,039,608 19 | 6,257,412 21 | 782,195 98 |
| Net Operating Revenue..... | 3,890,760 90 | 2,426,046 75 | 1,464,714 15 |
| Tax Accruals..... | 348,740 00 | 306,000 00 | 42,740 00 |
| Uncollectible Railway Revs..... | 420 51 | 858 59 | Dec.438 08 |
| Total Tax Accruals, etc..... | 349,160 51 | 306,858 59 | 42,301 92 |
| Operating Income..... | 3,541,600 39 | 2,119,188 16 | 1,422,412 23 |
| Miscellaneous Operations..... | 70 02 | loss 930 31 | 1,000 33 |
| Total Operating Income..... | 3,541,670 41 | 2,118,257 85 | 1,423,412 56 |
| Other Income— | | | |
| Joint Facility Rents..... | 22,929 99 | 19,795 23 | 3,134 76 |
| Miscellaneous Rents..... | 14,356 43 | 19,454 14 | Dec.5,097 71 |
| Miscellaneous Non-operating Physical Property..... | 573 20 | 864 34 | Dec.291 14 |
| Net Income from Coal Companies and Miscellaneous Properties..... | 205,145 35 | 192,421 28 | 12,724 07 |
| Income from Funded Securities..... | 47,100 00 | 8,091 67 | 39,008 33 |
| Income from Unfunded Securities and Accounts..... | 11,092 20 | 10,228 60 | 863 60 |
| Income from Sinking Fund..... | 1,690 22 | 593 76 | 1,096 46 |
| Interest on Advances to Subsidiary Companies: | | | |
| For Construction..... | 9,970 25 | 6,518 74 | 3,451 51 |
| For Expenditures for Additions and Betterments..... | | 10,898 21 | Dec.10,898 21 |
| Miscellaneous Income..... | 35 00 | | 35 00 |
| Total Other Income..... | 312,892 64 | 268,865 97 | 44,026 67 |
| Gross Income..... | 3,854,563 05 | 2,387,123 82 | 1,467,439 23 |
| Deductions from Gross Income— | | | |
| Hire of Equipment..... | 74,831 08 | 144,363 00 | Dec.69,531 92 |
| Joint Facility Rents..... | 82,870 05 | 79,456 68 | 3,403 37 |
| Rent for Leased Roads..... | 121,566 50 | 121,566 50 | |
| Miscellaneous Rents..... | 21,343 88 | 3,358 21 | 17,985 67 |
| Interest on Funded Debt..... | 2,685,514 10 | 2,677,871 30 | 7,642 80 |
| Interest on Unfunded Debt..... | 304,254 41 | 186,337 52 | 117,916 89 |
| Amortization of Discount and Commission on Funded and Unfunded Debt..... | 17,074 91 | 74,970 48 | Dec.57,895 57 |
| Miscellaneous Income Charges..... | 7,414 69 | 7,095 48 | 319 21 |
| Total Deductions..... | 3,314,869 62 | 3,295,029 17 | 19,840 45 |
| Surplus for Year..... | 539,693 43 | | 1,447,598.78 |
| Deficit for Year..... | | 907,905 35 | |

STATEMENT NO. 3—SYSTEM PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1916.

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Debit Balance June 30 1915..... | \$3,148,064 28 |
| Credit Balance Transferred from Income Account..... | \$539,693 43 |
| Unrefundable Overcharges..... | 642 15 |
| Unclaimed Vouchers and Pay Checks..... | 2,436 08 |
| Miscellaneous Credits..... | 2,137 78 |
| Surplus of Proprietary and Controlled Companies— | |
| Sinking Fund Accretions: | |
| The Baltimore & Harrisburg Ry. Co. (Western Extension)..... | \$2,005 67 |
| Baltimore & Cumberland Valley Railway Company..... | 1,837 77 |
| The Baltimore & Cumberland Valley Rail Road Company..... | 899 91 |
| | 4,743 35 |
| Less— | \$549,652 77 |
| Loss on Retired Road and Equipment..... | \$6,916 75 |
| Accounts Written Off..... | 223 19 |
| Miscellaneous Debits..... | 466 46 |
| | 7,606 41 |
| Debit Balance June 30 1916..... | \$2,606,017 92 |

STATEMENT NO. 4—SYSTEM BALANCE SHEET AT JUNE 30 1916.

| ASSETS. | |
|---|------------------|
| Property Investment— | |
| Cost of Properties Owned, Including Coal and Other Properties..... | \$115,821,685 39 |
| Securities of Other Companies—pledged..... | 400,000 00 |
| | \$116,221,685 39 |
| Current Assets— | |
| Cash..... | \$729,220 16 |
| Loans and Bills Receivable..... | 1,572 04 |
| Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable..... | 980,342 75 |
| Net Balance Receivable from Agents and Conductors..... | 161,055 63 |
| Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable..... | 668,542 53 |
| Material and Supplies..... | 1,025,724 10 |
| Other Current Assets..... | 17,815 76 |
| | 3,584,272 97 |
| Deferred Assets— | |
| Working Fund Advances..... | 3,095 25 |
| Unadjusted Debits— | |
| Insurance Premiums Paid in Advance..... | \$14,991 38 |
| Unextinguished Discount on Securities: Discount on Capital Stock..... | \$12,734,835 00 |
| Discount on Funded Debt..... | 562,515 43 |
| | 13,297,350 43 |
| Other Unadjusted Debits..... | 651,163 95 |
| | 13,948,505 76 |
| Profit and Loss..... | 2,606,017 92 |
| Total..... | \$136,378,577 20 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital Stock— | |
| Common..... | \$49,429,198 40 |
| Preferred..... | 10,025,000 00 |
| | \$59,454,198 40 |
| Mortgage, Bonded and Secured Debt— | |
| Funded Debt..... | \$50,293,700 00 |
| Collateral Trust and Other Notes..... | 13,600,000 00 |
| Equipment Trust Obligations..... | 2,657,138 14 |
| Automatic Block Signal Obligations..... | 67,087 80 |
| | 66,017,925 94 |
| Current Liabilities— | |
| Loans and Bills Payable..... | \$4,985,000 00 |
| Traffic and Car Service Balances Payable..... | 388,228 30 |
| Audited Accounts and Wages Payable..... | 1,169,329 10 |
| Miscellaneous Accounts Payable..... | 105,664 83 |
| Interest Matured Unpaid..... | 1,853,725 00 |
| Funded Debt Matured Unpaid..... | 8,000 00 |
| Unmatured Interest Accrued..... | 498,347 97 |
| Unmatured Rents Accrued..... | 3,677 39 |
| Other Current Liabilities..... | 22,641 96 |
| | 9,034,614 55 |
| Deferred Liabilities— | |
| Unadjusted Credits— | |
| Tax Liability..... | \$270,354 64 |
| Operating Reserve..... | 108,968 17 |
| Accrued Depreciation—Equipment..... | 1,059,637 03 |
| Other Unadjusted Credits..... | 208,762 14 |
| | 1,656,721 98 |
| Appropriated Surplus— | |
| Additions and Betterments to Property Through Income..... | 183,991 67 |
| Total..... | \$136,378,577 20 |

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COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, October 27 1916.

An extraordinary trade at rising prices still sums up the situation. There seems to be no stopping either the expansion of business or the swelling of prices. Grain, especially wheat, has risen sharply, as Argentina's exportable surplus shrinks and Europe's needs becomes more imperative. The U. S. Census has confirmed this paper's statement of last August that American cotton mills last season used about 7,300,000 bales, something unprecedented and they are now said to be buying freely to meet the requirements of an unusually large trade. Steel and iron are steadily advancing under the spur of an almost insatiable demand. It is the day of superlatives in American trade. Raw materials and finished products are wanted in enormous volume. Rising prices, rising even from already extraordinary levels, seem to cause no serious check to consumption. Strictly speaking, there is little, if anything, really new in the general situation. It is a story iterated and reiterated from week to week of remarkable buying. At the same time conservative people in some lines of trade are said to be trying to repress the ardor of buyers rather than to encourage them to go to all lengths. Credits are beginning to be keenly watched. The high cost of living is certainly a drawback to a large element of the population which derives little or no benefit from the great increase of American trade. Sugar is at the highest price of the year. A shortage of cars delays the movement of the grain crops and the output of coal mines. Finally, speculation is spreading. The sudden collapse of cotton prices last Wednesday directed attention to this fact.

LARD active and higher; prime Western 17.10c., refined to the Continent 17.65c., South America 18c., Brazil 19.50c. Futures advanced sharply in response to a rise in grain, a good demand and light offerings. Later came a reaction, partly on selling on stop orders coincident with a break in grain. The hog packing at the West is estimated for the week ending Oct. 21 at 610,000 against 524,000 in the previous week and 530,000 in the same week last year. But the total for the summer season to Oct. 21 is estimated at only 8,020,000, against no less than 15,913,000 for the same time last year. To-day prices advanced sharply, with those for pork ribs and grain. Packers bought. Offerings were small.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

| | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| October delivery | 15.70 | 15.80 | 16.25 | 15.90 | 15.87 | 16.35 |
| December delivery | 15.12 | 15.47 | 15.95 | 15.80 | 15.57 | 16.25 |
| January delivery | 14.35 | 14.72 | 15.32 | 15.20 | 14.92 | 15.45 |

PORK active and higher, later easier. Mess, \$30 50 @ \$31; clear \$27 @ \$29 50. Beef, products in good demand and higher; later quiet. Mess \$22 50 @ \$23 50; extra India mess, \$38 @ \$40. Cut meats steady but quiet; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs., 17 1/2 @ 18c.; pickled bellies 15 1/2 @ 16c. Butter, creamery, 30 @ 37 1/2c. Cheese, State, 18 1/2 @ 21 1/2c. Eggs, fresh, 24 @ 40c.

COFFEE in better demand; No. 7 Rio 9 1/2c., No. 4 Santos 10 3/4 @ 11c., fair to good Cuetua 11 1/4 @ 11 3/4c. Futures advanced on a good demand, partly from cotton houses, the cheapness of the price and higher Brazilian cables. The trading here has been the largest in some time. The spot demand, too, has increased. But on the other hand some reaction occurred later. The trade latterly has been selling and so have cotton houses, as other commodities, like cotton and wheat, have fallen. Besides, primary supplies undoubtedly are large. Santos has 2,660,000 bags against 2,013,000 a year ago; Rio has 505,000 against 477,000 in 1915. To-day prices ended 7 to 9 points lower, with sales of 40,250 bags, marking a sharp reaction from the highest of the week, though the close was higher than a week ago. Closing prices were as follows:

| | | | | | |
|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| October | cts. 8.31 @ 8.35 | February | cts. 8.47 @ 8.48 | June | cts. 8.66 @ 8.67 |
| November | 8.34 @ 8.35 | March | 8.51 @ 8.53 | July | 8.71 @ 8.73 |
| December | 8.38 @ 8.40 | April | 8.51 @ 8.57 | August | 8.35 @ 8.66 |
| January | 8.43 @ 8.44 | May | 8.61 @ 8.62 | Sept. | 8.78 @ 8.79 |

SUGAR active and again higher; centrifugal, 96 degrees test, 6.64c.; molasses, 89 degrees test, 5.87c.; granulated 7.50 to 7.75c. Futures have fluctuated within narrow limits, but latterly have advanced owing to the smallness of supplies here and in Cuba, and reports that British buyers were in the market again. Greece bought. Granulated too has advanced as well as spot raws. Cuban stocks are only 186,700 tons, against 213,381 tons a year ago. Beet sugar is not expected to compete with cane here in the East for some time. To-day prices closed 1 to 6 points lower, with sales of 10,500 tons owing to profit taking by Wall Street and selling by trade interests. Prices are higher for the week, however.

Closing quotations follow:

| | | | | | |
|----------|------------------|----------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| October | cts. 5.57 @ 5.60 | February | cts. 4.36 @ 4.37 | June | cts. 4.43 @ 4.45 |
| November | 5.47 @ 4.49 | March | 4.33 @ 4.35 | July | 4.45 @ 4.47 |
| December | 5.21 @ 5.22 | April | 4.37 @ 4.39 | August | 4.48 @ 4.50 |
| January | 4.66 @ 4.67 | May | 4.41 @ 4.43 | Sept. | 4.51 @ 4.53 |

OILS active and higher. Linseed higher, owing to a further advance in flaxseed at Duluth. City, raw, American

seed, 89 @ 92c.; City, boiled, American seed, 90 @ 93c.; Calcutta \$1 05. Lard, prime \$1 10 @ \$1 20. Coconut, Cochin, 16 @ 17c.; Ceylon 14 @ 15c. Corn 11.30c. Palm, Lagos, 12 @ 13c. Cod, domestic, 70 @ 72c. Soya bean 10 3/4 @ 10 1/2c. Cottonseed oil has been very active on speculation and at one time declined heavily in sympathy with cotton and lard; on the spot 12c. Spirits of turpentine, 47 1/2 @ 48c. Strained rosin, common to good, \$6 55.

PETROLEUM in steady demand; refined in barrels \$8 35 @ \$9 35, bulk \$4 50 @ \$5 50, cases \$10 75 @ \$11 75. Naphtha, 73 to 76 degrees, in 100-gallon drums and over, 40 1/2c. Gasoline still active; motor gasoline in steel barrels to garages, 22c.; to consumers 24c.; gasoline, gas machine, steel, 37c.; 73 to 76 degrees, steel and wood, 31 @ 34c.; 68 to 70 degrees 28 @ 31c. Crude oil has been firm, with no new features of striking interest. Prices for Mid-Continent oil do not advance as predicted. The Central West is dissatisfied with present quotations. Except in Kentucky, there is little development work. Some think that there must be a general advance soon. The trouble is, however, that a good deal of wildcat development work is under way. Closing prices were as follows:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| Pennsylvania dark | \$2 60 | North Lima | \$1 43 | Illinois, above 30 | |
| Cabell | 2 12 | South Lima | 1 43 | degrees | \$1 47 |
| Mercer black | 2 13 | Indiana | 1 23 | Kansas and Okla. | |
| New Castle | 2 10 | Princeton | 1 47 | homa | 90 |
| Corning | 2 10 | Somerset, 32 deg. | 1 95 | Caddo La., light | 90 |
| Woolter | 1 65 | Ragland | 90 | Caddo La., heavy | 65 |
| Thrall | 95 | Electra | 95 | Canada | 1 83 |
| Strawn | 95 | Moran | 95 | California oil | 73 @ 78 |
| De Soto | 80 | Plymouth | 1 08 | Henrietta | 95 |

TOBACCO has been firm with a moderate business. Predictions of higher prices are very general as the stock of the better descriptions of leaf are anything but liberal. Frost did a good deal of harm. That fact is universally conceded. Great Britain has modified the embargo order. The British Board of Trade returns for the nine months ending Sept. 30 reveal imports of North American tobacco amounting to 114,287,640 pounds, against 139,623,360 last year, and the amount of all growths delivered for British home consumption was 95,168,894 pounds, against 95,539,069 in the same period last year.

COPPER firm and still active both for home and foreign consumption. Lake here on the spot, 29 1/2 @ 30c.; electrolytic, 28 1/2 @ 29c.; for future delivery, 28 1/2 @ 29c. London higher. Tin higher, on the spot at 42c., later quiet at 41 3/4 @ 41 1/2c. It is said that plate companies have been good buyers of futures. London and Singapore have been erratic, latterly, however, advancing sharply. Arrivals thus far this month 2,155 tons; afloat, 2,125 tons. Spelter active and higher on the spot at 10.30c. Galvanizers have been heavy buyers. Later, however, quieter, galvanizers needs being largely covered. Lead was active and strong on the spot at 7 @ 7.05c.; latterly quiet however. Canadian ammunition makers, it is said, have been in the market. A good deal of business has come from domestic consumers. Pig iron in brisk demand, excited, and higher. No. 2 Northern, \$21 @ \$22; No. 2 Southern, \$16 @ \$17, Birmingham. Steel has been steadily advancing on a sharp demand. Coke has had an extraordinary rise, touching \$7.70 for furnace. Coal and coke prices are steadily advancing. Prices of steel are very much higher than a year ago, but the tendency is still upward coincident with rapid rise of pig iron prices. The Allies are in the market for large quantities of steel. All the steel that American manufacturers can furnish for the first half of 1917, it is stated, will be taken by France and Italy, to say nothing of the demands from other powers. The extraordinary situation in the steel trade is now taken as a matter of course. As long as the war lasts, it is believed, America will have a big market for export.

COTTON

Friday Night, Oct. 27 1916.

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 305,928 bales, against 340,497 bales last week and 322,759 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1916 2,543,780 bales, against 2,113,677 bales for the same period of 1915, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1916 of 430,103 bales.

| | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Galveston | 15,696 | 16,712 | 24,900 | 17,646 | 12,544 | 15,907 | 103,414 |
| Texas City | 5,733 | | | | 17,060 | | 22,793 |
| Port Arthur | | | | | | | 274 |
| Aran, Pass, &c. | | | | | | | 274 |
| New Orleans | 9,938 | 17,022 | 30,372 | 15,294 | 11,816 | 6,642 | 91,084 |
| Mobile | 214 | 21 | 532 | 160 | 834 | 1,342 | 3,103 |
| Pensacola | | | | | | | 2,668 |
| Jacksonville, &c. | | | | | | | 2,668 |
| Savannah | 6,001 | 4,581 | 9,969 | 7,537 | 4,926 | 5,049 | 35,063 |
| Brunswick | | 755 | 1,039 | 1,066 | | | 3,000 |
| Charleston | 1,780 | | | | | | 808 |
| Wilmington | 736 | 1,622 | 709 | 1,289 | 1,207 | | 1,090 |
| Norfolk | 3,010 | 5,598 | 3,628 | 2,482 | 3,344 | | 3,730 |
| N'port News, &c. | | | | | | | 166 |
| New York | 846 | 64 | 519 | 622 | 688 | | 2,905 |
| Boston | 885 | 230 | 1,127 | 1,079 | 387 | | 762 |
| Baltimore | | | | | | | 1,348 |
| Philadelphia | 173 | 262 | | | | | 435 |
| Totals this week. | 45,012 | 46,867 | 70,404 | 47,175 | 53,684 | 42,786 | 305,928 |

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1916 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with columns: Receipts to Oct. 27, 1916, 1915, and Stock. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Port Arthur, Aransas Pass, etc., and various other ports.

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

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, etc.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 249,529 bales, of which 151,109 were to Great Britain, 32,367 to France and 66,053 to other destinations.

Table with columns: Exports from, Week ending Oct. 27 1915, From Aug. 1 1916 to Oct. 27 1916. Sub-columns: Great Britain, France, Other, Total.

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.

Table with columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—, Oct. 27 at—, Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Other, Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been very active at violent fluctuations in prices. They rose rapidly, but on Oct. 25 there was a sudden break from the high level of the day of 109 to 125 points, or 83 to 100 points from the closing prices of the previous day.

inst. Those who believe that the advance has been greatly overdone insist that the crop is being underestimated and the consumption overestimated. They think the crop may yet turn out to be 14,000,000 bales, to which must be added 2,235,000 bales carried over from last season, which would make a total supply for the season of 16,235,000 bales.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with columns: NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS. Rows include 1916 c., 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK. The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement.

Table with columns: Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, SALES. Sub-columns: Spot, Contr't, Total. Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

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

Table with columns: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include October, December, January, March, May, July.

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

Table of futures prices for cotton and other commodities from October 21 to October 27, 1916. Includes columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Week.

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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.

Table showing the visible supply of cotton in various locations (Liverpool, London, Manchester, Hamburg, Havre, Marseilles, Barcelona, Genoa, Trieste, etc.) for October 27, 1916, and 1915.

Total visible supply 4,541,386 5,029,010 3,748,270 4,347,632

Table showing American and Continental stocks and supplies for various ports and regions, including Liverpool, Manchester, American afloat, U.S. port stocks, U.S. interior stocks, U.S. exports to-day, etc.

Continental imports for past week have been 60,000 bales. The above figures for 1916 show an increase over last week of 238,653 bales, a loss of 487,624 bales from 1915, an excess of 793,116 bales over 1914 and a gain of 193,754 bales over 1913.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week.

Table of closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Augusta, Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, Little Rock, etc., from Saturday to Friday.

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 period of the previous year—is set out in detail below.

Large table showing movement, receipts, shipments, and stocks for various interior towns from October 27, 1916, and October 29, 1915. Lists towns like Ala., Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Helena, etc.

Total, 41 towns 420,254,317.00 358,549 110,670 298,361 2,076,775 232,203 994,888

Note.—Our Interior Towns Table has been extended by the addition of 8 towns. This has made necessary the revision of the Visible Supply Table and a number of other tables.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 51,705 bales and are to-night 110,391 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 121,893 bales more than the same week last year.

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:

Table comparing overland movement (shipped) for the week and since Aug. 1, 1916, and 1915. Includes routes like Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, etc.

Table showing total gross overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, 1916, and 1915.

Table showing deduct shipments (Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c., and Between interior towns) for the week and since Aug. 1, 1916, and 1915.

Total to be deducted 34,462 134,729 7,332 60,876

Leaving total net overland*—69,456 282,942 48,896 193,844

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings for the week and since Aug. 1, 1916, and 1915.

Movement into sight in previous years: 1914—Oct. 30 502,255 1914—Oct. 30 2,893,081

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Advices to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather has been favorable at the South during the week, little or no rain having fallen. Picking is active generally and is drawing to a close in some sections. Marketing continues free.

Galveston, Tex.—The weather has been generally clear throughout the week, with temperatures low. Frosts occurred in different localities but were not severe enough to do material damage. The gathering and ginning of cotton is about completed and preparations are being made for fall planting. There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 65, the highest being 78 and the lowest 52.

Abilene, Tex.—We have had no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 61, ranging from 38 to 84.

Brenham, Tex.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 40 to 84, averaging 62.

Cuero, Tex.—No rain the past week. Average thermometer 63, highest 90, lowest 36.

Fort Worth, Tex.—There has been a trace of rain on one day of the week. The thermometer has averaged 62, the highest being 80 and the lowest 44.

Henrietta, Tex.—There has been rain on one day the past week, the rainfall reaching fourteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 56, ranging from 32 to 80.

Huntsville, Tex.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 88, averaging 62.

Kerrville, Tex.—We have had no rain during the past week. Average thermometer 53, highest 78, lowest 28.

Lampasas, Tex.—No rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 58, the highest being 82 and the lowest 34.

Longview, Tex.—We have had no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 56, ranging from 34 to 78.

Luling, Tex.—We have had no rain during the week. The thermometer has ranged from 40 to 86, averaging 63.

Nacogdoches, Tex.—Dry all the week. Average thermometer 56, highest 78, lowest 34.

Palestine, Tex.—We have had no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 59, the highest being 78 and the lowest 40.

Paris, Tex.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 55, ranging from 38 to 72.

San Antonio, Tex.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 44 to 82, averaging 63.

Taylor, Tex.—No rain during the week. Minimum thermometer 40.

Weatherford, Tex.—We have had no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 57, the highest being 67 and the lowest 38.

Ardmore, Okla.—It has rained on one day during the week, the precipitation reaching fifteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 34 to 77.

Marlow, Okla.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the precipitation reaching nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 30 to 79.

Eldorado, Ark.—Dry all the week. Average thermometer 56, highest 79, lowest 33.

Little Rock, Ark.—There has been no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 56, the highest being 75 and the lowest 36.

New Orleans, La.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 64, ranging from 50 to 78.

Shreveport, La.—There has been no rain during the week. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 77.

Columbus, Miss.—No rain the past week. Average thermometer 55, highest 80, lowest 30.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 55, the highest being 77 and the lowest 40.

Mobile, Ala.—It has been dry all the week. The thermometer has averaged 59, ranging from 41 to 83.

Selma, Ala.—No rain all the week. Average thermometer 53, highest 74, lowest 34.

Madison, Fla.—We have had rain on one day the past week, the rainfall being nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 64, the highest being 83 and lowest 44.

Albany, Ga.—We have had no rain during the week. The thermometer has averaged 61, ranging from 39 to 83.

Savannah, Ga.—Dry all the week. Average thermometer 63, highest 85 and lowest 43.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on one day of the past week, the rainfall reaching eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 66, the highest being 83 and the lowest 48.

Greenville, S. C.—It has rained on one day during the week, the precipitation reaching fifteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 55, ranging from 33 to 75.

Charlotte, N. C.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being four hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 40, maximum 75, mean 58.

Goldboro, N. C.—This week's rainfall has been thirteen hundredths of an inch, on one day. Average thermometer 64, highest 85 and lowest 42.

Memphis, Tenn.—Dry all the week. Minimum temperature 34, maximum 75, mean 55.

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:

| | Oct. 27 1916. | Oct. 29 1915. |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Feet. | Feet. |
| New Orleans..... | Above zero of gauge. | 3.8 |
| Memphis..... | Above zero of gauge. | 5.1 |
| Nashville..... | Above zero of gauge. | 0.8 |
| Shreveport..... | Above zero of gauge. | *0.7 |
| Vicksburg..... | Above zero of gauge. | 4.6 |

* Below.

ADVANCES IN COTTON GOODS.—Messrs. Watts, Stebbins & Co. announced on Friday last advances of one-half cent a yard on 4-4 Wamsutta fabrics, as follows: OXX, OXB Brown, jeans, nightrobes, I C T twills, percale, cambric, long-cloth, Burleigh long-cloth. On Monday Masonville 36-inch goods were also advanced one-half cent, as follows: Muslin, cambric, long-cloth, nainsook, percale and brown.

EXPORTS OF COTTON GOODS FROM GREAT BRITAIN.—Below we give the exports of cotton yarn, goods, &c., from Great Britain for the month of September and since Aug. 1 in 1916 and 1915, as compiled by us from the British Board of Trade returns. It will be noticed that we have reduced the movement all to pounds.

| 000s omitted. | Yarn & Thread. | | Cloth. | | | | Total of All. | |
|---|----------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------------|---------|
| | 1916. | 1915. | 1916. | 1915. | 1916. | 1915. | 1916. | 1915. |
| Augst. | 17,750 | 15,318 | 424,317 | 418,794 | 79,312 | 78,279 | 97,062 | 93,597 |
| Sept. ... | 16,486 | 17,765 | 461,697 | 409,809 | 86,298 | 76,600 | 102,784 | 94,365 |
| Stockings and socks..... | | | | | | | 463 | 311 |
| Sundry articles..... | | | | | | | 8,189 | 5,174 |
| Total exports of cotton manufactures..... | | | | | | | 208,498 | 193,447 |

The foregoing shows that there have been exported from the United Kingdom during the two months 208,498,000 pounds of manufactured cotton, against 193,447,000 pounds last year, an increase of 15,051,000 pounds.

CENSUS BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON GINNING TO OCT. 18.—The Census Bureau issued on Oct. 25 its report on the amount of cotton ginned up to Oct. 18 from the growth of 1916 as follows, comparison being made with the returns for the like period of the preceding years:

Number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1916 prior to Oct. 18 1916 and comparative statistics to the corresponding date in 1915, 1914 and 1913 (counting round as half-bales).

| | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. | 1913. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alabama..... | 292,815 | 556,086 | 810,295 | 839,899 |
| Arkansas..... | 669,827 | 283,423 | 397,261 | 322,181 |
| California..... | 6,852 | 4,272 | 6,156 | 3,390 |
| Florida..... | 32,845 | 32,165 | 43,313 | 35,596 |
| Georgia..... | 1,216,762 | 1,178,045 | 1,367,916 | 1,296,911 |
| Louisiana..... | 320,082 | 223,063 | 225,274 | 164,034 |
| Mississippi..... | 446,171 | 421,663 | 474,788 | 435,690 |
| North Carolina..... | 253,523 | 264,935 | 301,108 | 252,193 |
| Oklahoma..... | 489,782 | 66,255 | 451,449 | 391,258 |
| South Carolina..... | 508,589 | 581,667 | 693,444 | 619,720 |
| Tennessee..... | 172,216 | 79,353 | 192,177 | 131,933 |
| Texas..... | 2,845,440 | 2,091,416 | 2,715,772 | 2,451,279 |
| All other States..... | 36,829 | 16,387 | 30,794 | 26,476 |
| United States..... | 7,291,732 | 5,708,730 | 7,619,747 | 6,973,518 |

The number of round bales included this year is 133,659 bales, contrasted with 54,783 bales in 1915 and 15,235 bales in 1914. The distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1916 by States is: Florida, 21,009 bales; Georgia, 43,565 bales, and South Carolina, 357 bales.

—We are indebted to Messrs. W. R. Craig & Co. for a copy of the 1916-1917 edition of their Ten-Year Cotton Statement. The statement covers much matter of interest to cotton men and is issued in a convenient form for hanging up.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

| Week end'g | Receipts at Ports. | | | Stock at Interior Towns. | | | Receipts from Plantation | | |
|------------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. | 1916. | 1915. | 1914. |
| Sept. | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 187,016 | 100,526 | 49,127 | 325,618 | 454,818 | 143,836 | 248,363 | 127,194 | 67,344 |
| 15 | 182,391 | 176,839 | 67,936 | 411,183 | 497,366 | 191,548 | 267,946 | 219,387 | 115,648 |
| 22 | 230,375 | 284,998 | 97,719 | 542,553 | 575,202 | 255,130 | 361,750 | 362,834 | 161,318 |
| 29 | 285,561 | 306,456 | 158,124 | 693,690 | 650,579 | 344,863 | 436,693 | 381,833 | 247,837 |
| Oct. | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 324,221 | 282,775 | 162,032 | 830,921 | 736,530 | 459,576 | 461,452 | 368,756 | 276,745 |
| 13 | 322,759 | 275,396 | 199,397 | 964,982 | 834,620 | 577,653 | 456,820 | 373,476 | 317,474 |
| 20 | 340,497 | 277,910 | 240,067 | 1,053,374 | 918,630 | 696,772 | 428,829 | 361,920 | 359,186 |
| 27 | 305,928 | 245,558 | 272,727 | 1,105,079 | 994,688 | 820,382 | 357,633 | 321,616 | 396,637 |

The above statement shows: 1.—That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1916 are 3,294,125 bales; in 1915 were 2,631,188 bales, and in 1914 were 2,015,058 bales. 2.—That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 305,928 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 357,633 bales, the balance going to increase stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 321,616 bales and for 1914 they were 396,337 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1916 (Week, Season), 1915 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply, Total supply, and Total takings for various regions.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 990,000 bales in 1916 and 839,000 bales in 1915...

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table showing India Cotton Movement from All Ports for Oct. 5 Receipts at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and All others, comparing 1916, 1915, and 1914 weekly and since Aug. 1.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for Oct. 4, 1916, 1915, and 1914, including weekly and since Aug. 1 data for receipts (cantars) and exports (bales).

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that there is encouraging activity in both yarns and cloth with prices firmly held. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table listing Manchester market prices for various cotton grades like 32s Cop Trest, 54s. Shrt-stags, etc., comparing 1916 and 1915 prices.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Detailed shipping news table listing ship names, destinations (e.g., Liverpool, Manchester, Galveston), dates, and total bales.

Table listing international shipments to various cities: BOSTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, TACOMA, etc., with dates and total bales.

Table for LIVERPOOL—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week. Columns include Oct. 5, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27. Rows include Sales of the week, 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 the tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures from Saturday to Friday, detailing market status (e.g., Good demand, Steady) and price changes.

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

Table showing prices of futures at Liverpool for Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, listing Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday prices.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 27 1916. Flour has been in better demand and higher. Some export demand has prevailed, generally, however, without resulting in large sales. Foreign bids are under mill prices. Europe is expected by some to buy American wheat rather than American flour, in order to keep European mills going and get the by-products. Reselling here has continued as usual, somewhat under mill prices...

Wheat advanced about 17 cents and reacted 8 cents on liquidation and reported selling by British interests. Later it again advanced. Prices reached the highest seen in normal times since the Civil War. The price overtopped that reached in the Leiter deal of 1898, which was \$1 85, and was the highest since the Hutchinson corner in 1888, when it touched \$2. On Oct. 25 this year No. 1 spring wheat was quoted here at \$2 04...

American markets. The speculative trading in this country has been enormous. Last Monday prices at Buenos Aires advanced 15 cents. The weather in Argentina was still reported dry. The chances are, judging from present appearances, that the exportable surplus of Argentina will be very small. This cutting down of the estimates on Argentina's surplus means, of course, that the world's situation is considered as becoming more and more acute. It is well to bear in mind, of course, that prices in Argentina are being influenced largely by speculation, and it is also true that exporters here and in Argentina have latterly not been following the advance. On Thursday, too, there were reports of rains in Argentina, and prices on that day dropped at Chicago two cents or more, partly in sympathy with some decline in Argentina. Nevertheless, the feeling persists that the statistical position of the world is strong. Some even take the ground that the world's crops are 1,000,000,000 bushels smaller than last year's. Without necessarily accepting such an estimate, very many are inclined to the belief that there is a serious shortage in world's supplies. Argentine advices to Broomhall say that wheat in the North is practically destroyed, and that what is not destroyed is deteriorating rapidly; that the general outlook is bad; that the estimates of the exportable surplus are being severely lowered. From Russia the crop advices are not favorable. In some parts of the Empire the weather is exceedingly cold and seeding is slow. The interior movement in Russia is restricted by inadequate railway facilities. In the Balkan States excessive rains have delayed seeding and late threshing. In England the offerings of native wheat are light and foreign arrivals are inadequate. Flour is advancing at Liverpool, as well as at Minneapolis. The Italian crop, already small, is now officially estimated to be 4,000,000 bushels smaller than recently reported. What is more, private advices say that the official estimates are too high. On the other hand, the weather in India is good and seeding is being rapidly pushed and a large acreage is expected. Reports from neutral sources say that the weather in Germany is generally favorable and that harvesting and threshing are finished. Beneficial rains have fallen in Spain and South Africa. In Australia helpful rains have fallen. But, as already intimated, the news in regard to crops now available or which soon will be is as a rule unfavorable. Argentina's exportable surplus is estimated at as low as 45,000,000 bushels, as against something over 100,000,000 bushels last year. On Thursday export sales in the United States were 1,000,000 bushels. To-day prices advanced to the highest point of the week, being 4 to 6 cents above the closing on Thursday. Argentina's exports for the week were only 1,136,000 bushels, as contrasted with previous estimates of 1,600,000 bushels. At the West spring wheat receipts were small. In two days the export business is said to have reached 2,500,000 bushels. James A. Patten was out in a bullish interview. The demand from American mills was reported good.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

| | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| No. 2 red | cts. 178 1/4 | 181 | 180 1/4 | 188 | 183 |
|-----------|--------------|-----|---------|-----|-----|

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| December delivery in elevator | cts. 170 1/4 | 174 3/4 | 178 1/2 | 180 | 180 1/2 | 186 1/4 |
| May delivery in elevator | 170 1/4 | 174 3/4 | 178 1/2 | 180 1/2 | 180 3/4 | 184 1/4 |
| July delivery in elevator | 141 | 141 1/4 | 143 3/4 | 145 3/4 | 145 3/4 | 149 |

Indian corn advanced 7 cents to a new high level and then reacted some 4 cents on the 25th inst., in sympathy with a sudden decline in wheat. Speculation has broadened. The outside public bought. Many have an idea that the high prices ruling for wheat and flour will cause a larger consumption of corn and its products. This tended to make cash corn peculiarly strong. There has been no great pressure of new corn as yet, and the receipts of old corn are small. Available American supplies are nothing great, i. e., 5,382,000 bushels, against 4,878,000 a year ago and 4,296,000 in 1914. Liverpool cabled that prices there were strong, the arrivals moderate and stocks light; that River Plate offerings were at strong prices and Argentine crop advices unfavorable; that dryness continued to hamper seeding and that locusts were still a menace; that American offerings were at firm quotations and the Liverpool cash situation strong. In a single day Chicago cash prices advanced 3 to 6 cents. On the 25th inst. there came, as we have seen, a sharp reaction in American markets. The position had become over-bought. Only a moderate export trade has been done. New No. 4 yellow sold at Chicago at 1 1/2c. under December for November shipment. If the weather should favor it, the crop movement, it is believed, would increase very noticeably under the stimulus of high prices. To-day prices advanced. Receipts were not as liberal as expected. Old No. 2 yellow sold in Chicago at \$1 10, or within 2 cents of the high price of 1867.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. 2 yellow | cts. 111 1/2 | 113 1/4 | 114 | 114 | 114 | 120 |
|--------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| December delivery in elevator | cts. 86 1/4 | 88 1/2 | 89 1/4 | 87 1/4 | 87 1/4 | 89 |
| May delivery in elevator | 86 1/4 | 89 1/2 | 90 1/4 | 89 1/4 | 89 1/4 | 91 |

Oats advanced decisively under the spur of the rise in other grain and also at one time of a good export demand. Last Monday, for instance, the export sales were stated as 1,500,000 bushels. It is contended too, that oats are the cheapest feeding commodity to be had. Shorts covered freely. The speculative trading greatly increased after oats had been rather neglected for some little time. Still there is no rubbing out the fact that the supply is large and is beginning to

increase rapidly. The available stock in North America increased last week 3,451,000 bushels, as against an increase last year of only 979,000 bushels. And the total is now no less than 62,719,000 bushels, against only 20,548,000 a year ago and 42,000,000 in 1914. Besides, the price fell sharply in the middle of the week in sympathy with a decline in wheat. Though the supply is so large, the price after all is 12 to 16 cents higher than a year ago. Still the foreign situation is considered bullish. Liverpool cabled the other day that arrivals were moderate and that France and Italy continued to absorb all export offerings. River Plate offerings there have been light; and America has been shipping liberally, it was said, at firm prices and that the Liverpool cash situation has generally been firm. To-day prices advanced in company with other grain. Exporters took 400,000 bushels, partly on Thursday.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Standards | cts. 55 1/2 | 55 | 58 1/2 | 59 1/2 | 60 | 59 | 60 |
| No. 2 white | 58 1/2 | 57 | 59 | 60 | 60 1/2 | 59 1/2 | 60 1/2 |

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| December delivery in elevator | cts. 50 1/4 | 52 1/4 | 54 1/4 | 54 | 53 1/4 | 55 |
| May delivery in elevator | 54 1/4 | 56 1/4 | 57 1/4 | 57 1/2 | 57 1/4 | 58 1/4 |

The following are closing quotations:

FLOUR.

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Winter, low grades | \$6 40@59 00 | Spring, low grades | \$6 15@56 65 |
| Winter patents | 8 65@8 00 | Kansas straights, sacks | 9 00@9 50 |
| Winter straights | 8 31@8 55 | Kansas clears, sacks | 7 15@8 50 |
| Winter clears | 7 80@8 15 | City patents | 10 80 |
| Spring patents | 9 40@9 65 | Rye flour | 7 75@8 00 |
| Spring straights | 9 05@9 30 | Buckwheat flour | |
| Spring clears | 8 40@8 65 | Graham flour | 6 50@7 65 |

GRAIN.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Wheat, per bushel—f. o. b.— | | Corn, per bushel— | |
| N. Spring, No. 1, new | \$2 06 1/2 | No. 2 mixed | f. o. b. |
| N. Spring, No. 2 | 1 93 | No. 2 yellow | c. i. f. \$1 20 |
| Red winter, No. 2, new | 1 93 | No. 2 yellow kiln dried | Nom. |
| Hard winter, No. 2 | 1 99 | No. 3 yellow | 1 10 |
| Oats, per bushel, new— | cts. | Rye, per bushel— | |
| Standard | 60 1/2 | New York | c. i. f. \$1 42 |
| No. 2, white | 59 1/2 | Western | c. i. f. \$1 47 |
| No. 3, white | 59 1/2 | Barley, malting | \$1 19@1 25 |
| No. 4, white | 59 | Barley, feeding | 1 00 |

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS, PROVISIONS, COTTON AND PETROLEUM.—The exports of these articles during the month of September and the nine months for the past three years have been as follows:

| Exports from U. S. | 1916. | | | 1915. | | | 1914. | | |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | September | 9 Months | September | 9 Months | September | 9 Months | | | |
| Quantities | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheat, bush. | 13,102,177 | 113,824,817 | 21,300,076 | 161,227,351 | 25,763,047 | 109,657,106 | | | |
| Flour, bbls. | 1,085,101 | 11,212,723 | 1,003,011 | 11,184,912 | 1,223,282 | 7,980,887 | | | |
| Wheat * bush. | 17,985,131 | 164,282,070 | 25,813,626 | 211,559,455 | 31,167,816 | 145,571,007 | | | |
| Corn, v. bush. | 3,116,834 | 41,241,489 | 764,847 | 40,300,644 | 1,100,636 | 7,369,021 | | | |
| Total bush. | 21,101,965 | 205,523,559 | 26,578,473 | 251,869,099 | 32,270,452 | 153,942,118 | | | |
| Breadstuffs. | 37,139,991 | 320,241,172 | 37,981,987 | 410,781,410 | 45,335,632 | 165,968,909 | | | |
| Provisions. | 21,115,290 | 195,688,049 | 17,102,817 | 189,262,443 | 10,184,813 | 90,518,033 | | | |
| Cattle & hogs | 52,440 | 714,313 | 223,135 | 2,546,534 | 108,005 | 795,512 | | | |
| Cotton | 44,431,582 | 324,043,790 | 23,535,561 | 307,312,599 | 5,896,707 | 242,308,637 | | | |
| Petrol m. & c. | 20,834,186 | 153,739,332 | 12,337,091 | 105,139,669 | 12,000,076 | 107,219,034 | | | |
| Cottons d. oil | 947,378 | 14,912,313 | 1,535,569 | 19,953,615 | 702,394 | 9,579,438 | | | |
| Total | 124,520,874 | 1,009,335,969 | 97,736,167 | 1,034,625,551 | 75,037,627 | 616,289,533 | | | |

* Includes flour reduced to wheat. The statement of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

| Receipts at— | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | bbls. 196 lbs. | bush. 60 lbs. | bush. 56 lbs. | bush. 32 lbs. | bush. 48 lbs. | bush. 56 lbs. |
| Chicago | 219,000 | 1,511,000 | 923,000 | 4,759,000 | 1,002,000 | 164,000 |
| Minneapolis | 2,994,000 | 108,000 | 1,118,000 | 977,000 | 319,000 | |
| Duluth | 1,016,000 | | 126,000 | 397,000 | 132,000 | |
| Milwaukee | 51,000 | 315,000 | 96,000 | 825,000 | 682,000 | 118,000 |
| Toledo | 5,000 | 63,000 | 36,000 | 46,000 | | |
| Detroit | 49,000 | 70,000 | 24,000 | 19,000 | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| Cleveland | 80,000 | 954,000 | 117,000 | 495,000 | 115,000 | 18,000 |
| St. Louis | 36,000 | 72,000 | 654,000 | 387,000 | 118,000 | 38,000 |
| Peoria | 1,888,000 | 73,000 | 296,000 | | | |
| Kansas City | 935,000 | 131,000 | 379,000 | | | |
| Omaha | | | | | | |
| Total wk. 1916 | 441,000 | 9,917,000 | 2,231,000 | 8,501,000 | 3,292,000 | 791,000 |
| Same wk. 1915 | 489,000 | 17,236,000 | 2,031,000 | 7,895,000 | 3,399,000 | 754,000 |
| Same wk. 1914 | 410,000 | 10,214,000 | 1,892,000 | 5,792,000 | 2,528,000 | 689,000 |
| Since Aug. 1— | | | | | | |
| 1916 | 4,455,000 | 134,974,000 | 41,991,000 | 94,873,000 | 30,322,000 | 8,452,000 |
| 1915 | 4,378,000 | 140,825,000 | 40,691,000 | 70,632,000 | 26,765,000 | 7,306,000 |
| 1914 | 5,364,000 | 157,239,000 | 40,382,000 | 99,221,000 | 29,548,000 | 7,304,000 |

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Oct. 21 1916 follow:

| Receipts at— | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Barrels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. |
| New York | 187,000 | 1,684,000 | 436,000 | 586,000 | 319,000 | 19,000 |
| Philadelphia | 35,000 | 686,000 | 48,000 | 469,000 | | |
| Baltimore | 92,000 | 659,000 | 313,000 | 606,000 | | 348,000 |
| N'port Newa. | 5,000 | | | 1,476,000 | | |
| Norfolk | 4,000 | | | | | |
| Mobile | 4,000 | | 9,000 | | | |
| New Orleans* | 39,000 | 742,000 | 36,000 | 34,000 | | |
| Galveston | | 286,000 | | | | |
| Montreal | 123,000 | 1,270,000 | 9,000 | 832,000 | | 270,000 |
| St. John | | 76,000 | | | | 53,000 |
| Boston | 33,000 | 397,000 | 173,000 | 59,000 | | 39,000 |
| Port Arthur | | 196,000 | | | | |
| Total wk. 1916 | 522,000 | 5,892,000 | 1,135,000 | 4,062,000 | 622,000 | 406,000 |
| Since Jan. 1 '16 | 21,705,000 | 327,579,000 | 51,981,000 | 156,995,000 | 24,270,000 | 13,563,000 |
| Week 1915 | 708,000 | 11,858,000 | 403,000 | 2,303,000 | 693,000 | 713,000 |
| Since Jan. 1 '15 | 21,298,000 | 328,195,000 | 46,532,000 | 152,110,000 | 24,270,000 | 14,090,000 |

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Oct. 21 are shown in the annexed statement:

| Exports from— | Wheat, bushels. | Corn, bushels. | Flour, barrels. | Oats, bushels. | Rye, bushels. | Barley, bushels. | Peas, bushels. |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| New York | 1,075,427 | 91,514 | 98,365 | 242,831 | — | 115,995 | 5,343 |
| Boston | 303,181 | 145,538 | 16,265 | 400 | — | — | — |
| Philadelphia | 524,000 | — | 18,000 | 250,000 | — | — | — |
| Baltimore | 516,256 | — | 10,607 | 898,918 | 122,386 | — | — |
| Norfolk | — | — | 4,000 | — | — | — | — |
| Newport News | — | — | 5,000 | 1,476,000 | — | — | — |
| Mobile | — | 9,000 | 4,000 | — | — | — | — |
| New Orleans | 568,000 | 7,000 | 96,933 | 7,000 | — | 91,000 | — |
| Galveston | 563,000 | — | 6,000 | — | — | — | — |
| Montreal | 253,000 | 126,000 | 26,000 | — | — | 167,000 | — |
| St. John, N. B. | 76,000 | — | — | — | — | 13,300 | — |
| Port Arthur | 196,000 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total week | 4,106,864 | 379,052 | 284,237 | 2,875,149 | 122,386 | 406,995 | 5,343 |
| Week 1915 | 8,141,513 | 79,802 | 261,121 | 1,040,886 | 299,884 | 245,275 | 14,450 |

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1916 is as below:

| Exports for Week and Since July 1 to | Wheat. | | Flour. | | Corn. | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Week Oct. 21 1916. | Since July 1 1916. | Week Oct. 21 1916. | Since July 1 1916. | Week Oct. 21 1916. | Since July 1 1916. |
| | Bushels. | Bushels. | Barrels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. |
| United Kingdom | 2,602,577 | 42,375,851 | 126,237 | 1,822,123 | 358,523 | 9,875,444 |
| Continent | 1,494,872 | 60,380,362 | 44,351 | 1,752,936 | — | 5,758,168 |
| So. & Cent. Amer. | 8,963 | 93,765 | 64,724 | 500,463 | 7,205 | 415,684 |
| West Indies | 452 | 3,785 | 56,320 | 625,471 | 12,684 | 1,023,871 |
| Brit. No. Am. Colon. | — | — | 250 | 4,659 | — | 1,600 |
| Other Countries | — | 5,000 | 2,355 | 95,196 | 640 | 11,589 |
| Total | 4,106,864 | 102,858,763 | 284,237 | 4,800,844 | 379,052 | 17,086,264 |
| Total 1915 | 8,141,513 | 79,829,238 | 251,121 | 3,450,623 | 299,802 | 4,042,715 |

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Oct. 21 1916 and since July 1 1916 and 1915 are shown in the following:

| Exports. | Wheat. | | | Corn. | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1916. | | 1915. | 1916. | | 1915. |
| | Week Oct. 21. | Since July 1. | Since July 1. | Week Oct. 21. | Since July 1. | Since July 1. |
| North Amer* | 4,584,000 | 132,477,000 | 104,956,000 | 288,000 | 17,323,000 | 2,322,000 |
| Russia | 104,000 | 5,238,000 | 1,952,000 | — | 281,000 | — |
| Danube | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Argentina | 1,792,000 | 21,767,000 | 5,640,000 | — | — | — |
| Australia | 2,088,000 | 13,264,000 | 184,000 | 3,299,000 | 43,781,000 | 80,644,000 |
| India | 1,712,000 | 12,224,000 | 8,608,000 | — | — | — |
| Oth. countr's | 136,000 | 2,531,000 | 3,256,000 | — | 2,134,000 | 2,050,000 |
| Total | 10,416,000 | 187,501,000 | 124,596,000 | 3,587,000 | 63,519,000 | 85,016,000 |

* North America—The Canadian Government has officially prohibited the issuance of both manifests and exports until after ten days. This is effective during the continuance of the war.

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

| | Wheat | | | Corn. | | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|----------|------------|
| | United Kingdom. | | Total. | United Kingdom. | | Total. |
| | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushels. |
| Oct. 21 1916 | — | — | 41,296,000 | — | — | 21,095,000 |
| Oct. 14 1916 | — | — | 42,720,000 | — | — | 19,142,000 |
| Oct. 23 1915 | — | — | 35,944,000 | — | — | 31,092,000 |
| Oct. 24 1914 | — | — | 30,200,000 | — | — | 20,655,000 |

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Oct. 21 1916, was as follows:

| United States— | GRAIN STOCKS. | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | Wheat, bush. | Corn, bush. | Oats, bush. | Rye, bush. | Barley, bush. | Total. |
| New York | 3,997,000 | 722,000 | 1,579,000 | 113,000 | — | 265,000 |
| Boston | 251,000 | 65,000 | 585,000 | 7,000 | — | 41,000 |
| Philadelphia | 1,501,000 | 81,000 | 388,000 | 28,000 | — | — |
| Baltimore | 3,094,000 | 81,000 | 648,000 | 499,000 | — | 12,000 |
| Newport News | 61,000 | — | 546,000 | 4,000 | — | — |
| New Orleans | 3,020,000 | 90,000 | 132,000 | — | 95,000 | — |
| Galveston | 2,630,000 | 15,000 | — | — | — | — |
| Buffalo | 3,621,000 | 777,000 | 3,032,000 | 63,000 | — | 371,000 |
| Toledo | 1,901,000 | 57,000 | 810,000 | 4,000 | — | — |
| Detroit | 432,000 | 101,000 | 268,000 | 42,000 | — | — |
| Chicago | 6,342,000 | 1,053,000 | 19,511,000 | 129,000 | — | 128,000 |
| Milwaukee | 35,000 | 29,000 | 709,000 | 110,000 | — | 383,000 |
| Duluth | 9,513,000 | 1,000 | 6,278,000 | 74,000 | — | 147,000 |
| Minneapolis | 7,305,000 | — | — | 463,000 | — | 640,000 |
| St. Louis | 2,610,000 | 35,000 | 774,000 | 12,000 | — | — |
| Kansas City | 11,789,000 | 280,000 | 3,066,000 | 90,000 | — | — |
| Peoria | 14,000 | 12,000 | 808,000 | — | — | — |
| Indianapolis | 262,000 | 270,000 | 915,000 | — | — | — |
| Omaha | 1,670,000 | 20,000 | 1,936,000 | 154,000 | — | 47,000 |
| On Lakes | 172,933 | 195,000 | 49,000 | — | — | 268,000 |
| On Canal and River | 45,000 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total Oct. 21 1916 | 60,178,000 | 3,870,000 | 43,180,000 | 1,797,000 | 2,397,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 14 1916 | 59,324,000 | 4,456,000 | 41,880,000 | 1,781,000 | 3,550,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 23 1915 | 20,613,000 | 3,974,000 | 15,270,000 | 1,181,000 | 3,476,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 24 1914 | 63,149,000 | 3,074,000 | 32,016,000 | 1,940,000 | 5,053,000 | — |

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Wheat, 1,771,000 bushels at New York, 117,000 Baltimore, 123,000 Philadelphia, 70,000 Boston, 3,449,000 Buffalo, 301,000 Duluth; total, 5,831,000 bushels, against 4,329,000 bushels in 1915. Oats, 310,000 New York, 14,000 Boston, 2,000 Baltimore, 25,000 Duluth, 1,916,000 Buffalo; total, 2,665,000 bushels, against 310,000 in 1915 and barley, 136,000 New York 3,000 Boston, 5,000 Baltimore, 168,000 Buffalo, 22,000 Duluth; total, 334,000, against 198,000 in 1915.

| Canadian— | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | Wheat, bush. | Corn, bush. | Oats, bush. | Rye, bush. | Barley, bush. | Total. |
| Montreal | 2,584,000 | 826,000 | 4,174,000 | 124,000 | 803,000 | — |
| St. William & Pt. Arthur | 7,534,000 | — | 2,943,000 | — | — | — |
| Other Canadian | 5,876,000 | — | 5,745,000 | — | — | — |
| Total Oct. 21 1916* | 16,814,000 | 826,000 | 12,862,000 | 124,000 | 803,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 14 1916* | 16,217,000 | 838,000 | 12,414,000 | 122,000 | 799,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 23 1915 | 18,066,000 | 9,000 | 2,046,000 | 11,000 | 118,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 24 1914 | 23,028,000 | 50,000 | 4,367,000 | — | 155,000 | — |
| Summary— | | | | | | |
| American | 60,178,000 | 3,870,000 | 43,180,000 | 1,797,000 | 2,397,000 | — |
| Canadian | 16,814,000 | 826,000 | 12,862,000 | 124,000 | 803,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 21 1916 | 76,992,000 | 4,696,000 | 56,042,000 | 1,921,000 | 3,200,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 14 1916 | 75,641,000 | 5,294,000 | 54,294,000 | 1,853,000 | 4,349,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 23 1915 | 38,979,000 | 3,983,000 | 17,316,000 | 1,162,000 | 3,594,000 | — |
| Total Oct. 24 1914 | 86,177,000 | 4,024,000 | 36,383,000 | 1,990,000 | 5,188,000 | — |

* Including Canadian at Buffalo and Duluth.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Oct. 27 1916.

The wild and erratic price fluctuations in the cotton market during the past week greatly unsettled sentiment in dry goods circles and business, as a result, has been conducted along more conservative lines. While there has been no interruption in trade for prompt deliveries, neither mills nor merchants have been so urgent in their desire to book future business. Despite the sharp break in cotton values from the twenty-cent level reached during the middle of the week, however, there has not as yet been any tendency to lower prices for cotton goods. Buyers, nevertheless, in many instances, expect a lowering of quotations and are inclined to wait and see whether or not these materialize before placing additional business on a large scale. Instead of reacting, prices for virtually all classes of cotton goods have been advanced, and according to selling agents, are subject to further upward revision without notice. While some people in the trade hold out little hope for any recession in values, a feeling is growing that prices have reached a level where they will tend to restrict consumption. Business during the past month or two has been on a remarkably heavy scale, but it is still understood that many buyers have not covered their needs for the remainder of the year and will be obliged to re-enter the market within the near future regardless of the prices prevailing. A number of lines have been so well sold ahead that mills are refusing to accept new orders, and it is predicted that later in the season several classes of goods will be decidedly scarce. Jobbers have been doing an active trade and are advancing values to a level commensurate with mill quotations. Merchants who are making purchases to provide for immediate requirements are readily meeting the prices asked, as they are experiencing difficulty in securing the fabrics wanted. Business in retail centres continues active, with stocks not burdensome and in need of being replenished. Exporters have displayed more interest in dry goods despite the steady advance in prices, and during the week large sales of unbleached cottons and printed goods have been made. Shipments to South American countries, Mexico and Canada continue heavy, but there has been no indication of business being resumed with the Far East.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—While buyers of staple cotton goods have pursued a more conservative policy during the week, prices have continued to advance to new high levels. Demand for prompt goods continues on an active scale, but future business, in view of the sharp changes in prices for the staple, has fallen off. It is generally believed that the high prices are beginning to have a restraining influence. Many classes of goods, however, are said to be unobtainable at listed quotations, as mills are completely sold ahead and are unable to accept additional orders. Demand for colored goods has improved as buyers who had been holding off in the hope of lower quotations appear to have despaired of obtaining any reduction in values and are now endeavoring to obtain supplies. Heavy colored goods have been advanced more than one cent a yard and many buyers have not provided for their future needs. Bleached goods continue to be marked up and new high prices have been named on standard prints. A steady demand is reported from converters and printers, and several large contracts for print cloths are reported to have been placed for delivery during the second quarter of 1917. The advance in heavy cotton goods has been so rapid that bagging interests are again diverting their attention to bur-laps. Gray goods, 38-inch standard, are quoted at 8 1/4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—With demand for goods improving and yarn prices showing increased firmness, woolen and worsted markets rule firm and active. The situation in the raw material market is reported to be attaining a serious aspect as regards supplies, and as there is no indication of improvement, a further hardening tendency is expected. Light weight worsteds for spring 1917 have been firm, with advances ranging from 10 to 25c. per yard named by some mills who have sold their production. Goods made from fine wool are exceptionally firm, as this grade of raw material is difficult to obtain. Much attention has been given to fabrics for the next heavy weight season, and while manufacturers have not as yet named opening quotations, there is talk in some quarters that quotations will be comparatively low. Jobbers have been endeavoring to place orders for dress goods for next fall, but mills have only accepted a few contracts, owing to uncertainty regarding raw material supplies.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—While demand for various substitutes for linens is increasing, there is also a good request for pure linens. Household lines have been in urgent demand and retailers appear to be preparing for an active trade in advance of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Importers report fair sales of crashes on which they could guarantee deliveries. Mail advices from Great Britain report that an embargo has been placed on exports of heavy goods—fabrics weighing over eight ounces to the yard. Business for next spring in all lines is increasing, with good orders being received from out-of-town salesmen. Despite the high prices for cotton, substitutes made from cotton are moving freely and merchants are gradually building up a large trade in this class of goods. Burlaps continue to rule firm and active. In addition to a good trade in light weights, demand for heavy weights is improving. Light weights are 7.50c. and heavy weights 8.50c. to 8.60c.

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT

News Items.

Berkeley, Calif.—Proposed Charter Amendments.—Three proposed amendments to the City Charter are to be submitted to the voters at the general election on Nov. 7. One of these provides for a business manager form of government and the other two relate to resettlement franchises and pensions.

British Government.—New Loan of \$300,000,000.—Official announcement has been made by J. P. Morgan & Co. of the details of the new \$300,000,000 loan to be offered to the public beginning Oct. 31. See further reference in our editorial columns this week.

Montana (State of).—Amendments and Measures to be Submitted at the General Election.—In addition to the proposed amendments to the constitution and other measures to be submitted to the voters at the general election on Nov. 7 and already referred to by us in these columns on Aug. 19, two other propositions are to be passed upon. One of these authorizes the issuance by the State of \$265,000 4% bonds in excess of the constitutional limitation of \$100,000, for the purpose of erecting and equipping buildings at the State penitentiary to be used for the State prison twine factory. The bonds will be in denomination of \$1,000 and will mature in ten years, redeemable at the option of the State in five years from their date of issue, or at any interest-paying period. Interest will be paid semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1 at the State Treasurer's office. The other proposition to be voted upon establishes a State athletic commission and regulates boxing and sparring throughout the State.

New York City.—Equalization of Tax Assessment Refused by State Board.—Efforts of Comptroller Prendergast and Martin Saxe, Chairman State Tax Commission, to get an equalization of assessment which would lighten New York's share of any direct tax that might be imposed have, it is stated, failed. The State Board of Equalization refused to adopt Mr. Saxe's tables intended to do away with the policy of discrimination which imposes upon this city an unfair proportion of the direct State tax. Mr. Saxe favored the adoption of a schedule which would make the average rate of assessment for the State to be 83.18, but the board found it to be 85.76. Last year it was 86.30. The Bureau of Municipal Inquiry and Statistics of the Department of Finance conducted an investigation of the transfer and sales record on file in each county and found that assessments in all the up-State counties run far below market value, and many points below the Board of Equalization's findings, while realty in the five New York City counties is assessed at its actual market value.

There is no direct State tax this year, but had the rate of 83.18, as recommended by Mr. Saxe, been accepted instead of 86.30 for last year, it would have meant a cut, it is said, of about \$500,000 from the city's share of \$13,975,000 of the \$20,000,000 direct State tax.—V. 103, p. 863.

Tentative Estimates Show 1917 Budget to be Largest in History of City.—The Board of Estimate began budget hearings on the 26th to enable representatives of civic bodies and taxpayers' associations to make their protests before appropriations are finally allowed in the budget for 1917, which it is predicted, will be around \$209,000,000. The final total of the 1916 budget was \$198,981,155 81, exclusive of the direct State tax of \$13,975,000, and in 1915 it was \$198,989,786 52. It is said that the increase is due to the working out of the pay-as-you-go plan of financing the city's requirements. The final budget must be signed before midnight October 31.

Sao Paulo, Brazil.—City Negotiates Loan with New York Bankers.—Reference is made this week in our editorial columns to the loan of \$5,500,000 recently negotiated through a syndicate headed by William Morris Imbrie & Co. and the Equitable Trust Co., both of New York City.

South Carolina (State of).—Syndicate Dissolved.—The syndicate headed by the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., which was awarded the \$4,735,000 4% gold refunding bonds on Feb. 16, has been dissolved. V. 102, p. 731.

Yreka, Calif.—Superior Court Upholds City-Hall Bonds.—By a recent decision of the Superior Court of Siskiyou County, the validity of the \$10,000 5% city-hall bonds voted April 10 and awarded on July 18, together with an issue of \$2,500 Fourth St. widening bonds, to the Wm. R. Staats Co. (V. 103, p. 434), has, it is stated, been sustained. The Court, the reports state, upheld all of the proceedings relating to the city-hall bond issue, but determined that the proposition for the widening of Fourth St. failed to receive the requisite number of votes and therefore failed to carry.

Bond Calls and Redemptions.

Boise Independent School District (P. O. Boise), Ada County, Idaho.—Bond Call.—Payment will be made on or before Nov. 15 at the District Treasurer's office, Boise, or at Kountze Bros., N. Y. City, of the following bonds:

High school building bonds dated July 1 1901, Nos. 1 to 80 incl.
High school site-purchase bonds dated June 1 1901, Nos. 11 to 24 incl.
Washington school bonds dated June 1 1903, Nos. 1 to 16 incl.

School construction bonds dated June 1 1903, Nos. 1 to 40 incl.
Central school building bonds dated Nov. 1 1905, Nos. 1 to 96 incl.
Longfellow school bonds dated Nov. 1 1905, Nos. 1 to 96 incl.
Garfield school bonds, all numbers of the following series: Dated Aug. 1 1903, Aug. 6 1904 and Aug. 1 1906.
These bonds will cease to bear interest Nov. 15 1916.
The official notice of this bond call will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

Spokane, Wash.—Bond Call.—The following special improvement bonds are called for payment at the City Treasurer's office on Nov. 1:

Table with columns: Name and Dist. No., Up to & Incl., Name and Dist. No., Up to & Incl., Name and Dist. No., Up to & Incl. Lists various streets and bond amounts.

Bond Proposals and Negotiations this week have been as follows:

ALBANY, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Nov. 2 by John M. Foll, City Compt., for the following 4% res. bonds, aggregating \$363,000:

- \$100,000 grade crossing bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1936, inclusive.
75,000 general resurfacing bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1931, inclusive.
120,000 public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1936, inclusive.
48,000 public impt. bonds. Denom. \$3,200. Due \$3,200 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1931, inclusive.
20,000 public impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1936, inclusive.

These bonds are non-taxable. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. by check. Certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to Chas. E. Walsh, City Treasurer, required. Bonds will be ready for delivery Nov. 10, or as soon thereafter as possible. The legality of these bonds will be examined by Reed & McCook of New York and A. L. Andrews of Albany, and their opinions will be furnished purchaser. The following is a debt statement of Oct. 18 1916. General debt \$6,390,693, water debt, \$1,804,900, cash and securities \$1,008,698, street improvement debt (assessment) \$1,253,050, value of city property \$10,732,600.

ALTA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fresno County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—G. G. Blymyer & Co. of San Francisco have purchased, it is stated, \$7,500 6% building bonds. Due \$1,250 yearly.

AMESBURY, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$125,000 4% 10 1/2 year aver. school bonds—V. 103, p. 1528—were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Boston at 103.15, a basis of about 3.64%. Other bidders were: Adams & Co. 103.04, Harris, Forbes & Co. 102.76, Arthur Perry & Co. 102.97, Blodgett & Co. 102.64, Blake Bros. & Co. 102.92, Cropley, McGaragle & Co. 102.63, Chandler, Wilbur & Co. 102.91, Merrill, Oldham & Co. 102.53, Curtis & Sanger 102.76. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. A. & O. Due \$6,250 yearly for 20 years.

ANDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 5% 15-yr. (aver.) bridge bonds offered on Aug. 8 (V. 103, p. 428) have been disposed of.

ATLANTA, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$116,000 4 1/4% 30-yr. redemption bonds was purchased at par on July 1 by the City Sinking Fund Commission. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1916. Int. J. & J.

AVON PARK, De Soto County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$30,000 5% coupon street-impt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1339) were awarded to the First Nat. Bank of Avon Park for \$28,655, equal to 95.516. Other bids were: G. B. Sawyers Co. of Jacksonville (received too late to be consid'd) \$29,165, W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, 25,850.

BALTIMORE, Md.—PROPOSITIONS TO BE VOTED UPON AT GENERAL ELECTION.—The following propositions, providing for the issuance of city stock bearing 4% int., payable semi-annually, will be submitted to the voters on Nov. 7:

- \$1,000,000 for public school purposes, maturing on May 1 as follows:
\$24,000, 1918 \$29,000, 1923 \$36,000, 1928 \$43,000, 1933 \$53,000, 1938
25,000, 1919 30,000, 1924 37,000, 1929 45,000, 1934 55,000, 1939
26,000, 1920 32,000, 1925 38,000, 1930 47,000, 1935 57,000, 1940
27,000, 1921 33,000, 1926 40,000, 1931 49,000, 1936 59,000, 1941
28,000, 1922 34,000, 1927 41,000, 1932 51,000, 1937 61,000, 1942

\$1,000,000 for extensions to underground conduits and their appurtenances. This issue matures the same as the one above.

\$2,000,000 for general improvement of streets, sidewalks, &c., in the annexed portions of the city, to mature as follows on May 1:

- \$36,000, 1918 \$45,000, 1924 \$57,000, 1930 \$72,000, 1936 \$92,000, 1942
37,000, 1919 47,000, 1925 59,000, 1931 75,000, 1937 95,000, 1943
39,000, 1920 49,000, 1926 62,000, 1932 78,000, 1938 99,000, 1944
40,000, 1921 51,000, 1927 64,000, 1933 81,000, 1939 103,000, 1945
42,000, 1922 53,000, 1928 67,000, 1934 84,000, 1940 107,000, 1946
43,000, 1923 55,000, 1929 69,000, 1935 88,000, 1941 112,000, 1947

The above stock will, if authorized, be issued in \$100 multiples. An ordinance to authorize the Mayor and City Council to issue notes not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year, and not to exceed in the aggregate 90% of the estimated revenue which will accrue under the Special Paying Tax (Acts 1912, Chap. 688), will also be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7. This issue will be used for paying purposes.

BARAGA COUNTY (P. O. L'Anse), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—This county has decided to submit at the election Nov. 7 the question of issuing \$125,000 highway bonds, it is said.

BAY VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 17 the two issues of 5% road bonds, aggregating \$72,267—V. 103, p. 1443—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland for \$73,852 (102.193) and int. The other bidders were: Hayden, Miller & Co. \$73,806 00, W. L. Slayton & Co. \$73,001 41, Stacy & Braun \$73,692 26, Tillotson & Wolcott Co. \$72,592 20, F. L. Fuller & Co. \$73,359 50.

BEAMAN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beaman), Grundy County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 an issue of \$35,000 5% building bonds was purchased by Schanke & Co. of Mason City. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 yrly. Dec. 1 from 1921 to 1932, incl., \$2,000, Dec. 1 1933, 1934 and 1935 and \$17,000 Nov. 1 1936.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 21 by J. G. Sutton, City Sec., for the following 5% gold bonds: \$150,000 school bonds. Due \$7,500 yrly. Nov. 1 from 1937 to 1956, incl. 230,000 wharf bonds. Due \$5,750 yrly. Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1956, incl. 100,000 water-works bonds. Due \$2,500 yrly. Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1956, inclusive.

Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int. M. & N. payable at the City Treas. office, or at the National City Bank, N. Y., at the option of holder. A duly cert. or Cashier's check on some bank of Beaumont for 2% of bonds bid for required. Bids must be made on blank forms furnished by the city. The legality of the bonds has been approved by the Attorney-General's department of the State of Texas, also by Wood & Oakley, bond attorneys, Chicago, Ill., whose opinion to the validity of said bonds will be delivered to purchaser. The city reserves \$150,000 school bonds for an investment of its present sinking funds, being bonds numbered from 1 to 160, inclusive, maturing in from one to twenty years.

BEDFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Va.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon tax-free Forest Magisterial Dist. road bonds (V. 103, p. 1339) were awarded, it is stated, to Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore.

BELHAVEN, Beaufort County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE ENJOINED.—We are advised that the sale of the \$60,000 5% 30 yr. electric-light, water-works and sewerage system bonds, which was to have taken place on Nov. 8, will be enjoined. Tooty & McMillan are attorneys for town.

BENSON, Douglas County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$25,000 5% 10-20-year (opt.) coupon internal improvement bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Nebraska fiscal agency, Lincoln. C. Hollestelle is City Clerk.

BLOOMINGTON SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Bloomington), Monroe County, Ind.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$13,900 4 1/2% school impt. bonds which were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. on Sept. 21—V. 103, p. 1240—are dated Sept. 1 1916. Denom. 1 for \$600, 19 for \$700. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—J. & J.—payable at Monroe County State Bank Bloomington. Due \$600 July 1 1923 and \$700 each six months from Jan. 1 1924 to Jan. 1 1933 incl. Total debt, incl. this issue, \$97,400; assess. val. \$4,874,645; real val., est., \$10,000,000.

BOISE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boise), Ada County, Idaho.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 1 the two issues of gold coupon refunding bonds, aggregating \$180,000, were awarded to James N. Wright & Co. of Denver as 4 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. J. & J. Due \$18,000 yearly from 1927 to 1936 incl. The sale of these bonds on June 27 to the Central Sav. Bank & Trust Co. of Denver (V. 103, p. 170) was not consummated.

BOONE & MCHENRY COUNTIES HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 136 (P. O. Capron), Ills.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was awarded at 104.75 on Aug. 18, an issue of \$32,000 5% 13 yr. aver. high school bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 15 1916. Int. A. & O.

BOZEMAN, Gallatin County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 25 \$235,000 water refunding and water system impt. and \$70,000 sewer-system impt. 5% 10-20-yr. (opt.) coupon bonds were awarded to Jas. K. Murray of Butte at par and int. Denom. \$1,000. Date (\$205,000) July 1 1916 (\$100,000) Aug. 1 1916. Int. J. & J. Similar issues of bonds were reported sold on May 18 to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver at 104.075 and int. See V. 102, p. 2006.

BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The proposition to issue \$28,000 school bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

BROADWATER COUNTY (P. O. Townsend), Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that the proposition to issue \$30,000 road-impt. bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

BROCKTON, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 25 five issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$291,000, were awarded to Blodget & Co. of Boston at 103.65 and int. The other bids were: Curtis & Sanger 103.522 Chandler, Wilbur & Co. 102.791 Blake Bros. & Co. 103.28 Merrill, Oldham & Co. 102.769 E. M. Grant & Co. 103.27 Adams & Co. 102.38 Arthur Perry & Co. 102.973 Cropley, McGaragle & Co. 102.353

The following is a description of the bonds: \$90,000 school bonds. Date July 1 1916. Due \$5,000 yearly from 1917 to 1926 incl. and \$4,000 yearly from 1927 to 1936 incl. 5,000 drainage bonds. Date July 1 1916. Due \$500 yearly from 1917 to 1925 incl. 4,000 playground bonds. Date Sept. 1 1916. Due \$500 yearly from 1917 to 1924. 12,000 playground bonds. Date Nov. 1 1916. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1917 to 1928 incl. 180,000 school bonds. Date Nov. 1 1915. Due \$18,000 yearly from 1926 to 1935 incl.

BROOKSVILLE, Hernando County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 63 to 21 the question of issuing the \$20,000 water-works-system bonds (V. 103, p. 1144) carried, it is stated, at the election held Oct. 9.

BRUCE, Brookings County, So. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Oct. 31, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$7,000 6% 20-year electric-light-system bonds.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY (P. O. Buckingham), Va.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 2 the \$50,000 5% 30-year road bonds (V. 103, p. 1240) were awarded to Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore at 102, according to reports.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 11 a. m. Oct. 30 by John F. Cochrane, City Compt., for \$105,000, \$30,000, \$15,000 and \$12,734 4% 8-month's deficiency bonds. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and int., payable July 1 1917 at office of City Compt., or at Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y., to suit purchaser. The opinion of the City Corporation Counsel will be furnished, certifying that the above bonds are a binding obligation of the city and must be accepted as unconditional proof of the validity of the issues. Bonds will be delivered to any Buffalo bank or trust company on Nov. 1 and must be paid for in full on that day. Full amount of the bids must be stated in round figures.

BURKE COUNTY, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Nov. 15 by J. M. Brinkley, Chairman Board of County Commissioners (P. O. Valdes), for the following 5% 30-year road-impt. bonds: \$10,000 Upper Fork Twp. bonds voted Sept. 16. 20,000 Silver Creek Twp. bonds voted Sept. 30. 50,000 Lovelady Twp. bonds voted Sept. 30. 20,000 Quaker Meadows Twp. bonds voted Oct. 14.

CANBY, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the \$6,500 10-20-yr. (opt.) coupon water-works-plant purchase bonds (V. 103, p. 1443), were awarded at par for \$520 as follows: \$4,500 to the Bank of Commerce of Oregon City and \$2,000 to Caroline Wang of Canby.

CAREY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carey), Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that at the Nov. 7 election a proposition to issue \$70,000 school bonds will be decided by the voters.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 14 by D. A. Hyman, County Treas., for \$25,200 4 1/2% 6 1-3-yr. aver. John M. Carson et al. road bonds in Clay Twp. Denom. \$630. Date Dec. 15 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,260 each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927, inclusive.

CENTERBURG, Knox County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 20 by N. C. Smith, VII. Clerk, for the following 5% street assess. bonds: \$12,664 bonds. Denom. 24 for \$500, 1 for \$664. Due \$664 Apr. 1 1917 and \$500 each six months from Oct. 1 1917 to Apr. 1 1929 incl. 2,548 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$48, 25 for \$100. Due \$48 Apr. 1 1917 and \$100 each six months from Oct. 1 1917 to Oct. 1 1929 incl. Auth. Sec. 3914, Gen. Code. Int. A. & O. Cert. check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the VII. Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Similar issues of bonds were awarded to the Ohio Nat. Bank of Columbus on Aug. 21. V. 103, p. 774.

CHARLESTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Charleston), Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 24 the \$150,000 4 1/2% 25-34-yr. (opt.) coupon bldg. and equip. bonds (V. 103, p. 1443) were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati for \$154,805 (103.203) and int. Other bids were: Hornblower & Weeks, New York \$154,687 50 J. C. Mayer & Co., Cincinnati 154,622 01 Fifth-Third National Bank, Cincinnati 154,605 00 A. E. Aub & Co., Cincinnati 154,550 00 Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo 154,365 00 Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati 154,313 00 Stacy & Braun, Cincinnati 153,888 00 R. M. Grant & Co., New York 153,780 00 Rudolph Klybush & Co., Cincinnati 153,727 00 Harris, Forbes & Co., New York 153,484 50

Table listing bond bids for Robert Torrett & Son, Townsend Scott & Co., Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore, Cummings, Prudden & Co., Toledo, Kauffman Smith, Emert Inv. Co., St. Louis, Provident Savings Bank & Tr. Co., Cincinnati, Field, Richards & Co., Cincinnati, Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh, C. E. Dennison & Co., Cleveland, Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago, Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore, H. A. Kahler, New York, Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland, Farson, Son & Co., New York.

CHASE CITY, Mecklenburg County, Va.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 17 the \$35,000 5 1/2% 30-yr. funding and municipal impt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1241) were awarded to J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati for \$35,387 20, equal to 101.106. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N.

CHEROKEE COUNTY (P. O. Eusk), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The election held in Road Dist. No. 1 on Oct. 21 resulted, it is stated, in a vote of 695 to 227 in favor of the proposition to issue the \$250,000 road-construction bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—The following bond propositions will be placed on the ballot at the coming Nov. 7 election: Seventy-fifth St. beach extending to Seventy-ninth St. \$600,000 Fifty-first St. beach 350,000 Swimming pools, recreation centres, &c., on the West, Northwest and South Sides 900,000 Purchasing bathing beach property on the North Side, especially near Clarendon Beach 300,000 Miscellaneous parks and playgrounds on the West and South Sides 300,000 Loading station and rubbish incinerator, Goose Island 425,000 Extension Oakley Ave. loading station 30,000 Site and buildings for two new stations, North and Northwest 232,000 Rubbish incinerator, &c., Fifteenth and Loomis streets 150,000 Completion of municipal reduction plant 968,000 Completion of the Ninety-fifth St. incinerator 195,000

CHOWCHILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chowchilla), Madera County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Nov. 2, it is reported, to vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 high-school-bldg. bonds.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 the four issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$17,760—V. 103, p. 1443—were awarded as follows: \$13,440 three issues of bonds to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$13,783 52, equal to 102.555. 4,320 bonds to R. L. Dollings Co. of Indianapolis for \$4,434, equal to 102.638.

The total premiums bid by the other bidders were: Flot. Amer. Nat. Bank \$435 25 Merchants Nat. Bank \$352 61 Meyer-Kiser Bank 404 50 Miller & Company 381 00 Breed, Elliott & Harrison 355 00 Gavin L. Payne & Co. 315 50

CLOVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clovis), Curry County, N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Local papers state that an election will be called in the near future to vote on the question of issuing from \$50,000 to \$75,000 building bonds.

COSHOCOTON COUNTY (P. O. Coshocton), Ohio.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$10,000 4 1/2% flood emergency bonds which were sold on July 6 at 101.05 are dated July 1 1916 and are in the denomination of \$500—V. 103, p. 260. Int. M. & S. Due in 1926. CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The First Nat. Bank of Columbus has purchased at 101.35 the three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$7,900 which were offered on Aug. 14, it is stated.—V. 103, p. 429.

DALLAS COUNTY LEVEL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$48,000 levee impt. bonds carried, it is stated, by a vote of 9 to 0 at an election held Oct. 9.

DAWSON, Lac Qui Parle County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 21 the \$25,000 30-yr. sewer bonds (V. 103, p. 958) were awarded to the Capital Loan & Trust Co. of St. Paul at 102.456 for 4 1/2%.

DECATUR, Macon County, Ills.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$42,000 4 1/2% comp. water bonds—V. 103, p. 1444—were awarded to the Millin Nat. Bank of Decatur for \$43,762 80 (104.197), accrued int. and bonds. Other bidders were: Harris Tr. & Sav. Bank \$43,752 00 H. C. Speer & Sons Co. \$43,059 00 Curtis & Sanger 43,747 62 Edmund Bros. 43,734 60 John Nuveen & Co. 42,635 00 Bolger, Mosser & Willaman 43,013 00 R. M. Grant & Co. 43,495 00 A. B. Leach & Co. 43,646 00 McCoy & Co. 43,365 00 Mercantile Trust Co. 43,582 56 Matthews, Dixon & Co. 43,579 00 Wm. R. Compton Co. 43,419 00 Cummings, Prudden & Co. 43,483 00 P. W. Chapman Co. 43,430 00 Yard, Otis & Taylor 43,400 00 Arthur Perry & Co. 43,710 66 H. T. Holtz & Co. 43,646 00 Hornblower & Weeks 43,631 70 Miss. Valley Trust Co. 43,330 00 Little & Hays 43,165 00 Hanchett Bond Co. 43,157 00 Cont. & Comm'l Trust & Kauffman, Smith, Emert Savings Bank 43,505 00 Co. 43,109 00 Emery, Peck & Rockwood 43,438 00 C. W. McNear & Co. 43,220 00 First Trust & Savs. Bank 43,338 00 Merrill, Oldham & Co. 43,717 38 E. H. Rollins & Sons 43,716 96

All bids provided for payment of accrued interest; the bids marked with an asterisk (*) agreed to furnish bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—A. & O.—payable at office of City Treas. Due \$22,000 Oct. 1 1926 and \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1927 to 1936 incl.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Delaware), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. and 2 p. m. respectively on Nov. 16 for the following 4 1/2% bonds: \$88,300 road bonds. Denom. 80 for \$1,000, 20 for \$415. Due \$4,415 each six months from Mar. 1 1917 to Sept. 1 1926 incl. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. 13,900 ditch bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$390. Due \$1,390 each six months. Cert. check for \$500 required.

Date Sept. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & S.—payable at office of Co. Treas. Cert. checks for the above amounts required. Said checks must be made payable to the Co. Aud., and upon banks doing business in Delaware County. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 5 days from day of sale. A transcript of the proceedings approved by Peck, Shaffer & Peck will be furnished with the road bonds.

DENISON, Grayson County, Tex.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$60,000 5% school building bonds awarded at 104 on Oct. 7 to John B. Oldham of Dallas (V. 103, p. 1529) are in the denom. of \$500 and dated Aug. 1 1916. Int. J. & J. Due \$3,000 yearly July 1 from 1917 to 1936 incl.

DENNIS O'NAN DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Morganfield), Union County, Ky.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale has been made of the \$52,500 8% 2-11-year serial coupon drainage bonds offered on Sept. 15 (V. 103, p. 959).

DETROIT, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 24 the \$1,200,500 4% 30-yr. school bonds—V. 103, p. 1340—were awarded to Kountze Bros. and Redmond & Co. of N. Y. for \$1,225,638, equal to 102.093, a basis of about 3.88%.

DEWESE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Charlotte), Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—Up to Oct. 24 no sale had been made of the \$15,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 5 (V. 102, p. 2097).

DODDRIDGE COUNTY (P. O. West Union), W. Va.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the \$175,000 5% coupon Grant Dist. road impt. bonds offered on June 20 (V. 102, p. 1916), have been purchased by the State Board of Public Works.

DUNCAN, Stephens County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—Robinson & Taylor of Oklahoma City were awarded on Sept. 25, \$5,000 electric light and \$6,000 water-works bonds for \$11,900, equal to 108.181.

DURHAM COUNTY (P. O. Durham), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 3 the \$75,000 10-yr. (aver.) coupon tax-free court house bonds (V. 103, p. 1241), were awarded jointly to Sidney Spitzer & Co. and Stacy & Braun of Toledo for \$75,019 (100.025) as 4 1/2%.

EAST PALESTINE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 2 an issue of \$46,500 5% 3 1/2-yr. aver. sewer bonds was awarded to J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati. Date May 1 1916. Int. M. & S. Due \$9,300 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1917 to 1921 incl.

EATON, Preble County, Ohio.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—Newspaper reports state that this city will shortly offer for sale an issue of \$3,500 street impmt. city's share bonds.

EDEN, Hancock County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 2 an issue of \$10,000 4% 10-yr. park bonds was awarded to Hornblower & Weeks of Boston at 100.90. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. A. & O. Due Oct. 1 1926.

EUCLID TOWNSHIP (P. O. Euclid), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bids were received for the \$2,358 5% 6-yr. aver. coup. road bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 103, p. 1241: Garfield Savs. Bank.....\$2,403 98 W. L. Slayton & Co.....\$2,364 Otis & Company.....2,383 00 Hayden, Miller & Co.....2,328 Titilston & Wolcott Co.....2,382 00

FAIRMONT, Marion County, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Dec. 5 to vote on the question of issuing \$760,000 4 1/2% coupon general improvement and refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1916. Prin. and annual int. (Jan. 1) payable at the City Clerk's office or at the Nat. City Bank, N. Y., at option of holder. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$9,000 1918; \$12,000 1919 and 1920; \$13,000 1921 and 1922; \$14,000 1923; \$15,000 1924; \$16,000 1925, 1926 and 1927; \$20,000 1928; \$21,000 1929; \$22,000 1930; \$23,000 1931 and 1932; \$25,000 1933; \$26,000 1934; \$27,000 1935; \$29,000 1936 and 1937; \$31,000 1938; \$33,000 1939 and 1940; \$36,000 1941; \$37,000 1942; \$38,000 1943; \$41,000 1944; \$42,000 1945; \$44,000 1946 and 1947. Albert J. Kern is City Clerk.

FISHER, Champaign County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is being held to-day (Oct. 28) to decide whether or not the village shall issue \$6,000 water-works bonds.

FITZGERALD, Ben Hill County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 24 the \$23,000 5% school bldg. bonds (V. 103, p. 1241) were awarded to W. M. Davis Co., Macon, at 109.981. Other bids were: Trust Co. of Ga., Atlanta \$25,015 75 Mercantile Tr. Co., St. L. \$24,385 00 E. C. Hoek & Toledo \$24,991 80 Exchange Nat. Bk., Fitz'd \$24,380 00 Seasongood & Mayer, Cin \$24,685 00 B. N. Berrien Jr., Atlanta \$24,207 50 Cummings, Prudden & W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo \$24,454 00 Toledo \$23,282 90 E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chi. \$24,446 47 Atlantic National Bank Hanchett Bond Co., Chi. \$24,403 00 Jacksonville.....23,009 09 Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & J. Due June 30 1916.

FORT JONES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Jones), Siskiyou County, Cal.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that the question of issuing \$10,000 bldg. bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 4.

FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 26 an issue of \$19,000 4% 10-yr. aver. coup. tax-free school bonds was awarded to W. L. Raymond & Co. of Boston at 103.21, a basis of about 3.61%. The other bidders were: Merrill, Oldham & Co.....103.189 Arthur Perry & Co.....102.79 Natick Savings Bank.....103.185 Curtis & Sanger.....102.52 P. S. Mosby & Co.....102.91 Blodget & Co.....102.409 R. M. Grant & Co.....102.89 Crowley, McFarlane & Co.....101.727 Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—A. & O.—payable at First Nat. Bank, Boston. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1935, inclusive. The following is a debt statement incl. this issue, as of Oct. 16 1916: Inside limit \$116,000, outside limit \$685,000, water debt incl. in outside \$502,000, assess. val. 1915, \$17,075,129, sinking fund against outside debt, \$79,426, borrowing capacity Oct. 16 1916, \$374,486.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Nov. 6 by Wm. M. McCarty, Co. Treas., for an issue of \$31,860 4 1/2% 6 1/2-yr. aver. W. D. Bradt et al. road bonds in Brookville Twp. Denom. \$1,593. Date Nov. 6 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,593 each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927 incl.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At the Nov. 7 election this county will decide whether or not public property and public work improvement bonds shall be issued not to exceed \$3,500,000.

GALION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Galion), Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 21 the \$2,822.57 5% 3 1/2-yr. aver. refunding bonds—V. 103, p. 1444—were awarded, reports state, to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo at a premium of \$21, equal to 100.80.

GIBSONBURG, Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7 p. m. Nov. 6 by Merrill Mason, VII. Clerk, for the following 4 1/2% street bonds: \$5,355 23 assess. bonds. Denom. \$585 28 and \$530. Due 1 bond yearly beginning Mar. 1 1917. 18,850 23 assess. bonds. Denom. \$2,200 30 and \$1,850. Due one bond yearly beginning Mar. 1 1917. 5,772 87 assess. bonds. Denom. \$732 87 and \$560. Due 1 bond yearly beginning Mar. 1 1917. 7,368 62 assess. bonds. Denom. \$843 62 and \$725. Due 1 bond yearly commencing Mar. 1 1917. 4,016 51 assess. bonds. Denom. \$416 51 and \$400. Due 1 bond yearly beginning Mar. 1 1917. 2,489 61 assess. bonds. Denom. \$284 61 and \$245. Due 1 bond yearly beginning Mar. 1 1917. 15,555 00 village's portion bonds. Denom. \$1,555. Due \$1,555 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1917 to 1926 incl. The assess. bonds are subject to a reduction, according to cash paid prior to date of offering. Date Nov. 6 1916. Int. M. & N. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the VII. Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Bloomfield State Bank of Bloomfield has purchased the \$7,000 4 1/2% road bonds which were offered on Sept. 2. V. 103, p. 775.

GREENLEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo were awarded on Aug. 26, \$25,000 6% 5-15-yr. (opt.) building bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1916. Int. M. & N.

HAMLET, Richmond County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 10 the \$50,000 5% 30-year coup. street-impmt. bonds—V. 103, p. 1242—were awarded to M. H. Cutler & Co. of Chicago at 102.37 and int.

HAMPDEN, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that Harry C. Griffin Co. recently purchased \$11,300 school bonds, maturing on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920.

HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Kenton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 1 by Ulrich J. Pfeiffer, Co. Aud., for the following 4 1/2% road bonds: \$8,800 Wood road bonds. Denom. \$1,100. Due \$2,200 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive. 14,400 Casper road bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$3,600 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive. 5,200 Wilcox road bonds. Denom. \$1,300. Due \$1,300 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive. 4,000 Keeley road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive. 5,200 Mottor road bonds. Denom. \$1,300. Due \$1,300 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive. 4,800 Schwemmer road bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920, inclusive. Auth. Sec. 6923, Gen. Code. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & N.—payable at office of Co. Treas. Cert. check on a Kenton bank for \$500 required with each issue. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from date of sale.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 10 by Thos. W. Knight, County Treasurer, for \$7,500 and \$4,600 4 1/2% highway bonds, reports state.

HELT SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dana), Vermillion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John T. Taylor, Twp. Trustee, will receive bids until 10:30 a. m. Nov. 16 for \$10,000 4% school bonds. Denom. \$1 for \$333 43 and 29 for \$333 33. Date Dec. 1 1916. Int. J. & D. Due one bond each six months from June 1 1917 to Dec. 1 1931, inclusive.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10:30 a. m. Oct. 30, it is stated, by John W. Patterson, Co. Treas., for \$12,400 and \$14,000 4 1/2% highway impmt. bonds.

HICKMAN COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Dispatches state that John H. Clacott, Co. Judge, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Nov. 22 for \$225,000 5% 1-40-yr. serial highway bonds voted Sept. 14 (V. 103, p. 1145). Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$3,000 required.

HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ambia), Benton County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 an issue of \$33,000 4% 15-yr. serial school bonds was awarded to the Fletcher Amer. Nat. Bank of Indianapolis for \$33,388 50, equal to 101.177. The other bids were: Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Indianapolis.....\$33,336 50 J. F. Wild & Co., Indianapolis.....33,135 50 Denom. 30 for \$1,000, 15 for \$200. Int. J. & J. Due \$2,200 yearly.

HILLSBORO, Hill County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis were awarded on Sept. 1 the \$100,000 5% 15-40-yr. (opt.) street impmt. bonds (V. 103, p. 601). Denom. \$500. Date Aug. 1 1916. Int. F. & A.

HO-HO-KUS, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—For the issue of 4 1/2% bonds not exceeding \$15,000 offered on Oct. 25—V. 103, p. 1530—the following bids were received; all of which were for \$15,000 of bonds: M. M. Freeman & Co.....\$15,229 65 Outwater & Wells.....\$15,133 50 A. B. Leach & Co.....15,228 88 Francis K. McCully.....15,074 89 J. D. Everett & Co.....15,155 55 Hornblower & Weeks.....15,063 75 H. E. Crawford & Co.....15,147 00 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co.....15,043 50 We are informed that the bid of M. M. Freeman & Co. was protested by Leach's representative and that both bids were submitted to the Borough Council for his decision.

HUNTERSVILLE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Charlotte), Mecklenburg County, No. Caro.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—Up to Oct. 24 no sale had been made of the \$15,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on June 5 (V. 102, p. 2008).

ICARD TOWNSHIP, Burke County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% 30-year road-improvement bonds offered on Sept. 5 (V. 103, p. 896) were awarded on that day to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo.

IDAHO.—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE.—During the months of August and September the State Board of Land Commissioners purchased at par the following bonds:

Six Issues, Aggregating \$9,100, Purchased in August. Table with columns: Amt., School District, Date Int. Purch. Rate, Date of Bonds, Due, Option. Includes entries for \$800 Bannock Co. 68, \$3,000 Bonneville Co. 2, \$1,000 Clearwater Co. 18, \$1,800 Idaho Co. 35, \$1,500 Washington Co. 32, \$1,000 Gem Co. 15.

Sixteen Issues, Aggregating \$40,800, Purchased in September. Table with columns: Amt., School District, Date Int. Purch. Rate, Date of Bonds, Due, Option. Includes entries for \$2,000 Boise Co. 59, \$900 Boise Co. 53, \$1,500 Boise Co. 42, \$3,000 Cassia Co. 5, \$500 Cassia Co. 41, \$700 Nez Perce Co. 34, \$3,000 Owyhee Co. 30, \$1,000 Twin Falls Co. 36, \$5,000 Washington Co. 41, \$300 Bannock Co. 67, \$3,000 Franklin Co. 16, \$1,600 Idaho Co. 29, \$1,800 Gooding Co. 2, \$9,000 Ada Co. 32, \$1,000 Twin Falls Co. 58, \$6,500 Bear Lake Co. 22.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—At the Nov. 7 election propositions providing for the issuance of \$50,000 hospital and \$61,500 paving 4 1/2% semi-annual bonds will be submitted to the voters.

JACKSON, Bryan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,100 5% 1-5-year opt. coup. refunding bonds offered on Aug. 15—V. 103, p. 601—were, it is stated, purchased by Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo at 100.421.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bysville), Guernsey County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale has been made of the \$12,000 5% bonds which were offered on Sept. 28. The issue is under litigation, one decision has already been rendered in favor of the township.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the proposition to issue \$52,000 road impmt. bonds carried at a recent election.

JEFFERSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson), Greene County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport were awarded on June 14 the \$80,000 4 1/2% 20-year high-school bldg. bonds for \$80,375, equal to 100.467. Date July 1 1916. Int. J. & J.

JOLIET, Carbon County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 the \$22,000 10-20-yr. (opt.) water-plant-purchase and impmt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1145), were awarded to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver for \$22,195 (100.886) and int. as 5 1/2%. Other bids were: John F. Sinclair & Co.—\$22,170 for 5 1/2%, \$22,990 for 6s. Palmer Bond & Mfg Co., Salt Lake City—\$22,026 for 5 1/2%, \$22,910 for 6s. Elston, Clifford & Co., Chicago—\$22,795 for 6s. James N. Wright & Co. of Denver—\$12,783 20 for 6s. C. H. Coffin, Chicago—\$22,451 for 6s. Capital Trust & Sav. Bank—\$22,225 for 6s. Security Trust & Sav. Bank—\$22,050 for 6s.

JONES COUNTY (P. O. Elliville), Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 7 the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans was awarded the following 5% bonds: \$200,000 road bonds at 105.55. Due Oct. 15 1936. 20,000 So. Mississippi Charity hospital bonds at 104.02. Due \$1,000 yearly Oct. 15 from 1920 to 1939, incl. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 15 1916. Int. A. & O. BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held Nov. 3 to submit to a vote the proposition to issue the above road bonds. To meet a technicality the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. demands an election before paying over the money.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 an issue of \$9,800 4 1/2% 6 1/2-yr. aver. road bonds was awarded to J. P. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$10,077 25, equal to 102.829. Other bids were: Flet. Amer. Nat. Bank.....\$10,069 50 Union Trust Co.....\$10,015 00 Joseph & Kuhn, Vincennes 10,057 57 Bankers Trust Co.....10,000 00 Miller & Co.....10,057 00 R. L. Dollings Co.....9,997 50 Breed, Elliott & Harrison, 10,035 00 German Nat. Bank.....9,910 00 Denom. \$490. Date Oct. 3 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$490 each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927, inclusive.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Oct. 31 of the \$18,398 25 5% street-impmt. assess bonds (V. 103, p. 1530). Proposals for these will be received until 10 a. m. on that day by Robt. P. Williams, City Recorder, & Treas. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1921. Cert. check for 5% required. The legality of the bonds has been passed upon by Peck, Schaeffer & Peck of Cincinnati, Ohio.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—M. J. Brown, Co. Treas., will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 31 for the following 4 1/2% 5 1/2-yr. aver. highway bonds: \$15,000 Christ Mathies road bonds in Center Twp. Denom. \$750. Date Aug. 15 1916. 14,000 Joseph Hoop road bonds in West Creek & Cedar Creek Twps. Denom. \$700. Date Sept. 15 1916. 12,000 Richard Kraay road bonds in Calumet Twp. Denom. \$600. Date Aug. 15 1916. Int. M. & N. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1917 to Nov. 15 1926, inclusive.

BOND SALE.—On Oct. 24 the \$18,000 4 1/2% road bonds—V. 103, p. 1531—were awarded to the Commercial Bank of Crown Point at 102.95. The other bidders were: Peoples State Bank \$18,530.00 R. L. Dollings Co. \$18,416.00 Breed, Elliott & Harrison 18,487.50 Union Tr. Co., Indianapolis 18,360.00 Meyer-Kiser Bank 18,451.00

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Two Harbors), Minn.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that the proposition to issue \$100,000 road and bridge bonds will probably be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Carl Pusch, Co. Treas., will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 31 for \$23,200 4 1/2% 5 1-3-yr. aver. H. H. Martin et al. road bonds in Center Twp. Denom. \$580. Date Oct. 16 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$580 each six months from May 15 1917 to Nov. 15 1926, inclusive.

LEESBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Leesburg), Loudoun County, Va.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—Up to Oct. 22, no sale had been made of the \$30,000 coupon high-school-bldg. bonds offered on June 28 (V. 102, p. 2364).

LEFLORE COUNTY (P. O. Greenwood), Miss.—BONDS AWARD-ED IN PART.—Reports state that of the \$600,000 5% 5-24-year serial road-improvement bonds offered on Oct. 4 (V. 103, p. 1058), \$100,000 was awarded at 103.65 to John Nuvreen & Co. of Chicago.

LENA CONOVER RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Conover), Miami County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Citizens Nat. Bank of Piqua has been awarded for \$15,835, equal to 105.566, the \$15,000 5% school bonds which were offered on Sept. 12—V. 103, p. 866.

LEXINGTON, Fayette County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 an issue of \$1,843 23 6% street impt. bonds were awarded to the ad voters at par and int. Date July 22 1916. Int. J. & J. Due part yearly for 10 years.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—RESULT OF BOND ELECTION.—According to reports at the election held Oct. 11 the question of issuing the \$300,000 harbor-improvement bonds carried, while the propositions to issue \$500,000 pier-construction and \$50,000 hospital-creation bonds were defeated. See V. 103, p. 1146.

LORAIN COUNTY (P. O. Elyria), Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$18,000 bonds for the liquidation of the debt of the Lorain County Agricultural Society will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—Local papers state that the special election held in the Hollywood District on Oct. 15 resulted in a vote of 3,449 to 445 in favor of the question of issuing \$1,020,000 bonds to purchase the system of the Union Hollywood Water Co. and make the necessary extensions and betterments. (V. 103, p. 1445.)

LYNCHBURG, Highland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,500 5% coup. public building constr. bonds, which were offered on Sept. 2—V. 103, p. 776—have been awarded to A. E. Aub & Co. of Cinch. for \$15,710, equal to 101.348.

LYONS, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Oct. 30 by W. S. Egnew, Village Clerk, for \$3,000 5% coup. street bonds. Auth. Sec. 3915, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. A. & O. at Lyons, Commercial Bank. Due from 1929 to 1934 incl. Certified check for \$200, payable to "Village of Lyons," required. Bonded debt, excl. this issue, Oct. 20 1916, \$14,000; floating debt, \$21,500.

McKINNEY, Collin County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$22,000 5% 10-20-yr. (opt.) school bldg. bonds was awarded on Aug. 12 to the City Water Works Bond Sinking Fund for \$22,500 (102.272) and int. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1916. Int. J. & J.

McMINNVILLE, Yamhill County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—In addition to the \$12,000 street-improvement (intersection) bonds to be offered for sale on Oct. 31—V. 103, p. 1531—an issue of \$7,590 99 6% 1-10-year opt. sewer-improvement bonds will also be sold on that day. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-annually at the Oregon fiscal agency, N. Y. City. Certified check for \$200 required. A. C. Chandler is City Recorder.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Huntville), Ala.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 10 the \$75,000 4 1/2% 30-yr. refunding bonds offered without success on Sept. 12 (V. 103, p. 1146) were awarded, it is stated, to J. B. Rylance.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Dec. 7, it is stated, to vote on the proposition to issue \$35,000 road-improvement bonds.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 3 the two issues of bonds (V. 103, p. 1058) were awarded, it is stated, as follows: \$75,000 18-yr. aver. Supers. Dist. No. 1 bonds to Tillotson & Wolcott Co., of leveland at 100.25 for 58, 50,000 18-yr. (aver.) Supers. Dist. No. 3 bonds to Wm. R. Compton of St. Louis at 100.98 for 58.

MAGNOLIA, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 19 the \$5,000 5 1/2% 1 1/2-yr. aver. refunding bonds—V. 103, p. 1242—were awarded to Stacy & Braun Co. of Toledo for \$5,334.04, equal to 106.689. The other bidders were: F. C. Hoehler \$5,325.50 Dayles-Bertram Co. \$5,255.00 W. L. Slayton & Co. 5,316.65 Oils & Co. 5,200.00 Durfee, Niles & Co. 5,303.00 J. C. Mayer & Co. 5,189.50 Spitzer, Rorick & Co. 5,291.00 Breed, Elliott & Harrison 5,187.50 Field, Richards & Co. 5,260.50 Tillotson & Wolcott Co. 5,178.00 New First Nat. Bank 5,260.00 Bank of Magnolia Co. 5,076.00 Cummings, Prudden & Co. 5,257.00

MARKS, Quitman County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$25,000 6-19-year serial water and sewerage system bonds were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at 102.10 for 5 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1916. Int. J. & D.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lloyd Boner, Co. Treas., will receive bids until 12 m. Nov. 16 for an issue of \$5,150 4 1/2% highway-impt. bonds.

MAY BERRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Newport), Jackson County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 3 the \$18,000 5 1/2% drainage bonds (V. 103, p. 1233) were awarded to Theis & Diestelkamp Investment Co. of St. Louis. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due serially on Nov. 1.

MIDDLEBURG RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dexter City), Mobile County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Barnesville Nat. Bank of Barnesville has been awarded at 102.05 the \$2,000 6% 4-year aver. school bonds offered on Sept. 1—V. 103, p. 776.

MIDLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Midland), Midland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 10 an issue of \$7,500 4 1/2% school bonds was awarded to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 15 1916. Int. A. & O. Due April 15 1931.

MILTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 4:15 p. m. Oct. 30 by the Town Treasurer, for an issue of \$100,000 4% 1-10-year high-school bonds, it is said.

MINDEN (Town), (P. O. Fort Plain), Montgomery County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 25 an issue of \$9,000 5% bridge bonds was awarded to the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Fort Plain at 102.75. Other bids were: H. A. Kahler & Co., N. Y. 102.74 Farson, Son & Co., N. Y. 102.51 Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable ann. on Feb. 1 at the Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Fort Plain. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1917 to 1925, incl. Including this issue the town has a bonded debt of \$22,000, equalized assess. val., 1916, \$2,726,368.

MINERAL COUNTY (P. O. Keyser), W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4 1/2% New Creek Magisterial Dist. and \$75,000 5% Piedmont Magisterial Dist. coupon road-impt. bonds offered on Aug. 15—V. 103, p. 432—have been disposed of.

MINOT, Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland has purchased \$200,000 6% 1-20-yr. serial street-paving bonds.

MODESTO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Stanislaus County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$135,000 building bonds carried, it is stated, at a recent election.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 6 by Walter H. Aszling, Clerk Bd. of Co. Commrs., for \$15,000 4 1/2% 4 1/2-yr. aver. bridge bonds. Auth. Secs. 2434 and 2435 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 6 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & S.—payable at office of Co. Treas. Due \$1,000 Nov. 6 1917 and \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 6 from 1918 to 1924. Incl. Cert. check on a solvent bank or trust company for \$500, payable to the Co. Treas., required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Bids must be unconditional. Bonded debt, incl. this issue, Oct. 28 1916, \$1,632,900. No floating debt. Assess. val. 1916, \$240,420,100. Total tax rate per \$1,000, \$13.40.

A like amount of bonds was sold on Sept. 8 to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati. See V. 103, p. 1059.

MOOREFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Moorefield), Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have been awarded at 102.23 the \$15,000 5% 8 1/2-yr. aver. school bonds which were offered on Aug. 1, it is said.—V. 103, p. 341.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Metropolitan Paving Block Co. of Canton, Ohio, has been awarded the \$34,000 4 1/2% street bonds on which an option was given to John F. McLean & Co., but subsequently refused.—V. 103, p. 1146.

NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 17 the four issues of bonds, aggregating \$29,852 95—V. 103, p. 1146—were awarded as follows: \$20,000 00 4 1/2% sewer bonds to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$20,420 50—102.102—and interest. \$9,852 95 5% assessment bonds—3 issues—to the First Nat. Bank of Columbus for \$10,150—103.015—and interest.

NEW CASTLE AND BEDFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. New Castle), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Isaac W. Sherrill Co. of Poughkeepsie was awarded at 104.375 on June 14 an issue of \$45,000 4 1/2% 15 1/2-yr. aver. school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1916. Int. J. & J. Due from July 1 1917 to 1946, incl.

NEW LEXINGTON, Perry County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID FOR BONDS.—The price paid by the Village Sinking Fund Trustees for the \$3,500 5% refunding bonds awarded them on Sept. 25—V. 103, p. 1342—was \$3,514 58, equal to 100.416. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1916. Due from 2 to 11 years incl.

NEW LIBERTY RURAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Calhoun County, Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Up to Oct. 23 no sale had been made of the \$2,000 6% bldg. bonds offered without success on Sept. 4. A. J. Sims is Clerk Bd. of Co. Supers.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 24 an issue of \$5,000 3 1/2% coup. tax-free street-impt. bonds was awarded to Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston at 100.13, it is stated. Denom. \$500. Int. M. & N. Due \$500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1926 incl. The other bidders were: W. L. Raymond & Co., Boston 100.11 Cropley, McGaragle & Co., Boston 100.011

NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Newspaper reports state that it is proposed to hold an election about the middle of November to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 school bonds. This issue is in addition to the \$22,000 voted Sept. 5—V. 103, p. 1059.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 31 by the County Commrs., John F. Merrill, member, for the following 4% bonds: \$60,000 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1920 to 1931 incl. 30,000 bonds. Denom. not less than \$1,000. Due \$8,000 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1921 to 1925 incl. Date Nov. 15 1916. Int. payable semi-annually.

NORFOLK, Madison County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Nov. 20 by P. E. Stafford, City Clerk, for \$15,000 6% 5-10-year opt. coupon park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and ann. int. (Nov. 1) payable at the State Treasurer's office. Certified check on some Nebraska bank for \$75, payable to the "City of Norfolk," required.

NYSSA ARCADIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Nyssa), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 4 by Frank D. Hall, Secretary of Board of Supervisors, for \$70,000 gold drainage-system-construction bonds at not exceeding 6% int. Denoms. not less than \$100 each. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. at the Oregon fiscal agency, N. Y. City. Due as follows: \$500 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924; \$1,000 1925 and 1926; \$2,000 1927 and 1928; \$3,000 1929, 1930 and 1931; \$7,000 1932 and 1933; \$10,000 1934 and 1935, and \$13,000 1936. Bidders shall have the bonds printed and shall make examination of the validity of bonds at their own cost and expense.

OGEMA, Becker County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 7 the \$7,000 6% 5-11-yr. serial road and bridge bonds (V. 103, p. 1059) were awarded to George Knepp for \$7,025 (100.035) and interest.

OKMULGEE COUNTY (P. O. Okmulgee), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—Local papers state that the proposition to issue \$80,000 road impt. bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 1 by R. G. Porsch, City Clerk, for \$11,482 50 4 1/2% reg. sewer bonds. Denom. 5 for \$2,000, 1 for \$1,482 50. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. at Exchange Nat. Bank, Olean. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1927 to 1931 incl. and \$1,482 50 Nov. 1 1932. Certified check for 5% of amount bid required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. General debt Oct. 1916, incl. this issue, \$403,600; assessment debt, \$131,517; temporary debt, \$72,067; water debt, incl. in above, \$95,500; assessed valuation, \$9,945,628.

OSAGE, Mitchell County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 \$8,000 4 1/2% funding bonds were awarded to Schanke & Co., of Mason City. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$1,000 yearly May 1 from 1919 to 1927 incl.

OSAGE COUNTY (P. O. Linn), Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—The proposition to issue \$300,000 5% 20-yr. road bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

OSNABURG, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 26 the two issues of 5% road bonds, aggregating \$20,500—V. 103, p. 868—were awarded to Durfee, Niles & Co. of Toledo for \$20,596 50, equal to 100.470.

OTUMWA, Wapello County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago were awarded at 100.46 on Feb. 26 \$75,000 4 1/2% 15-20-year opt. refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1916. Interest J. & D.

OWOSSO, Shawanoos County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The proposition providing for the issuance of the \$6,500 bonds to purchase the Dimick property surrounding the armory—V. 103, p. 961—will, if it is stated, be submitted to the voters at the general election Nov. 7.

OWENSBORO, Daviess County, Ky.—BONDS REFUSED.—Reports state that Baker, Waits & Co. of Baltimore have refused to accept the \$225,000 sewer bonds awarded to them on Aug. 25—V. 103, p. 868.

PITMAN, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the issue of 5% sewer bonds was awarded to H. L. Crawford & Co. of N. Y. on their bid of \$80,061 (109.201) for \$55,000 bonds:

| Amount of bonds. | Price. |
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| M. M. Freeman & Co. | \$59,000 |
| John D. Everett & Co. | 56,000 |
| R. M. Grant & Co. | 56,000 |
| Ludwig & Crane | 56,000 |
| J. S. Ripple | 56,000 |
| Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. | 56,000 |
| Outwater & Wells | 56,000 |
| Borden & Knoblauth | 57,000 |
| Security Trust Co. | 60,000 |
| The following bids were declared irregular: | |
| Hornblower & Weeks | 109,094 |
| Elioren & Co. | 105.05 |
| Harris, Forbes & Co. | 107.332 |
| Reilly, Brock & Co. | 102.781 |
| Woodbury Tr. Co., Woodbury | 106.04 |
| Marine Tr. Co., Atlantic City | 102.55 |

Due \$1,500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1952, incl., and \$1,000 Oct. 1 1953.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Harrison County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 7 by W. A. Terrill, City Clerk. It is stated, for the \$150,000 sea-wall bonds.—V. 103, p. 603.

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Petersburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 3 by C. D. Henke, County Treasurer, for \$28,000 4 1/2% John W. Seales et al. road bonds in Monroe Twp. Denom. \$700. Date Sept. 15 1916. Int. M. & N. Due part each six months beginning May 15 1917.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Benton), Tenn.—WARRANT OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Oct. 30 by H. W. Clary, Chairman Bd. of Ed., for \$5,500 6% 1-3-year serial and \$8,000 6% 1-8-year serial school warrants.

PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that the question of issuing \$20,000 bonds to pay the indebtedness of the County Agricultural Society will be submitted to the voters on Nov. 7.

PORT ANGELES, Clallam County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 17 the \$25,000 5% electric-light bonds were awarded to Chas. S. Kidder & Co. of Chicago at 104.10. The Citizens' Nat. Bank of Port Angeles bid 102. These bonds take the place of the \$30,000 6% funding and light-ent. bonds awarded on Jan. 18 to the Security Sav. Bank & Trust Co. of Toledo.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. J. Gardner, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 30 for the following 4 1/2% road bonds petitioned for by Newton H. Lytle et al.: \$12,700 Portage Twp. bonds. Denom. \$635. 5,500 Liberty Twp. bonds. Denom. \$275. Date Sept. 16 1916. Int. M. & N. Due part each six months beginning May 15 1917.

Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 1 by E. J. Gardner, Co. Treas., for the following 4 1/2% 5 1-3-year aver. road bonds: \$5,300 Ed. L. Morgan et al. road bonds of Westchester Twp. Denom. \$260. \$4,000 John Ritter et al. road bonds in Center Twp. Denom. \$240. \$5,000 Myron B. Smith et al. road bonds in Westchester Twp. Denom. \$250. Date Sept. 16 1916. Int. M. & N. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1917 to Nov. 15 1926, incl.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$40,000 4 1/2% 10 1/2-yr. (aver.) street-impt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1342) were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago for \$41,631 (104.077) and blank bonds. Other bids: First Nat. Bk., Racine, \$41,630 00; Arth. Perry & Co., Boston, \$41,333 20; Wells & Dickey Co., Minn., \$41,628 00; C.W. McNear & Co., Chic., \$41,308 00; E.H. Rollins & Co., Chic., \$41,600 00; Cummings, Prudden & Co., Toledo, \$41,218 00; Merrill, Oldham & Co., Bos., \$41,520 00; Bolz, Mosser & Willam, Chic., \$41,495 00; Seasongood & Mayer, Cin., \$41,133 00; R. L. Day & Co., Chic., \$41,379 00; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol., \$41,110 00; Kissel, Rin'cut & Co., Chic., \$41,300 00; Sec. Sav. B. & Tr. Co., Tol., \$41,096 00. * And blank bonds.

RANDOLPH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Randolph), Fremont County, Iowa.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—The sale of March 3 of the \$30,000 5% 2-9-year serial building bonds to Wm. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis—V. 102, p. 1000—was not consummated.

RAYVILLE, Richland Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—J. L. Adlett of Austin recently purchased \$1,444 5% bonds.

REDFORD, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election Oct. 17 the proposition to issue \$100,000 sewer bonds was defeated by a vote of 165 to 9. It is said.

RIDGEWAY AND SHELBY (Towns) UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Medina), Orleans County, N. Y.—BONDS REFUSED.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of N. Y. have refused to accept the issue of \$125,000 13-yr. aver. reg. school bonds awarded them at 100.091 and int. for 4.15s on Aug 30.—V. 103, p. 868.

RIO GRANDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Monte Vista), Rio Grande County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland has purchased at 95.50 the \$130,000 5 1/4% coupon drainage-system bonds offered without success on Sept. 30 (V. 103, p. 1447).

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Nov. 6 by John N. Hess, Co. Treas., for the \$13,500 5% 6 1/4-yr. aver. Jas. R. Newman et al. road bonds in Laughery Twp.—V. 103, p. 1532. Denom. \$675. Date Nov. 6 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$675 each six months from May 15 1918 to Nov. 15 1927, inclusive.

RIVERSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Riverside), Washington County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 24 the \$25,000 5% building bonds (V. 103, p. 1532) were awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport at 103.640. Denom. \$500. Date Nov 1 1916. Int. M. & N.

ROANE COUNTY (P. O. Spencer), W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$208,000 5% 15-yr. (aver.) coupon Walton Dist. road impt. bonds offered on Aug. 9 (V. 103, p. 264) have been purchased by the State Board of Public Works, as an investment for the Workmen's Compensation fund.

ROCKMART SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockmart), Polk County, Ga.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$30,000 5% tax-free school-building bonds awarded on Sept. 23 to J. H. Hilsman & Co. of Atlanta (V. 103, p. 1342) are to the denom. of \$1,000 and dated Oct. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O.) payable in N. Y. City. Due \$1,000 yearly Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1946, incl. Bonded debt, this issue, \$30,000. Assess. valuation 1915 \$1,164,588.

ROCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Jaaper), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 21 \$5,000 coupon building bonds were awarded to Schanke & Co. of Mason City, Iowa, at par for 5 1/4s. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1917. Int. ann. on Jan. 1. Due \$500 yrly. Jan. 1 from 1918 to 1927, inclusive.

ROGERSVILLE, Hawkins County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 10 the \$25,000 5% water-works-impt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1147) were awarded to J. N. Casady & Co., of Council Bluffs, Iowa, at 105 and int.

RUSHSVANIA, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,500 5% 17-year town-hall bonds, which were offered on Aug. 15—V. 103, p. 343—were purchased on that day by the First Nat. Bank of Toledo at 100.181, reports state.

SAN RAMON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Contra Costa County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Oct. 30 by the County Clerk (P. O. Martinez) for \$15,000 5% gold coupon building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-annual at any national bank. Due \$1,000 yearly for 15 years. Certified check for 10% of bonds bid for, payable to the County Clerk, required. The district has no indebtedness. Assessed valuation, \$2,000,000. Total tax rate, per \$1,000, \$19.50.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 11 the \$209,000 2-20-year serial building bonds—V. 103, p. 1244—were awarded to Geo. H. Tilden & Co. of Seattle for \$214,120—102.440—as 4 1/2s.—a basis of about 4.22%. Other bids for 4 1/2% bonds were: Merrill, Oldham & Co., Bos. \$213,320; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chic. \$211,404; Carstens & Karles, Inc., Seattle 212,344; Cummings, Prudden & Co., Toledo 211,320; Oscar P. Dix and the First Nat. Bank, Seattle 212,194; First Trust & Sav. Bk., Chi. 211,310; John W. Price & Co., Seattle 212,176; E. H. Rollins & Sons, San F. 211,276; National City Co., N. Y. 211,737; Dexter-Horton Nat. B., Port. 211,250; Spokane & Eastern Tr. Co. 211,940; Dexter-Horton Nat. B., Seattle 211,152; Union Sav. & Tr. Co., Seattle 211,637; Morris Bros., Portland 211,131; The State of Washington and K. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago bid par for 4 1/2s and \$209,100 for 4 1/4s, respectively.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 the \$10,180 4 1/2% 6 1-3-yr. aver. road bonds—V. 103, p. 1448—were awarded, reports state, to the Fletcher Amer. Nat. Bank of Indianapolis for \$10,766 25, equal to 102.731.

SMITH COUNTY (P. O. Smith Center), Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—The proposition to issue \$80,000 road bonds will be submitted to a vote. It is stated, on Nov. 7.

SPENCER, Clay County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 17 by E. O'Keefe, City Clerk. It is stated, for the \$50,000 light and power plant bonds voted Oct. 9.—V. 103, p. 1148.

STANISLAUS COUNTY (P. O. Modesto), Cal.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that the proposition to issue \$1,482,000 road bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

STERLING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sterling), Johnson County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Nov. 15 by W. F. Denton, Clerk Bd. of Ed., for \$24,350 6% coupon site-purchase and bldg. bonds. Denom. (1) \$1,350; (23) \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. J. & J. at the fiscal agency. Due \$4,350 July 1 1922; \$5,000 July 1 1927, 1931, 1934 and 1937. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to J. J. Gschpeler, Treas. Bd. of Ed., required. The district has no indebtedness.

STEBUNVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale has been made of the \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds which were offered on Sept. 18.—V. 103, p. 869.

STURGEON BAY, Door County, Wisc.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$35,000 5% water-works bonds which was to have taken place on Sept. 18 was postponed until Mar. 1 1917, J. C. Langmak is City Clerk.

TAYLOR, Williamson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 the \$50,000 street-paving bonds were awarded. It is stated, to J. T. Bauman of Austin at 104.70.

TERRA BELLA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Terra Bella), Tulare County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Nov. 13 of the \$600,000 (part of the \$1,000,000) 6% 11-30-yr. serial gold irrigation-system bonds (V. 103, p. 1533). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 12 m. on that day by Earle R. Clemens, Secy. Bd. of Directors. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. J. & D. at Terra Bella. No deposit required.

TOLEDO, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The questions of issuing \$850,700 deficiency and \$100,000 municipal work-house bonds will be submitted to a vote on Nov. 7.

TROY, Lincoln County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—V. A. Sather, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. Nov. 15 \$12,300 6% 10-20-year (opt.) coupon water-system-construction bonds. Date Jan. 1 1917. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable at the Town Treas. office, or at the option of holder, at some bank in N. Y. City, to be designated by the Town Treas. Cert. check on some responsible bank for \$500, payable to the Town Treas., required. Bidders shall satisfy themselves as to the legality of the bonds before bidding.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Cummings, Prudden & Co. of Toledo have purchased at 101.38 the three issues of 5% road assess. bonds aggregating \$158,000 which were offered on Aug. 14; reports state.—V. 103, p. 434.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$15,500 5% 5 1/2-yr. aver. street assess. bonds—V. 103, p. 1244—were awarded to Fleck, Richards & Co. of Cin. for \$16,020 50 (103.358) and int.—The other bids were: Breed, Elliott & Harrison \$16,013 05; F. C. Hoehler 15,920 35; A. E. Aub & Co. 15,983 00; Ohio Nat. Bank 15,921 50; Cummings, Prudden & Co. 15,975 00; Davies, Bertram Co. 15,918 00; Hayden, Miller & Co. 15,948 00.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 23 the \$22,000 4% 10 1/2-year aver. reg. tax-free public-impt. bonds—V. 103, p. 1533—were awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of N. Y. for \$22,186, equal to 100.845. Other bids were:

A. B. Lench & Co. \$22,149 38; H. A. Kahler & Co. \$22,070 40; Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. 22,143 66; Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. 22,068 20; Utica Mutual Compensa- Cummings, Prudden & Co. 22,046 00; tion Insur. Corp. 22,133 93; Utica Tr. & Dep. Co. 22,000 00

VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Spencer), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held Dec. 1 to vote on a bond issue of \$75,000 to subscribe to the capital stock of the Van Buren County RR. Co.

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 \$14,230 52 6% 1-10-year (opt.) local impt. bonds were awarded, it is stated, to the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland at 102.15.

WARD COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Barstow), Tex.—BOND SALE.—On Sept. 29 the \$18,000 5% coupon building and equipment bonds were awarded to J. E. Jarratt & Co., San Antonio, at par and int. These bonds were offered on July 10 (V. 103, p. 175).

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 21 the \$19,000 4 1/2% 6 1/4-year aver. street assess. bonds—V. 103, p. 1244—were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Cin. at 101.483 and int., a basis of about 4.20%. The other bidders and the premiums bid were: Bolser, Mosser & Willaman \$135 00; A. E. Aub & Co. 2251 75; Rudolph Kieboldt Co. 232 30; Seasongood & Mayer 267 50; Davies-Bertram Co. 203 00; Prov. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co. 199 50; J. C. Mayer & Co. 196 60; Cummings, Prudden & Co. 242 00; Ohio National Bank 191 50; Tiltonson & Wolcott Co. 250 80; Field, Richards & Co. 240 50; Secur. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co. 157 70; Hayden, Miller & Co. 250 00; Spitzer, Rorick & Co. 217 50; First National Bank 94 10; Stacy & Braun 252 23; Weil, Roth & Co. 212 00; Terry, Briggs & Co. 53 20

WATERFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Waterford), Stanislaus County, Calif.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids received for the \$465,000 6% 16 2-3-yr. (aver.) improvement bonds offered on Oct. 10 (V. 103, p. 1244) were rejected. The bonds will be re-advertised.

WANWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 \$10,000 5% 13-20-yr. serial storm-sewer bonds were awarded to the Hancock Bond Co. of Chicago at 108.315. Other bids were: Second Ward Savings Bank, Milwaukee \$10,801; John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago 10,554; First National Bank, Wanwatosa 10,500; Bolser, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago 10,326. Denom. \$250. Date June 1 1915. Int. M. & S.

WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$100,000 building bonds will be submitted to the voters on Nov. 7. It is said.

WATERVILLE, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Nov. 27 by O. J. Roach, VII. Clerk, for the following 5% coup. street-impt. bonds: \$3,134 bonds. Denom. 19 for \$160; 1 for \$94. 2,016 bonds. Denom. 19 for \$100; 1 for \$116. Auth. Secs. 3914, 3918 and 3924 Gen. Code. Date Oct. 14 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—A. & O.—payable at Waterville State Savs. Bank Co., Waterville. Due part each six months beginning Apr. 1 1918. A cash deposit of \$100 is required with each issue. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award.

WAXAHACHIE, Ellis County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$120,000 high-school-bldg. sewage-disposal and street-paving bonds (V. 103, p. 962) carried, it is stated, at the election held Oct. 10.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—According to reports this county proposes to hold an election in the near future to vote on the proposition to issue \$500,000 jail bonds.

WEATHERLY, Carbon County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—It is stated that an election has been called to vote on the question for issuing \$5,000 bonds.

WELLSBURG, Brooks County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 17 the \$5,000 10-year fire-dept. and \$43,000 10-34-yr. (opt.) sewer-constr. 5% bonds (V. 103, p. 1445), were awarded as follows: \$20,000 at 101.71 to the Wellsburg Nat. Bank and \$28,000 for \$28,055 (100.195) to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati.

WELLSVILLE, Columbi na County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 18 the two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$4,964 15—V. 103, p. 1148—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo for \$5,000 02 (101.933) and int. There were no other bids received.

WELSH, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the question of issuing \$15,000 electric-light-bonds carried at the election held Oct. 10.

WENDELL, Wake County, No. Car.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% 30-year coupon municipal-building bonds offered on Sept. 15 (V. 103, p. 870) have been awarded to J. C. Mayer & Co. of Cincinnati at 106.02 and printing of bonds.

WEST MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Nov. 14 by E. A. Close, V. L. Recorder, for the \$30,000 4 1/2% municipal gas-lighting-plant-ext-bonds authorized by vote of 189 to 83 at the election held Oct. 17. Int semi-annual. Due \$1,000 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924; \$1,500, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928; \$2,000, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 and \$3,000 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1936.

WEST POINT, King William County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% coupon improvement bonds offered on Aug. 21 (V. 103, p. 605) have been awarded to the Citizens' Exchange Bank of West Point.

WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Tracy), Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held Nov. 14 to vote on the question of issuing \$295,000 irrigation system bonds.

WICHITA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Wichita), Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 13 \$100,000 4% bldg. bonds were awarded to the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. at par. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. J. & J.

WICHITA COUNTY (P. O. Leoti), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4 1/2% court-house building bonds offered on May 25 (V. 102, p. 1922) have been awarded to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo., for \$35,192 13—equal to 100.548.

WILKES COUNTY (P. O. Wilkesboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 12 the \$250,000 coupon highway-impt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1343) were awarded, it is stated, to Cummings, Prudden & Co. of Toledo for \$255,103, equal to 102.041, as 4 1/2%.

WORCESTER, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 the following two issues of 3 1/2% reg. tax-free bonds aggregating \$80,000 were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston at 100.08:

\$50,000 water-works bonds. Int. J. & J. Due \$5,000 yrly. on July 1 from 1917 to 1926 inclusive.

30,000 high-school-recreation bonds. Int. J. & J. Due \$3,000 yrly. on July 1 from 1917 to 1926 inclusive.

Other bidders were: Park Tr. Co., Worcester.....100.065 Estabrook & Co.....100.012 Arthur Perry & Co.....100.047 Cropley, McGaragle & Co.....100.001 Blodgett & Co.....100.036]

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,100 5% 5 1/4-yr. aver. coup. road bonds offered on Aug. 12—V. 103, p. 513—have been sold to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at 102.83, it is stated.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 Nov. 20 by J. R. Edwards, City Aud., for the following coupon or reg. purchasers' option bonds:

\$24,000 5% city's portion improvement bonds. Due \$4,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1920 to 1925, incl.

50,000 4 1/2% water bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1922 to 1926, incl.

\$11,000 5% fire-dept. bonds. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1920 to 1923, incl. and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1924.

3,000 5% police-dept. bonds. Due Oct. 1 1920.

4,425 5% street-paving bonds. Due \$885 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

4,650 5% street-paving bonds. Due \$936 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

8,540 5% street bonds. Due \$1,708 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

9,570 5% street-paving bonds. Due \$1,914 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

400 5% street bonds. Due \$80 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

855 5% sewer bonds. Due \$171 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

5,700 5% street bonds. Due \$1,140 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1918 to 1922, incl.

Date Dec. 1 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at office of Sinking Fund Trustees. City reserves right to issue a lesser amount of bonds than herein advertised. Certified check for 2% of each block of bonds bid for, payable to City Auditor, required. Separate bids must be made for each issue. Purchaser must be prepared to take bonds not later than Dec. 1.

YONKERS, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—On Oct. 17 an issue of \$525,000 4 1/2% current-expense certificates of indebtedness was awarded jointly to J. S. Bachs & Co. and Farson, Son & Co. of N. Y. at 101.423. Date Oct. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—A. & O.—payable at City Treas. office in N. Y. exchange. Due \$150,000 Oct. 1 1919, \$175,000 Oct. 1 1920 and \$200,000 Oct. 1 1921. The other bidders were:

Cummings, Prudden & Co., N.Y. 101.06 Farmers' Ln. & Tr. Co., N.Y. 100.01

National City Co., N. Y. 100.733 Curtis & Sanger, N. Y. 100.953

Salomon Bros. & Hurdler, N.Y. 100.94 Gibbons & Co., N. Y. 101.023

Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y. 100.983 Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co., N.Y. 101.04

Equitable Trust \$150,000 100.73 Rhoades & Co., N. Y. 100.827

Co., N. Y. 175,000 100.95 Bond & Goodwin, N. Y. 100.953

200,000 101.17 Blaks Bros. & Co., N. Y. 101.184

Hornblower & Weeks, N. Y. 101.184

YREKA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yreka), Siakiyou County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Nov. 4 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 building bonds, according to reports

Canada, Its Provinces and Municipalities. ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURES AWARDED IN PART.—Of the various issues of 7% 10 installment school district debentures, aggregating \$10,550, offered on Oct. 18—V. 103, p. 1344—\$5,500 was awarded to Kerr, Fleming & Co. of Toronto, reports state.

DUNNVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 25 an issue of \$53,000 6% 30 installment hydro-electric debentures was awarded to the Canada Bond Corp. of Toronto for \$55,963 70, equal to 105.591. Other bids were:

Mulh'd, Bird & Graham \$55,857 00 Wood, Gundy & Co. \$54,590 00

Daly & Company 55,422 00 A. H. Martens & Co. 54,577 00

W. A. Mackenzie & Co. 55,305 50 G. A. Stinson & Co. 54,197 80

Imperial Bank 55,268 00 Brent, Nexon & Co. 54,129 00

R. O. Matthews & Co. 55,252 00 Macneill & Young 54,088 50

A. E. Ames & Co. 55,142 79 Macdonald, Bullock & Co. 54,075 00

C. H. Burgess & Co. 55,135 00 Kerr, Fleming & Co. 53,588 30

Denom. to suit purchaser. Date Oct. 10 1916. Int. annual in October.

NEW LOANS.

\$42,000

CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

4 1/2% Street Re-Improvement Bonds

Sealed proposals will be received by the Comptroller of the City of Elizabeth, at his office in the City Hall, Elizabeth, N. J., on the 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1916, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purchase of Street Re-Improvement Bonds of the City of Elizabeth, in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$42,000. An issue of \$42,000 of bonds has been authorized, of which \$3,000 00 of bonds will mature on the first day of November in each of the years 1917 to 1930, inclusive; but no more bonds of the issue will be sold than will produce a sum equal to the authorized amount of the issue and an additional sum of less than one thousand dollars, and if all are not sold, the bonds sold will be those of the earlier maturities. The bonds will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, will be dated November 1, 1916, and will bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum (4 1/2%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of May and November in each year. The principal and interest will be payable at the National State Bank, Elizabeth, N. J. The bonds will be coupon bonds, registerable at the option of the holder as to principal only or as to both principal and interest.

The sum of \$42,000 is required to be obtained by the sale of said bonds. Unless all bids are rejected the bonds will be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale and offering to pay not less than said sum and to take therefor the least amount of bonds (stated in a multiple of \$1,000), commencing with the first maturity, and if two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of such bonds, then to the bidder or bidders offering to pay therefor the highest additional price (such additional sum being less than \$1,000). In addition to the price bid, the purchaser must pay accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. The right is reserved to reject all bids and any bid not complying with the provisions of this notice will be rejected.

Bidders must at the time of making their bids deposit a certified check for two per cent of the face amount of bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company to the order of the City of Elizabeth to secure the city against any loss arising from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. Checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the award of the bonds. No interest will be allowed on the amount of the check of a successful bidder. The successful bidder or bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Messrs. Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, attorneys of New York City, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the City of Elizabeth.

The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of The United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of New York City, which will certify to the genuineness of the signatures of the city officials and the seal impressed thereon. By order of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth.

Dated October 18th, 1916. DENNIS F. COLLINS, Comptroller.

BOND CALL.

NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

BY

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOISE CITY, IDAHO

The Independent School District of Boise, Idaho, has elected to exercise its option to redeem the following outstanding bonds of said District, to-wit:

- High School Building Bonds, Dated July 1, 1901. Nos. 1-80, both inclusive;
High School Site Purchasing Bonds, Dated June 1, 1901. Nos. 11-24, both inclusive;
Washington School Bonds, Dated June 1, 1903. Nos. 1-16, both inclusive;
School Construction Bonds, Dated June 1, 1903. Nos. 1-40, both inclusive;
Central School Building Bonds, Dated November 1, 1905. Nos. 1-96, both inclusive;
Longfellow School Bonds, Dated November 1, 1905. Nos. 1-96, both inclusive;
Garfield School Bonds, All numbers of the following series: Bonds dated August 1, 1903. Bonds dated August 6, 1904, and Bonds dated August 1, 1906;

Legal notice of the calling of said bonds for payment is being published in the Sunday "Capital News" of Boise, Idaho, commencing with the issue of October 15th, 1916, and all persons interested in said bonds are hereby notified that said bonds will cease to bear interest November 15th, 1916, and will be paid by the Treasurer of said District on presentation at her office at Boise, Idaho, or at the Banking House of Kountze Bros., New York City, New York, at any time prior to November 15th, 1916.

By order of the Board of Trustees of Independent School District of Boise City, Idaho. GUY SCUDDER, Clerk.

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CHICAGO, ILL.

AYLMER, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—It is stated that this town is contemplating the issuance of \$3,100 debentures.

GLACE BAY, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 16 the two issues of 5% debentures, aggregating \$61,000, were awarded, reports state, to C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto.—V. 103, p. 1246.

HAIG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—H. O'Hara & Co. of Toronto have been awarded an issue of \$1,800 6% 15 installment debentures. It is stated.

HODGSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is stated that an issue of \$1,000 7% 15 installment debentures has been sold to H. O'Hara & Co. of Toronto.

KENYON TOWNSHIP, Glengary County, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$15,000 5% 19 installment debentures has been sold to C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, reports state.

MARX SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$1,200 7% 8 installment school debentures has been sold to Tomenson, Forwood & Co., it is stated.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 24 the \$100,000 5% 42-yr. water-works-ext. debentures—V. 103, p. 1449—were awarded to the Eastern Securities Co., Ltd., of St. John at 95.089. The other bidders were:

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| W. F. Mahon & Co. | 94.50 | Bank of Nova Scotia | 93.382 |
| J. C. McIntosh & Co. | 94.50 | Brent, Noxon & Co. | 85.00 |
| Sterling Securities Corp. | 93.86 | Canada Bond Corp. | 83.58 |
| Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. | | Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1958. | |

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The City Council has, according to reports, sanctioned the issuance of \$75,000 debentures for patriotic purposes.

ODDA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—H. O'Hara & Co. of Toronto have purchased \$1,200 6% 15 installment debentures, it is said.

OTTAWA, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—An issue of approximately \$50,000 will, it is stated, probably be issued for improvements to the Collegiate Institute.

PETERBORO, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—Newspaper reports state that the City Council has authorized the issuance of \$5,000 debentures for patriotic purposes.

PIPESTONE RURAL MUNICIPALITY, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 10 an issue of \$14,000 6% 20-year debentures was awarded to Kerr, Fleming & Co. of Toronto, it is said.

PORT MOODY, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Newspaper reports state that G. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto recently purchased at private sale, an issue of \$15,000 6% 30-year water-works debentures.

REDCLIFF, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$13,500 6% debentures maturing in 1934 was recently sold to H. O'Hara & Co. of Toronto, it is said.

RENFREW, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Town Council passed a by-law on Oct. 9, it is stated, providing for the issuance of \$4,000 water-works system debentures.

RODNEY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 10 the \$8,500 5½% 30-year hydro-electric debentures—V. 103, p. 1344—were awarded to the

Canada Bond Corporation for \$3,372—equal to 98.494. The other bidders were:

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| R. C. Matthews & Co. | \$8,245 85 | Mulholland Bldg & Co. | \$8,076 00 |
| G. A. Stimson & Co. | 8,190 95 | W. L. McKinnon & Co. | 8,052 00 |
| C. H. Burgess & Co. | 8,153 00 | Brent, Noxon & Co. | 7,911 00 |
| Imperial Bank | 8,133 00 | Kerr, Fleming & Co. | 7,889 70 |

ROSE MOUND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—W. L. McKinnon & Co. recently purchased an issue of \$1,600 7% 10 installment debentures, reports state.

ST. ROMUALD d' ETCHÉMIN, Que.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The question of whether or not \$25,000 water, sewer and funding debentures shall be issued will be submitted to the voters on Oct. 30, it is reported.

SAANICH, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Newspaper reports state that Macneill & Young of Toronto recently purchased an issue of \$10,000 5½% 15-year debentures.

SALTOCOATS, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Oct. 18 the \$16,000 6½% 20-installment electric-light debentures—V. 103, p. 1344—were awarded to W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Regina at 97.67. Other bids received were:

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| C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto | \$15,422 |
| Bond & Debenture Corporation, Winnipeg | 14,400 |

SOREL CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that this district recently sold an issue of \$100,000 5½% 20-year gold school debentures to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto at 96.786.

TORONTO, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 2 by Thos. L. Church, Mayor, and Chairman of Board of Control, for the following 5% serial gold coup. (with privilege of registration) debentures:

- \$527,000 Toronto St. railway pavement debentures. Due from 1917 to 1921 incl.
- 1,494,000 patriotic purpose debentures. Due from 1917 to 1926 incl.
- 47,000 new registry office debentures. Due from 1917 to 1931 incl.
- 78,000 Buildings for Industrial farms, &c., debentures. Due from 1917 to 1926 incl.
- 74,000 bridge debentures. Due from 1917 to 1936 incl.
- 374,000 permanent impt., sewers, &c., debentures. Due from 1917 to 1936 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—J. & J.—payable in Toronto or N. Y. Due yearly on July 1. Cert. check for 1% of debentures bid for, payable to T. Bradshaw, Finance Commissioner, required. Debentures will be ready for delivery on or about Nov. 27. Purchaser to pay accrued interest from July 1. General debenture and city's share local impt. debt., incl. these issues, \$80,389,339; sinking funds—\$33,616,858; net general debenture debt, \$46,772,481; net local impt. debt, additional, \$5,222,188. Assess. val. 1916, \$681,951,013; exemptions not included in assessed value, \$81,527,539.

TRURO, N. S.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to reports, W. F. Mahon & Co. have purchased an issue of \$65,000 5% debentures at 97.30.

WATERLOO, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—The Council has under consideration the issuance of \$5,000 patriotic purpose debentures, it is stated.

WINGHAM, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—On Oct. 2, by-laws providing for the issuance of \$1,492.55 sidewalk debentures were passed by the Town Council, it is stated.

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