



*DESTROYING RECORDS OF BANK CLEARINGS—THE A. B. A.'S PART IN THE WORK.*

The action of the Clearing House Section of the American Bankers' Association, at its annual convention at Los Angeles, last October, in adopting a resolution providing for the discontinuance of returns of bank clearings, is bearing fruit, and if the work is kept up it is only a matter of a very short time before figures of bank clearings for the preponderating number of places having bank clearing houses will no longer be available, making it impossible to carry any further the invaluable records in that particular which have been maintained for over half a century and have always been so widely consulted by business men and students of economics. There was never a decent shred of excuse for the action taken, and from the first it has been evident to thoughtful observers that the result would be to interfere with, if not actually to prevent, the gathering of the statistics, just as has now happened. We have, however, heretofore refrained from adverse comment, because the resolution having been passed—there had been no foreknowledge that it was to come up for consideration—it seemed best to await response thereto on the part of the different clearing houses, and thus remove all doubt as to the consequences of the movement if persisted in, thereby making more conclusive the points of objection to it. But now that the work of destruction is proceeding so fast, and the harm being done is becoming so palpably manifest, the time has arrived for speaking out in plain fashion, without mincing words, in unqualified disapproval of the whole proposal.

Anyone desirous of obtaining a graphic idea of the havoc being wrought need only consult our weekly report of bank clearings appearing on the first reading page of to-day's issue of our paper, and which has regularly appeared on this opening page for some forty years—a record upon which during this period of time we have spent tens of thousands of dollars and no end of time and labor in the endeavor to make it perfect and complete. The reader, by referring to the tabulations on that page to-day, will find the figures interspersed with the letters (in black-face type) "a," "b" and "c." Foot-notes explain that the letter "a" means that the clearing house at the place against which the letter appears no longer reports clearings, or only gives debits against individual accounts, with no comparative figures for previous years, while the letter "b" signifies that the place no longer reports clearings, but does give comparative figures of debits, and the letter "c" in turn indicates that the clearing houses at the places carrying such mark no longer respond at all to our request for the figures. In the New England States the places coming under this category include Providence, Holyoke and Stamford, Conn. In the Middle States we have the big city of Pittsburgh, together with Scranton, Erie, Chester, Wilkes-Barre, Wilmington (Del.) and Albany,

N. Y. among the outcasts. Further west, we find Toledo, Dayton and Springfield, in Ohio, among the delinquents, as well as Danville, Ill., and Lexington, Ky. Out on the Pacific, Spokane and Tacoma, in the State of Washington, and Reno, Nev., are found in the same category, while in the South and Southwest, St. Louis, Mo., Tulsa, Okla., Muskogee, Okla., Houston, Tex., Savannah, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., Charleston, S. C., and Meridian, Miss., are all among the recalcitrants. This relates to the places which in the past have furnished weekly reports of clearings. If we extend the comparison to places which have made it a practice to give out only monthly figures, further additions to the list appear—among them Lynn, Mass., Camden, N. J., Greensburg, Pa., Boise, Idaho, Phoenix, Ariz., Berkeley, Cal., Bellingham, Wash., Lawrence, Kans., Springfield, Mo., Mansfield, Ohio, El Paso, Texas, Beaumont, Texas, Lawton, Okla., McAlester, Okla., Newport News, Va., and Asheville, N. C. Furthermore, both St. Joseph, Mo., and Bakersfield, Cal., have notified us that they will discontinue after the present month.

Moreover, unless active steps are taken to check the movement, the clearing houses at other points are sure to join the procession. Many places would like very much to withhold their figures, but have been deterred by the fear of adverse criticism. These would find plausible excuse for carrying out their intentions if they could point to neighboring cities as having already taken similar action. Because of falling prices and agricultural and manufacturing depression, comparisons of clearings with previous years, as of everything else, have been unfavorable, and disposition always exists at such a time to hide that fact. The more general the movement becomes the more followers it is sure to obtain among short-sighted people of this class. The Clearing House Section could not have selected a more propitious moment for spreading their propaganda, for it is merely propaganda and nothing else. It is rather significant that while so many clearing houses in this country are thus engaged in this ill-advised endeavor, in Canada, where the clearing houses are not amenable to A. B. A. rules, not a single clearing house is omitting to make the customary returns, though comparisons there with previous years are unfavorable, just as they are in the United States.

The action of the Clearing House Section is not only unfortunate, but is, as we have already indicated, without justification or excuse, and is also without authority, or ought to be. There was no call to take any such step. There has always been more or less controversy as to whether bank debits did not furnish a better measure of business activity than bank exchanges or, in popular parlance, bank clearings. Most assuredly bank debits afford a truer index of the total volume of business being done. That follows from the circumstance that many bank checks never pass through the clearing house. Every bank is all the time clearing checks upon itself, and the larger the bank the greater the volume of these internal clearings or exchanges. If a bank receives as a deposit by one of its customers a check given in favor of such customer by another customer having a deposit account with it, such check never reaches the portals of the clearing

house. The operation of clearing is effected by the simple process of crediting the account of the one customer and debiting that of the other on the books of the bank itself. In other words, the transaction in such a case calls for nothing but the transfer of a credit on the books of this individual bank. And that is what is going on all the time, and everywhere, in the work and business of every bank. The facilities of the clearing house are only required when a bank receives for deposit checks drawn upon banks other than itself, either in its own locality or somewhere else. As a part of its daily routine, every bank is constantly receiving for deposit checks of both kinds, and from what has been said it will be plain that the checks passing through the clearing house constitute merely some greater or smaller portion of the total business of the banks—doubtless a variable portion as between different banks and different cities, though it is yet to be proved that this affects the comparison over a series of year, or in any way impairs the value of records of bank clearings.

But even if bank debits come nearer to recording the total volume of business of the banks (though this is not to say that they furnish a better guide of the changes from year to year, which, after all, is what is chiefly sought in records of business statistics) there was no reason why the Clearing House Section should inject itself into the controversy, and there are several good reasons why it should have held entirely aloof from it. The Federal Reserve Board at Washington has already begun collecting returns of bank debits, at least as far as concerns a considerable number of important cities—and the work is now in its third year, so that with the lapse of time we will have comparisons extending over a sufficient series of years to make them valuable as well as interesting. It does not appear why records of bank debits and bank clearings should not be kept concurrently, rather than records of clearings be destroyed in the endeavor to supplant them with figures of bank debits. With the Reserve Board engaged in the task, we may be sure that the compilations will be accurate and reliable. And this being so, there was no occasion for the Clearing House Section to intrude, with the danger of producing confusion, or to take up the task as an independent agency. Moreover, the Reserve Board, by reason of its control over the member banks, has the power to compel the making of truthful and uniform returns, whereas the Clearing House Section has no such power. It must rely upon voluntary compliance and the co-operation of clearing-house managers, who will always have full latitude to construe every question that may come up to their individual liking and propensities. Furthermore, collecting returns of bank debits lies entirely outside the function of the clearing houses. The primary function of a clearing house is to perform the work of exchanging checks. It is true that Clearing House Associations have in the course of years assumed many other activities, and in the case of those in the larger cities have acted collectively as representatives of the entire banking fraternity in promoting and maintaining sound principles of banking and eradicating irregular and objectionable practices—with a view to protecting both themselves and the community so dependent upon them. But Clearing House Associations in this sense stand apart from the clearing house business itself, which consists purely and simply of the exchanging of bank

checks with the paying over of any balances that may be due.

It is claimed that clearing house returns are not always accurate—that attempts are often made to pad the figures. Our experience teaches that there is some basis for this allegation. The charge is applicable, however, mainly to the clearing houses at the smaller places, more particularly in cases where the clearing house has no organized form, and where there is nothing more than a common meeting-place where representatives of the different banks assemble daily for exchanging checks upon one another. In the case of unorganized bodies of this kind, it has happened on occasions in the course of our work that there would be a deliberate attempt to deceive. The most common plan is to report both sides of the account, for the purpose of swelling the totals, and the purpose usually is to make a more favorable comparison with some other cities of the same class. This would go on for several weeks, and even in some exceptional cases for several months, until the deception was discovered. There have also been some very few instances of deliberate padding of the accounts, and it must be admitted that with the co-operation of depositors it is easily possible to increase both the number and the volume of the checks, appeal being made to local pride to do this with the idea of magnifying local importance. But this spirit of provincialism exists only at minor and unimportant places, and finds no tolerance in larger communities and cities and towns of real consequence.

The fact that irregularities of this and other kinds have occasionally crept into the returns indicates the sphere within which the work of the Clearing House Section in perfecting its statistics should really be carried on. It should perfect the mechanism of exchange, and see to it that the figures recording the volume and nature of the transactions are in every way trustworthy and in strict accordance with the fact as ascertained by approved methods. Instead of catering to a narrow and petty spirit of provincialism, in an endeavor to appeal to local self-esteem, the aim should be to attend to the work strictly in hand and bring that work, with the attendant data, up to the highest and best standards.

Undertaking to collect statistics of bank debits is a wholly new and distinct piece of work, entirely apart from, and even foreign to, the ordinary functions of a clearing agency, which is concerned alone with the pure and simple process of exchanging bank checks. And when a few clearing house representatives with so much self-assurance enter upon the assumption of a new function of that kind, it seems pertinent to ask how they can expect to attain success in the new field when, according to their own admission, they have signally failed in the endeavor lying directly within their own province. If returns of clearings which come within their personal cognizance have been padded, how are they going to prevent even worse padding in returns of bank debits over which they can exercise no personal surveillance whatever, and over which, as already noted, they will have and can have no control. Every clearing house manager can ascertain just what the clearings have been each and every day and what the amounts of the balances that have had to be settled for in cash. No one can practice deceit upon him in that respect, for the clerical force performing the

work is under his own control. On the other hand, in getting returns of bank debits, he will have to accept what is given to him. If a bank chooses to include a lot of extraneous items, he will know nothing about it, and if he should in the course of time discover the practice and undertake to correct it, he will have no means to prevent a repetition. At best, such returns, being no part of clearing-house work and no part of the ordinary process of effecting bank exchanges, will be informal and open to all the objections that hold good to all returns lying outside of official authority. These comments have reference to the smaller places. In the case of the larger cities, the Federal Reserve Board is collecting the returns, and is in no such position of helplessness and can enforce compliance with accurate methods, but in such cases as indicated above there was no reason for interference at all on the part of the Clearing House Section, since the Federal Reserve Board is already doing the work in the manner that the Clearing House Section, with all the prestige of the American Bankers' Association behind it, could never hope to attain or equal. In that sense, the action of the Clearing House Section, as the puny offspring of the A. B. A., is a piece of officiousness that can bring no credit to anyone connected with it.

What serves to show the action of the Clearing House Section in a still more unenviable light is that it was taken in the face of the highest and best expert advice to the contrary. The idea of suspending the publication of figures of bank clearings has found strongest support in St. Louis, and the movement has been mainly propelled from that quarter. The situation in St. Louis has been peculiar and exceptional, owing to bank consolidations, and the resulting reduction in the number of banks which, as already explained, has the effect of diminishing the number of checks obliged to pass through the clearing house. St. Louis has also enjoyed less industrial advance and less growth in population than some other important cities in the West and South. We are not concerned with the causes of this, but the banks and some of the people of the city have been dissatisfied with the records made by the bank clearings of their city, in comparison with the clearings of other cities. Whether the comparisons would be improved if bank debits were used instead of bank clearings, may well be doubted, for if debits exceed clearings at St. Louis, so do they also at other cities, and hence the relative situation would remain little altered. Late last summer, the Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis addressed a communication to other similar bodies, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce among the number, asking them all to join in a movement seeking to suspend the publication of figures of bank clearings weekly, monthly and at other periods. The St. Louis Chamber argued that figures of bank clearings are untrustworthy indicators of the volume of business transacted in different cities, and contended that the amounts of debits to individual accounts are more reliable and should be substituted for clearings data. The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce took the matter up, but first sought expert advice. The Committee to which the St. Louis communication was referred consulted three authorities who, they well said, "should be peculiarly well qualified to render valuable opinions with regard to the question." The first of these was Dr. H. Parker Willis,

the Director of the Division of Analysis and Research of the Federal Reserve Board, who, it was pointed out, was one of the pioneer advocates of the system of reporting debits to individual accounts, and largely responsible for the introduction of the system by the Federal Reserve Board. The second was Professor Warren M. Persons, editor of the "Harvard Review of Economic Statistics," who, the Committee of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce advised, had "made some of the most searching studies of the data of bank clearings in connection with his researches dealing with business cycles." The third was Dr. W. Randolph Burgess, "statistical editor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who compiles each month one of the most complete of the current reviews of business conditions."

Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co., was Chairman of the Committee of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce charged with the consideration of the subject, and Mr. Ayres, in his report to the Chamber last October, after referring to the action of the Committee in seeking expert advice, and giving the names of the authorities already enumerated, announced that all three of the men named had expressed "themselves as being vigorously opposed to any movement which advocates suspending the publication of the figures of bank clearings." Proceeding, Mr. Ayres said:

"They point out that these data are regularly used by practically all students of business conditions. They all agree that fluctuations in the figures of bank clearings are of significant importance. They call attention to the advisability of using the figures of debits in making inter-city comparisons, but agree on the importance of continuing records of bank clearings, which make possible the study of increases and decreases locally, sectionally and nationally over extended periods of time."

The Cleveland Committee concurred in these views, and expressed the belief that the publication of bank clearings figures for different cities should *not* be suspended. It refused to concur in the recommendation made by the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. The Committee adverted to the fact that these clearings data have been regularly compiled for more than 60 years, and are available for different cities and sections of the country over a longer period of time than are any other data showing fluctuations in the volume of business transactions. Not only that, but "they have been subjected to extensive analysis by students of business cycles, who have derived from them important conclusion as to the seasonal variations normally occurring in these statistical series. On the basis of these findings, important variations from these normal fluctuations are at once noted and utilized in the study of business and financial conditions." It is pertinently added that during the period over which these records are available the country has passed through some eight serious business depressions, and the movements of bank clearings during these periods have been most carefully studied and are held to be of large significance.

With reference to the figures of debits to individual account, the Committee stated that these have been regularly tabulated only since 1919, and it expresses the opinion that they possess characteristics of undoubted value and must become increasingly useful as the records accumulate. It seems nearly certain, the Committee avers, that they offer a superior means for comparing the volume of business transacted in one city with that carried on in an-

other, and they are rightly being increasingly used for this purpose. But the significant further remark is made "that such comparisons constitute only one of the uses to which such figures are put, and perhaps not the most important use."

All this, however, together with much other advice of similar tenor did not suffice to deter the venturesome spirits in the Clearing House Section bent on uprooting tradition and practice—men seized with but a single idea, which they have been pushing with fanatical zeal and fervor—from carrying out their purpose. The Annual Convention of the A. B. A. at Los Angeles afforded the opportunity they had long sought. It was known that Raymond F. McNally, Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, would read an address before the Clearing House Section on the subject, "Shall We Abolish the Publication of Bank Clearings?", but as far as the public was concerned no one knew that definite action on the question would be taken and an attempt be made to commit the entire American Bankers' Association in support of the proposition. But the Committee on Resolutions undertook to settle the matter there and then. It brought in a number of resolutions (mainly resolutions of thanks), and sandwiched that relating to bank clearings among them. In that way the whole thing went through in a jiffy, for the official record of the proceedings says "the motion carried unanimously." The resolution declared it "the sense of the meeting that it should take definite action on the question of the abolishment of the publication of bank clearings, and in lieu thereof that total debits, which it believed represents more clearly the total volume of business transacted, be published." It then went on as follows:

*Be it Resolved:* That the Clearing House Section of the American Bankers' Association heartily endorse the stand taken by the St. Paul (Minnesota) Clearing House Association, which on Sept. 28 1921 adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved that, beginning January 1 1922, or such earlier date as may be generally agreed upon, the members of this Association, and such other banks as clear through a member bank, be required to report to the manager each day at time of clearing, the total of their individual debits of the preceding day, with the view on the part of this Association, of using such individual debits in publications hereafter, in lieu of clearing figures, it being the belief that total debits more nearly represent the volume of business transacted in this city."

And *Be It Further Resolved,* That the Clearing House Section recommend that every Clearing House Association adopt a resolution of similar purport, so that after January 1 1922 the publication of total daily transactions shall be given the publicity now given to daily clearings.

Thus the entire American Bankers' Association, through the action of a few aggressive individuals, alert to their opportunity, stands committed to a course of action in favor of which absolutely nothing can be said when considered from a broad and rational standpoint. By what right does the Clearing House Section undertake to speak for the whole vast body of bankers making up the American Bankers' Association, which at the time of the Los Angeles convention had a total membership of 23,632? As compared with this, what on the other hand is the extent of the membership of the Clearing House Section? The answer is found in the following statement made at the last convention of the Clearing House Section: "To-day we are pleased to report that we have increased the membership to 274, a

gain of 19 (for the 12 months)." Since then, we understand, there has been a further addition of 28. But 23,632 to 274 does not furnish the full extent of the contrast. The official proceedings do not show how many of the 274 were present when the vote in favor of the suspension of the publication of bank clearings was taken, but it is safe to say that it was only a very small percentage, for the attendance at the different section meetings, such as the Trust Company Section, the Savings Bank Section, etc., with a membership many times that of the Clearing House Section, is never very large, and generally dwindles away to nearly nothing before committee reports, resolutions, amendments and similar matters come up for consideration. In the case of this meeting of the Clearing House Section, the official proceedings show that things went along in rather desultory fashion, with no great manifestation of interest in what was going on. Nothing was said in opposition to the proposal at any stage of the proceedings, and, as a matter of fact, nothing was said in favor of it except by its professed advocates, the men who were actively pushing their own pet project. These cast their votes, with no one else apparently present, when the adroit move of the Resolutions Committee furnished the coveted chance, and of course they did not vote against themselves.

From the foregoing it will readily be perceived what significance attaches to the action regarding the publication of returns of bank clearings by this meddlesome little agency, the Clearing House Section. The precise status of the Clearing House Section in the general organization of the A. B. A., with its subordinate bodies, seems decidedly obscure, and it should be noted that last year the designation of all the different sections was changed to "Divisions," the Savings Bank Section becoming the Savings Bank Division, the Trust Company Section the Trust Company Division, and so on, the Clearing House Section (besides one other) alone retaining the title of a Section, but if this Clearing House Section is truly authorized to speak on behalf of the A. B. A., then it is plain from our recital of the manner by which the decision on the question under discussion was obtained that it ought not to be thus empowered to act and to speak for the Association, with all that that implies. It is certain an anomaly that should not be allowed to exist, or any longer tolerated. For if the Clearing House Section can commit the parent body in this instance it can in like manner bind the Association to a pre-determined course of action in other instances, and such a possibility is not to be viewed with indifference, inasmuch as the remarks made by several of the speakers at last year's gathering at Los Angeles make it evident that the guiding spirits in the Clearing House Section take themselves very seriously, and have mapped out a program for the future which involves virtually the taking up of every leading banking question that vexes the community, some of the gravest import. The experience in this instance shows, too, how easy it would be to obtain a snap judgment on any of the controverted questions of the day without the immense membership of the A. B. A. having had any voice in the matter or any opportunity to express its views thereon. How embarrassing the situation might become in these circumstances, how detrimental to the welfare and usefulness of the Association, with its great potentials

for good, will be apparent to everyone on a moment's reflection.

It would seem, in any event, that the relations of the parent body to the different subordinate creations must have most serious consideration if the A. B. A. is not to lose the position and influence in the banking and financial world to which it is entitled by reason of its superb membership. There is an added reason for this in the circumstance that the different sections or divisions on occasions assume conflicting and directly contradictory positions. The action at last year's Convention on the subject of branch banking furnishes a case in point. At the meeting of the State Bank Division a resolution was adopted in which the State bankers flatly went on record as opposed to branch banking of any kind. On the other hand, at the gathering of the National Bank Division a resolution was adopted requesting Congress "to so amend the National Bank Act as to permit national banks to maintain and operate branches within the corporate limits of the city in which the head office of such national bank is located, to be confined, however, to States in which State chartered institutions are authorized to have branches," though it is only proper to state that sentiment as indicated by the discussions appeared to be strongly and emphatically against branch banking of any kind, and the resolution found support mainly because of a desire to put national banks on an equal footing with State banks in those States which permit State banks to organize branch banks. But which of these two resolutions is binding upon the American Bankers' Association? If neither, by what right or authority does the Clearing House Section assume to identify the A. B. A. with its proposal for discontinuing returns of bank clearings and consider it possesses warrant for sending out literature in support of the movement and to speed its progress. Incidentally we may point out—as showing the slim attendance at the Section meetings—that in the course of the discussions of the resolution regarding branch banking at the meeting of the National Bank Division, a rising vote was demanded on one of the proposed amendments, and the count showed that 5 were voting one way and 14 the other way, making 19 votes altogether. Just think of 19 votes determining an issue of this kind. We might add that at a meeting of one of the other Sections or Divisions a member got up and questioned the propriety of voting at all since so few members were present.

Manifestly action under such circumstances becomes farcical, and a vote one way or the other can have no weight whatever, and certainly should have no binding force on the A. B. A. Even at the Convention of the parent body, the attendance is never as large as could be wished, and except when some prominent and popular speaker is making an address the convention hall is not unlikely to be in large part empty. In this state of things it is well worth considering whether important resolutions should be submitted at all for adoption or rejection at these annual gatherings—whether in view of the large membership of the Association, when it is desired to arrive at the sentiment and obtain the judgment of the entire membership of the Association the best course would not be to take a vote by mail.

A vote by mail would not only be more conclusive, but it could not fail to be attended by happier results. In the matter of branch banking, for in-

stance, inasmuch as sentiment, even on the part of the bulk of the State banks, appears to be overwhelmingly against branch banking (except possibly branch banks in the larger cities) a poll of both the national banks and the State banks, on a series of questions properly framed, would have shown complete unanimity of view on the question, instead of an apparent diversity on the point, as under the separate action of the two sections last October. And what is more, every bank, whether organized under State charter or Federal charter, would have had a chance to express itself on the subject.

One change in the arrangement of the Convention program or programs might serve to ensure a larger attendance all around. It used to be the practice to have the meetings of the different Sections on different days of the week, so that they would not conflict with one another, nor conflict with the general convention. The meeting of each Section would be confined to a single day, with at the most a morning session and an afternoon session. But last year at Los Angeles all this was changed, and a program provided which extended the deliberations, even of the different Divisions, over two days, and in one instance over four days. At the same time the sessions of the parent body were also spread out over four days, instead of being confined to two days, as had been the recent previous practice. This was a sort of imitation of the Barnum & Bailey circus, where performances in several different rings are given simultaneously, and looked imposing on paper, necessitating an enlargement of the program in scheduling the details. But in the carrying out of the program the results were most unfortunate. Marvels have been accomplished in the banking world in modern times, but development has not reached the plane, even here, where it is possible for the same person to be present in two different places at the same time. At the Barnum & Bailey shows the multiple performances are conducted in the full presence of the audience, and it is possible by craning the neck to see a little of what is going on in each of the several rings. Besides, the audience is eager at attendance. But the Section meetings of the A. B. A. necessarily have to be held in different halls, and the bankers who have come, perhaps from afar, to attend the annual meetings often find sight-seeing more to their liking than presence at the meetings. The consequence is that the Section meetings, never large, become further attenuated.

The arrangement is unfair, too, to those invited to address the meetings. These are often men of distinction, coming perhaps from foreign countries, and hence obliged to take a long journey in reaching the convention city. How humiliating it must be to them and to those who invited them to appear to find, when they come before one of these Section gatherings, only a handful of persons present. With the Savings Bank Division, the Trust Company Division, the State Banking Division, the National Bank Division, the Clearing House Section, the State Secretaries Section, besides a number of nondescripts engaged in a series of continuous performances extending over several days and lapping over, as was the case last October, on to the days when the general convention was in session, the work of the A. B. A. is so scattered it is impossible to get a respectable attendance anywhere, or at any

time during the period of the convention. One of the speakers at the general convention expressed to the writer regret at not having been able to hear another speaker who had crossed the ocean for the purpose of delivering his speech, because this other speaker was scheduled to talk before a Section meeting while he himself was making his address before the main body.

The Sections or Divisions are getting much too numerous, anyway. Several of them should be dispensed with. The Clearing House Section has no reason for existence as an independent agency and what little work falls within its legitimate scope could just as well be performed by a Clearing House Committee of the A. B. A.—unless, indeed, it is to act as the governing body for the whole A. B. A. and supersede the latter, and in that event, it should be known as such and promulgate its decrees openly instead of through the intermediary of a pseudo annual meeting at which the number present never perforce can be larger than would be the case with a good sized committee. It is also a question whether the State Bank Section and the National Bank Section should continue their individual functioning. In any event the number of Sections should be cut down for the common good and at the annual convention the sessions of no one of them should extend over a single day. The A. B. A. has been allowed to grow up in haphazard fashion and with its numerous Section appendages has become unwieldy. Something should be done, and done promptly, in order to prevent the further dissipation of its energies. And the work of reconstruction might well begin by the lopping off of the Clearing House appendage which is just now bringing disrepute upon the whole organization.

#### *THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.*

Probably all the mere statements of fact in the report of the Lockwood Committee, submitted to the Legislature last week, are correct, and those concerning the severity and the gravity of the housing congestion in this city certainly are. The pressure here began almost with the war, and all the conditions produced by that great struggle tended to intensify it; materials which ordinarily might have gone into building were drawn off, labor was in the highest degree drawn off, and the lure of city life and high wages together increased the always deplorable tendency to crowd into cities. Demand outran supply in housing, and continues to do so. The menace to health and morals is serious. To say that this must not be permitted to continue and a way must be found to stop it is superficial and easy. There was the habitual clamor for intervention, and emergency statutes were rushed out; now this committee, which ostensibly was set to find the causes and the remedy of the shortage but branched off into superficially investigating many things, has offered a proposition for still more statutes.

Economic laws will not meet the case, according to the Committee, but the profiteering landlord must be further repressed and legislation must stimulate building by turning into mortgages a larger portion of investment funds, chiefly corporate funds; combination of materials dealers and of labor must also be reached. The batch of bills aimed directly at landlords are supplemental and merely seek to draw the withes tighter; they can be passed over

without particular discussion, but those proposing to coerce lenders are more new and merit careful examination.

It is true that in 1915-1919 inclusive there was a tendency in life insurance companies and banks to decrease the ratio of their mortgages to their resources; but there was nothing culpable in this, and a paragraph closely following this statement in the report gives the sufficient explanation: the demand for war loans, for in every situation the greater pressure and need must and will overcome the lesser. It may be true that all classes of insurance companies outside this State put into mortgages during the period named a larger part of their resources than the companies of this State have done; it may further be true that the life companies here have put into mortgages in other States an amount larger in proportion to the insurance they carry in such States than the outside companies have done in proportion to the insurance they are carrying here. But this is not matter for criticism, and it does not even suggest a need for intervention. It was reiterated during the inquiry (and is now repeated in the report) that the income rate on mortgages by all classes of insurance companies and by banks, in this State and elsewhere, has been nearly 1% greater and also more stable and constant than on other forms of investment; taking 5% year in and year out as the average rate on other investments in the term mentioned, the mortgage rate of yield is said to have been about one-fourth better than on securities. This may be so, and it derives plausibility from the known injurious effect of the war strain upon bonds and stocks, an effect so marked that the corporations which make mortgages their business now press as their strongest selling point the comparative stability of real estate as compared with bonds and stocks.

Yet when the report offers bills to compel insurance companies and savings banks to put at least 40% of their funds hereafter available for investment into mortgages and to keep therein respectively 30% and 40%, the question does not concern the size of these ratios or the comparative desirability of one form of investment or another, but goes deeper. By so much as mortgages have proved their superior desirability they might be left to make their way in market without assistance; but compulsory intervention is wrong and dangerous in principle. The funds of life insurance companies and savings banks are in the strictest and most sacred sense trust funds; those of other insurance companies and of banks generally are private property. Investment of these trust funds is somewhat restricted by law, and properly, under the duty to protect their owners; but to bar them from some investment forms and to force them into some other are two steps unlike in all respects. To promote housing is not a proper duty of a life insurance company and a savings bank; neither exists for such a purpose. The duty of the trustees is to keep the funds safely and productively invested, not to promote this or that desirable social object; as well enact that banks of deposit shall put funds into housing, or that every citizen shall do the like with his own savings. If custom had not so inured us to these emotional attempts to coerce people into doing in their private affairs what it is assumed might meet the general welfare of the people, nobody would seriously venture to propose, not merely negatively to restrict

but positively to direct the handling of both private and trust funds.

It is not necessary on this occasion to discuss the additional propositions for coercing landlords. It is a reasonable presumption that the courts will sustain anything which may be enacted in that direction, for when the present housing laws came before the Court of Appeals and then before the last tribunal in Washington, they were sustained, as a lawful exercise of the dominating police powers of a State, and the palpable fact that this State has done what the Federal Constitution names as among the things which no State shall do (pass any law "impairing the obligation of contracts") was deftly avoided by all these courts. Consistency will apparently force all appellate tribunals to justify as valid any twists which our Legislature may apply to "profiteering" landlords; yet it is still very questionable (although not susceptible of demonstrable proof) whether the coercive laws, from the Lever food law down, have not done quite as much harm as good. This must remain matter of opinion, and hence need not be discussed; but we may point out a fact which has attracted too little attention: that the coercion is all leveled at trading and not at all at producing. Those who own and must sell completed and necessary commodities, such as food, clothing, housing, and so on, are surrounded with statutes for tying their hands; but those who produce these commodities are left free. The Lever law expressly declared the farmer free to do just as he chose, as far as circumstances permitted. Where are the statutes compelling men to work, and prescribing their hours and their wage? As for the crowding into cities and thus causing the congestion which menaces in several respects, where are the statutes which aim to restrain the movements of men and to distribute them properly over the entire country? Food is the first requisite, but we still lack laws to turn into agriculture a sufficient number of workers and employers and keep them there; we have not yet tried to select the particular individuals upon whom devolves the duty of producing food, that the people may live. The greater part of human effort is still left to individual determination, save as we muddle it by our attempts to regulate trading and transportation. It will, of course, be said, and with indisputable correctness, that to attempt control of all necessary and desirable human activities would push State paternalism to the last degree. That is a road which every person sane enough to go at large will admit would take us to destruction if followed far enough; but it is also a road which has no fixed halting-place if once entered and also becomes, at each successive step, under a greater pressure to proceed and under greater difficulty of return. We had gone too far upon this downward road of danger when the war broke upon us and shoved us fiercely and for the time being irresistibly farther along. If we cannot turn back now, when can we expect to have enough strength of character to do so?

Englishmen who believe in the Coalition and Lloyd George, and who believe also that it would be a disaster for him to resign as Premier, did not have a comfortable time over the week-end. The Cabinet situation was still declared to be critical. This notwithstanding the announcement that "the Unionist Ministers are determined not to part company with Lloyd George as long as he is willing to lead the

Coalition." Austen Chamberlain was said to have made this "emphatic and reassuring declaration" at Oxford a week ago last night. He was reported to have amplified his statement by asserting that "national interests demanded that Lloyd George must carry on, and his Unionist colleagues in the Ministry, refusing to accept his offer to resign, would stand by him loyally and call on their party to do the same." Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, was quoted as having made "a similar declaration in a speech at Colchester." The New York "Times" correspondent in London added that "the political crisis, however, still remains serious, and the belief is expressed that it will reach its climax on [last] Monday or Tuesday." It was reported in London Saturday evening that "Premier Lloyd George to-day invited leaders of the Conservative Party, including Austen Chamberlain, Arthur J. Balfour and Lord Birkenhead, to Chequers, his country estate." It was added that "Bonar Law was among those who might be invited to confer with the Prime Minister before Monday." Dispatches from that centre Sunday morning stated that "Lloyd George is spending the week-end quietly at Chequers with his family, the original idea that he would have a conference there with his Unionist colleagues having been abandoned, in view of the relief in the political tension caused by Friday's speeches by Austen Chamberlain and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans."

The British Prime Minister returned to his official residence in London Sunday evening, whereas he did not seem to have been expected until the next morning. The London "Chronicle" stated that "there has been no open change in the political crisis during the week-end." The newspaper added that "it regards Lloyd George's return to London as emphasizing the gravity of the situation." It was also stated that he held conferences with Lord Birkenhead and Winston Spencer Churchill. It became known in London on Monday that "Premier Lloyd George is confined to his room at 10 Downing Street with a slight bronchial catarrh." It was added, however, that "he expects to go to Criccieth, in Wales, to-morrow or Wednesday, for a rest of at least a week or two. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd George and his daughter, Megan. The air of his native hills always has been found invigorating by the Prime Minister." The New York "Times" correspondent said that "this is the only certain development to-day in connection with the political situation. In some quarters it is declared that the crisis is ended, and that at Lord Birkenhead's dinner party Sunday night the Unionist leaders gave Mr. Lloyd George assurances which he considered satisfactory and that his resignation is now in abeyance. In other quarters where there is an evident inclination to accentuate Lloyd George's and the Coalition's difficulties, it is maintained that the crisis, though shelved for the moment, remains unsettled.

"Sir Arthur Balfour is understood to have stressed the importance of Lloyd George retaining the Premiership until after the Genoa Conference, and other Unionist Ministers were equally insistent on this point. It is predicted that Balfour will indicate the possibility and desirability of the formation of a National Centre Party, embracing the moderate elements from all parties." In an address at a



luncheon given in his honor by the Carlton Club in London on Monday he did not fulfill this prediction. On the contrary, he asserted: "I am emphatically of the opinion that the country's interests are best served by the Coalition." It was noted especially that this was Sir Arthur's first public appearance "since the bestowal upon him of the Order of the Garter." The accounts also stated that he "paid a tribute to Mr. Lloyd George, and said that in his opinion no other man could so well have brought the nation through its recent difficulties." Speaking in greater detail about the Prime Minister, the distinguished Unionist said: "What is the use of abusing him? You are certainly not going to pull him down from the proper niche he is destined to occupy in the historical gallery. But are you even for the moment going to do either your party or your country a service? If you say he has made mistakes, I am not going to deny it. I am talking to men of the world. We do not produce in this country impeccable angels to lead our counsels, to help in our debates. I have not the slightest doubt that if it is worth anybody's while they can find both in him and in his colleagues plenty of subjects for criticism. But whether they will easily persuade either men of sense now alive or the historian of the future that the tremendous tasks thrown upon the British Government would have been better performed by another leading statesman, of that I have very grave doubts."

The Associated Press correspondent asserted that "Lloyd George has deferred his resignation without giving his colleagues any pledge as to future action, according to the most reliable sources of information." The London representative of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" observed in a cablegram Tuesday evening that "there is every indication to-day that the verdict in the present political crisis on the Lloyd George Ministry is to be one of 'suspended sentence.' There is good reason to believe that Lloyd George will stay. Foreign affairs have played as big a part in the last twenty-four hours' discussion of what is best to be done as have domestic difficulties. The course to which the Prime Minister is said to have been urged to agree is to let matters rest until after the Genoa Conference."

Mr. Lloyd George had recovered sufficiently to preside at the meeting of the Cabinet on Wednesday, at which "it is understood that the principal question considered was a proposed loan of £350,000 to the Russian Government for famine relief." It was asserted, however, that he was not feeling well, and that he would not leave for Wales until Friday (yesterday). He and his family got away during the forenoon. The Associated Press correspondent said that "few informed persons took the view to-day that the crisis had been solved, although a majority declined to predict any immediate development, implying a belief that the situation would remain in suspense during the Prime Minister's holiday." The London cablegrams on Friday morning declared that there had been little or no change in the political crisis.

The Cabinet situation was further complicated by the resignation on Thursday of Edwin Samuel Montagu, Secretary of State for India. The London advices claimed that he was forced to take this action because the Secretary alone had sanctioned the publication by the Indian Government of a telegram

sent to him "from the Government of India, setting forth the feeling in India regarding the necessity for revision of the Treaty of Sevres between Turkey and the Allies." Commenting on this development, the London correspondent of the New York "Herald" yesterday morning made the following rather startling assertions: "It is not too much to say that the fate of the Imperial Government may be intertwined with the result of the publication of the Indian Government's note voicing a demand for the restoration of Turkey's rights, thus involving far-reaching changes in the Treaty of Sevres and the resignation, announced to-day, of Edwin S. Montagu, Secretary of State for India. The developments have stirred the heart of the Empire. In consideration of recent events in India, the Viceroy, Lord Reading, felt that the situation was so serious that he sent a telegram to the India Office here embodying the feeling in India, which cut across the British Government's entire foreign policy in the Near East. This telegram was made public by Mr. Montagu on his own authority."

Fiume has come into prominence after a long period, during which the name scarcely has been mentioned in the European advices. Word came from Rome a week ago this morning that "Fascisti, headed by Deputy Giunta, have attacked the Government palace in Fiume." After a brief period of firing, it was stated that those within offered "to give themselves into the hands of the Italian authorities." Giunta was said to have declined the offer and to have given them "three minutes in which to surrender unconditionally." President Zanella yielded and later issued the following statement: "As a result of to-day's events, which have compelled me to surrender to the revolutionary forces, I have transferred my forces to the National Citizens' Committee of Defense, which stirred up this movement." The latter announced that "the Provisional Government and Constituent Assembly are definitely dissolved," and that it "has assumed full powers conferred on it by the official head of the Government of Fiume and has entrusted maintenance of order and security to the Carabinieri and royal troops, and requested the Italian Government to assume administration of the city by the appointment of a representative who alone would be in a position to guarantee order and tranquillity." According to one dispatch received in the Italian capital, "former legionaires from Fiume, led by Captain Palazzoi, have telegraphed Gabriele d'Annunzio to come to Rome Sunday to participate in a procession. The procession will march to the tomb of Italy's unknown soldier, where the annexation of Fiume to Italy is to be proclaimed by the demonstrators."

The Associated Press correspondent at Rome said that "the situation at Fiume is considered most grave. The Italian Government feels the delicacy of the position in which Premier Faeta and Foreign Minister Schanzer have been placed, but is determined to respect loyally the Treaty of Rapallo. The view of the Government is, however, that it must combine with its desire to maintain international pledges and to live on terms of peace and cordiality with its neighbors, consideration for the Italian national feeling." The announcement came direct from Fiume that "perfect order was maintained" there on Sunday. It became known through cable

advices from Belgrade that the Yugoslav Cabinet had "decided to send a note of protest to the Rome Government over the action taken by the Italian Government with respect to Fiume." It was also stated that "the Allied Cabinets are being advised that this step is being taken and that it also has been decided to adopt measures to protect Yugoslav interests." According to an Associated Press dispatch direct from Fiume on Tuesday evening, "a virtual blockade was thrown around Fiume to-day by the Italian Commissioner, Signor Castilli. He issued orders forbidding the entrance into the city of any but Fiume citizens, and ordering the disarming of all private citizens." The dispatch also said that "Signor Zanella is reported to have left for Italy on his way to Vienna."

The latest important development in the Fiume situation was outlined as follows in an Associated Press dispatch from Rome Wednesday evening: "Fascisti identified with the recent coup at Fiume are insisting upon the appointment of Giovanni Giuriati, former chief of Gabriele d'Annunzio's Cabinet, as head of the Government of the Fiume Free State, in succession to the Zanella Government. The Italian Government, however, is understood to have declared to Giuriati's supporters that such a course would be in violation of the Treaty of Rapallo and the agreement with Yugoslavia, under which the Fiume Free State was established." A day later the report came from Fiume that Giuriati actually had been chosen for that office, and that his supporters had "communicated news of this choice to the Zanella and Gottardi parties, which normally constitute three-fourths of the voters of the Free State."

There has been a lot of fresh political trouble in Ireland this week. Word came from Belfast at the outset that "when three cars containing members of the Royal Irish Constabulary were leaving Tipperary for Dublin they were fired on and forced to halt before barricades which had been thrown across the road. Captains Gallaway and Purdy were taken prisoners and the others were lined up in the street and searched by members of the Irish Republican Army. Two of the cars were burnt during the firing and two of the police were wounded and sent to a hospital. One of these, Head Constable Davis, later died in the hospital."

A day or two later a dispatch was received from Dublin, which said that "units of the Irish Republican Army from Cork, Tipperary and Clare, numbering three and four hundred, entered Limerick City to-day by motor cars. They commandeered the principal hotels, where they are billeted. The object of the incursion is to uphold the proclamation recently issued on behalf of the Mid-Limerick Brigade, declaring for the republic in accordance with the declaration of Easter week 1916." It was further explained that "the proclamation referred to states that the aims of the head of the Irish Army and the majority of its headquarters are now unquestionably to subvert the republic, support the Provisional Government, and make possible the establishment of the Irish Free State." It was also set forth in the proclamation that "we declare we no longer recognize the authority of the present head of the army and renew our allegiance to the existing Irish Republic." The same day the assertion was made in a special cablegram to the Chicago "Tribune" from

Limerick that "actual revolution against the Provisional Government of Ireland has broken out here. A detachment of the Irish Republican Army, loyal to Eamon de Valera, entered this city late last night, and seized the three principal hotels and the railway station. The troops are from Counties Cork, Tipperary and Clare."

Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, and Arthur Griffith delivered speeches in Dublin on Sunday in favor of the new Anglo-Irish treaty. The correspondent of the New York "Herald" declared that Collins "scored repeatedly in the most brilliant speech of his career, delivered in opening the campaign in favor of the Anglo-Irish treaty in the coming elections. The enormous and enthusiastic crowd, one of the most representative Dublin has seen, stood by the old House of Parliament, despite gusts of rain, and heard this vigorous young leader turn his opponents' own words against them and express good sense in pithy phrases to catch the imagination of the common people." The correspondent added that "Collins told the great assembly it was only because the treaty had been signed that De Valera could shout so loudly for the republic. Griffith told the crowd that the treaty gave full independence and that they [the leaders] were determined the people should have a free decision as to its merits. The position in the northeast, he said, was not ideal, but there were only two alternative issues—coercion or conciliation. Which ever alternative was adopted must be adopted wholeheartedly. All were agreed against coercion, but the treaty contained forces for persuasion which would bring the northeast into bankruptcy if it stayed out of the Free State."

As the days advanced the trouble between the two factions in Limerick continued acute. The New York "Times" correspondent cabled Tuesday morning that "the Republican rebels have given the Free State forces forty-eight hours' notice to surrender the Limerick police barracks. This will certainly not be done, and in case of an attack the barracks will be stubbornly defended. The 400 men of the Irish Republican Army, who invaded Limerick yesterday in order to uphold the demand for the Irish Republic, are still in the city, and more detachments of insurgents arrived to-night." Richard Mulcahy, Minister of Defense in the Dail Eireann Cabinet, announced that "James Slattery, famous as an Irish Republican Army fighter, who participated in the Easter week uprising, in the gun-running at Howth, and lost an arm in the Customs House fire in 1921, has been appointed to take charge in Limerick."

The Irish bill came up for further discussion in the House of Commons on Monday. The Associated Press correspondent said that "a spirited debate in the House of Commons in the resumption of the discussion to-day in committee stage of the Irish bill, during the course of which all the Ulster members walked out, was followed by acceptance of the operative provision of the bill giving the Anglo-Irish treaty force of law, and the adoption of an amendment dissolving the Southern Parliament and providing for the holding of elections not later than four months after the passage of the Act. The committee stage was eventually concluded amid cheers." The bill passed its third reading on Wednesday by a vote of 295 to 52. A London dispatch last evening

stated that "the third and final reading of the Irish Free State bill in the House of Lords is expected shortly. The bill passed its first and second stages yesterday [Thursday] without a vote being taken. Lord Carson, the Ulster spokesman, opposed it."

In the following dispatch from Limerick is given an account of conditions there at mid-week: "Large forces of regular Irish Republican Army troops are now in Limerick, occupying the Williams Street barracks and five of the other barracks located here. They have also taken over the local jail. British troops are still occupying the new barracks and the ordnance building. The ordinary police duties are being performed by Irish Republican Army regulars. The city was quiet this [Wednesday] morning, and the population in general appeared more composed than at any time since last Sunday's invasion by the insurgent Republican forces, which commandeered the principal hotels and are still occupying them. Substantial reinforcements for the Republican regulars came in last night, 500 men arriving from East Clare and East Limerick. They were accompanied by an armored car."

Commenting upon the situation in Ireland, the Limerick correspondent of the New York "Herald," in a cablegram Thursday morning rather facetiously but very aptly observed: "Unless the anti-treaty rebels of the Irish Republican Army make some aggressive move their seizure of Limerick is likely to be recorded in history as an incident parallel to the maneuver of the famous French King who marched his army up a hill and then marched it down again. In fact, the men of Limerick themselves seem inclined to treat the invasion of their city as a joke. Peace efforts thus far have failed, but there are no war efforts. It is generally believed that a decisive step will be taken to-morrow, though the nature of it is unknown. If the invasion subsides quietly, it will have been a comedy, but the fact cannot be overlooked that the stage was set for a tragedy."

The London correspondent of the New York "Tribune" cabled the following yesterday morning. It appeared to be the most hopeful development of the week: "The British Government is trying to arrange a new conference between Michael Collins, Chairman of the Irish Free State Government, and Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, to agree on common action for the suppression of armed violence in both North and South Ireland, it was learned here to-night. Collins has already expressed his readiness to enter such a conference, but the Ulster leader has not yet assented. The British Government holds that order can only be re-established in Ireland by a joint peace policy linking the Free Staters and Orangemen, and it is ready to offer every inducement to bring about the formulation of such a policy."

In spite of frequent reports recently that the French were eager to have the date of assembling the Genoa Conference set as far ahead as possible, a dispatch from Paris a week ago this morning stated that "French experts named to make technical studies on European financial and economic conditions preparatory to the Genoa Conference completed their work today [last week Monday] and will present their report to Premier Poincare to-morrow. It will then go to the Cabinet, and its

approval will give it the form of instructions for the French delegates to the preliminary meetings opening in London, probably next week." The correspondent added that "the problems studied by the French are similar to those being considered by the experts of the other leading nations which will participate in the Genoa meeting. The questions are divided into commercial, financial and transport. A consortium plan for Russia is being drawn up in London separately from the plans for other European nations."

Word came from Paris Tuesday morning that "the Italian Government has notified the Governments invited to the Genoa Conference, including the United States, that the date of April 10 has been fixed for the opening of the Conference. This was the date agreed on by Mr. Lloyd George and M. Poincare, at their meeting at Boulogne last week, and in its notification the Italian Government states that no objection will be interposed. This announcement is considered here as definitely fixing the date, especially as Lloyd George is known to have told Poincare at the Boulogne meeting that he could not consent to any further delay, as his presence was essential in England at the end of April for discussion of the budget."

In a Paris dispatch Tuesday evening it was stated that "so far as France is concerned, there will be no further request for a conference delay. If it does not begin April 10 the delay will be caused by some other Power." The Philadelphia "Public Ledger" correspondent added that "Premier Poincare entertains no notion of attending the Conference in person, if he can avoid it, for the given reason that President Millerand will then be absent from France. The President's African trip already has been delayed for one year and cannot be postponed again. None of the French delegates has yet been chosen."

Naturally, following the announcement by Secretary of State Hughes, Wednesday evening, that "the American Government will not participate in the Genoa Economic and Financial Conference," there was great interest as to how the news would be taken in European capitals and what effect it would have on the plans for the Conference. This is what the London correspondent of the Associated Press said Thursday evening: "The decision of the United States not to participate in the Genoa Conference will not affect the date of or the plans for the Conference as far as Great Britain is concerned, it was stated officially this afternoon. The American refusal was anticipated weeks ago, and the announcement came as no surprise to official circles, where the realization exists, it is said, that the American effort to consummate the results of the Washington Armaments Conference by the ratification of the various conference treaties is primarily engaging the Government's attention. That the other nations invited to attend the Genoa meeting will be present is the British belief."

A different view of the matter on the part of the French was indicated yesterday morning by the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald." He said in part: "The disappointment in the French capital is not as great as that evidenced in London, as Premier Lloyd George, author of the Genoa scheme, even at Boulogne was clinging to the hope that America would at least be a passive partici-

pant. But all Europe—the Germans as much as any—had hoped until to-day that an official American delegation would be at Genoa to act conjointly with it in meeting the Soviets and participating in the discussion of the economic ills of Europe, as they affected business generally throughout the world. Its hope was to draw America into a discussion of debts. It now faces a conference already called to be composed exclusively of debtors, with the fear that it will arrive at nothing.”

The decision of M. de Lasteyrie, the new French Minister of Finance, to lower the interest on the national defense bonds to  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ , “is meeting with the optimistic approval of financial circles,” according to Paris dispatches. Announcement was made that “the new rate will take effect March 12, according to the latest reports.” Commenting on this matter, he said: “The immediate results foreseen include a favorable improvement in currency values, as well as an improvement in reliable securities held abroad, with a certain influence on credit operations on both sides of the Atlantic. Financiers close to the Government also say that it is intended to reopen the old French rentes at  $3\%$  to the public as soon as the effect of the interest decrease is definitely known. Although these securities are now quoted at around 58, they will not form a great competition in loan operations, as they are confined chiefly to small holders and are bought as long-time investments, tradition playing an important role in them.” The New York “Times” correspondent added that “when the interest rate on the bonds de la defense is reduced on March 12 by one-half of  $1\%$ , the reduction in the official discount rate of the Bank of France from  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $5\%$  will be a sure consequence. The  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  rate has been unchanged since the general lowering of European bank rates last summer. Its rate during the money stringency of 1920 was  $6\%$ , but a  $5\%$  rate was maintained unchanged from Aug. 20 1914 to the end of the war. Only the rate on discounted paper will at present be lowered, however; loans on securities will remain at  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ , in order not to bring it lower than the interest return on securities which the bank accepts as guarantees for its loans.” Announcement was made in Paris on Monday that “the  $6\%$  bond issue of the Credit National for reparations of devastated regions, which was opened for subscriptions during the month of February, exceeded 4,500,000,000 francs.”

The news came from Madrid on Tuesday afternoon that the Spanish Cabinet, headed by Premier Mañera, had resigned, largely because of the withdrawal of the Liberal members. King Alfonso “prevailed upon Senor Sanchez Guerra, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, to form a new Ministry.” It was predicted that the crisis would be of short duration. Up to a late hour last night no word had been received of the formation of a new Cabinet.

The National Bank of Sweden at Stockholm on Thursday (March 9) reduced its rate of discount from  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  (the rate established Oct. 19 last) to  $5\%$ . Other than this there has been no change in official discount rates at leading European centres, which remain at  $5\%$  in Berlin and Belgium,  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  in Paris and Denmark,  $6\%$  in Rome, Norway and Madrid;  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  in London and Holland, and  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  in Switzer-

land. In London the open market rates were a trifle firmer, with an advance to  $3\frac{3}{8}\%$  @  $3\frac{7}{16}\%$  for short bills and  $3\frac{5}{16}\%$  @  $3\frac{3}{8}\%$  for three months, against  $3\frac{1}{8}\%$  and  $3\frac{3}{16}\%$  @  $3\frac{1}{8}\%$  a week ago. Call money was likewise firmer, being now quoted at  $2\frac{7}{8}\%$ , as compared with  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$  last week. Open market discounts in Paris and Switzerland remain at  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  and  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ , unchanged.

A further small increase in gold holdings of £1,658 was shown by the Bank of England in its weekly statement, while total reserve gained £861,000, as a result of a cut in note circulation of £859,000. In addition to this, the proportion of reserve to liabilities advanced to  $18.06\%$ , in comparison with  $17.78\%$  last week. In the week of Feb. 23 the reserve ratio stood at  $18.63\%$ . A year ago the percentage was  $13\frac{3}{4}\%$  and in 1920  $21.60\%$ . A decrease of £1,982,000 was shown in public deposits, but other deposits expanded £4,605,000. The Bank's temporary loans to the Government were larger—£2,564,000. Loans on other securities, however, fell £810,000. The above changes were regarded as coincident to the return to normal following the month-end strain. Threadneedle Street's stock of gold on hand aggregates £128,763,964, which compares with £128,324,486 in 1921 and £115,980,340 the year prior to that. Total reserve totals £24,979,000, as against £18,299,971 last year and £31,551,970 in 1920. Loans amount to £80,919,000. A year ago they totaled £93,718,828 and in 1920 £92,056,616. As to note circulation, this stands at £122,334,000, in comparison with £128,474,515 and £102,887,370 one and two years ago, respectively. Clearings through the London banks for the week were £776,599,000, against £817,200,000 the preceding week and £876,910,000 last year. At the weekly meeting of the Bank's governors, the minimum discount rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  was continued unchanged. We append a tabular statement of comparisons of the principal items of the Bank of England's returns:

	1922. March 8.	1921. March 9.	1920. March 10.	1919. March 12.	1918. March 13.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	122,234,000	128,474,515	102,887,370	71,409,045	47,284,420
Public deposits.....	15,163,000	17,881,125	18,555,097	24,354,985	39,352,608
Other deposits.....	123,097,000	115,195,686	127,339,396	125,874,913	128,997,923
Government securities	50,549,000	39,153,863	40,387,349	55,270,544	56,624,100
Other securities....	80,919,000	93,718,828	92,056,616	83,583,997	97,609,900
Reserve notes & coin	24,979,000	18,299,971	31,551,970	29,476,023	31,250,694
Coin and bullion....	128,763,964	128,324,486	115,980,340	82,435,068	60,085,014
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	18.06%	13.75%	21.60%	17.78%	18.70%
Bank rate.....	$4\frac{1}{2}\%$	7%	6%	5%	5%

The Bank of France in its weekly statement reports a further small gain of 147,000 francs in its gold item this week. The Bank's total gold holdings are thus brought up to 5,525,546,925 francs, comparing with 5,503,549,260 francs at this time last year and with 5,582,521,967 francs the year previous; of the foregoing amounts 1,948,367,056 francs were held abroad in both 1922 and 1921 and 1,978,278,416 francs in 1920. During the week silver gained 207,000 francs, advances rose 122,935,000 francs, and Treasury deposits were augmented by 19,351,000 francs. Bills discounted, on the other hand, fell off 287,435,000 francs, while general deposits were reduced 344,638,000 francs. Note circulation took a favorable turn, a contraction of 32,348,000 francs being registered. The total outstanding now stands at 36,225,852,000 francs, as against 38,366,246,865 francs on the corresponding date last year and 38,464,822,830 francs in 1920. In 1914, just prior to the outbreak

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

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Gold Holdings—	Changes for Week.	Statement as of—		
		March 9 1922.	March 10 1921.	March 11 1920
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs	Francs.
In France.....Inc.	147,000	3,577,179,869	3,555,182,203	3,604,242,651
Abroad.....	No change	1,948,367,000	1,948,367,056	1,978,278,416
Total.....Inc.	147,000	5,525,546,925	5,503,549,260	5,582,521,067
Silver.....Inc.	207,000	181,341,495	266,241,716	250,192,817
Bills discounted.....Dec	287,435,000	2,924,847,298	2,927,496,114	1,675,206,275
Advances.....Inc.	122,935,000	2,389,240,000	2,237,479,548	1,594,707,254
Note circulation.....Dec.	32,348,000	36,225,852,000	38,366,246,865	38,464,822,830
Treasury deposits.....Inc.	19,351,000	89,028,000	38,350,756	42,847,065
General deposits.....Dec	344,638,000	2,276,330,000	3,325,202,727	3,152,396,257

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement, issued as of Feb. 28, reflected the strain of month-end as well as reparations settlements, and a number of sensational increases were shown. In note circulation a huge expansion was reported, viz., 4,229,174,000 marks. Bills discounted also increased sensationally, a total of 9,783,798,000 marks being reported, while deposits gained 3,888,261,000 marks. There was an increase of 700,000 marks in gold and of 1,162,000 marks in total coin and bullion. Treasury notes were cut 984,965,000 marks and notes of other banks 4,652,000 marks. Advances increased 43,621,000 marks, investments 4,563,000 marks and other liabilities 469,937,000 marks. Other securities were reduced 285,595,000 marks. Total gold holdings for the week of Feb. 28 were 996,388,000 marks, which compares with 1,091,616,000 marks for the same week of 1921 and with 1,091,360,000 marks the year prior to that. Outstanding note circulation amounts to 120,580,143,000 marks. A year ago it stood at 67,426,955,000 marks and in 1920 42,504,640,000 marks.

An analysis of the Federal Reserve Bank statement, issued at the close of business on Thursday, shows further additions to gold holdings, both locally and nationally, while bill holdings continue to diminish in volume. Taken separately, the increase in gold for the combined system was \$14,000,000. Rediscounts of Government paper were cut \$16,000,000 and "all other" \$30,000,000. Bill purchased in the open market increased \$6,000,000, so that the net result was a contraction in bill holdings of \$70,000,000, leaving the total at \$732,972,000, which compares with \$2,515,058,000 last year. Total earning assets declined \$39,000,000 and deposits fell off \$38,000,000. A small increase in Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation was noted, namely, \$451,000. In the New York institution, the gain in gold totaled \$3,000,000. Total bills on hand are now \$102,609,000, a reduction of \$20,000,000. There were decreases in total earning assets of \$7,000,000, and in deposits of \$10,000,000, while Federal Reserve notes were \$1,600,000 in excess of a week ago. Reserve ratios were increased, for the local bank, .8%, to 84.9%, and for the system as a whole 1.1%, to 77.8%.

Last Saturday's bank statement of New York associated members disclosed some rather unusual features. For one thing, surplus reserve, after a gain the week previous of more than \$46,000,000, this week registered a decline of well over \$56,000,000, thus completely eliminating that account and leaving the third deficit in reserves since Jan. 1. The above showing, however, caused comparatively little con-

cern and due merely to the fact that several banks in the last few days have been paying off their loans at the Reserve Bank. Net demand deposits gained \$9,951,000 to \$3,821,827,000, which is exclusive of \$85,120,000 in Government deposits. In net time deposits there was a decline of \$2,887,000 to \$262,209,000. Loans expanded \$13,881,000; cash in own vaults of members of the Federal Reserve Bank were reduced \$4,451,000 to \$61,529,000 (not counted as reserve). The reserve of member banks with the Federal Reserve was drawn down \$54,925,000—the factor most largely responsible for the wiping out of surplus. In exact figures, the loss in surplus amounted to \$56,256,550, thereby not only wiping out all excess reserves, but leaving a deficit of no less than \$12,154,030.

No one can deny that call money is at least quotably cheap when it is offered in the financial district of New York at 4% at the beginning of business on Friday, and when it loans at 3½% on the Stock Exchange before the end of the session. This was true in both instances yesterday. The trend of the call money market was generally downward throughout the week. The renewal rate of 4% yesterday was the lowest for some time. Nominally time money was 5%. During the first half of the week it was firmly held at that figure, but yesterday there were unconfirmed reports of loans having been made at 4¾%. The bulk of the business was done at the higher quotation. The principal Government transaction in which there was special interest at this centre was the offering of another block of Treasury certificates of indebtedness and an indefinite amount of Treasury notes in exchange for Victory 4¾s. In view of the ease of money, as already outlined, it was assumed from the time that the Treasury announcement was made that the subscriptions to the certificates of indebtedness would be considerably in excess of \$250,000,000, the nominal amount of the offering, and also that holders of the Victory notes would avail themselves freely of the privilege of exchange extended to them. Odd lots of the notes sold yesterday at 101. The extreme ease of call money yesterday naturally led to the belief that there would not be any flurry as the middle of the month comes to hand. New securities have been issued on a large scale. The Government warning to bankers relative to the making of foreign loans without first consulting its representatives is expected to reduce the volume of such loans, for a time at least.

Dealing specifically with rates for money, loans on call have ranged during the week between 3½@5% for mixed collateral and all industrial loans without differentiation. Last week the range was 4@5½%. On Monday the high was 5% with 4½%, the low and ruling quotation. Tuesday a flat rate of 4½% was quoted, this being the high, low and renewal figure for the day. Wednesday the range was 4@4½%, with 4½% the renewal basis on each day. Thursday the high was 4½%, the low 4% and 4¼% the renewal basis. Free offerings brought a further recession to 3½% on Friday with renewals at 4%, which was the maximum figure. It was claimed that in the outside market call funds were offered in round amounts at 3½% during the latter part of the week. In time money also, offerings were in better supply, though the range was not changed from 4¾@5%

for all maturities from sixty days to six months. Trading continues quiet, though a moderate amount of business was placed for the shorter periods at the minimum figure.

Commercial paper was in good demand, especially for the best names, but offerings were scanty, so that the volume of transactions was comparatively small. Sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character continue to be quoted at  $4\frac{3}{4}@5\%$ , with names not so well known at  $5@5\frac{1}{4}\%$ , unchanged.

Banks' and bankers' acceptances were actively dealt in, particularly in the latter half of the week, when call funds softened and both local and country bankers appeared in the market as buyers of round amounts. A firm undertone prevailed, but rates remained at the levels previously ruling. For call loans against bankers' acceptances the posted rate of the American Acceptance Council is now  $4\%$ , against  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  on Friday of last week. The Acceptance Council makes the discount rates on prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank  $4\frac{1}{8}\%$  bid and  $4\%$  asked for bills running for 120 days,  $4\frac{1}{8}@4\%$  for ninety days,  $4\frac{1}{8}@4\%$  for sixty days and  $4\frac{1}{8}@4\%$  for thirty days. Open market quotations follow:

SPOT DELIVERY.			
	90 Days.	60 Days.	30 Days.
Prim eligible bills.....	$4\frac{1}{8}@3\frac{3}{8}\%$	$4\frac{1}{8}@3\frac{3}{8}\%$	$4\frac{1}{8}@3\frac{3}{8}\%$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.			
Eligible member banks.....	$4\frac{1}{8}$ bid		
Eligible non-member banks.....	$4\frac{1}{8}$ bid		
Ineligible bank bills.....	$4\frac{1}{8}$ bid		

There have been no changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve Banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS  
IN EFFECT MARCH 10 1922.

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Discounted bills maturing within 90 days (incl. member banks' 15-day collateral notes) secured by—			Bankers' acceptances discounted for member banks	Trade acceptances maturing within 90 days	Agricultural and live stock paper maturing 91 to 180 days
	Treasury notes and certificate of indebtedness	Liberty bonds and Victory notes	Otherwise secured and unsecured			
Boston.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
New York.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Atlanta.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Chicago.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
St. Louis.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Minneapolis.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kansas City.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
Dallas.....	5	5	5	5	5	5
San Francisco.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$

Sterling exchange this week sustained a sharp setback and rates declined more than 8 cents in the pound, carrying demand bills down to  $4\ 34\frac{3}{4}$ . At the opening of the week the undertone was firm and prices rallied somewhat from the low point of Friday last; but the improvement was short lived. Cable quotations from London came lower and this proved the signal for heavy selling. Concurrently with this, offerings of commercial bills against exports were in larger supply; hence the market was unable to resist the persistent selling pressure, which it was claimed emanated mainly from foreign sources. Movements were irregular and traders displayed considerable nervousness and hesitancy. Speculative interests were still in evidence, but as the week drew to a close, several of the largest concerns withdrew from the market to await further developments and trading quieted down. At the extreme close a slight rally was induced by short covering operations and the final figure for demand was  $4\ 35\frac{3}{4}$ .

Among the chief events of the week which exercised a depressing influence on market sentiment were the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in British politics, fresh outbreaks in Ireland, what seemed to be an acute crisis in the Indian situation, and, though to a lesser extent, President Harding's definite refusal to participate in the Genoa conference. Notwithstanding all this, many bankers persist in taking a hopeful view of the whole situation and the feeling seems to be that the present setback is not likely to be more than a temporary affair. It is claimed that the recent strength with substantial advances over the low points of a year ago reflects more than anything else genuine improvement that has taken place in Europe during the past year. This improvement is of the broadest possible significance and contrasts sharply with the chaotic conditions of a year ago, when not a few bankers and financiers were discussing the possible bankruptcy of Europe and the serious possibilities of a collapse in Germany. However, the consistent strength in British currency indicates better than anything else could the extraordinary recovery that Great Britain has made.

Dealing with the day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday of a week ago was weak and demand declined sharply to  $4\ 38\frac{3}{8}@4\ 40\frac{7}{8}$ , cable transfers to  $4\ 38\frac{3}{4}@4\ 41\frac{1}{4}$  and sixty days to  $4\ 36\frac{3}{8}@4\ 38\frac{7}{8}$ ; pessimism over the European outlook was largely responsible for the weakness. On Monday, London sent materially lower cable quotations, consequently the trend was downward and the range  $4\ 39\frac{1}{8}@4\ 40$  for demand,  $4\ 39\frac{5}{8}@4\ 40\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 37\frac{1}{8}@4\ 38$  for sixty days. Another sharp decline took place on Tuesday when demand bills sold down to  $4\ 37\ 5-16$  (the high was  $4\ 39\frac{3}{8}$ ), while cable transfers ranged between  $4\ 37\ 11-16$  and  $4\ 39\frac{3}{4}$  and sixty days at  $4\ 35\frac{1}{4}@4\ 37\frac{3}{8}$ ; trading was less active and the general tone nervous and unsettled. On Wednesday heavy selling, mainly for foreign account, and freer offerings of commercial bills drove prices still lower and the range was  $4\ 34\ 13-16@4\ 37$  for demand,  $4\ 35\ 3-16@4\ 37\frac{3}{8}$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 32\ 13-16@4\ 35$  for sixty days. Covering of shorts was instrumental in bringing about a partial recovery on Thursday, but this was offset by unfavorable foreign news, so that demand declined fractionally to  $4\ 32\frac{3}{4}@4\ 34\frac{5}{8}$ , cable transfers to  $4\ 35\frac{1}{8}@4\ 37\ 1-16$  and sixty days to  $4\ 32\frac{3}{4}@4\ 34\frac{5}{8}$ . Friday's market was dull and irregular, though prices were maintained at  $4\ 35\frac{1}{8}@4\ 36\ 3-16$  for demand,  $4\ 35\frac{5}{8}@4\ 36\ 11-16$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 33@4\ 34\frac{3}{8}$  for sixty days. Closing quotations were  $4\ 33\frac{5}{8}$  for sixty days,  $4\ 35\frac{3}{4}$  for demand and  $4\ 36\frac{1}{8}$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $4\ 34\frac{7}{8}$ , sixty days at  $4\ 27\frac{7}{8}$ , ninety days at  $4\ 26\frac{7}{8}$ , documents for payment (sixty days) at  $4\ 28\frac{1}{8}$  and seven-day grain bills at  $4\ 34\frac{3}{8}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $4\ 34\frac{7}{8}$ . The week's gold movement was again light and comprised only one shipment from Europe on the SS. Gothenberg from Stockholm with 135 cases of German gold coin and 98 cases of gold bars. Gold to the amount of \$275,000 arrived on the Santa Theresa from South America and 74 bars of silver and 4 packages of currency and specie on the Morro Castle from Vera Cruz.

Continental exchange, generally speaking, followed the lead of sterling and throughout the entire list losses were sustained, in some instances of as much as 35 points. The market continues to be dominated

by London and the receipt of sharply lower quotations from that centre, coupled with a somewhat larger supply of commercial offerings, brought about pronounced weakness. In the opinion of brokers the market, owing to the recent sustained advance, was in a rather vulnerable condition and in the event of really liberal offerings, the break would have been much more severe. French francs sold down to 8.86, a loss of 21 points. Antwerp currency moved sympathetically, with a decline of 25 points, to 8.31. Lire were strong and weak by turns, and after an advance to 5.26 for sight bills, receded to 4.83, which is a decline since last Friday of 25 points. Greek drachma also lost ground; so likewise did exchange on the Central European States, but only to a minor extent. Reichsmarks ruled heavy and before the close dropped to as low as 0.37 for checks, which is 5 points lower than last week's close. Germany was again reported to be a seller of marks on a large scale. Trading was less active than during recent weeks, and though for a time evidences of speculative manipulation were seen, towards the close quite a number of leading operators showed a disposition to limit commitments until settlement of some of the important problems now pending has been announced. In the final dealings short covering had a steadying influence, but in many quarters the prediction is made that unless there is a decided turn for the better in European affairs, the increased volume of bills which is expected to make their appearance shortly against an increased volume of exports, will likely force prices to still lower levels.

The official London check rate on Paris finished at 49.83, against 48.38 a week ago. Sight bills here on the French centre closed at 8.95, against 9.04; cable transfers at 8.96, against 9.05; commercial sight bills at 8.93, against 9.02, and commercial sixty days at 8.87, against 8.96 last week. Antwerp francs finished at 8.41 for checks and 8.42 for cable transfers, comparing with 8.56 and 8.57 the week previous. The closing rates for Berlin marks were 0.38½ for checks and 0.39 for cable remittances, as against 0.42 and 0.42½ a week earlier. Austrian kronen are apparently still pursuing their downward course, and the quotation broke to the incredibly low level of 0.0145 for checks and 0.0150 for cable transfers, in comparison with 0.0187 and 0.0193 last week. Lire finished at 5.06½ for checks and 5.07½ for cable transfers, against 5.18 and 5.19 last week. Exchange on Czecho-Slovakia finished at 1.67, against 1.65; on Bucharest at 0.74½, against 0.78½; on Poland, 0.0245, against 0.02½; and on Finland, at 2.09, against 2.01 a week ago. Greek exchange closed at 4.49 for checks and 4.54 for cable remittances. Last week the close was 4.58 and 4.63.

In the former neutral exchanges the general tendency was downward and Dutch guilders receded 35 points, Swiss francs 12 points, and Spanish pesetas 26 points. The latter decline was attributed partly to political difficulties in Spain. Scandinavian rates were easier, though the losses were less pronounced. An exception to the general rule was found in Norwegian exchange, which was strong and more than 50 points higher. Transactions showed a sharp falling off and the market was dull and irregular.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 37.79, against 38.05; cable transfers at 37.84, against 38.10; commercial sight bills at 37.74, against 38.00, and commercial sixty days at 37.38, against 37.64 a week

ago. Swiss francs finished at 19.40 for bankers' sight bills and 19.42 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.54 and 19.56 last week. Copenhagen checks closed at 20.90 and cable transfers at 20.95, against 21.07 and 21.12. Checks on Sweden finished at 26.00 and cable remittances at 26.05, against 26.20 and 26.25, while checks on Norway closed at 17.50 and cable transfers at 17.55, against 17.45 and 17.50 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Spanish pesetas were 15.69 for checks and 15.74 for cable transfers.

As to South American exchange, quotations were well maintained and the undertone was steady. The rate for checks on Argentina closed at 37 and cable transfers at 37½, as compared with 37¼ and 37½, while Brazil finished at 14½ for checks and 14¼ for cable transfers, against 14 and 14½ a week earlier. Chilean exchange continues to rule firm; the close was 11½, against 11⅝ last week. Peru remains "pegged" at 3 60, the same as heretofore.

Far Eastern rates were as follows: Hong Kong, 53½@53¾, against 52⅝@53; Shanghai, 73¼@73½, against 71¼@71½; Yokohama, 47½@47⅝ against 47½@47¾; Manila, 49@49¼, against 48¾@49; Singapore, 50¾@51 (unchanged); Bombay, 28½@28¾, against 29@29¼, and Calcutta, 28¾@29, against 29¼@29½.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 403 of the Emergency Tariff Act of May 27 1921, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers on the different countries of the world. We give below the record for the week just past. The Federal Reserve Bank does not proclaim the rates until the morning of the following day, and therefore the latest figures it is possible to include in our table are those for Thursday noon, announced on Friday:

CABLE BUYING RATES FIXED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, MARCH 3 1922 TO MARCH 9 1922, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York. Value in United States Money.					
	Mar. 3.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 6.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 8.	Mar. 9.
<b>EUROPE—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, krone	.000187	.000187	.000181	.000172	.000158	.000158
Belgium, franc	.0863	.0857	.0854	.0850	.0838	.0840
Bulgaria, lev	.005883	.005883	.00585	.00585	.00585	.005858
Czecho-Slovakia, krone	.013408	.016519	.016416	.016105	.016213	.016263
Denmark, krone	.2117	.2115	.2115	.2123	.2108	.2103
England, pound	4.4219	4.4072	4.3956	4.3914	4.3565	4.3583
Finland, marka	.020257	.020271	.020264	.020414	.020729	.020514
France, franc	.0912	.0908	.0904	.0904	.0892	.0895
Germany, reichsmark	.003949	.003948	.003964	.003874	.003933	.004035
Greece, drachma	.0157	.0157	.0157	.0155	.0154	.0151
Holland, florin or guilder	.3828	.3817	.3810	.3803	.3778	.3786
Hungary, krone	.001422	.001427	.001397	.001402	.001377	.001322
Italy, lira	.0531	.0525	.0519	.0511	.0494	.0508
Jugoslavia, krone	.003111	.003232	.00315	.003386	.003432	.003386
Norway, krone	.1759	.1753	.1756	.1775	.1787	.1809
Poland, Polish mark	.000235	.000238	.000231	.000213	.000218	.000219
Portugal, escuda	.0848	.0822	.0825	.0836	.0801	.0828
Rumania, leu	.007821	.007813	.007758	.007658	.007531	.007458
Serbia, dinar	.012483	.012667	.012633	.01342	.01386	.013675
Spain, peseta	.1598	.1593	.1592	.1586	.1571	.1570
Sweden, krona	.2641	.2631	.2630	.2644	.2616	.2607
Switzerland, franc	.1955	.1954	.1952	.1940	.1943	.1941
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China, Chefoo tael	7300	7267	7333	7358	7442	7475
" Hankow tael	7300	7267	7333	7358	7442	7475
" Shanghai tael	6884	6879	6921	6956	7034	7064
" Tientsin tael	7350	7317	7383	7400	7492	7508
" Hong Kong dollar	5248	5246	5232	5257	5240	5261
" Mexican dollar	5071	5063	5058	5075	5094	5110
" Tientsin or Peking dollar	5325	5275	5250	5283	5317	5342
" Yuan dollar	5308	5250	5243	5292	5267	5317
India, rupee	2795	2789	2800	2794	2780	2770
Japan yen	4720	4720	4725	4726	4728	4727
Singapore dollar	4942	5017	4902	4992	4975	4979
<b>NORTH AMERICA—</b>						
Canada dollar	977656	971875	999004	993003	955499	964663
Cuba peso	998751	998752	999167	998960	999167	999028
Mexico peso	489988	489534	489844	4900	490460	490938
Newfoundland dollar	974811	969475	968125	960417	954583	961875
<b>SOUTH AMERICA—</b>						
Argentina peso (gold)	8106	8100	8169	8191	8121	8109
Brazil milreis	1392	1372	1391	1393	1390	1390
Uruguay peso	8201	8187	8179	8180	8155	8173

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,412,045 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending March 9. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated

\$4,903,445, while the shipments have reached \$1,491,400, as per the following table:

CURRENCY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS BY NEW YORK BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Week ending March 9.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Gain or Loss to Banks.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$4,903,445	\$1,491,400	Gain \$3,412,04

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

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

Saturday, Mar. 4.	Monday, Mar. 6.	Tuesday, Mar. 7.	Wednesday, Mar. 8.	Thursday, Mar. 9.	Friday, Mar. 10.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 50,800,000	\$ 53,700,000	\$ 39,100,000	\$ 41,900,000	\$ 39,400,000	\$ 47,300,000	Cr. 272,200,000

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

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

Banks of	March 9 1922.			March 10 1921.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
England	128,763,964	-----	128,763,964	128,324,486	-----	128,324,486
France	143,087,195	11,240,000	154,327,195	142,207,288	10,640,000	152,847,288
Germany	49,819,750	703,000	50,522,750	54,576,500	425,650	55,002,150
Aus.-Hun.	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000	10,944,000	2,369,000	13,313,000
Spain	100,701,000	25,399,000	126,105,000	98,836,000	23,425,000	122,261,000
Italy	34,015,000	2,980,000	36,995,000	32,768,000	3,000,000	35,768,000
Netherl'ds.	50,497,000	594,000	51,091,000	53,010,000	1,618,000	54,628,000
Nat. Belg.	10,663,000	1,617,000	12,280,000	10,661,000	1,198,000	11,859,000
Switz'land.	21,877,000	4,320,000	26,197,000	21,727,000	6,984,000	28,711,000
Sweden	15,244,000	-----	15,244,000	15,654,000	-----	15,654,000
Denmark	12,685,000	212,000	12,897,000	12,643,000	141,000	12,784,000
Norway	8,183,000	-----	8,183,000	8,115,000	-----	8,115,000
Total week	589,484,909	49,434,000	635,918,909	589,466,274	49,800,650	639,266,924
Prev. week	586,555,371	48,208,000	625,763,371	589,001,160	49,229,850	638,630,010

a Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £77,934,682 held abroad.

THE SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE GAS CASES.

On Monday the gas companies of this city won their case against the 80-cent gas law of 1906 and the dollar-gas law of 1916, by a unanimous decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. The immediate effect will be to release to the companies approximately 20 millions which has been collected by them and has been held impounded to await the event, and also to leave the Public Service Commission able to proceed, as its Chairman says, with a situation somewhat clarified and now unhampered by the claim that the rate condemned was binding upon the Commission's course. A Master was appointed for the case in May of 1919, took testimony voluminously from day to day for eight months, and presented in May of 1920 his report, which held that costs of making and distributing gas had risen until it was a fair inference that the complaining company was left "without any return upon the investment"; but while finding it undoubtedly entitled to relief from the statutory limitation on rates the Master held that the permissible return rate should not be reckoned on the present high reproduction cost of the property, even with observed or actual depreciation, "but upon the actual, reasonable investment in the property devoted to the service of the complainant's consumers."

Notwithstanding this qualification, this finding was for the companies, and the case now decided was on appeals from certain decrees of the courts below. The decision, written by Justice McReynolds

and unanimous without dissent upon any particular, passes upon some minor but interesting claims brought against the companies, as that they had failed to keep the prescribed candle-power and therefore were not clean-handed and had no standing in court. This claim, said Justice McReynolds, is without merit. The company was under official control, the facts as to the candle-power are in dispute, and (as is generally known) "the calorific quality had become more important to most consumers than the illuminating one"; the Master concluded that the statutory standard had received substantial compliance; the complainant "sought relief from an unlawful burden, the fundamental wrong arose from the statute, and we find nothing which could justify refusal to consider its demand."

It is now contended by Corporation Counsel O'Brien that the decision relates only to 1918-19, and is therefore not conclusive of what would be a fair gas price now, also that Judge Hand (whose decision is now affirmed) found in those years a net profit of from 2.92% to 4.53% over everything, so that, with the present lower costs, an 80-cent rate ought to suffice. This, however, is for future determination, and can be passed without further remark than that the public may justly hope for improvement in pressure and calorific quality, the latter having been verbally confessed to some customers, by some companies, to be not all it should be.

The largest significance in the decision is in the stand the highest court takes concerning rights of property. Corporations generally are too much hated and too much held presumptively oppressive and guilty; nobody will contend that gas corporations are lovable, yet even the worst is entitled to justice and a day in the court of unprejudiced public opinion, assuming that such a court still exists; moreover, any sound principle is of general application, and therefore of general concern.

Upon the plea that previous profits ought to be used to average up a term of loss, Justice McReynolds said that "mere past success could not support a demand that it continue to operate indefinitely at a loss; the public has no such right in respect to private property, although dedicated to public use." Surely every fair-minded person must accept this as good law and good morals; but does it not apply to transportation also, and is it not equally good there? Private property, says the Federal Constitution, shall not be taken for public use, without just compensation; was not private property "taken," in effect, when the railroads were laid hold of, and will anybody pretend that a really just compensation has been made?

But let us look further at this decision. The Court finds the 80-cent rate confiscatory, but does not "intend by anything said herein to intimate what would have been a reasonable rate for the sale of gas under the circumstances disclosed . . . rate-making is no function of the courts, and should not be attempted, either directly or indirectly." Very good; but after we accept this as a just dictum as to rate-making suppose we change one word slightly and consider if the dictum is sound as to rent-making. Waiving other points for the moment, it is undeniable that the present housing laws of this State do, in distinct terms, set the courts at rent-making, in empowering judges to decide what is a "fair" and just rental in particular cases of contention, and has not rate-making long been out of the hands of



the railroads and been lodged with a "court"? If the Inter-State Commerce Commission is called a special body, not a "court," is not this plea a quibble upon words rather than a substantial distinction? The Supreme Court has not yet taken a stand of defense of private property invested in transportation; but the claim that the railroads should accept what is in effect a partial confiscation because of the war emergency which confronted everybody and everything is not essentially unlike the claim that bad years in gas-making should be averaged up with good years. The Court does not accept such a claim, and protects "private property, although dedicated to public use"; will it be bound hereafter to this broad stand now taken?

As to this, we shall see. Readers who have not forgotten the course of the Court upon the 18th amendment and the housing laws hardly need to have the inconsistencies pointed out anew; yet we should not be too hard upon our Supreme Court for inability to keep a perfectly straight and consistent course. The blame is our own. The trouble is that in our haste to escape temporary inconvenience we Americans have rushed into devious ways, without duly considering what seeds of future embarrassments we were sowing; our best courts, composed of fallible men, have therefore been obliged to put consistency aside, in trying to deal with circumstances which perversely affect cases. It is hard to walk a straight line in a crooked path.

We have forgotten that "public" is the composite of "private" and that to fail to safeguard private property tends, straight and irresistibly, to discourage creating private property, also that when private property goes public peace and welfare go too. *Time*, grimly severe upon mistakes, is trying to teach mankind to stop making them.

#### THE FORDNEY "WHITE-LIE" BONUS BILL.

The long-threatened bill came out of committee on Tuesday afternoon and was automatically referred back to the Fordney Committee. Some foundling asylums have a revolving box in which anybody may place a baby waif, ringing a bell to call attention, and then slipping away unseen. According to one correspondent, this one was "dropped in the box" surreptitiously and Mr. Fordney immediately left Washington.

The bill is of the "White-Lie" class throughout, a disnomer in its use of terms, and an attempted fraud on its ostensible beneficiaries as well as on the country. It calls itself a bill to "provide adjusted compensation," which is the reverse of what it attempts. It professes throughout to be on behalf of "veterans" only, but abuses that honorable term by applying it to almost everybody personally connected in any manner with the war service, the exceptions being too inconsiderable to need mentioning in detail, and it retains the vice of making no discrimination between those who suffered and those who did not.

Some well-meaning persons, Mr. Bryan among them, have lately been protesting against the doctrine of evolution as contrary to Scripture and an attack upon Christianity. They might spare themselves. The Bible consists mainly of records and prophecies, and both record and observation tell us that by a law made at the first and still unchanged the ascent or descent of man—physical, mental, moral, spiritual, or so-

cial—is progressive, each step in either direction preparing for the next. A writer in a New York journal, which has an unhappily large circulation and influence among the unthinking, offered Mr. Fordney this suggestion: "Why not simply print the necessary currency and pay the soldiers with perfectly good money manufactured by the Government at the cost of paper and printing, without taxing anyone or disturbing any business?" Even the committee shrank from this plunge, and so propose, with the title of "adjusted service credits," an issue of Governmental promissory notes, payable in twenty years from Sept. 30 next, and to be utilized meanwhile by the "veteran" as best he may. Cash is what he clamors for, and cash, if anything, was promised him by the men who would trick him and betray the country at once. Cash upon "adjusted service credits" of not over \$50 is to be paid him "as soon as practicable after receipt of application," but nothing more. There is an attempt to meet the pawnbroker objection by providing that the "certificate" shall be made out to a named beneficiary, and there is a feeble imitation of life insurance policies by permitting changes of beneficiary, with approval of the Treasury; there is a proviso that no right "shall be assignable or serve as security for any loan," but that the loan shark could be effectually barred from advances, on terms commensurate with the risk, is hardly credible.

The holder who wants cash may seek it at bank, and any national bank or "any" bank is authorized to loan on the veteran's note secured by the certificate up to 50%, the loan to be at not more than 2% above the rate permitted at the time on commercial paper and to run three years. Such loans would convert banking resources into non-liquid stuff and swiftly constrict ability to make the commercial advances of credit which are a prime banking function and duty; it is hardly conceivable that any bank would touch such paper, and the Comptroller makes the warning announcement that he must advise national banks not to do so. But the hope of a Government loan is held out through any post office. Loans may be made, on approval by the Treasury in each instance, at not over 4½%; but no loan shall be made in the next three years. Other provisions under this particular title need not be stated in detail, as the above is ample to show the whole thing to be a trick, fixed up to last until Nov. 8.

No means whatever of raising the necessary funds is proposed. There is nothing said of any tax or of coining the Allied debt or other vacuum. Incredible as it may seem, the only reference to the subject of financing is in the final Section 304, which directs the Secretary of the Treasury and others charged with carrying the bill into effect to submit to Congress estimates of the sums required, and concludes thus: "and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, amounts sufficient to defray such expenditures"!

Somebody estimates that more than 2,000 employees and four million dollars will be needed for book-keeping in the first bonus year, but this is relatively a trifle, hardly worth mentioning. An additional and new objection, however, is raised by some of the latest writers of letters of protest, in the fact that thousands of employees continued on the payroll at full rates all employees who went to the colors;

one concern in Baltimore says that "if a bonus is due to anybody it is to us, but we do not want it, and we protest against the Government's taxing us to pay bonuses to others." Yet all such objections merge with those previously stated.

A substitute bill has appeared in Albany, said to have the approval of Gov. Miller, to provide a million for aid to disabled veterans who have been without regular employment for thirty days. Something can be said for this as a means, and much for it as a purpose; but what more can be said of the Fordney monstrosity? Shell game, pea and thimbles, marked card game, or plain "bunk"—how best to characterize this? The Republican Party must bear the greater part of the odium, but does not deserve all, and every Congressman, of whatever party name, who has defiled himself with the thing should be beaten when he comes up for re-election. Apparently, the thing is dead, but no doubt upon this should be permitted, and the answer from the country should continue. We ought to be more deeply stirred and startled by the very fact that anybody in Congress would dare offer such a proposition and also because we have not been much *more* stirred and startled. But now let us bury the noisome thing beyond possible revival, and then turn our heads and try to forget and live down the national shame.

#### RATIFY THE TREATIES.

Sovereignty does not demand seclusion; isolation does not even deny interest. We think the country has gone "on record" on entangling alliances; but there may be alliances that do not entangle. Secretary of State Hughes is incontrovertibly right in taking the stand that the United States cannot participate in the Genoa Economic and Financial Conference, and in his averment that the United States Government "cannot be unmindful of the clear conviction of the American people, while desirous, as has been abundantly demonstrated, suitably to assist in the recovery of the economic life of Europe, that they should not unnecessarily become involved in European political questions." But we trust the Senate will spare the country a "wrangle" over the work of the Disarmament Conference. Certainly the world must understand that the whole cause and circumstance calling the Disarmament Conference into being, precludes the belief anywhere that the United States intended in entering into these several agreements and understandings to bind itself at any time for any reason to the entering upon force or war in behalf of any cause or people. But for fear that time may dim the remembrance of this attitude, an amendment or reservation stating what the President stated in his address, and which, we believe, is ground for the reservation adopted Feb. 25 by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to wit: "The United States understands that under the statement in the preamble, or under the terms of this treaty, there is no commitment to armed force, no alliance, no obligation to join in any defense," cannot be amiss, and should remove the last vestige of doubt on the part of those who were inclined to hesitate.

It must be apparent to the people of this country that when it comes to the use of language to state an important truth there may be honest difference of opinion. And it must seem to many that to reiterate the obvious is superfluous. Even this, how-

ever, need cause little concern—if by doing so future interpretations by other statesmen may be confined to the original intention. Consequently, the purpose of amendments or reservations, if it be merely to restate the case, to affirm what is clearly obvious, though demanding care in the use of language, ought not to awaken contest. And as far as we are able now to discern does not do so. If this be true of the United States it must be more true of other countries in relation to their own languages. Thus, a meaning not quite clearly expressed in translation, as of an original statement, must be affirmed and made clear by its mere repetition in the same document.

But it is extremely important to the further progress of the world, as we see it, that these "treaties," which *are* agreements and understandings and nothing more, should be affirmed and gotten out of the way. The impression should not be created in the world outside that the United States is so selfish that it will not generously agree to anything, that it must be grudgingly induced even to enter into an understanding for peace, that its Senate is so swollen with a sense of power that it hesitates to accept the work of any conference drawn from the people at the instance of the Chief Executive of the country.

Not this way will true and lasting peace be furthered. We have been hearing something lately of the "atmosphere" of good-will and common purpose by the voice of one of our diplomats. If the use of this word is admissible, it must be with the knowledge that "atmosphere" is all-pervading, and cannot well be confined to two countries, but sweeps around and over all countries with its life-giving and health-preserving power. It is this "atmosphere" in which these agreements were fostered and proclaimed, and in this they should now be accepted.

True friendship in life is not confined to rank or station. If this country is really to become the friend of man, it cannot do so by intensifying hauteur and reserve. It should exhibit something of the generous warmth of true friendship. And for this reason it is paramount, whether with or without reservations, to quickly ratify these "treaties." For, certainly, if they are to be called "treaties," they bear none of the earmarks of former binding documents so called. To create an impression of unwillingness to meet the world half-way, must be cold water upon our future cordial relations with other peoples; and if we were to push it on ignoble ground, might become disastrous to our future trade. Whether citizens believe it wisdom or not to have kept out of the League of Nations, that circumstance must be taken into account in now defining our attitude toward these new and independent efforts. Refusal to ratify now would emphasize a selfishness we do not feel.

We read of a mighty proposal by Lloyd George for a ten-year reconstructive period; for that period no more boundary disputes, no more wars of aggression, no more waste keeping up land armaments, themselves menacing. It is for Europe to say. But in the face of so giant a plan, so happy a consummation, the spectacle of the United States haggling over words would be depressing. Only a fool could say in his heart there is a dictatorial disposition in President Harding, to reverse an old phrase. Therefore, it is "up" to the Senate to show eager willing-

ness to advance the unity of nations. The people, we feel assured, have had enough of the egotism of conflict.

Let all nations seek harmony through good-will. Let all feel peace as well as proclaim it. Peoples are groaning under inescapable burdens. They are willing to work to lift them. Too much they are prevented from common trade by the law-making bodies seeking a way out, but one that will not destroy special advantage. If for ten years there could be a universal truce, not only to war and preparations for war, but to the exercise of power for advantage sake, *then* the whole face of human effort might change. So that as we really sweep out of view the past, banish thought of future troubles and conflicts, we open the way for the reign of that energy that finds its last expression in international trade, itself a stamp and sign of mutual good-will.

#### HONORING THOSE TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

The retirement of Will H. Hays from the Cabinet has been made the occasion of much felicitation to him upon his record. He goes into the "moving picture business" at a large salary; and, it is believed, with an executive work practically free to his own dictation. Mr. McAdoo, similarly retired, but his work in the same industry is understood to be of a legal nature, and he practices law in other fields. There is a rumor that Mr. Hoover has been "again approached" with reference to becoming Director-General, or President, of the Philadelphia Sesqui Centennial Exposition, at a very large salary, and that he gives no indication of a desire to accept. Recently a law passed the Senate, readjusting salaries in the Pension Office, paid from fees, without additional tax-cost to the Government, which gave opportunity for the revelation that large numbers of technical experts have been resigning to go into more lucrative positions. Other examples might be cited to show that the Government is not without its own problem of "turn-over"—one that harasses almost every field of industry and commerce.

In our Consular service there has been a recent "shake-up," and transfers have been recorded in important posts. In this branch of Governmental work we have not yet grown into the custom of appointing men of particular commercial equipment and then retaining them for life, but this we believe is approaching. The facts here stated indicate a matter of import that receives none too much attention. There is a continual "drive" for increased salaries in the various departments, to be sure, but this is only a single phase of the problem. We may grant a considerable increase, in a general way, in the payment of the higher grade of Government employees, as necessary—but we cannot undertake to admit that the Government can ever become a competitor to "big business" in the matter of salaries paid to executives. As to the lower grades, the "department clerks," save for those in positions of technical knowledge and investigation, or of peculiar trust, their tasks are generally perfunctory, routine in a large degree, and may, as a rule, be readily filled.

It would be the negation of our democratic policies and professions should we ever come to the creation of an "official class"—but on the contrary it may well be asked whether as a people we give due regard to those who serve us in a representative or

ministerial capacity. A bill has been introduced to reduce the number of Congressmen and materially increase the salary. There is much to be said in its favor. Some criticism of the "mediocre" character of the Senate "in these latter days" creeps into the public comment. Yet there are some very able men in that body at the present time—though they have about them none of the glamour of greatness that tradition gives only with the lapse of time. One thing seems certain, just as in the case of the soldier, we cannot actually *pay the worth* of the service in these civilian positions in dollars—but do we really pay for the service in wholesome public regard?

As the matter stands, with reference to those acting in a representative capacity, do we not too much regard them as politicians, rather than as statesmen? We are far from saying that in our legislative and executive governmental work the incumbents do not themselves by their acts often contribute to the formation of this estimate—but are the people yet ready to reward public servants for good work, regardless of the power and demands of parties? At the present time we are entering upon a campaign in which, if we mistake not, certain men, in both of the parties, are marked for slaughter, because acting upon conviction they have broken the party bonds and transcended the party interests. Yet this is just what men must do in many emergencies who act for the interests of the country, men who really rise to the dignity of statesmen. This fact leads to violent popular criticism—and we often lose sight of the service performed—that dollars do not pay for.

Take the case of Mr. Hoover. He has outlived much severe criticism. He has proven beyond question his Americanism, his large ability and comprehensive grasp, his devotion to the public good. A World's Exposition, being what it is, a survey of the progress and accomplishment of mankind, a tremendous educational institute made out of material and spiritual exhibits, it would not be surprising if the position of executive head of such an enterprise should appeal to him. The story of his life prior to the war shows his money-making capacity through independent efforts of his own. Salary would probably be as little inducement as it is in his present work. But, and we are merely citing an example, does the public appreciate that this giving of time and talent is not only not paid for, but cannot be paid for, and is therefore deserving of the especial regard and reverence of the people? And in the same way, with certain Senators.

Let us not forget that these "officials" are our public servants, a public office being "a public trust," but let us recognize in the campaign to come that parties and party men have been *compelled* in the exigencies of unwonted occasion to act in the living present for the good of all. The common standards of trial do not apply. Still we do not confine our observations to this phase. Broadly, if we are to have a competent and comprehensive public service, we must ourselves rise above a narrow partisanship, and be ready to accord honor and confidence where honor and confidence are due. The ballot should never become a bludgeon of punishment. The press should not play football with characters and careers. If we are ever to have "more business in Government and less Government in business" we must ourselves set the pace by rising above party, where it is necessary to reward and recognize principle.

There is no doubt that "republics are ungrateful." But there is just as little doubt that "humility goeth before honor." Leaders and dictators we *must* rebuke when they are so because self-constituted. Mr. Harding is willing to let his administration of the first year "speak for itself." That fine sense of propriety demands a like response by the public. There are weaklings in office—but the people put them there. There are excited politicians in our legislative halls hammering upon certain of our financial agencies that are constituted Governmental factors. Take it all in all, we will serve our business interests and the country best, if we keep closely in mind in the months to come that we should appreciate and reward those who have acted with courage and conviction regardless of personal prospects.

#### FARM RESERVES OF CEREALS.

Farm reserves of the leading cereal crops this year, according to the report of the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, are all somewhat reduced from the generally large stocks held in farmers' hands at the corresponding time a year ago, and the reduction clearly denotes the effect on consumption produced by the much lower range of grain prices for practically all cereals, which prevailed in the markets last year. Last season's harvests of all grain crops were less than in the preceding year, and as to oats the yield was very much less in 1921 than in 1920. Wheat showed a decrease in yield last year of 38,000,000 bushels, yet the price of wheat declined almost continuously from the opening month of 1921 to near the close. In January, a year ago, wheat was quoted at \$2 06 per bushel, but in November it had declined to close to \$1 per bushel, although it recovered a few cents before the end of the year. It is not surprising, therefore, that the larger reserves of the previous year should have been reduced, and that consumption last year should have increased.

The exceptionally high price at which wheat had been held during the crop year of 1920 had tended to restrict consumption. The very great need that existed in some countries of the world for this important food cereal was very urgent, but the conditions of the markets did not justify the high prices of 1920. The large carry-over of wheat in stocks at the farms from the crop of 1920, taken with the yield of 1921, made available a considerable tonnage last year, and prices naturally and inevitably declined. Farmers did not take kindly to this, but with values tending strongly downward, the banks did not and could not encourage further borrowing on the part of the growers, and in the end the latter accepted the situation and sent the new crop to market with great freedom. The consequence was that receipts at primary markets were heavy, and the crop of 1921 moved rapidly into consumption. There was a considerable and urgent demand for wheat last year, not only for home use, but from foreign countries, especially from Europe, the exports amounting for the year to 279,948,601 bushels. This compares with 218,287,334 bushels exported during the preceding year.

As to prospects for wheat for the current year, the small reserve in farmers' hands on March 1 this year is naturally considered an important feature of the situation. In only three years out of the preceding ten years has the reserve of wheat in farm-

ers' hands on March 1 been smaller than it is the present year, and as to two of these three years, the small reserves followed the reduced production of the years 1919 and 1917. After the billion-bushel crop of 1915, which was a record production, there was a reserve in farmers' hands on March 1 1916 estimated at 244,801,000 bushels, which also was the high water mark. A year ago the revised figures issued by the Department placed the reserves at 217,037,000 bushels on March 1. This year they are down to 131,136,000 bushels, which is 16.5% of the production of wheat last year. This contrasts with 26.1% for the preceding year. The farm reserves of wheat are largest in Kansas, and are also quite heavy in North Dakota and Nebraska. There are considerable holdings in most of the Middle Western States; also in Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Washington and Oregon.

The reserve stocks of corn on March 1, according to the Government report, are placed at 1,313,120,000 bushels, and are 251 million bushels less than was carried over from the crop of 1920. Both the crop of 1920 and the reserve in farmers' hands on March 1 1921, were record figures, and while the crop of corn in 1921 was the third largest, having been exceeded not only by that of 1920, but by the corn crop of 1912, the farmers' reserves on March 1 1922 are second only to those of the preceding year. The Department's figures show that the reserve stock of corn in farmers' hands on March 1 this year constituted 42.6% of last year's production of corn, whereas the reserves of a year ago were 48.6% of the crop of the preceding year. The reserve a year ago was not only very large in the aggregate in fact was, as already stated, the largest ever reported—but the percentage also was considerably above the average. Reserve stocks of corn on March 1 this year show a higher percentage than in the ten years prior to 1921. The consumption of last year's corn crop, based on the report of the Department's estimate of yield and reserves is 1,768,131,000 bushels, which contrasts with 1,665,700,000 bushels for the preceding year, and this also reflects the effect of the much lower range of prices for corn. In January 1921, No. 3 mixed corn was sold at 78 cents per bushel, which was the high price of the year, while the lowest price of the year was 42 to 43 cents. About 87.5%, or 2,695,194,000 bushels, of the crop of corn of 1921 is reported merchantable, and this compares with 86.9% of the crop of 1920, and 79.6%, the ten-year average. Reserves of oats in farmers' hands this year were 401,461,000 bushels, which contrasts with 683,759,000 bushels a year ago, and the proportion of reserves this year is only 38.1% of last year's production, whereas a year ago it was 45.7% of the crop of the preceding year. Barley also shows a considerably smaller reserve this year than last, the figures being 40,950,000 bushels on March 1 1922, or 27.1% of last year's production. On March 1 1921 the reserves of barley in farmers' hands was placed at 65,229,000 bushels, being 34.5% of the yield of the preceding year.

#### THE AROUSING OF ISLAM.

Britain's announcement of her giving up her protectorate over Egypt calls attention to the fact that the appearance of Japan and China for the first time as great States presenting great issues before the Washington Conference by no means represents

the whole Eastern problem. Behind and quite apart from them lie the millions of the Brown Race among whom Islam is the bond.

This is a group to-day as alien as the Yellow Race, moving also with new and strange forces. It extends across Central, Southern and Western Asia and Northern and Central Africa, from the border of China to the far Atlantic. It embraces people of different speech and various nationality, but it is dominated by one great religion, and its members are possessed of common conceptions and are capable of being aroused by the same passions. Some of them have a long and famous history, and all are of unexhausted virility with every possibility of immeasurable development. When they are found throbbing under the impact of what we term "the spirit of the times," it behooves us to take notice and strive to understand a race concerning whom as a whole we have had so slight concern.

At this opportune juncture there comes a book, "The New World of Islam," by Lothrop Stoddard, published by Scribner, compact, vivid, full of fresh information, and convincing. We can give only an outline of its material, but the movement it describes is fast rising into prominence.

Attention is called to the unheralded awakening of Mohammedanism as a simple, austere and compelling form of monotheism among a gifted people, the Arabs, in the seventh century. The nature of the religion as a faith and a practice, the character of the Arab race, and the general condition of the near Eastern world conspired to give it swift success. It spread like a flood over the East and the West. The inevitable followed. With its success its adherents lost their vigor; divisions arose; and with the coming of the rude and savage Turks in the eleventh century the Saracenic civilization, with its finer traits, was superseded. Islam, now the creed of the Turk, became a furious fanaticism in its assault upon Christendom till it was turned back before Vienna in 1683.

Meanwhile the Mongols had swept over Central Asia from India to Egypt, butchering the people, and by destroying its ancient system of irrigation, turning Mesopotamia into a land of swamp and desert. Asia, North Africa and Eastern Europe were under the heel of the Mongols; and the Turks were threatening Central Europe. The opening of the route to Asia by sea at the end of the fifteenth century suddenly changed the entire situation, with the greatest strategic shift of fortune in human history; and Western civilization shook off its mediæval bonds and advanced with rapid strides to its subsequent dominion. Throughout the eighteenth century the Western World harried the frontiers of the East, but the bulk of Islam, from Morocco to Central Asia, remained little disturbed, continuing to live its old life.

With the industrial revolution of the nineteenth century, Europe moved upon Asia. England took India and Egypt; Russia crossed the Caucasus and mastered Central Asia, and France conquered North Africa. The recent Great War worked the apparent complete subjection of the Moslem world; not a single Mohammedan State retained its independence.

Then came the change. The "immovable East" awoke. During those hundred years a movement had begun. Islam became conscious of its condi-

tion, and with that consciousness a ferment, obscure but profound, began to leaven the 250,000,000 followers of the Prophet from Morocco to China, and from Turkestan to the Congo. A revival occurring in Arabia steadily spread until it begat the movement known as "Pan-Islamism." The dominant ideas of the nineteenth century, parliamentary government, nationalism, scientific education, industrialism, even feminism and socialism, came floating into the stirred atmosphere, and the war proved the shock under which Islam is seething with mighty forces fashioning a new Moslem world.

Pan-Islamism is not to be considered as merely a defensive political reaction against external aggression. It springs from that deep sentiment of unity that links Moslem to Moslem by bonds much stronger than those which unite the members of the Christian world. "These bonds are social as well as religious. Islam is more than a creed, it is a complete social system; it is a civilization, with a philosophy, a culture and an art of its own; in its long struggle against the rival civilization of Christendom it has become an organic unit, conscious of itself. Its fanaticism, which to-day is taking a form of furious hatred under the influence of recent events, is the result of religious bigotry and this blind hatred of Western civilization. Its driving power lies in the great Pan-Islamic fraternities, like the Wahabites in Arabia, and the powerful Sennussiya, established in the Sudan, kept alive by the Hajj, the annual pilgrimages to Mecca, and the influence of able 'holy men' and self-called leaders. The 'Holy War' proclaimed by the Turks under German instigation proved a fiasco because it was recognized as a trick, but it must be understood that the materials for a Holy War have long been heaping high." Vambery, the great Oriental authority, pointed out in 1898 that the spread of rapid, easy intercommunication now available to the Moslem press, with ramifications all over Asia and Africa, carries instantly everything that Europe thinks, decides and executes against Islam; and "sparks struck at our meetings and banquets kindle menacing flames." The bond of Pan-Islam, he said, then was tenuous, but Western aggression might at any time unite its strands into a solid whole. In 1900 there were in existence not more than 200 propagandist journals; in 1914 there were over 1,000. Recent travelers say they are found in all the great cities, from Calcutta to Cairo; and, traveling under all sorts of disguises, as merchants, students, workmen, beggars, fakirs, mountebanks and rhapsodists, professional Pan-Islamic propagandists swarm everywhere, rousing the fanaticism of the people. Evidence of the weakness and even degeneracy of Western civilization is set over against the general conviction that Islam is about to enter a period of Renaissance and renewed glory; a conviction which the Great War and the contentions of the European nations, coupled with the impressions made upon the masses of Orientals and Africans brought into the war as soldiers and laborers, have intensified and are stirring to action.

When we turn to India and the serious disturbances to-day existing there, we recognize that we have to face the steady impact of alien ideas on an ancient and obsolescent civilization, and that the East and the West are separated by diversities of thought and life that are perhaps as irreconcilable as they are to-day generally unintelligible. The Mo-

hammedans number only one-fifth of the population of India, that is 70,000,000, but all alike are influenced by the conflicting ideas of the two alien civilizations. These are thus enumerated: "The more or less imperfect assimilation of those ideas by the few; the dread and resentment of them by those whose traditional ascendancy they threaten; the disintegration of old beliefs, and then again their aggressive revival; the careless diffusion of an artificial system of education, based none too firmly on mere intellectualism, and bereft of all moral and religious sanction; the application of Western theories of administration and of jurisprudence to a social formation stratified on lines of singular rigidity; the play of modern economic forces upon primitive conditions of industry and trade; the constant and inevitable friction between subject races and their alien rulers; the reverberation of distant wars and distant racial conflicts; the exaltation of an Oriental people in the Far East" [i.e. Japan].

Here is a fertile field for Mohammedan propaganda. A French writer, with special reference to the Levant, makes this comment: "The truth is that the Orient is in transformation, and the Mohammedan mentality as well. It is undergoing a period of crisis, wherein the past struggles everywhere against the present; where ancient customs, impaired by modern innovations, present a hybrid and disconcerting spectacle."

It is an interesting fact that Bolshevism was rejected, both by the Hindu and the Moslem world, when Brahmin and Mohammedan leaders learned that it had wiped out of existence the intelligentsia in Russia, and it would leave no place for them.

What is to follow? Morgan Shuster says of Persia's experience a few years ago: "There never has been an instance where a people, changed suddenly from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional or representative form of government, at once displayed a high standard of political wisdom. The great mass of the population of Persia is composed of peasants and tribesmen, all densely ignorant. On the other hand, many thousands have been educated abroad, or have traveled, after completing their education at home. They, or at least elements among them, which had the support of the masses, proved their capacity. They changed despotism into democracy in the face of untold obstacles. Opportunities were made so that any man of ability could occupy the highest official posts. As a race they showed during the past five years an unparalleled eagerness for education. A remarkable free press sprang up, and fearless writers came forward to denounce injustice and tyranny, whether from within the country or without. The Persians burned with the same spirit of Asiatic unrest which pervades India." The new Government continued until the exigencies of European nations interfered.

As to India, the British publicist, Sir Lionel Curtis, says: "Education will prove a positive mischief and danger unless accompanied by a definite installment of political responsibility. There must be a devolution of definite powers on electorates. They must learn that the remedy for their sufferings rests in their own hands. Only actual experience will teach the art of self-government. The burden of trusteeship must be transferred, piece by piece, from the shoulders of Englishmen to those of Indians in some sort able to bear it; and these must learn to

feel themselves responsible to the electorate below, rather than to control from above. The goal now set marks the last stage of our work in India." The franchise in India has been extended recently from a few thousand to 5,000,000 voters, most of whom are without experience of voting.

Evidently the day for either permanent overlordship or for indefinite mandate has passed. England, at least, which has long tried it, is fast casting it aside.\* The change, whether for good or ill, is at hand, and is apparently inevitable. "A generation (perhaps a decade)," says our author, "may see most of the Near and Middle East autonomous or even independent. Whether they misuse their opportunities, or whether they succeed in establishing orderly, progressive, constitutional Governments, remains to be seen."

Many groups, large and small, black, white, red and yellow, are trying, or are to try it. We must believe in an ultimate success, or abandon faith in Representative Democracy.

\*The report signed in July 1918 by Mr. Montague the Secretary of State for India, and Lord Chelmsford, the Viceroy, on the strength of which the present form of government for India was established, contained these words: "We profoundly believe that in the time to come, when the sheltered position which we have given India cannot be prolonged without damage to her national life, that we have a richer gift for her people than any that we have yet bestowed on them; that nationhood within the British Empire represents something better than anything India has hitherto attained; that the placid contentment of the masses is not the soil on which such Indian nationhood will grow, and that in deliberately disturbing it we are working for her highest good." The wave of panic and terror which swept through India, consequent upon the death of 7,000,000 by the influenza in 1918, and of the vast host by famine and the breaking out of the Afghan War in 1919, with the Government's repressive measures, has caused the present trouble.

## Current Events and Discussions

### U. S. DECLINES INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN GENOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

The long-deferred reply of the United States to the invitation to participate in the proposed Genoa Economic Conference came this week, and the decision has been reached by this Government not to take part in the deliberations. Advice to this effect were conveyed by Secretary of State Hughes on the 8th inst. to Senator Ricci, the Italian Ambassador at Washington, who, acting for Italy, and indirectly for the Allied Supreme Council, had extended the invitation to the United States. As we indicate in another item, the Conference, which had originally been scheduled for March 8, has been postponed until April 10. Secretary Hughes, in his letter to Senator Ricci, in indicating the reason which prompts the United States to decline to take part in the parley states that "it has been found impossible to escape the conclusion that the proposed Conference is not primarily an economic conference, as questions appear to have been excluded from consideration without the satisfactory determination of which the chief causes of economic disturbance must continue to operate, but is rather a conference of political character, in which the Government of the United States could not helpfully participate." The note of Secretary Hughes also bears on the Russian situation and expresses it as the view of this Government "that while awaiting the establishment of the essential bases of productivity in Russia . . . nothing should be done looking to the obtaining of economic advantages in Russia which would impair the just opportunities of others, but that the resources of the Russian people should be free from such exploitation and that fair and equal economic opportunity in their interest, as well as in the interest of all the Powers should be preserved." Commenting on the advice of Secretary Hughes on this point the New York "Times" of March 9 under a Washington head, said:

In regard to Russia, the American Government, although it does not say so in its note to the Italian Ambassador, is not unmindful of the fact that there are more than 1,250,000 men under arms in Russia, and that the Moscow Government displays no disposition to cut its forces, even at a time

when the country is economically paralyzed and facing starvation, which is being alleviated by foreign relief agencies.

The newest American note is highly important in its bearing on the Russian problem, because it reiterates, in the face of an additional year of study, observation and experience, the stand that was taken by the Harding Administration on March 25 1921. It will be recalled that the Soviet Government, through Litvinoff, its then agent at Reval, endeavored to involve the United States in a trade agreement.

There had been a change of Administration at Washington and that of President Harding had just come into control. The Moscow Government had failed in its prior efforts to force political recognition or a trade agreement from President Wilson. Radical sympathizers had condemned Mr. Wilson and Bainbridge Colby, his Secretary of State, for their stand toward the Bolshevik regime. It was evident that Moscow thought it would be able to embroil the newly installed Administration in political recognition by the trade agreement route. When the answer of President Harding was given, in Secretary Hughes's declaration of March 25 1921, it was in complete harmony with the attitude that had been taken by the Wilson Administration.

Secretary Hughes then laid down the rule that it was only in the productivity of Russia that there was any hope for her people, and that it was idle to expect resumption of trade until the economic bases of production were securely established there. The economic bases laid down in Mr. Hughes's declaration at that time and reiterated in his note of to-day are:

First—The safety of life.

Second—The sanctity of contract.

Third—Firm guarantees of private property.

Fourth—The rights of free labor.

The note leaves no doubt that the Administration is yet to be convinced that such economic bases have been established in Russia.

The note of the State Department of March 25 1921 bearing on the resumption of trade relations in Russia, was published in these columns April 2 1921, page 1358.

The following is the letter addressed by Secretary Hughes to the Italian Ambassador regarding the Genoa Conference:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Washington, March 8 1922.

*Excellency:*—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note transmitting the invitation addressed by the Italian Government to the Government of the United States to take part in an "economic and financial" conference to be convened at Genoa, pursuant to the resolution adopted on Jan. 6 1922 by the Allied Governments in conference at Cannes.

I have also received your later notes with respect to American representation, the proposed agenda and the postponement of the date of the proposed conference.

Since the receipt of your Excellency's first note the question of American participation in the proposed conference has had the most earnest attention. I am sure that you will realize that the Government of the United States must take a deep interest in any conference which holds promise of effective measures to promote the economic rehabilitation of Europe, since not only do we keenly desire the return of prosperity to the peoples who have suffered most severely from the wastes and dislocations of war, but it is also manifest that there can be no improvement in world conditions in the absence of European recuperation.

It is with this sympathetic spirit, and with the utmost reluctance to withhold its support from any appropriate effort to attain this object that the Government of the United States has examined the resolution adopted at Cannes and the suggested agenda for the conference.

I regret to inform your Excellency that, as a result of this examination, it has been found impossible to escape the conclusion that the prospective conference is not merely an economic conference, as questions appear to have been excluded from consideration without the satisfactory determination of which the chief causes of economic disturbance must continue to operate, but is rather a conference of a political character in which the Government of the United States could not helpfully participate.

This Government cannot be unmindful of the clear conviction of the American people, while desirous, as has been abundantly demonstrated, suitably to assist in the recovery of the economic life of Europe, that they should not unnecessarily become involved in European political questions.

It may be added, with respect to Russia, that this Government, anxious to do all in its power to promote the welfare of the Russian people, views with the most eager and friendly interest every step taken toward the restoration of economic conditions which will permit Russia to regain her productive power, but these conditions, in the view of this Government, cannot be secured until adequate action is taken on the part of those chiefly responsible for Russia's present economic disorder.

It is also the view of this Government—and it trusts that view is shared by the Governments who have called the conference—that while awaiting the establishment of the essential basis of productivity in Russia, to which reference was made in the public declaration of this Government on March 25 1921, and without which this Government believes all consideration of economical revival to be futile, nothing should be done looking to the obtaining of economic advantages in Russia which would impair the just opportunities of others, but that the resources of the Russian people should be free from such exploitation and that fair and equal economic opportunity in their interest, as well as in the interest of all the Powers, should be preserved.

While this Government does not believe that it should participate in the proposed conference, it sincerely hopes that progress may be made in preparing the way for the eventual discussion and settlement of the fundamental economic and financial questions relating to European recuperation which press for solution.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) CHARLES E. HUGHES.

*His Excellency, Senator Vittorio Rolandi Ricci, Ambassador of Italy.*

#### GENOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 10.

On March 6 Associated Press advices from Paris announced that April 10 had been definitely settled upon as the date for the opening of the Genoa Economic Conference. It was added that Italy, from whom a request for delay had been expected owing to the extended Cabinet crisis last month, informed the Foreign Office to-day that she would be ready on that date. Last night (March 10) in advices from Paris, the Associated Press said:

The semi-official "Temps" urges in an editorial that the Genoa conference be abandoned, now that the United States has refused to participate.

"What can be done at Genoa towards the reconstruction of Europe," it asks, "without the assistance of America? What serious work can be accomplished in an assembly in which Chicherin holds forth, while Hughes is absent? The Genoa enterprise is bankrupt. Let us replace it immediately by another plan, better conceived."

Commenting along much the same line, the "Gaulois" says: "Without the United States it is impossible to formulate a plan for the economic reconstruction of Europe. The conference would be simply a meeting of insolvent debtors."

In announcing the postponement of the Conference until April 10, the March 6 advices above referred to also stated:

The French Government will have five representatives at the opening of the conference, one of whom is quite likely to be Premier Poincaré himself, but for a few days only.

The Italian note announcing readiness to proceed on April 10 caused mild surprise at the French Foreign Office, as it had been unofficially said that Italy would not be willing to enter the conference during Holy Week, regardless of whether she was ready, but the news is greeted with satisfaction, as it is realized that the problems to be discussed are momentous and imperative.

It was officially stated that should a request for delay come from any quarter, France would acquiesce after Great Britain had agreed, but would not endorse such request previous to its acceptance by Great Britain.

The present French Government feels it was unfortunate that the French delegation as an entity could not remain at Washington throughout the conference for the limitation of armaments, and an endeavor will be made to avoid a similar situation at Genoa. The delegates will be chosen from among prominent French statesmen holding full plenipotentiary powers, but whose public duties do not necessitate their presence in Paris during the period of two or three months which, in French opinion, will be the duration of the conference.

Premier Poincaré will not be able to remain for more than a few days, owing to the fact that President Millerand will be absent on a visit to the French North African possessions and protectorates. During the six weeks of M. Millerand's absence, Premier Poincaré's presence in Paris will be necessitated, but the regular delegates, whoever they may be, will remain in Genoa throughout. They have not yet been chosen.

The French experts will be ready with their propositions in about two weeks' time, allowing a sufficient period for the Premier to study the various points with the members of the delegation before they depart for Genoa.

The meeting of the Finance Ministers of France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium on March 8 will be merely for the purpose of discussing the distribution among the Allied Powers of the reparations payments already made by Germany.

With respect to the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Allied Governments in Paris on March 20, France is anxious for the earliest discussion of Near East questions, as it is feared in official quarters that with the return of spring and the disappearance of the snow, the roads thus becoming practicable, the Greeks and Turks will resume hostilities, which will make the work of the Foreign Ministers more difficult.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING FOREIGN LOAN FLOTATIONS.

Last week (page 897) we referred to the State Department's announcement of March 3 regarding the desirability of the banking interests of the country consulting with it before undertaking the flotation of foreign loans. The announcement made by the State Department at Washington said:

At a conference held last Summer between the President, certain members of the Cabinet and a number of American investment bankers, the interest of the Government in the public flotation of issues of foreign bonds in the American market was informally discussed and the desire of the Government to be duly and adequately informed regarding such transactions before their consummation, so that it might express itself regarding them if that should be requested or seem desirable, was fully explained. Subsequently the President was informed by the bankers that they and their associates were in harmony with the Government's wishes and would act accordingly.

The desirability of such co-operation, however, does not seem sufficiently well understood in banking and investment circles.

The flotation of foreign bond issues in the American market is assuming an increasing importance and on account of the bearing of such operations upon the proper conduct of affairs, it is hoped that American concerns that contemplate making foreign loans will inform the Department of State in due time of the essential facts and subsequent developments of importance. Responsible American bankers will be competent to determine what information they should furnish and when it should be supplied.

American concerns that wish to ascertain the attitude of the Department regarding any projected loan should request the Secretary of State, in writing for an expression of the Department views. The Department will then give the matter consideration and, in the light of the information in its possession, endeavor to say whether objection to the loan in question does or does not exist, but it should be carefully noted that the absence of a statement from the Department, even though the Department may have been fully informed, does not indicate either acquiescence or objection. The Department will reply as promptly as possible to such inquiries.

The Department of State cannot, of course, require American bankers to consult it. It will not pass upon the merits of foreign loans as business propositions, nor assume any responsibility whatever in connection with loan transactions. Offers for foreign loans should not, therefore, state or imply that they are contingent upon an expression from the Department of State regarding them, nor should any prospectus or contract refer to the attitude of this Government. The Department believes that in view of the possible national interests involved it should have the opportunity of saying to the underwriters concerned, should it appear advisable to do so, that there is or there is no objection to any particular issue.

In stating in advices from its Washington Bureau on March 9 that the new administration policies providing for closer co-operation between the Government and the bankers of the country in the disbursement of loans to foreign interests, both governmental and private, may have a far-reaching effect, the Journal "of Commerce" yesterday added:

Each loan abroad of any importance virtually will be viewed by the Treasury as to its purpose and object.

The most important effect of the new policy, Administration leaders indicated to-day, would be that of withholding American financial assistance from those countries and those interests "inimical to the best interests of the United States." "The application of this principle to loans by private

bankers of the United States to foreign interests will have a powerful influence, it was admitted, if applied strictly.

It is the object of the Government in persuading American bankers to consult the Treasury for its approval of various advances, to prevent the use of American money in effecting purposes which would react adversely to the United States. Officials cited the case of particular countries whose policies were discriminatory or inimical to the United States as typical instances where American funds might be withheld until a more satisfactory treatment was accorded.

Another object of the new Administration policy of closer co-operation between the Government and the financial interests of the country is that of checking the heavy influx of foreign securities into the country, diverting investment capital from constructive uses and demoralizing the investment field. Banking interests handling issues of foreign securities probably will approach the Treasury for its views before floating the obligations in the domestic market.

Officials made it plain, however, that the Administration favors rather than opposes the purchase by American citizens of foreign obligations. The purchase of foreign securities, it was said, will increase in strength the credit or position of the United States and the interest to be derived in the future from the foreign securities will aid this country substantially.

The announcement by the State Department indicating the attitude of the Government on the question of foreign security issues has been misunderstood in some quarters, while the point has been entirely missed in others. Substantially, it was explained, it is the aim of the Government to insure an adequate supply of cash and credit for constructive purposes, both at home and abroad, and to prevent the diversion of credit from these essential uses by unnecessary and "unfavorable" foreign issues.

Previous reference this year in these columns to the proposed co-operation of the Government, the promotion of foreign issues appeared in our issue of Jan. 7, page 14.

#### ELIGIBILITY OF MESSRS. SMOOT AND BURTON TO SERVE WORLD WAR FOREIGN DEBT COMMISSION.

The decision that Senator Reed Smoot and Representative Theodore E. Burton were ineligible under Section 6 of Article I. of the Constitution, to serve on the World War Foreign Debt Commission, was reached on March 6 by a 3 to 2 vote of the Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee, to which the question had been referred. This sub-committee consisted of Senators Brandegee, Cumming and Sterling, Republicans, and Overman and Walsh of Montana, Democrats. Those who signed the majority report were Senators Brandegee, Overman and Walsh; the minority report, recommending confirmation, was signed by Senators Cummins and Sterling. On March 7 President Harding sought a ruling from Attorney-General Daugherty as to the eligibility of Messrs. Smoot and Burton to serve on the Commission, and their right to sit thereon while retaining their seats in Congress is upheld by the Attorney-General. Further reference to the opinion will be made in these columns next week. The Senate confirmation of Charles E. Hughes and Herbert C. Hoover to serve on the Commission was noted by us last week, page 908.

#### OFFERING IN UNITED STATES OF \$27,000,000 ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT BONDS.

A syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Inc., of this city, offered on Monday last (March 6), at 99 and interest, to yield about 7.25%, an issue of \$27,000,000 Government of the Argentine Nation five-year 7% gold bonds. The books were closed the same day, the issue, it is announced, having been over-subscribed. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1922, and are due Feb. 1 1927. They are not callable prior to maturity. They will constitute the direct obligation of the Argentine Government, and are, it is stated, to be issued for repaying loans, thus reducing the floating debt. Principal and interest (February 1 and August 1) are payable in United States gold coin in New York, free of Argentine taxes, at the offices of the Chase National Bank and Blair & Co. The syndicate offering the bonds includes the Chase Securities Corporation, as well as the following:

Blair & Co., Inc., White, Weld & Co., Cassatt & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Bankers' Trust Company, the Equitable Trust Company of New York, the New York Trust Company, the Union Trust Company (Pittsburgh), Spencer Trask & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., the Union Trust Company (Cleveland), The Cleveland Trust Company, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois Trust & Savings Bank (Chicago), Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank and Northern Trust Co. (Chicago).

From data contained in the official offering we take the following:

##### Foreign Investment.

Before the European War, Argentina was a favored field for the investment of European capital. It has been estimated that in 1918 the amount of foreign capital invested in Argentina was between \$4,000,000,000 and \$4,500,000,000. Of this total Great Britain is credited with about half, other large amounts being represented by French, Belgian, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and American interests. The capital thus placed has been invested in many lines, among the principal of which may be mentioned railroads, government, provincial and municipal loans, public utilities, land enterprises, sugar plantations, cattle ranches, meat-packing establishments, banks, department stores, etc.

##### Financial Data.

The net consolidated or funded debt outstanding, as of Sept. 30 1921, was reported at approximately \$186,000,000. This does not include ap-

proximately \$26,450,000 representing obligations issued but pledged. The total of said funded debt and the non-consolidated debt reported as of the same date shows the equivalent of approximately \$80 per capita.

There have also been issued at various times obligations known as "Cedulas," which are put out by the National Mortgage Bank, and for which, it is stated, the Argentine Government is responsible. These obligations are somewhat similar to the Federal Farm Loan Bonds, and are well known to the French and British investor.

The average interest rate on the funded or consolidated debt reported as of September 1921 was 4.23%. The average rate on the non-consolidated debt was reported at approximately 5.33%.

The standard unit of the Argentine currency is the gold peso, equivalent to \$0.9647 U. S. gold. The gold of the country is largely held in the "Conversion Bureau" against national circulation. This gold reserve, as per recent published figures, was equal to almost 80% of the outstanding currency, indicating that Argentine currency is one of the strongest in the world.

##### Argentine Growth.

	1920.	1910.
Population .....	(est.) 9,000,000	6,586,022
National funded debt .....	\$533,000,000	\$436,841,000
Currency in circulation .....	578,408,205	303,934,682
Gold in conversion fund .....	450,056,778	179,442,399
National revenues .....	205,458,000	128,405,158
Import and export duties included in revenues .....	108,255,577	73,453,026
Value of exports .....	971,000,000	375,000,000
Value of imports .....	824,000,000	366,000,000
Total foreign trade .....	1,795,000,000	741,000,000
Bank deposits .....	1,498,417,462	565,507,219
Railroad mileage .....	22,056	17,496
Railroad gross revenue .....	\$218,880,317	\$107,036,272

Last fall a syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Inc., the Chase Securities Corporation, and White, Weld & Co. offered \$50,000,000 two-year 7% Treasury gold notes of the Argentine Republic—this, it was stated at the time, being the initial financing done in this market by the Argentine Government since 1916. The offering was referred to in these columns Oct. 1 1921, page 1408. The bonds offered this week have been admitted to the New York Stock Exchange list, when issued.

#### OFFERING OF FRENCH MIDI RAILROAD BONDS.

An issue of 25,000,000 francs Midi Railroad Company (Compagnie des Chemins de Fer du Midi) 6% bonds was offered during the week by A. Iselin & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Hemphill, Noyes & Co., at \$79 per 1,000-franc bond. The bonds are part of an issue (foreign series) of 1920, of which there have been 50,000,000 francs issued and 300,000 amortized. A reference thereto appeared in our issue of Oct 9 1920, page 1416. The bonds are in bearer form, in denominations of 1,000 francs. Principal and interest (June 1 and Dec. 1) are payable at the office of A. Iselin & Co., 36 Wall Street, this city, without deduction for any French taxes, present or future, if held by non-residents of France. The bonds are redeemable at par by drawings not later than 1960. Further details regarding the loan will be found in our Investment News Department, on a subsequent page.

#### GUARANTY TRUST CO. FISCAL AGENT FOR DUTCH EAST INDIES GOLD BONDS.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed fiscal agent under an agreement dated Jan. 1 1922 with Dutch East Indies, securing an authorized issue of \$40,000,000 25-year external 6% gold bonds (offered by it in January and referred to in these columns Jan. 7, page 15), dated Jan. 1 1922 and payable Jan. 1 1947 at the principal office of the trust company, New York city. The trust company is also to act as registrar and as coupon paying agent.

#### FRENCH CREDIT NATIONAL ISSUE TAKEN.

In its issue of March 6, the New York "Evening Post" said:

The 6% bond issue of the Credit National for reparations of devastated regions, which was opened for subscriptions during the month of February, exceeded 4,500,000,000 francs, it is announced to-day by Government officials.

From "Commercial Reports" of Feb. 13 (published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington) we take the following:

The Credit National, which was created in 1919 as a loan bank for war sufferers, issued its fourth loan on Feb. 1. The issue was in the form of 10-year bonds with a nominal value of 500 francs, bearing interest at 6%, not payable in advance, tax to be paid by the bank, placed on the market at 482 francs, including interest. Up to the end of 1921 the Credit National had issued three loans, totaling 11,000,000,000 francs, and had paid out 9,400,000,000 francs.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of France a generally favorable report was submitted containing the following points of special interest: During the year 351,000,000 francs of extended notes were liquidated; National Defense bonds to the value of 30,000,000,000 francs were sold through the bank; dividends of 270 francs per share were declared. The note issue of the Bank of France rose to a total of 37,422,000,060 francs on Jan. 5 but had fallen to 36,786,000,000 francs on Jan. 19. The percentage of metallic reserves held against note issues and deposits was maintained at 14.8 during the past two months.



### OFFERING OF £1,000,000 KINGDOM OF ROUMANIA TREASURY NOTES.

Farson, Son & Co. of this city are offering the unsold balance of £1,000,000 Kingdom of Roumania 5% Sterling Treasury notes dated Jan. 22 1920 and due April 1 1923. Of these notes there have been issued £5,000,000; £4,000,000 are held in the British Treasury, the other £1,000,000 representing the amount now offered. Trust participation certificates have been issued by the New York Trust Co. of New York City in the following denominations: £20, £50, £100, £500, £1,000. The official circular states:

This is an external obligation of the Kingdom of Roumania, and as such has priority over all its internal obligations.

Trust participation certificates are issued against deposits of original notes, payable April 1 1922, with accumulated interest from Jan. 22 1920; subject to extension of maturity by the Roumanian Government to April 1 1923. Principal and interest payable in New York funds, without charge for collection or exchange.

Price: \$75 per £20; \$187.50 per £50; \$375 per £100; \$1,875 per £500; \$3,750 per £1,000.

These Treasury notes will be payable on April 1, 1923, with accrued interest amounting to 16 1/4%. Therefore, a holder of a Certificate of Participation for £100 should receive, when payment of the note is made, £116.50, which at the approximate present rate of exchange for pound sterling (\$4.40) should amount to \$511.50, i. e., a profit of approximately 36% on his investment of \$375. Every advance of 10c. per pound sterling would increase his profit by approximately 3%. Should pound sterling be selling at its par value (\$4.86) at the time of maturity, the amount due a holder of a £100 Certificate of Participation would equal \$564.90, i. e., a profit approximately 50%.

Since 1902 the general budget of Roumania has shown a constant excess of receipts over expenditures. The budget for 1921-22 recently promulgated by the Minister of Finance, is divided into the ordinary and extraordinary budgets. The former consists of expenses of 5,020,000,000 lei and provides for receipts of 5,220,000,000 lei, and the latter comprises expenses and receipts of 2,500,000,000 lei. Administration expenses have been reduced from 6,099,500,000 lei in 1920 to 4,866,000,000 lei. Roumania is adopting and instituting a modern system of approved income taxation and taxation on capital, which replaces the system of indirect taxation which has been in vogue prior to the war.

### GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY AGREE TO STAND BACK OF INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM—BELGIUM AVERSE TO GUARANTEES.

Under date of March 6 the Associated Press had the following to say in dispatches from Paris:

The British and German Governments are understood here to have agreed unreservedly to stand back of their respective nationals who share in raising the £20,000,000 destined for the economic restoration of Europe through the International banking consortium recently organized in London.

The Italian Government is said to have given the same assurances, with some reservations. France has not yet made known its decision, while the Belgium Government is reported to be averse to making any guarantees to Belgian financiers who agreed to subscribe 20% of the consortium's capital. The Belgian Government is said to have taken the view that the individual financiers who in the future may reap the benefits from the resumption of trade in Central Europe and Russia must assume the risks involved.

Financial representatives from Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Germany met in London some time ago and decided to found the international consortium to be capitalized at 420,000,000, 25% of which was to be subscribed immediately. The four big Powers were to assume 90% of the subscription and Belgium 10%. Belgium then insisted that she be allowed to participate to the extent of 20%, but at a meeting of the Belgian Cabinet Council subsequently it was practically decided that the private firms and banks which subscribed to the consortium should not be guaranteed by the Government. This action is taken to mean that Belgium will be practically eliminated from the consortium.

French financial opinion is also reported to be opposed to Government backing for French financiers who participate in the undertaking.

### GERMAN REPARATION PAYMENTS EXCEED SIX BILLION GOLD MARKS.

Under date of March 7, the Associated Press reported the following from Paris:

German reparations payments to the Allies in cash payments in kind and cession of State property between the middle and 15th of 1921, amounted to \$17,500,000,000 gold marks. The report comes from the Reparation Commission.

This sum is made up as follows:

(1) Gold and foreign securities; (2) direct payments, 1,041,419,000; (3) aid by Belgium on Germany's account for the cession of part of Schleswig-Holstein, 65,000,000; (4) sale of broken up war material, 40,966,000; (5) sundry items, 657,000; (6) proceeds from the Reparation Recovery Act, 36,136,000. Total, 1,184,172,000.

(2) Deliveries in kind, in which the values in gold marks are estimated: (a) Supplies to the Allied and Associated Powers, 2,700,250,000; (b) sales to Luxembourg, to the British Alliance, &c., 39,092,000; total, 2,739,341,000, bringing the total of liquid receipts to 2,983,514,000 gold marks.

(3) Estimated value of cession of State properties in the territories ceded by Germany, 2,504,412,000.

Grand total, \$487,876,000 gold marks.

The Commission's report says that this money will be available for three purposes:

(1) Reimbursement for advances made by certain Allies to facilitate coal deliveries under the Spa agreement, which will amount to approximately 390,000,000 marks.

(2) Cost of maintaining the army of occupation to May 1 1921, not covered by paper marks, goods and services rendered directly by Germany, not included in the foregoing table.

(3) Reparation.

The cost of the armies of occupation from May 1 1921 constitutes a prior and additional charge to the obligations imposed upon Germany under the schedule of payments, says the report.

### GERMANY DENIES REPORT SHE CANNOT PAY GOLD.

A special cablegram from Berlin, copyright (by the "Public Ledger Co., appeared as follows in the New York "Evening Post" of March 7:

The German Government has entered formal denial in Paris of the statement that it notified the Reparation Commission it soon would be forced to suspend the present provisional payments of 31,000,000 gold marks.

### ALLIES SOLD 418 GERMAN SHIPS FOR £20,076,216.

The New York "Evening Post" of Feb. 23 printed the following from London the same date:

Lord Inchausti's report on the sale of former German ships on behalf of the Allied Reparations Commission, made public to-day, shows that 418 ships, aggregating 2,500,000 tons, were sold for £20,076,216. Expenses in connection with their sale amounted to 12 1/2%.

### PROPOSED UNION OF THREE GERMAN STATES.

Three German States, Saxony, Brunswick and Thuringia, contemplate establishment of a union to further their common interests without impairing their separate independence, according to press advices from Dresden, Germany, March 6, which also state:

These three States now have Socialist governments.

A meeting of officials was held recently in Leipzig, and it was decided to establish an office, jointly supported, to promote the common welfare.

The office will have to do essentially with labor problems, but inquiry will be made of other German governed States for opinions as to the practicability of a comprehensive "League of Socialist States."

### BULGARIA DISARMED—INTER-ALLIED COMMISSION DEPARTS.

Advices March 7 to the daily papers from Sofia, Bulgaria, said:

Having accomplished the disarmament of Bulgaria, the Inter-Allied Commission appointed for that purpose under terms of the Treaty of Neuilly left the capital to-day. The Government authorities to-day revoked the press censorship as a result of repeated protests in many quarters.

### SALVADOR WITHDRAWS FROM PROPOSED FEDERATION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES.

Washington press advices of Feb. 7 states:

The last Central American republic which was a party to the proposed Federation of Central American States has resumed its independent sovereignty. Word was received at the State Department today to the effect that the Congress of Salvador on Feb. 4 passed a resolution resuming the sovereignty of that State, effective on the date of passage of the resolution.

### COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF CONDITION OF CANADIAN BANKS.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks under the January 1922 statement with the returns for the years 1920 and 1921:

	ASSETS.		
	Jan. 31 1922.	Jan. 31 1921.	Jan. 31 1920.
Gold and subsidiary coin—	\$	\$	\$
In Canada	60,143,391	62,906,980	63,248,178
Elsewhere	17,506,976	22,211,025	17,647,320
Total	77,650,367	85,118,005	80,895,498
Dominion notes	192,587,600	186,589,522	181,018,036
Depos. with Minister of Finance for security of note circulation	6,527,858	6,300,243	5,949,430
Deposit of central gold reserves	47,652,533	89,702,533	103,200,000
Due from banks	109,469,436	261,809,893	117,425,859
Loans and discounts	449,876,539	510,165,023	1,572,619,403
Bonds securities &c.	360,864,552	362,061,601	428,019,020
Call and short loans in Canada	102,630,461	112,494,318	132,015,334
Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada	157,913,28	191,854,003	170,206,805
Other assets	110,937,411	129,791,921	120,474,304
Total	2,626,099,988	2,923,867,067	3,911,853,061
	\$	\$	\$
Capital authorized	199,075,000	197,075,000	197,075,000
Capital subscribed	129,522,300	129,045,300	119,522,300
Capital paid up	129,317,086	128,401,163	119,226,334
Reserve fund	126,425,000	133,343,590	124,724,981
Circulation	102,645,115	206,175,821	216,691,916
Government deposits	130,617,101	118,556,587	244,873,036
Demand deposits	741,930,865	902,648,657	906,811,903
Time deposit	1,233,208,401	1,313,093,870	1,403,297,037
Due to banks	49,634,277	48,105,258	51,387,701
Bills payable	11,550,634	9,658,031	8,287,737
Other liabilities	22,008,148	41,142,136	51,242,720
Total, not including capital or reserve fund	2,351,594,661	2,642,380,360	2,644,392,770

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the total given.

### U. S. DEMANDS \$241,000,000 FROM ALLIES IN PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF RHINE ARMY.

An Associated Press cablegram from Paris appeared as follows in last night's "March 10 New York "Evening Post":

A demand from the United States that \$241,000,000 for its expenses in connection with the occupation of the Rhineland be paid before any repara-

tions are divided, was presented to the Allied Finance Ministers at their meeting this morning.

The distribution of this year's German payments, it was learned on good authority, already had been practically decided before the American note was received. The total was not to exceed 800,000,000 gold marks, and the ratio of sharing this amount was practically the same as was decided upon at the recent meeting of the Supreme Council at Cannes, which was a slight modification of the percentages worked out at the Spa Conference.

According to this schedule France would receive 52% of the payment and Great Britain 22%. The appraised value of the Saar Valley coal mines, estimated at 300,000,000 gold marks, is charged against France's receipts.

A high Allied authority said this afternoon that the American claim for the expenses of the American forces in Germany was a matter for the consideration of the Reparations Commission, which was directly charged with the collection and distribution of Germany's payments.

Thus far the Commission has accepted modifications of the terms of payment suggested by the Allied Powers, and it was considered a foregone conclusion that it would accept the decisions of the Finance Ministers in this series of sessions. The American claim, however, may modify the distribution of this year's payments.

The same paper also printed in conjunction with the above the following Associated Press dispatch from Washington:

Secretary Hughes refused to-day to comment on the news from Paris that representatives of the United States had presented a demand to the Allied Finance Ministers that expenditures aggregating \$241,000,000 sustained by the United States in the occupation of the Rhineland be paid before any reparations. There was nothing that could be said on the subject at this time, Mr. Hughes said.

#### OFFERING OF DALLAS JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

On March 6 William R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., announced an offering of \$1,300,000 Dallas (Texas) Joint Stock Land Bank 5½% bonds at 104.50 and accrued interest, to yield about 4.90% to optional maturity and 5½% thereafter. Simultaneous offerings of California Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds and Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds by the same firms are referred to elsewhere in our issue to-day. The Capital stock of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank is \$250,000. Including the bonds of this bank offered this week, there will be outstanding \$3,300,000; a \$2,000,000 issue of Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank bonds previously offered, was referred to in our issue of Jan. 7, page 18. The bonds, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated Nov. 1 1921, are due Nov. 1 1951, and are optional Nov. 1 1931. They are coupon bonds, registerable and interchangeable, in denomination of \$1,000. Interest May 1 and Nov. 1, is payable at the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank or through the offices of the banking houses making the offering. The bonds are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds: they are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, excepting only inheritance taxes. The Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank lends on farm land in Texas and Oklahoma. The official circular also says:

Ninety per cent of the loans are located in the famous black land section of northeastern Texas. All loans have been made on the amortization plan, which provides for the payment of substantially equal amounts each six months, a portion of each payment being interest and the balance reducing the principal of the loan which is entirely retired at the end of the period.

The following statement of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank, as officially reported Nov. 30 1921, is also contained in the circular:

Acres of real estate security.....	129,517.27
Total amount loaned.....	\$2,315,446 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	5,688,337 75
Appraised value per acre.....	43 91
Amount loaned per acre.....	17 88
Percentage of loan to appraised land value.....	40.7%

#### OFFERING OF CALIFORNIA JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

An issue of \$3,000,000 California Joint Stock Land Bank (San Francisco, Cal.) 5% bonds was offered this week by William R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., coincident with offerings of bonds by the same firms of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank and the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank, both of which latter are referred to in separate items. The bonds of the California Joint Stock Land Bank were offered at 101½ and accrued interest, to yield about 4.80% to optional maturity and 5% thereafter. These bonds are dated Nov. 1 1921, are due Nov. 1 1951, and are optional Nov. 1 1931. They are coupon bonds fully registerable and interchangeable, and are in denomination of \$1,000. Interest is payable semi-annually May 1 and Nov. 1, and principal and interest are payable at the California Joint Stock Land Bank or through any office of the houses making the offering. The bonds are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security

for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds; they are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, excepting only inheritance taxes. The California Joint Stock Land Bank lends on farm land in California and Oregon. All loans have been made on the amortization plan, which provides for the payment of substantially equal amounts each six months, a portion of each payment being interest and the balance reducing the principal of the loan which is entirely retired at the end of the period. The statement of the California Joint Stock Land Bank, as officially reported Jan. 24 1922, is taken from the official circular announcing the offering.

Acres of real estate security.....	99,471.20
Total amount loaned.....	\$3,127,200 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	8,845,754 25
Appraised value per acre.....	88 93
Amount loaned per acre.....	31 44
Percentage of loans to appraised value of security.....	35.35%

Some of the above farms have been sold since the loans were made. The bank requires a complete statement of each transaction. The farms so sold were appraised as follows:

Total acreage of lands sold.....	1,742.56
Appraised value of land sold.....	\$282,175 00
Total amount loaned on land.....	113,000 00
Appraised value per acre.....	161 91
Amount loaned per acre on land sold.....	64 84
Percentage of loan to appraised value.....	40.04%

Two previous offerings of bonds of the California Joint Stock Land Bank have been noted in these columns—one of \$1,000,000 in our issue of Sept. 17 1921, page 1204, and one of \$1,500,000, Oct. 29 1921, page 1825.

#### OFFERING OF DES MOINES JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

A \$500,000 issue of Des Moines (Iowa) Joint Stock Land Bank 5½% bonds was offered on Monday last (March 6) by William R. Compton Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., at 102.45 and accrued interest, to yield about 4.90% to optional maturity and 5½% thereafter. Two other offerings by the same firms this week of bonds of the Dallas and California Joint Stock Land banks are referred to elsewhere in this issue. The bonds of the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank, issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act, are dated Nov. 1 1921, are due Nov. 1 1941 and are optional after Nov. 1 1926. They are coupon bonds and are fully registerable and interchangeable. They are in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) are payable at the Des Moines Joint Stock Land Bank or through the offices of the banking houses making the offering. The bonds are legal investment for all fiduciary and trust funds under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and acceptable as security for postal savings and other deposits of Government funds. They are exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, excepting only inheritance taxes. By a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, rendered Feb. 28 1921, the constitutionality of this Act and the tax exemption features of these bonds were fully sustained. From the official announcement we take the following:

The officers and directors are experienced, successful and representative business men, who have accumulated their wealth chiefly through operations in farm lands and are thoroughly familiar with the problems of safely lending money on agricultural property. The officers have been actively engaged in the farm loan business and the country banking business for over a quarter of a century. The bank lends on farm land in Iowa and Minnesota. All loans have been made on the amortization plan, which provides for the payment of substantially equal amounts each six months, a portion of each payment being interest and the balance reducing the principal of the loan, which is entirely retired at the end of the period.

#### STATEMENT OF THE DES MOINES JOINTS TOCK LAND BANK AS OFFICIALLY REPORTED DEC. 31 1921.

Acres of real estate security.....	20,795.70
Total amount loaned.....	\$1,686,800 00
Appraised value of real estate security.....	4,146,036 00
Appraised value per acre.....	199 37
Amount loaned per acre.....	81 11
Percentage of loan to appraised value.....	40.68%

Many of the above farms have been sold since the loans were made. The bank requires a complete statement of each transaction. The farms so sold were appraised as follows:

Total acreage of lands sold.....	5,566 60
Appraised value of land.....	\$1,170,296 00
Total amount loaned.....	476,200 00
Appraised value per acre.....	210 23
Amount loaned per acre.....	85 55
Percentage of loans to appraised value.....	40.69%

#### ADVANCES APPROVED BY WAR FINANCE CORPORATION.

The War Finance Corporation announced on March 6 that from March 2 to March 4 1922 inclusive it approved 186 advances, aggregating \$4,802,000, for agricultural and livestock purposes as follows:

\$25,000 in Alabama	\$104,000 in North Carolina
88,000 in Colorado	516,000 in North Dakota
122,000 in Georgia	90,000 in Ohio
124,000 in Idaho	106,000 in Oklahoma
140,000 in Illinois	215,000 in South Carolina
25,000 in Indiana	407,000 in South Dakota
340,000 in Iowa	247,000 in Tennessee
467,000 in Minnesota	218,000 in Texas
74,000 in Missouri	81,000 in Wisconsin
159,000 in Montana	109,000 in Wyoming
471,000 in Nebraska	91,000 in Wyoming on livestock in Utah
583,000 in New Mexico	

During the week ending March 4 1922 the War Finance Corporation approved a total of 372 advances, aggregating \$9,620,000, for agricultural and livestock purposes.

On March 9 the Corporation announced that from March 6 to March 8 1922 inclusive it approved 142 advances, aggregating \$2,923,000, for agricultural and livestock purposes as follows:

\$37,000 in Alabama	\$6,000 in New Mexico
110,000 in Colorado	148,000 in North Carolina
150,000 in Georgia	290,000 in North Dakota
31,000 in Idaho	187,000 in Ohio
95,000 in Illinois	87,000 in Oklahoma
160,000 in Indiana	41,000 in South Carolina
427,000 in Iowa	140,000 in South Dakota
68,000 in Kansas	50,000 in Tennessee
191,000 in Minnesota	73,000 in Texas
217,000 in Missouri	57,000 in Washington
121,000 in Montana	77,000 in Wisconsin
133,000 in Nebraska	27,000 in Wyoming

### EUGENE MEYER, JR., SAYS BETTER FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND STABILIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETS FURNISH BASIS FOR BUSINESS RECOVERY.

"Better financial conditions and the recent stabilization of the markets for agricultural products furnish a sound basis for the business recovery already well under way, and for confidence that the improvement, possibly with temporary reactions, will continue throughout the year," said Eugene Meyer, Jr., Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, at the luncheon of the Republican Club on March 4. "The improvement at home," he continued, "is supplemented by the return toward normal of some of the important foreign exchanges, which warrants the hope of the stabilization of our foreign commerce. Every concrete and tangible piece of evidence points to an existing and prospective gradual improvement." Mr. Meyer emphasized the fact that the greatest buyer in the country is the farmer, and went on to say:

The farmer's buying power was reduced to a minimum last summer and fall. Improved prices and steady demand for his products mean a gradual increase in his ability to pay his debts and to resume buying on a normal scale. For every ton of agricultural commodities that moves from the farmer to the consumer, a much greater quantity of industrial products moves to and fro to supply his needs. The restoration of agricultural prosperity means the sure return of a full volume of business, which, in turn, means the restoration of prosperity to the railroads, as well as to other industrial activities."

Referring to the railroads, Mr. Meyer stated that "they furnish a target because they stand between the producer, who is dissatisfied with low prices, and the consumer, who is dissatisfied with high prices." He declared that they must do more than merely defend themselves from attack, adding:

Ordinarily, freight rates constitute only a relatively small part of the differences between what the producer gets and the consumer pays, but we hear so much about rates that there is no general understanding of how much more other costs enter into these differences. The railroads must go beyond the mere transportation question and take part in solving the problem of reducing these other costs; they must not only devise ways and means for more economical handling at terminal points and for eliminating losses and waste in transit, but they must co-operate with others in developing more economical marketing methods.

Mr. Meyer also said:

There is no real conflict of interest between railroads and agriculture. Both have an interest in seeing that goods reach the market at the lowest rates compatible with operating and capital costs under efficient management. The present agricultural and industrial organization of the country was built up during an extended period of low freight rates, especially for long hauls. Radical changes in the rate structure mean proportionate alterations in the organization of production and distribution. Traffic will not move more than the distance permitted by the cost of transportation. Agriculture and the railroads will suffer equally from rates as high as to limit the movement of traffic, or so low as to prevent a return adequate for the maintenance of the railroad plant in good financial and physical condition and for expansion in proportion to the needs of the growing population. Rates that are unduly high limit the range of movement and tend to reduce the volume of transportation.

It has been pointed out recently that this is a railroad made country—the only great country in the world that has been developed by railroad transportation. In Europe, the country was built up first, and the railroads came afterwards, but here the railroads pioneered the way for the people and not the people for the railroads. And as the country was developed by the railroads, so it must progress by further railroad development. The railroads must be maintained in good physical and financial condition, with adequate revenue to pay their operating expenses, their interest charges and taxes, and a reasonable return on their invested capital.

In touching upon the question of rates on agricultural products, Mr. Meyer said in part:

When farm commodities collapsed, it was perhaps not unnatural that the farmer should seek relief through rate reductions, without carefully analyzing their possible effect upon the maintenance of efficient transportation. But with the adjustment in prices of agricultural commodities that has occurred during the past few months, and with the better understanding of the situation that has resulted from public discussion, it is to be hoped that the extreme bitterness on the subject may disappear. It is to be hoped also that the experience of the railroads with the revolutionary effect of rate increases on the movement of traffic will result in a more elastic handling of the rate situation by the railroads under the supervision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

One way in which marketing can be improved is to give the farmer time, through proper methods of financing, to dispose of his products in an orderly manner. One of the principal features of the work of the War Finance Corporation is the financing of agricultural commodities for the longer period of marketing that present conditions, domestic and international, make necessary. The Corporation has advanced large sums to assist the farmer in carrying his products in local warehouses nearer the point of production, so that he may move them more gradually and will not be forced to rush them to foreign countries or central warehouses in the cities. The critical factor in making the movement of agricultural products more gradual is the ability to warehouse and finance a larger part of the annual production at the interior points. If this method of gradual marketing develops, as now appears likely, it will go far toward leveling off the traffic peaks in the fall, increasing proportionately the movement in the early spring. This should result in a more evenly graduated, and therefore a more efficient and fuller, use of the entire transportation plant, and at the same time a more satisfactory and stabilized marketing program for the farmer.

#### Prosperity Must Be National.

The one thing that impresses me more than anything else is the absolute community of interest between the various units of our economic organization. The first quarter of the twentieth century has been marked by the unification of the different sections of the country. National markets, which go with economical mass production, have made the buyers of the products of industry in the remote parts of the nation as close economically as the consumers of the same town. Automobiles are distributed throughout the country from Detroit, shoes from New England and Missouri, agricultural implements largely from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, citrus fruits from California and Florida, and apples from Oregon and Washington. The mail-order houses distribute vast quantities of commodities from central points; Chicago and a few other packing centres distribute the larger part of our meat products under brands that are known to all; the main tonnage of steel products moves from Pittsburgh, Ohio and Illinois; a large part of the electrical apparatus is shipped from New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania; brass goods go out from the Connecticut Valley, and so on, with practically all our varying needs. The biggest market for industrial products is among the agricultural population. And if the labor of the industries is fully employed, they, in turn, consume freely the beef, the mutton, the wool, the hides of the Western ranges, the hogs of the Corn Belt, and the cotton of the South. Prosperity in one section is shared by the rest of the country, and a blight upon one region affects its power to buy the products of the others.

The buying power of the farmer has been greatly increased by the work of the War Finance Corporation. Loans totaling nearly 250 million dollars have been granted by the Corporation to banking institutions and co-operative marketing organizations in thirty-six States throughout the great agricultural districts. The greater part of these funds have found their way to the weakest points in the situation and have not only strengthened the banks that were over-extended, but have also permitted the stronger banks to function more courageously, more fully and more safely. But the full significance of these operations is not reflected in any mere statement of the loans granted by the Corporation, or of their distribution; their greatest value lies in the fact that they have been a vital factor in restoring confidence. The outlook for agriculture, for the railroads, and for business generally may be viewed more hopefully than for a long time past.

### PROPOSED CHANGES IN GRADES PRESENTED TO WHEAT TRADE.

In a letter to various interested organizations, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has laid before the grain trade proposed changes in the Federal wheat grades, with the request that an opinion be given by March 23. The Secretary points out that if any changes in the present grades are made, ninety days' notice must be given. In order to become effective in time for the marketing of the bulk of this year's crop, final decision on any changes must be reached early in April. In a statement in which announcement of this is made, the Department of Agriculture, under date of March 7 says:

For a number of years the Federal wheat grades have been under attack from various elements in the grain trade. As a result of a hearing held in Washington in 1921, Secretary Wallace appointed two specialists outside the Department to make an investigation into the merits of the complaints. The Secretary's letter summarizes the proposed changes recommended to him by these two specialists, L. A. Fitz of the Kansas State Agricultural College and John Lee Coulter of the West Virginia Experiment Station. The proposed changes concern moisture content, foreign materials, test weight per bushel, and the classification of hard red spring wheats. In addition, the Department has suggested for discussion certain changes in the white wheats. Secretary Wallace invites a free expression of opinion and says that he does not intend to hold further hearings on the subject. The announcement of his conclusions, he says, will be made at the earliest possible date.

### FARM LOAN COMMISSIONER LOBDELL'S REPLY TO SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING CHARGES FOR LOANS.

In a communication to the Senate under date of Feb. 24, answering the Senate resolution as to whether borrowers securing loans from national farm loan associations or joint stock land banks have been compelled to pay any fee

commission or other charge not authorized under the Federal Farm Loan Act, Charles E. Lobdell, Farm Loan Commissioner, reports that "considering the large number involved, and the opportunity for such extortions, we believe they have been surprisingly few." With regard to a questionnaire which the Farm Loan Bureau sent out to ascertain the truth of reports that certain joint-stock land banks had recently imposed as a condition precedent to the making of a loan that a borrower subscribe to a given amount of stock of such bank, Commissioner Lobdell states that "these answers disclose that only two of the banks adopted this practice." He adds that "it has been entirely discontinued, and the banks involved have been directed to take up the stock so acquired by borrowers at the price paid plus 6% interest from the date of payment." The resolution calling for the information from the Federal Farm Loan Board on the subject of fees charged for loans was adopted by the Senate on Jan. 20, and was given in our issue of Jan. 28, page 359. Commissioner Lobdell's response was laid before the Senate on Feb. 27, and is as follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Federal Farm Loan Bureau.

Washington, Feb. 24 1922.

THE VICE PRESIDENT:

Sir:—Responding to Senate resolution 222, the Federal Farm Loan Board respectfully submits—

The fact as to whether or not borrowers are charged fees, not authorized by the law, in connection with loans procured through national farm loan associations or joint-stock land banks, is one very difficult of ascertainment. The Farm Loan Board has no direct contact with the borrower, and under the scheme of the Farm Loan Act has no means of knowing when illegal charges are made against them, and if such charges are made they only reach the Board in the form of complaint, which is very infrequent. That such charges have been made, we believe beyond question. Individual cases have been called to our attention and field investigation has developed others. Considering the large number involved and the opportunity for such extortions, we believe they have been surprisingly few. The Federal land banks have for some time adopted a form of settlement sheet which the borrower is required to sign and on which the secretary-treasurer is required to state in detail the manner of the distribution of the proceeds of the loan, and a similar usage obtains in the joint-stock land banks. Unless the borrower is overpersuaded or misled in the signing, of this statement sheet, we may say that such practices do not now exist.

Report reached the Board something over two months ago that certain joint-stock land banks were requiring applicants for loan to purchase stock in their institutions at a premium, as a condition precedent to a loan. Investigation developed the truthfulness of these rumors. The board promptly dispatched to all joint-stock land banks a summary ruling, of which copy is attached and marked "Exhibit A."

For the purpose of answering more fully the Senate resolution, we addressed a questionnaire to all joint-stock land banks, and all have responded. We have every reason to believe that their answers are truthful, and these answers disclose that only two of the banks adopted this practice. It has been entirely discontinued and the banks involved have been directed to take up the stock so acquired by borrowers at the price paid plus 6% interest from the date of payment, and are rapidly complying with that order.

On Jan. 31 there were in the hands of the twelve Federal land banks applications totaling \$142,063,816, which had neither been rejected nor closed and should be treated as pending business. A table showing these applications by States, in harmony with the Senate resolution, is attached. On that date the twelve banks had in cash for the purpose of closing loans \$7,628,329. Since that date a combined offering of farm-loan bonds in the sum of \$75,000,000 has been sold out. Proceeds of this sale are available. In addition to this the banks may make use of Treasury deposits in a sum approximating \$28,000,000. In this connection it should be borne in mind that a very large percentage of applications must ultimately be rejected either on questions of eligibility of borrower, purpose of loan, or inadequacy of security. This percentage grows gradually less as borrowers and farm-loan associations become more familiar with the requirements of the Federal Farm Loan Act in these respects. Basing calculations as to the applications in hand on previous experience, the funds available from sources enumerated above are approximately adequate to closing the applications in hand on Jan. 31 as rapidly as same can be prudently and safely accomplished.

Unfortunately, the last statement can not apply to all of the banks, as in at least one of them there is an accumulated volume of applications far in excess of the proportionate share of this bank of the funds above enumerated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. LOBDELL,  
Farm Loan Commissioner.

HON. CALVIN COOLIDGE,  
Vice-President of the United States.

EXHIBIT A.

Nov. 14 1921.

TO JOINT-STOCK LAND BANKS:

Gentlemen:—It has come to the attention of the Board, in a manner that admits of no question, that certain joint-stock land banks have recently imposed as a condition precedent to the making of a loan that the borrower subscribe to a given amount of the stock of such joint-stock land bank.

The Federal Farm Loan Act provides that farm loans shall be settled in cash or farm-loan bonds, at the option of the borrower. This the Board holds to mean, what it obviously does mean, that the borrower must be given the opportunity for settlement in full in cash, or the choice of taking farm-loan bonds, if he prefers them to cash.

It is clearly the duty of the Farm Loan Board to see that borrowers are fully protected in this respect, and we propose to do so, and we will not permit the Farm Loan Act to so operate as to make it a sales agency for anything. We are of the opinion that requiring a borrower to make a purchase or perform any condition not required by the Act, or within its permissive features, is not only violative of the spirit of the Act, but is violative of its criminal provisions. But regardless of that, the Board deems it its duty to request the immediate discontinuance of this practice where it has been adopted, and its entire avoidance in the future, and to

say that it will not approve any loan as a basis for bond issue where the borrower has been required to purchase stock, directly or indirectly, in the joint-stock land bank making the loan, or any other kind of stock as a condition precedent to his loan.

We have not doubt that where this practice has been engaged in it has been done unthoughtedly, and that the suggestion of this irregularity would be all that would be necessary to cause its discontinuance. We, however, feel so earnestly in the matter that we wish a positive expression from each joint-stock land bank in the system announcing its intention to comply literally with the request herein made.

Yours, very truly,

Member and Acting Secretary.

EXHIBIT B.

(Treasury Department, Federal Farm Loan Bureau.)

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER AND AMOUNTS OF APPLICATIONS BY STATES FOR LOANS NOW PENDING WITH THE TWELVE FEDERAL LAND BANKS AS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JAN. 31 1922.

District and State—	Number of appli- cations pend- ing.	Total amount of applications pending.	District and State—	Number of appli- cations pend- ing.	Total amount of applications pending.			
<b>1. Springfield:</b>								
Maine.....	77	\$234,300	<b>6. St. Louis:</b>					
New Hampshire.....	11	29,200	Illinois.....	1,052	5,167,340			
Vermont.....	85	262,600	Missouri.....	1,539	5,398,700			
Massachusetts.....	103	297,000	Arkansas.....	3,072	5,817,100			
Rhode Island.....	7	21,600	Total.....	5,663	16,383,140			
Connecticut.....	86	343,100	<b>7. St. Paul:</b>					
New York.....	308	1,042,450	North Dakota.....	372	1,813,000			
New Jersey.....	78	337,600	Minnesota.....	384	1,769,000			
Total.....	755	2,567,850	Wisconsin.....	328	1,408,400			
<b>2. Baltimore:</b>								
Virginia.....	1,394	4,682,896	Michigan.....	410	1,287,800			
Maryland.....	116	540,875	Total.....	1,494	0,278,200			
Delaware.....	5	13,200	<b>8. Omaha:</b>					
Pennsylvania.....	287	903,100	Iowa.....	507	3,596,600			
West Virginia.....	280	712,500	Nebraska.....	748	4,224,900			
Total.....	2,082	6,852,571	South Dakota.....	648	3,265,300			
<b>3. Columbia:</b>								
North Carolina.....	2,934	8,417,359	Wyoming.....	622	2,900,375			
South Carolina.....	2,586	7,383,874	Total.....	2,525	13,987,175			
Georgia.....	3,655	9,579,931	<b>9. Wichita:</b>					
Florida.....	1,120	2,007,026	Kansas.....	1,125	5,187,100			
Total.....	10,295	27,388,190	Oklahoma.....	1,059	3,291,200			
<b>4. Louisville:</b>								
Tennessee.....	834	2,368,600	Colorado.....	1,495	5,038,800			
Kentucky.....	685	2,791,500	New Mexico.....	669	1,979,650			
Indiana.....	684	2,689,800	Total.....	4,348	15,496,750			
Ohio.....	516	2,201,000	<b>10. Houston, Tex.:</b>					
Total.....	2,719	10,050,900	Texas.....	2,346	9,439,760			
<b>5. New Orleans:</b>								
Alabama.....	1,731	3,390,916	<b>11. Berkeley:</b>					
Louisiana.....	1,298	2,568,104	California.....	542	2,368,500			
Mississippi.....	2,767	5,231,290	Utah.....	1,255	4,578,100			
Total.....	5,796	11,190,310	Nevada.....	33	143,700			
<b>6. St. Paul:</b>								
Arizona.....	262	1,226,400	Total.....	2,092	8,316,700			
Total.....	3,892	14,112,270	<b>12. Spokane:</b>					
Total., 12 bks.	44,007	142,063,816	Idaho.....	728	3,522,910			
			Montana.....	1,006	2,906,510			
			Oregon.....	720	2,899,622			
			Washington.....	1,438	4,783,228			
			Total.....	3,892	14,112,270			

KRIEBEL & CO., CHICAGO, FAIL.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court of Chicago on Tuesday of this week (March 7) against the investment banking house of Kriebel & Co. with main offices at 127 South La Salle Street, Chicago, according to newspaper advices from that city. Later, it is understood, Judge Carpenter appointed W. W. Wheelock receiver for the firm under bonds of \$100,000. The liabilities of the firm, it is said, were estimated by the creditors who signed the bankruptcy petition to be between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 and the assets to be between \$2,200,000 and \$3,000,000. According to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Wednesday (March 8), Weymouth Kirkland, counsel for Kriebel & Co., raised no objection to the bankruptcy proceeding being instituted, informing Judge Carpenter that this clients had been contemplating going into bankruptcy voluntarily. In addition to three branch offices in Chicago, the failed firm maintained branches in Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. The firm was not member of any exchange, it is said.

STATEMENT OF GEORGE W. KENDRICK 3d & CO. FILED.

According to the Philadelphia "Record" of yesterday (March 10), an inventory and appraisal of the assets and liabilities of the stock brokerage firm of George W. Kendrick, 3rd, & Co. (whose failure was reported in our issue of last week, p. 902), was filed in the Court of Common Pleas No. 4 in Philadelphia on Thursday, March 9, by Attorney Charles T. McKeehan, counsel for the Philadelphia Trust Co., the assignee. The liabilities, it is said, are fixed at \$3,787,600 12 and the assets at \$3,666,261 30, while the individual liabilities of George W. Kendrick, 3rd, are placed at \$664,558 41, and his individual assets at \$26,797 85. The individual liabilities of Clarence M. Clark, 3rd, the other member of the firm, it is said, are placed at \$3,982 14, and his individual assets at \$15,942 88.

*L. A. GERSON & CO., PHILADELPHIA, FAIL.*

On Thursday of last week, March 2, an involuntary petition was filed in the United States District Court, Philadelphia, against the stock brokerage house of L. A. Gerson & Co., 227 South Broad St., Philadelphia, with a branch office at 67 Exchange Place, this city, and another in Pittsburgh. The head of the failed firm, Larry Gerson, was a member of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange. Judge Thompson has appointed Einar Barford of Philadelphia temporary receiver for the firm under a bond of \$50,000.

*E. H. CLARKE & CO. IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.*

The brokerage house of E. H. Clarke & Co., 3 Rector St., this city, went into a receivership on March 4, when an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the firm in the United States District Court. Judge Hand appointed David Hunter Miller receiver under a \$30,000 bond. The liabilities of the firm, it is understood, are estimated at about \$400,000 and its assets in the neighborhood of \$250,000. The failed firm maintained branches in many cities, including Cleveland, Detroit, Denver, Hartford, Montreal and Toronto. According to the New York "Tribune" of March 5, these offices were closed on the day of the failure (March 4) and the books forwarded to New York, pending a contemplated re-organization of the company. The following statement regarding the affairs of the failed firm, appearing in the New York "Tribune," was issued by Hays & Wadhams, 43 Exchange Place, the firm's counsel. It reads:

E. H. Clark & Co. have deemed it advisable to place their affairs in the hands of the courts in order to prevent preferences among their customers. For the last several weeks they have suffered a loss similar to that which caused so many brokerage houses to liquidate.

A continuation of the business would have resulted in a dissipation of the quick assets on hand and would have left nothing but slow assets to protect those customers who had most faith in them. We believe they will be in a position to make a satisfactory settlement with their customers, and with the help of their friends they hope to reorganize the firm in the very near future.

The suspension of the company from regular membership in the New York Curb Market Association was announced on the day of the failure.

*OTHER BROKERAGE FAILURES IN NEW YORK.*

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court on Friday, March 3, against the brokerage firm of Des Champs & Co., 45 Beaver St., this city, with branch offices in Hartford and Montreal. The firm, it is understood, made an assignment earlier in the week to William J. Cogan, of 67 Wall St. Judge Hand appointed Joseph M. Freedman, receiver, fixing his bond at \$2,000. According to the Montreal "Gazette," Alan J. Hart was appointed interim receiver for the firm in that city on March 2 and immediately took charge of its offices at 30 Hospital St.

C. A. Bertrand & Co., 25 Broad St., this city, failed on March 3, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy having been filed against the firm on that day in the Federal District Court. The liabilities of the firm, it is understood, will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and the assets about \$180,000. Judge Hand appointed William L. Chadbourne, receiver, under a bond of \$25,000. The firm consisted of Charles A. Bertrand and William H. Egan.

On March 3 an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court against the brokerage firm of Charles C. James & Co., 1 Wall St., this city. Judge Learned Hand appointed Francis L. Kohlman receiver for the firm, placing his bond at \$25,000. It is understood that the company's liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$250,000 while its assets approximate \$100,000, including a seat on the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, valued at \$7,000. Formal announcement of the firm's suspension from membership in their respective organizations has been made by the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Market Association. The firm was an associate member of the latter exchange. The firm maintained a branch office in the Times Building.

The suspension of Schulkind Bros., 30 Broad St., New York, was formally announced from the rostrum of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange on March 3. On that day an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the firm in the United States District Court. The members of the firm were David C. Schulkind and Samuel

Magid. Judge Hand, it is understood, has appointed Harold Remington receiver for the firm.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court on March 3 against J. Allen Libby, doing business as Libby & Co. at 55 Broadway, this city, and George W. Martin was named receiver for the firm by Judge Hand, under a bond of \$3,000.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal District Court on Monday, Mar. 6, against the firm of F. B. Mullins & Co., 1482 Broadway, this city. The reason assigned for the failure, it is understood, was a "run" on the firm by its clients caused by the recent agitation against "bucket shops." Judge Knox named Louis Jersawil receiver for the concern under a bond of \$7,500. The members of the firm, it is said, were Stephen F. Hogan and James W. Dewsnap.

Formal announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange on Tuesday (Mar. 7) of the suspension of Emanuel Varcoe & Co., 52 Broadway, this city, following the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the firm in the United States District Court. Later, it is understood, Judge Knox appointed Charles Gass receiver for the firm under a bond of \$5,000. The concern's liabilities, according to "Financial America" of Mar. 7, are estimated at about \$100,000 and its assets at approximately \$40,000.

The brokerage house of Charles H. Clarkson & Co., 66 Broadway, this city, filed an involuntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court on Mar. 7, and Judge Knox designated A. Bruce Bielaski receiver under a bond of \$20,000. The liabilities of the firm, it is understood, are placed at \$145,000 and its assets at \$70,000.

The brokerage firm of Maxwell, Hill & Reyber, 67 Wall St., New York, on Tuesday of this week, March 7, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court.

James P. Gilligan & Co., 42 Broadway, this city, on Tuesday, March 7, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court. The following day, it is stated, Judge Hand appointed John A. Lyttle receiver under a bond of \$2,000.

Alva O. Goodwin, trading under the name of A. O. Goodwin & Co., at 42 Broadway, this city, was placed in involuntary bankruptcy on Wednesday, March 8.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed on Thursday, March 9, in the United States District Court against the brokerage firm of J. L. Ross & Co., 1780 Broadway. Judge Hand, it is said, designated Bertha Rembaugh receiver for the firm under a \$2,000 bond.

The Russell Securities Corporation, 25 Broadway, this city, was placed in involuntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court on March 10. Judge Hand, it is understood, has designated Walter Pollock receiver for the corporation under a bond of \$10,000. The liabilities of the concern, it is said, are placed at \$50,000 and its assets at \$30,000.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court yesterday (March 10) against the firm of Harold N. Haverbreek & Co., of 32 Broadway, New York.

**NEW ISSUE OF UNITED STATES TREASURY NOTES OFFERED IN EXCHANGE FOR 4¾% VICTORY NOTES.**

A new issue of four-year United States Treasury notes, offered at par through the Federal Reserve Banks in exchange for 4¾% Victory Notes, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on March 8. The new Treasury notes are designated Series A-1926; they will be dated and bear interest at 4¾% from March 15 1922 and will be payable, March 15 1926. Interest will be payable semi-annually on Sept. 15 and March 15. Secretary Mellon, in announcing the new issue, said:

These notes are offered only in exchange for 4¾% Victory notes, which will be accepted at the Federal Reserve banks at par, with an adjustment

of accrued interest, in payment for any of the new notes which may be subscribed for and allotted. Payment for the notes cannot be made in cash or by credit, nor can payment be made in Treasury certificates or in 3½% Victory notes. This offer of four-year Treasury notes is made in order to provide for the gradual retirement of Victory notes pursuant to the refunding plans already announced, and should prove attractive to large numbers of holders of Victory notes. The Treasury is not announcing any fixed amount for the offering of notes, but the Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to close the subscriptions at any time without notice.

The new Treasury Notes, in bearer form, with interest coupons attached, will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. Further details regarding the notes are set out as follows in the circular issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

Bearer notes with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The notes are not subject to call for redemption before maturity, and will not be issued in registered form. The principal and interest of the notes will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

The notes of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations.

Notes of this series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at or within six months before the maturity of the notes. Any of the notes which have been owned by any person continuously for at least six months prior to the date of his death, and which upon such date constitute part of his estate, shall, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, be receivable by the United States at par and accrued interest in payment of any estate or inheritance taxes imposed by the United States, under or by virtue of any present or future law upon such estate or the inheritance thereof. The notes of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of notes applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. Payment for notes allotted must be made on or before March 15 1922, or on later allotment in Victory notes of the 4¾% series, which will be accepted at the Federal Reserve banks at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest. Victory notes in coupon form must have all unmatured coupons attached, and if in registered form must be duly assigned to the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments. Interest adjustments will be made as of March 15 1922 and accrued interest to that date on Victory notes accepted in payment will be paid in cash through the Federal Reserve banks. Payment for the notes now offered cannot be made in cash or by credit. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes. As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments in full in the order of the receipt of applications up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

An offering of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, announced at the same time as the above notes, is referred to in another item in to-day's issue of our paper. A previous offering of Treasury Notes this year was referred to in our issue of Jan. 28, page 348, and the subscriptions in that case were noted in these columns Feb. 4, page 469, and Feb. 11, page 572.

#### NEW OFFERING OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Coincident with a new issue of United States Treasury Notes (referred to by us to-day in another item), Secretary of the Treasury Mellon also offered on March 8 a new issue of 4¼% One-Year Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness to the amount of \$250,000,000 or thereabouts. In announcing this offering Secretary Mellon said:

About \$530,000,000 of Treasury certificates mature on March 15 1922 and about \$52,000,000 additional on April 1 1922. On March 15 there will become payable about \$107,000,000 of interest on the public debt, and on April 15 about \$135,000,000 of interest on the Fourth Liberty Loan. Against these payments the Treasury expects to receive during March about \$460,000,000 on account of income and profits tax collections in addition to its ordinary revenues. The one-year Treasury certificates are being offered in order to provide for the Treasury's remaining cash requirements.

The new certificates will be known as Series TM-1923; they will be dated and bear interest from March 15 1922 and will be payable March 15 1923. These certificates will be acceptable in payment of taxes. They will be in bearer form in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000, and will have two interest coupons attached, payable Sept. 15 1922 and March 15 1923. In its circular regarding the new issue the Federal Reserve Bank makes public further details as follows:

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess profits and war profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said Act approved Sept. 24 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

Certificates of this series will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest, during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates do not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before March 15 1922, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve bank of its district. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TM-1922, Series TM2-1922 and Series TM3-1922, all maturing March 15 1922, and Series C-1922, maturing April 1 1922, with any unmatured interest coupons attached will be accepted at par, with an adjustment of accrued interest in payment for any certificates of the Series TM-1923 now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

Reference to the last previous offering of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness was made in our issue of Dec. 17, page 2558. There were two issues at that time, both dated Dec. 15 1921, one maturing June 15 1922 and bearing 4¼%, and the other due Dec. 15 1922, carrying 4½% interest.

#### PRESIDENT HARDING COUNTS RETURN TO NORMAL WAYS AS MOST IMPORTANT IN YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

In response to a request for a statement respecting his views as to the accomplishments of the first year of his Administration, President Harding on March 4 is quoted by the Associated Press as having said:

The record of the Administration speaks for itself; it would be a poor Administration that required the Executive to speak for it.

The President was tendered an "official birthday party" in Washington on March 4 by the National Press Club, to signalize the completion of his first year as Chief Executive of the nation, and in an address on that occasion stated that if he "had accomplished nothing else than the long step of getting back to normal ways of Government, this would seem to me . . . the real achievement of the year." The President in his address also stated that "it seems to me that I have been President for twenty years" adding:

Life since I came to the White House has been so full there is scarcely an impression left of the life before. There is only one distinct one I recall. It was my previous conception of the Senate as compared with the one I have to-day.

As to this statement the President took occasion to state that no unkindness was meant. The President's further remarks at the affair are reported as follows in the Washington "Herald" of March 5:

The hardest thing to do in this White House job is to keep human.

I never find my work done and I have argued with my general secretary that the trouble is I am unable to keep myself aloof. I don't believe there is any human being that can do all the work that is expected of the Presidential office.

A man can't be President and keep aloof. He wouldn't be fit to be President if he did. I suppose you are wondering what my impressions are to-night after a year in the White House. Life has been so full that I have scarcely any recollection of the period prior to my becoming President, except one. The outstanding thing that I can recall is my concept of the Senate of the United States as compared to that I have to-day. I do not mean to be disrespectful to the Senate in saying that.

There have been disappointments and dreams that have not come true. A large part off the fault may have been that of the Executive. But I admonish you in one respect. I don't believe any of you understand the difficult problems that the new Administration had to undertake.

Don't misconstrue me. I do not mean to be critical of the previous Administration, and I am not unmindful that my distinguished predecessor was ill more than his last year. The fact is that the Government was adrift in the tremendous current that followed the war. The problems of adjustment were infinitely more difficult than any of you have ever thought, or I had ever dreamed.

If I had accomplished nothing else than the long step of getting back to normal ways of Government, this would seem to me—knowing what I know now—the real achievement of the year.

It is good to throw responsibility aside here tonight and be human. If there is anything wrong with this White House job, it's the inability to be a human being.

Yet there are a thousand compensations. In spite of criticism, irritations and burdens, there is compensation in the knowledge that out of your little capacity and good conscience you are joining with thousands of Americans in adding to stability and in making sure that our inheritance will be retained and handed down.

If we can make this Government of ours the sheet anchor of modern democracy and the symbol of surety for the world and make it express the aspirations of mankind everywhere, we shall have made a contribution that will help keep alive the desire to give supreme human service.

#### SOLDIER BONUS BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS.

The bill providing for adjusted compensation for veterans of the World War—more generally known as the Soldier Bonus Bill—was introduced in the House on March 7 by Representative Fordney. Final agreement on the bill, which was drafted by the special sub-committee of the Republican members of the House Ways and Means Com-

mittee, was reached by the Republicans of the Ways and Means Committee on the 7th. The bill proposes immediate cash payments to veterans whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50; other veterans could select one of these four options: Adjusted service certificate, combining a loan and insurance plan; vocational training; farm and home aid; land settlement. The bill as finally presented to the House is characterized by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon as "the worst yet"; the White House has taken occasion with the introduction of the bill to announce that President Harding still declares that "a sales tax or postponement of the legislation was the only thing he could suggest in regard to the bonus," thus reiterating his stand as outlined in these columns Feb. 18 1922, page 686. Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger also issued a pronouncement on the bill on the 9th inst. when he stated that if it became a law he would prohibit the national banks from taking the certificates or loaning money on them. Further reference to these separate views are referred to elsewhere in this issue of our paper.

Under the bill as presented to the House the adjusted service certificates would be dated Oct. 1 1922; they would mature in 20 years, or at the death of the veteran; and, in either case, would have a face value equal to the sum of the adjusted service credit of the veteran, increased by 25%, plus interest thereon for 20 years at the rate of 4½% compounded annually. The total amount would be "approximately equal to three times the adjusted service credit of the veteran." This credit would be figured on the basis of \$1 25 for each day of oversea service and \$1 for each day of home service. In no event could the credit exceed \$500 in the case of a veteran who performed no overseas service and \$625 in the case of a veteran who served overseas. Any national bank or any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of any State, Territory, possession or the District of Columbia would be authorized to loan to any veteran upon his promissory note secured by his adjusted service certificate, any amount not in excess of 50% of the loan basis of the certificate, plus interest at 4½% from Oct. 1 1922. The loan would mature not later than Sept. 30 1925 and the rate of interest charged by the bank could not exceed by more than 2% per annum the rate charged at the date of the loan for the discount of 90-day commercial paper by the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve District in which the bank making the advance to the veteran is located. After Sept. 30 1925 the Government would make loans directly to veterans on the certificates, the Postmaster-General being authorized and directed to instruct postmasters of the first, second and third classes to take applications of veterans for Government loans. From Oct. 1 1925 to Oct. 1 1928 the maximum of such a loan would be 85% of the sum of the adjusted service credit of the veteran, plus interest from Oct. 1 1922 at 4½%, compounded annually. If the loan were made after Oct. 1 1928 and before Oct. 1 1942 the loan value would be 70% of the adjusted service credit, increased by 25%, and interest thereon from Oct. 1 1922 to the date of the loan at 4½%, compounded annually. The following are the provisions of the bill governing adjusted pay and loan privileges:

#### TITLE IV.—Adjusted Service Pay.

Section 401. There shall be paid to any veteran, as soon as practicable after receipt of an application in accordance with the provisions of Section 302, and in addition to any other amounts due him in pursuance of law, the amount of his adjusted service credit if, and only if, such credit is not more than \$50.

Section 402. Payment shall be made by the Secretary of War if the veteran is serving in, or his last service was with, the military forces, and by the Secretary of the Navy if he is serving in, or his last service was with the naval forces.

Section 403. If the veteran dies after making application in accordance with the provisions of Section 302 for adjusted service pay and before receiving payment, payment shall be made to his estate.

Section 404. No right to adjusted service pay under provisions of this title shall be assignable or serve as security for any loan. Any assignment or loan made in violation of the provisions of this section shall be held void. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy shall not pay the amount of adjusted service pay to any person other than the veteran or his estate, or such representative of the veteran as the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy shall jointly by regulation prescribe.

#### TITLE V.—Adjusted Service Certificates.

Section 501. The Secretary of the Treasury, upon certification from the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy as provided in Section 307, is hereby directed to issue without cost to the veteran designated the loan and adjusted service certificate hereinafter in this title referred to as a "certificate" of a face value equal to the sum of (1) the adjusted service credit of the veteran increased by 25 per centum plus (2) interest thereon for twenty years at the rate of 4½ per centum per annum, compounded annually (such amount being approximately equal to 3.015 times the adjusted service credit of the veteran). The certificate shall be dated and all rights conferred under the provisions of this title shall take effect as of Oct. 1 1922. The veteran shall name the beneficiary of the certificate and may from time to time, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury,

alter such beneficiary. The amount of the face value of the certificate (unless the certificate has been cancelled as hereinafter in this title provided) shall be payable (1) to the veteran on Sept. 30 1942, or (2) upon the death of the veteran prior thereto, to the beneficiary named; except that if such beneficiary dies before the veteran and no new beneficiary is named, or if the beneficiary in the first instance has not yet been named, the amount of the face value of the certificate shall be paid to the estate of the veteran.

#### Loan Privileges Before Oct. 1 1925.

Section 502 (a) A loan may be made to any veteran prior to September 1925, upon such adjusted service certificate only in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Any national bank, or any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of any State, territory, possession or the District of Columbia (hereinafter in this section called "bank"), is authorized to loan to any veteran upon his promissory note secured by his adjusted service certificate (with or without the consent of the beneficiary thereof) any amount not in excess of 50 per centum of the loan basis (as defined in subdivision (f) of this section) of the certificate, such loan to mature on or before Sept. 30 1925. The rate of interest charged upon the loan by the bank shall not exceed, by more than 2 per centum per annum, the rate charged at the date of the loan for the discount of commercial paper under Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act, by the Federal Reserve Bank for the Federal Reserve district in which the bank is located.

(c) If the veteran does not pay the principal and interest of the loan within six months after its maturity (or on or before Sept. 30 1925), the bank shall present the certificate and the note to the Secretary of the Treasury not earlier than May 30 1925, and not later than Oct. 15 1925. The Secretary shall thereupon cancel the note and the certificate and pay to the bank the amount of the unpaid principal due it, and the unpaid interest accrued, at the rate fixed in the note, up to the date of the check issued to the bank. The difference between 80 per centum of the loan basis of the certificate at the time of its receipt by the Secretary and the amount so paid to the bank, shall be immediately paid by the Secretary to the veteran, if living. If the veteran dies before such difference can be paid to him, it shall be paid to the beneficiary under the certificate; except that if such beneficiary dies before the veteran and no new beneficiary is named, or if the beneficiary in the first instance has not yet been named, then the payment shall be made to the estate of the veteran.

(d) If the veteran dies before the maturity of the loan the amount of the unpaid principal and the unpaid interest accrued up to the date of his death shall be immediately due and payable. In such case, or of the veteran dies after the maturity of the loan (but either before the expiration of six months after the maturity of the loan or before Oct. 1 1925), the bank shall, upon notice of the death, present the certificate and note to the Secretary, who shall thereupon cancel the note (but not the certificate) and pay to the bank, in full satisfaction of its claim, the amount of the unpaid principal and unpaid interest, at the rate fixed in the note, accrued up to the date of the check issued to the bank; except that if, prior to the payment, the bank is notified of the death by the Secretary of the Treasury and fail to present the certificate and note to the Secretary within fifteen days after the notice, such interest shall be only up to the fifteenth day after such notice. The Secretary shall deduct the amount so paid from the face value (as determined under Section 501) of the certificate and pay the remainder in accordance with the provisions of Section 501.

(e) When any loan becomes in default the bank shall within 30 days thereafter notify the Secretary of the Treasury of the facts relative to the note, the name of the veteran and the number of his certificate.

(f) The loan basis of any certificate at any time shall, for the purposes of this section, be the amount of the adjusted service credit, plus interest thereon from Oct. 1 1922, to such time, at the rate of 4½% per annum, compounded annually.

(g) No payment upon any notes shall be made under this Section by the Secretary of the Treasury to any bank, unless the note when presented to him, is accompanied by an affidavit made by an officer of the bank before a notary public or other officer designated for the purpose by regulation of the Secretary, and stating that the bank has not charged or collected, or attempted to charge or collect, directly or indirectly, any fee or other compensation (except interest as authorized by this Section) in respect to or because of any loan made under this section by the bank to a veteran. Any bank which, or director, officer, or employee thereof who does so charge, collect, or attempt to charge or collect any such fee or compensation, shall be liable to the veteran for a penalty of \$100, to be recovered in a civil suit brought by the veteran.

#### Loan Privileges after Sept. 30 1925.

Section 503.—The Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to instruct postmasters of the first, second, and third classes to take applications of veterans for Government loans and collect payments thereon.

Section 504.—(a) Application for Government loans may be made at any post office of a first, second, or third class. Such loans, secured by the adjusted service certificate, shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, with or without the consent of the beneficiary, and payments thereon collected, in accordance with the provisions of this title, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him. He shall supply postmasters of the first, second, and third classes with blanks upon which veterans may make applications for Government loans. Such applications shall be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and have attached thereto a form of promissory note to be executed by the veteran, and a receipt to be delivered to the veteran, which shall be signed by the postmaster receiving the application, and which shall acknowledge the receipt of the note and the certificate, and contain a description of each. The postmaster shall thereupon transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury the application, note, and certificate. Upon the approval of the loan by the Secretary of the Treasury, he shall transmit to the veteran a check for the amount of the loan. He shall also issue in triplicate a statement showing the name and service of the veteran, the number of his certificate, and a schedule of the amounts of the several payments, and the dates when due. The original of the statement shall be retained with the application, the duplicate shall be transmitted to the postmaster receiving the application and the triplicate to the veteran. The postmaster holding such statement shall receive and indorse thereon the payments made by the veteran, shall give a receipt to the veteran, and shall promptly transmit payments to the Secretary of the Treasury. Such payments shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The veteran shall make repayment of the loan upon an amortization plan by means of a fixed number of annual installments sufficient to cover (1) interest on the unpaid principal at the rate of 4½% per annum, and (2) such amount of the principal as will extinguish the debt within an agreed period not exceeding the life of the certificate.

(b) If the veteran fails to make any payment when due, and such default continues for the period of one year, thereupon the Secretary of the Treasury shall declare the certificate of the veteran to be forfeited and cancel and surrender the note to the veteran, but if the Secretary of the Treasury subsequently finds any such certificate was forfeited by mistake, or under

any misapprehension of fact, he shall reinstate the same upon payment of amount then due the Government on the loan, and upon the receipt of a new note from the veteran on the same terms as the original note for the remaining amount due.

Paragraph C.—If the veteran is in default and his certificate is forfeited when he has borrowed an amount less than the maximum authorized under either Subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 505, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to him 80 per centum of the difference between what he has borrowed and the maximum which he was authorized to borrow under either Subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 505. If the veteran dies before such 80 per centum can be paid to him, it shall be paid to the beneficiary under the certificate, except that if such beneficiary dies before the veteran and no new beneficiary is named, or if the beneficiary in the first instance has not yet been named, then the payment shall be made to the estate of the veteran.

Section 505.—No Government loan shall be made upon any certificate prior to October 1 1925. The amount of such loans to any one veteran outstanding at any time shall not exceed:

(a) If the loan is made on or after Oct. 1 1925 and before Oct. 1 1928, 85 per centum of the sum of (1) the adjusted service credit of the veteran plus (2) interest thereon from Oct. 1 1922 to the date of the making of the loan at the rate of 4½ per centum per annum, compounded annually, or

(b) If the loan is made on or after Oct. 1 1928 and before Oct. 1 1942, 70 per centum of the sum of (1) the adjusted service credit of the veteran increased by 25 per centum, plus (2) interest thereon from Oct. 1 1922 to the date of the making of the loan, at the rate of 4½ per centum per annum, compounded annually.

Section 506.—No certificate issued or right conferred under the provisions of this title shall, except for the purpose of securing a loan made under the provisions of Section 502 or 504, be negotiable or assignable or serve as security for a loan. Any negotiation, assignment or loan made in violation of any provision of this section shall be held void.

Section 507.—In the case of the death of the veteran or the forfeiture of his certificate any Government loan made upon the certificate, and the note in respect thereto, shall be canceled; and in case such loan has been canceled as a result of the death of the veteran the Secretary of the Treasury shall deduct the amount of the unpaid principal and interest of the loan from the amount of the face value of the certificate in respect to which the loan is made.

Section 508.—Any certificate issued under the provisions of this title shall have printed upon its face the conditions and terms upon which it is issued and to which it is subject, including loan values under Sections 502 and 505.

Section 509.—If the veteran dies after making application in accordance with the provisions of Section 302 and before Oct. 1 1922, the amount of the adjusted service credit of the veteran shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury to his estate.

The other provisions of the bill are summarized as follows in the press dispatches from Washington:

Veterans electing to take the vocational training aid option would be paid \$1 75 for each day of attendance after Jan. 1 1923, on a course of vocational training previously approved by the Director of the Veterans' Bureau. The total payment under this plan, however, could not exceed 140% of the amount of the adjusted service credit.

Under the Farm and Home Aid Section veterans would be paid in a lump sum or installments an amount equal to the adjusted service credit increased by 40% upon satisfactory assurance that the money would be used in purchasing or making payments on a home or farm or improving a home or farm.

A "National Veterans' Settlement Board" would establish veteran settlement projects for the reclamation and settlement of lands. Establishment of the projects would be carried out in co-operation with the States and veterans would be given preference in employment on such work.

In each project the Board would establish farm units large enough for the support of a family and farm workers' units sufficient for part-time cultivation by a farm worker's family. Each veteran employed on a project would be allowed to select and would be allotted a farm unit upon which he could construct a dwelling and other improvements.

From the price of the land so allotted would be deducted the amount of the veteran's adjusted service credit. The remainder would be paid upon an amortization plan with a fixed number of installments to cover the amount due, plus interest of 5% over a period of 25 years or less. The Settlement Board would consist of the Secretary of the Interior and four other members appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The four members would receive salaries of \$7,500 each and one would be appointed for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. Subsequent appointments would be made for five years.

Those entitled to a bonus would, under the terms of the bill, include any individual a member of the military or naval forces of the United States at any time after April 5 1917, and before Nov. 12 1918; but does not include any individual at any time during such period or thereafter separated from such forces under other than honorable conditions; any conscientious objector who performed no military duty whatever or refused to wear the uniform, any alien at any time during such period, or thereafter discharged from the military or naval forces on account of his alienage.

The term overseas service "means service on shore in Europe or Asia, exclusive of China, Japan and the Phillipine Islands, and services afloat, not on receiving ships; including in either case the period from the date of embarkation for such service to the date of disembarkation on return from such service, both dates inclusive."

Home service means all service not overseas service.

In computing adjusted service credit, no allowance would be made "to any commissioned officer above the grade of captain in the Army or Marine Corps, lieutenant in the Navy, first lieutenant or first lieutenant of engineers in the Coast Guard or passed assistant surgeon in the Public Health Service, or having the pay and allowance of not the rank of any officer superior in rank to any of such grade—in each case for the period of service as such."

In computing the adjusted service credit, allowance would be made for time served from April 5 1917 to July 1 1919, less sixty days, this deduction being made on account of the \$60 bonus paid at the time of discharge.

In the case of members of the National Guard or the National Guard Reserve called into service by the proclamation of the President dated July 3 1917, the time of service between the date of call into service as specified by the proclamation and Aug. 5 1917, both dates inclusive, would be deemed to be active service in the military or naval forces.

Any person making "any false statement of a material fact in any application, certificate or document" would be liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years or both."

On March 8 Washington press advices said:

While the fight against the compromise Soldiers' Bonus Bill continued to-day unabated, House members on both sides of the question predicted privately that the measure would be passed by the House.

Although a two-thirds vote would be required to put the bill through under such a procedure, Republican leaders were discussing the question of calling up the measure under a suspension of the rules. This would preclude the possibility of amendment and ordinarily would limit debate to 20 minutes on each side.

The majority membership will be sounded out on this proposition, but a decision probably will be withheld until after the return here late in the week of Chairman Fordney, of the Ways and Means Committee, who will have charge of the bill on the floor.

The next rules-suspension day in the House will be Monday March 20. Leaders said the Army Appropriation Bill would be taken up next Tuesday ahead of the Bonus Bill, and even if the latter measure were not called up under a suspension of the rules it probably would not be considered before the week beginning March 20.

#### REPRESENTATIVE FORDNEY DECLARES BONUS BILL WILL BE PASSED FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

The declaration that the soldier bonus would be passed for humanitarian reasons and not as a political measure was made by Joseph W. Fordney, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, in a speech before a meeting of the American Wholesale Lumber Association in Chicago on March 9, according to a press dispatch from that city, which also states:

We are going to report the bill Saturday morning, ask for a suspension of the House rules Monday morning and rush it through before everything else.

During the war, while those boys were overseas, 5,500 strikes were carried on. They were striking for shorter hours and more pay and they were doing it so successfully that up to Nov. 11 1918 not a single American shell had been fired during the war.

You men sitting before me cheered them madly and marched with them to the depot. And you did not go a damn step farther. Suppose Germany had won the war. What do you think your taxes would have been? They would have been twenty times more than the bonus. During the war the Ways and Means Committee authorized the issuance of over \$51,000,000,000 worth of bonds. Up to that time, since the founding of this Government, we had only spent \$31,000,000,000.

#### BIG ARMY OF EMPLOYEES AND \$4,000,000 NEEDED FOR BONUS BOOKKEEPING.

The following is from the "Journal of Commerce" of March 8:

It is estimated that it will require 2,100 Government employees to handle the provisions of the proposed legislation the first year of its operation and that the cost to the Government will be upward of \$4,000,000.

It is further estimated that the provision requiring the payment of the claims of men having \$50 or less due them will require an appropriation of \$16,000,000.

#### PRESIDENT HARDING STILL CONVINCED THAT SALES TAX IS ONLY FEASIBLE PLAN FOR SOLDIER BONUS.

Following the introduction in Congress on March 7 of the bill to provide adjusted compensation for veterans of the World War—the so-called Soldier Bonus bill—a statement was issued at the White House on that day indicating that President Harding still adheres to his declarations of a month ago, when he announced, as reported in these columns Feb. 18, page 686, that he found himself "unable to suggest any commendable plan other than that of a general sales tax," and that "if Congress will not adopt such a plan it would be wise to let the legislation go over until there is a situation which will justify the large outlay." The statement issued at the White House on the 7th inst., confirming this stand, said:

The Executive has declared that a sales tax or postponement of the legislation was the only thing he could suggest in regard to the bonus. He still is of the same mind. The Executive's position has not changed despite the opinion in some quarters that the Executive changes his mind to meet shifting winds. The President has no direct or definite knowledge as to any plans in the making. He has nothing to add to his previous statement and does not expect to have. This is official and authoritative. The President does not recall that the subject of the bonus was mentioned in his conversation with Mr. Fordney yesterday.

As to reports regarding Representative Fordney's remarks to which reference is made above, we quote the following Associated Press dispatch from Washington March 6:

Representative Fordney said to-day that the Ways and Means Committee had reason to believe that President Harding was not opposed to the certificate loan provision written into the bill and under which national and State banks and trust companies, organized under State laws, would be authorized to loan holders of such certificates an amount equal to 50% of the adjusted service pay. Other members of the Committee said little or no protest against this plan had come to them from bankers and others.

It was estimated that the total amount of money that the banks would be asked to advance probably would not exceed \$500,000,000. Representative Mott, a banker of Oswego, N. Y., said he did not look for any material inflation of credit and consequent increase in the cost of living to result from the passage of a bill carrying a bank loan provision.

On March 9 in Washington advices the Baltimore "Sun" said:

There was some discussion during the day as to President Harding's attitude with regard to the compromise bill. Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the majority leader, said he did not think the statement made at the White House yesterday that Mr. Harding occupied the same position that he did when he suggested a sales tax or postponement of the legislation was to be taken to mean that the Executive was prepared to veto the measure.



Representative Hawley of Oregon, a Republican member of the Ways and Means Committee, said the President had suggested a 90-day delay in enactment of the legislation as an alternative for the sales tax, and that in the judgment of the Committee this suggestion had been met by making Oct. 1 1922 the effective date of the bill.

### SECRETARY OF TREASURY MELLON SAYS SOLDIER BONUS BILL IS "WORST YET."

The newly drafted soldier bonus bill, introduced in Congress on March 7 as the bill "to provide adjusted compensation for the veterans of the world war," was described this week by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon as "the worst yet." Secretary Mellon's comments on the bill, as reported in Washington advices to the New York "Herald" on March 6 follow.

This bonus plan is the worst that has been put forward. It doesn't meet with the President's idea at all, for it does not meet with his expectation that the funds shall be raised by taxation. A few years from now we will simply be faced with a tremendous debt with no way to meet it. That is what they have forgotten. We are asked to provide a billion dollars or more by 1925, and we haven't any way to do it.

We are having a hard enough time now scraping down, and we have no right to figure on the savings of the Government; it can't be done.

As to loans, it means that a billion dollars or more will be turned into the banks of the country. The banks' natural outlet will be the Federal Reserve banks. Now, if this is true, it will mean that a billion dollars' worth or more of non-liquid accounts will be tied up in the Federal Reserve banks until 1925. That is all wrong.

Mr. Mellon mentioned that the cash payment of \$50 each would be made to men who were in service too short a time to go overseas. As he sees the bill, the men who fought can hope for no money outright, but only those who served a few months in home camps will receive cash payments.

"But," he asked, "does the proposal place a cash basis for the men who were overseas or who were engaged against the enemy? So far as I can see, the men who are to be paid cash are those who were in camps in this country for a short time."

Secretary Mellon's comments drew from Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee, the following, according to a New York "Times" Washington dispatch of March 6:

We know very well that the Treasury officials are opposed to the plan, but the Treasury is opposed to all bonus legislation. We intend to go ahead on the bill as reported by the subcommittee and the insurance plan will be incorporated, as will all the other essential features, including the three optional plans.

### COMPTROLLER CRISSINGER OPPOSED TO BANK LOANS ON BONUS CERTIFICATES.

Comptroller of the Currency D. R. Crissinger was reported as stating on the 9th inst. that in the event of the enactment of the proposed Soldier Bonus bill, providing for payments by adjusted service certificates, he would advise national banks to decline to accept the certificates as security for loans. The Associated Press (Washington dispatches) also reported Comptroller Crissinger to the following effect:

Mr. Crissinger described the proposed plan of issuing adjusted service certificates for use by the soldiers, if desired, as collateral for loans to 80% of their face value, as "the worst kind of frozen credit," and declared while he would be without authority to order national banks to refuse to accept them as security, he would strongly advise against their acceptance.

The certificates would be "non-negotiable paper," Mr. Crissinger explained, and loans upon them would load the banks up for the three-year term which they cover with an unmovable mass of security.

The certificates would be similar to real estate loans, which are not rediscountable at Federal Reserve banks, he said, "and a far from the liquid security best for the banks."

From the advices to the New York "Times" from Washington March 9 we quote the following:

It is understood that opposition not only reflects the opinion of Secretary Mellon but also that of the Federal Reserve Board, which, according to information to-night, is prepared to oppose the plan strongly and will do so if it receives an opportunity to appear before the Senate Finance Committee, which will hold hearings after the bill is passed, as expected, by the House.

Comptroller Crissinger said that the plan outlined in the bill whereby banks are expected to make loans upon certificates and carry them for three years was against the spirit of the Federal Reserve Act and contrary to banking practices.

"Such certificates are not resources that can be considered as collateral subject to rediscount at the Federal Reserve banks," he said. "Such loans could not be assigned and in three years the banks of the country would have a large amount of frozen assets."

"Will you advise the banks to refuse such loans?" he was asked.

"I will not take it upon myself to advise them," he replied. "but if they ask my advice I will strongly urge against their taking the loans."

#### Loans Cannot Be Rediscounted

The objection of Mr. Crissinger to the proposed loans is that they cannot be rediscounted in the Federal Reserve banks, since, under the law, loans are discountable for a period of sixty days only.

This is a great objection to the proposal in the opinion of members of the Ways and Means Committee, who intend, if they find it necessary, to amend the law in order to permit the Federal Reserve banks to rediscount the certificate loans. They do not believe, however, that this will be necessary because, they say, the loans will be distributed so generally that the carrying of them for three years will not embarrass any bank.

The opposition to the banking features of the bonus bill is very strong. It is not strong enough, however, to induce the House to amend the bill in any essential respect. Many members are looking to the political effect upon the Congressional campaign of getting a bill through the House leaving to the Senate the duty of correcting any defects.

### CONFERENCE CALLED TO CONSIDER UNEMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS CYCLES.

A conference to consider the causes of business depressions and unemployment with a view to their diminution and possible prevention has been called for March 21 at Washington by the Department of Commerce. Among those expected to attend are representatives of various trade associations, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Department of Labor and the committee of the President's unemployment conference.

Research bodies and private individuals have contributed \$50,000 to meet the expenses of the conference and study. Wesley C. Mitchell of the National Bureau of Economic Research, New York, has been made field director of the survey and Edward Eyre Hunt of the Unemployment Conference, Secretary. The committee in charge consists of Owen D. Young, Vice-President of the General Electric Co.; Charles Mott Wolley of the American Radiator Co.; Joseph H. Defrees, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, and Miss Mary Van Vleck of the Russell Sage Foundation.

A tentative plan for the study of unemployment and methods controlling business cycles has already been submitted to the committee by Mr. Mitchell. The conference also will have available the researchwork done by the Unemployment Conference.

"We hope," said Mr. Hunt, "to arrive at workable plans by which the peak of booms may be cut down and the trough of depression partly filled up. At the same time we hope to reduce the evil of seasonal unemployment, just as some industries and individual plants have already done."

Among the organizations which have offered to co-operate are the Federated American Engineering Societies, the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Bureau of Railway Economics, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Harvard Committee on Economic Research, the American Association for Labor Legislation and the Pennsylvania State Industrial Board.

### RESOLUTION IN SENATE SEEKING INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED LOAN TO HAITI.

A resolution was offered in the Senate by Senator King on Feb. 6, asking the Secretary of State to supply to the Senate information indicating by what authority it is proposed to negotiate a loan of \$14,000,000 in behalf of Haiti. With the adoption by the Senate on Feb. 23 of the resolution (referred to above), seeking information from President Harding regarding the mission of Brig.-Gen. Russell to Haiti, Senator King again drew attention to his resolution, and at his request it was taken from the table, where it had previously been ordered to lie, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. As originally offered on Feb. 6, Senator King's resolution read:

Mr. King: I submit a resolution which I ask may be read and lie on the table:

(S. Res. 233)

Whereas, the United States through its naval forces and officials acting under the direction of the State Department is in control of Haiti and the Haitian Government; and

Whereas, it is proposed that a loan of \$14,000,000 be negotiated in behalf of Haiti to be paid by the Haitian people; and

Whereas, such a loan is not desired by the Haitian people and is believed by them to be unwarranted and illegal and contrary to the best interests economically and politically of Haiti and her people; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby directed to inform the Senate by what authority such proposed loan is being negotiated; together with the terms and conditions thereof and the reasons therefor be it

Resolved further, That no debt should be created by the United States or by persons representing it which would be a charge upon Haiti or the Haitian people or the Haitian Government.

In bringing the resolution up on Feb. 25, Senator King announced his intention to change it by striking out the third "whereas" and the last "resolve," so that as presented for adoption it would read:

Whereas, The United States, through its naval forces and officials acting under the direction of the State Department, is in control of Haiti and the Haitian Government, and

Whereas, it is proposed that a loan of \$14,000,000 be negotiated in behalf of Haiti, to be paid by the Haitian people. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby directed to inform the Senate by what authority such proposed loan is being negotiated, together with the terms and conditions thereof and the reasons therefor.

With regard to his resolution, Senator King said:

I have asked for information as to the reason why a loan of \$14,000,000 is being negotiated by the State Department for Haiti. I cannot conceive that there is anything improper in offering such a resolution, or that it is evidence that the man so seeking that information is a politician. . . . I deny the right of the American Government to superimpose its will upon any people, an alien race. If a loan is to be imposed upon the people of Haiti of \$14,000,000, they ought to have something to say in regard to it.

and if we are to impose the loan upon them, there is certainly no reason why the Department of State should not furnish the reason for the loan and the terms of the loan.

During the hearing on Feb. 8 before the special Senate Committee, which is investigating conditions in Haiti, Dr. Pierre Hudicourt, of Port-au-Prince, stated that the proposed loan was opposed by the people of Haiti, and, according to the Washington press advices that day, he quoted the President and other officials of his country as unwilling to place themselves under the "grip" which such a loan would give this country. We also take from the Baltimore "Sun" of Feb. 9 the following regarding the representations before the Committee:

Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio, suggested that conditions in Haiti required financing, and Dr. Hudicourt replied that his country did need outside capital but would refuse to accept it under any conditions that would induce foreign pressure.

The witness read a cablegram printed in Haitian newspapers declaring that unless the Haitian Government consented to a loan the salaries of the officials of that country would be stopped and stated that the people resented such efforts to force them into agreements they opposed. Such a loan would run for more than 40 years, he explained, and should it be made would, in his judgment, give the United States an excuse for continuing occupation until it was paid.

Further discussing the proposed \$14,000,000 loan, Dr. Hudicourt said that proposals with respect to it had been received from the National City Bank, Speyer & Co. and Lee, Higginson & Co. He asserted that the National City Bank had offered to take it on a basis which would net the Haitian Government \$12,800,000.

The loan, with interest at 7½%, would run 10 years under present plans, he declared, adding that Haiti would have to pay \$24,235,000 to wipe out the debt, or pay back twice as much as it received.

If the loan were used to redeem the internal debt at par, the National City Bank, he declared, would receive the face value of these bonds and accrued interest, or \$1,420 for each bond, for which it paid \$470. As understood in Haiti, the loan is to be used, he told the committee, to pay on the French debt \$6,668,980; on the Haitian railroad construction, \$1,621,500, the latter mostly held, he asserted, by the National City Bank; \$965,000 on the internal debt and \$2,059,720 to the National City Bank on notes, etc., a total of \$11,315,200, leaving Haiti \$1,564,800 out of which it must pay the expenses of the issue in the way of commissions, printing, etc.

"This loan is a plan definitely to hold control of Haiti in perpetuity," he declared.

Regarding the above, the "Wall Street Journal" in its issue of Feb. 3 said:

Officials of National City Bank deny statement attributed to Professor Hudicourt of Port au Prince, in Washington dispatches, that the bank, together with other American interests are trying to force a loan of \$14,000,000 on Haiti, which the natives of the island do not want. It is stated that the City Bank is not interested in a loan to Haiti at the present time.

The reorganization of Haitian finances is being handled by John A. McIlhenny, appointed financial advisor to Haiti by the United States Government. He is understood to be arranging a loan secured by a pledge of Haitian customs, which would liquidate the past-due indebtedness of the island and provide for current needs. It is believed that certain New York banks have been asked to make tentative bids on such a loan, but nothing definite has been arranged.

#### PRESIDENT HARDING IN ANSWER TO SENATE RESOLUTION AS TO MISSION OF BRIG.-GEN. RUSSELL IN HAITI.

In compliance with a resolution offered by Senator Walsh of Montana and adopted by the Senate on Feb. 23, regarding the mission to Haiti of Brig.-Gen. John H. Russell, a Marine Corps officer, President Harding under date of March 2 transmitted to the Senate a copy of the commission under which Gen. Russell has been delegated to act for the United States in Haiti "for the purpose of investigating, reporting upon and supervising the performance of their duties by the officers nominated by the President of the United States and appointed by the President of Haiti, pursuant to the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Haiti." The following are President Harding's advices to the Senate as presented to it March 3:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, D. C., March 2 1922.

To the Senate:

In response to your resolutions of Feb. 23, requesting a copy of any order, commission, or other authorization issued by me or under my direction to Brig.-Gen. John H. Russell, authorizing him to act for or on behalf of the Government of the United States in Haiti, with a copy of any instructions, &c., I am inclosing herewith a copy of the commission issued to Gen. Russell. I trust the information conveyed in the copy of the commission will satisfactorily convey such information as the Senate desires, because I very respectfully submit that it would not be compatible with the public interest to make public the specific instructions under which he is charged with the performance of his duties as the American high commissioner.

Very respectfully,

WARREN G. HARDING.

The President's accompanying message follows:

Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, to all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know ye that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity and ability of Brig.-Gen. John H. Russell, United States Marine Corps, I do appoint him high commissioner with the rank of ambassador extraordinary to represent the President of the United States in Haiti, for the purpose of investigating, reporting upon, and supervising the performance of their duties by the officers nominated by the President of the United States and appointed by the President of Haiti pursuant to the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Haiti, signed at Port au Prince September 16 1915, in order that the purposes of said treaty may be fully accomplished.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be hereto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this 11th day of February, in the year of Our Lord 1922 and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-sixth.

WARREN G. HARDING.

(SEAL) By the President:

CHARLES E. HUGHES, Secretary of State.

It was announced on March 3 that Gen. Russell would leave Washington for Haiti on the 4th inst. The Associated Press dispatches from Washington Feb. 8, in reporting Gen. Russell's contemplated mission to Haiti, stated that he would "act as the personal representative of President Harding in an attempt to clear up the situation involving American occupation, which has been the basis for many complaints by natives and others and for several investigations." The following is the resolution of Senator Walsh adopted by the Senate on Feb. 23, asking for information from President Harding regarding Gen. Russell's mission:

(S. Res. 243.)

Resolved, That the President be and he hereby is respectfully requested, if not incompatible with the public interest to transmit to the Senate a copy of any order, commission or other authorization issued by him or under his direction to Brig.-Gen. John H. Russell authorizing him to act for or on behalf of the Government of the United States in Haiti, with a copy of any instructions which may have been given him touching the discharge of his duties therein; or if such order, commission or authorization or such instructions were given orally and not in writing, to advise the Senate touching the same.

On March 4 Senator King introduced a resolution in the Senate requesting the Judiciary Committee of that body to investigate the question as to the power of the President to appoint an Ambassador extraordinary to Haiti, without the advice and consent of the Senate. On the 6th inst. Senator King endeavored to secure consideration and adoption of the resolution, but action thereon was deferred. The following is Senator King's resolution:

Whereas the President of the United States has designated Brig.-Gen. John H. Russell as high commissioner to Haiti, with the rank of ambassador extraordinary to the Government of that country, without having sent the nomination of said Brig.-Gen. John H. Russell to the Senate for the advice and consent of the Senate with respect to his appointment to said office: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary is hereby requested to investigate the question as to the power of the President under the Constitution to appoint an ambassador extraordinary to Haiti without the advice and consent of the Senate in that behalf, and report their findings and opinion to the Senate.

Regarding the resumption on Feb. 7 of the hearings of the special Senate committee investigating conditions in Haiti and Santo Domingo, growing out of American occupation, press dispatches from Washington that date said:

Dr. Pierre Hudicourt of Port au Prince representative of Haiti at the Second Peace Conference at The Hague, and now a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, who was among the first witnesses heard, protested against the preliminary report of the Committee made shortly after its return from a visit to Haiti and Santo Domingo during the Christmas holidays.

This report recommended retention of the American marines for the time being.

Dr. Hudicourt criticized the action of the Committee in swearing native witnesses at Port au Prince and in permitting Americans examined elsewhere to testify without placing them under oath.

Chairman McCormick replied that putting them under oath was done at the request of some of the witnesses.

The witness reviewed in detail conditions in Haiti prior to the landing of the marines and protested against what he asserted was the introduction of "Wall Street" into the affairs of his country.

When pressed by members of the Committee to name the "influences" he replied that he referred to representatives of the National City Bank of New York.

The revolt in Haiti in 1915 was made the occasion for the landing of American military forces and placing in effect the objectionable features of the proposed treaty. Dr. Hudicourt declared, adding that the American occupation of Haiti was as objectionable in international law as the Japanese occupation of Shantung.

The Treaty of 1915 with Haiti has not binding force, he said, because the consent of Haiti was obtained through violence and fraud.

Haiti, for over a century, always regarded the United States as the representative of law and liberty, he continued, but Haiti has been deceived in its confidence and faith. Haiti is no longer an independent country because, under the treaty, it has lost the right of enacting its laws of voting its budgets, of arranging its internal or international affairs.

The feeling of unrest and uncertainty prevailing in Haiti cannot be removed, he stated, except by the restoration of the Haitian democratic institutions.

Would you recommend that the Treaty of 1915 be immediately abrogated and the American forces be withdrawn in ninety days? Chairman McCormick asked.

"Emphatically yes," replied Hudicourt.

A national assembly should have been elected last October, he declared, adding there was no Constitutional arrangement for the selection of a new president, since the duty devolves on the assembly.

While the Council of State is authorized to exercise certain duties of the assembly, he asserted, it cannot legally choose the next president.

The recommendations of the special Senate Committee, made in its preliminary report, for the appointment of a commissioner to co-ordinate American administration in the country, Hudicourt said, forecast the annexation of Haiti by the United States.

He argued that it was the methods used by Great Britain, France and other colonial nations of Europe in establishing protectorates.

In his further testimony on Feb. 8 Dr. Hudicourt protested that the appointment of a high commissioner in Haiti, as suggested by the special Senate Committee, would amount

to placing that country under a protectorate, and declared that the Haitians would not recognize the right of the United States to interfere with their independence. He was also quoted to the following effect in the Baltimore "Sun" of Feb. 9:

"You delivered Cuba from Spain and can impose conditions upon her," he asserted. "But Haitians have their own birthright to be free, not won by the sword with the assistance of the United States."

Dr. Hudicourt insisted that the United States had destroyed Haitian freedom, and had imposed despotism and terror." The United States recognized Haitian independence in the Treaty of 1915, he continued, stating that the Treaty had proved a failure" and predicting that appointment of high commission would also be a failure.

**PRESIDENT HARDING IN REPLY TO SENATE  
REGARDING BEARING OF FOUR-POWER TREATY  
ON LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT.**

President Harding was this week called upon by the Senate to supply it with information regarding the Four-Power Pacific Treaty which developed from the recent Washington Conference on Limitation of Armament. Two weeks ago (Feb. 25, page 799) we referred to a reply made by President Harding to a Senate request for all information, documents, &c., covering the conversations at the Conference bearing on the Four-Power Treaty. In his address to the Senate at that time President Harding stated that it was impossible to comply with its request, "many of the things asked for in the resolution," he said, "it is literally impossible to furnish, because there were many conversations and discussions quite outside the Conference, and he added that it was incompatible with public interest "to attempt to reveal informal and confidential conversations or discussions." In the Senate resolution of this week the President was asked for information as to the Lansing-Ishii agreement, and whether the Four-Power Treaty would have the effect of nullifying or modifying that agreement. This resolution was proposed by Senator Borah, one of the so-called irconcilables; it was adopted as follows by the Senate on March 6 without a record vote:

S. RES. 251.

*Resolved*, That the President be, and he is hereby requested, if not incompatible with the public interests, to advise the Senate as to the present status and binding effect of what is known as the Lansing-Ishii agreement between the United States and the Empire of Japan.

Secondly, as to whether or not the Four-Power pact, now before the Senate for consideration, if ratified, will abrogate, nullify or in any way modify such agreement, and as to what will be the status of said agreement after the ratification of said Four-Power pact.

During the brief discussion of the resolution Senator Underwood stated that "it seems to me that anybody who will read the treaties that are now before the Senate in connection with the Lansing-Ishii agreement, is bound to come to the conclusion that the Lansing-Ishii agreement or understanding has no further binding effect. The very terms of that understanding are wiped out by these treaties." Senator Borah, in stating that "there is a wide difference of opinion about that" added "I have been unable to ascertain that it was ever discussed at all by the delegation. If it has been, of course, I presume that this discussion will throw some light upon the meaning of the treaty. I thought perhaps that by this resolution we might get the facts in reference to its consideration or discussion." Senator Lodge, who, it is said, has contended that the Lansing-Ishii agreement was abrogated, did not object to the Borah resolution. President Harding's reply to the Borah resolution was addressed to the Senate on the 8th inst., he states therein that "the so-called Lansing-Ishii agreement, signed Nov. 2 1917, was not a treaty, but was an exchange of notes" and that "it is hardly necessary to point out that such a declaration or exchange of notes could not have any effect whatever inconsistent with treaty obligations whether existing or thereafter coming into force."

The President also says:

My answer, then, to your first question is that the so-called Lansing-Ishii agreement has no binding effect whatever, either with respect to the past or to the future, which is in any sense inconsistent with the principles and policies explicitly declared in the Nine-Power Treaty to which I have referred.

As to your second question, I may say that the Four-Power Treaty does not refer to China, and hence does not directly bear upon the Lansing-Ishii notes, which related exclusively to China. The Four-Power Treaty, however, is an essential part of the plan to create conditions in the Far East at once favorable to the policies we have long advocated and to an enduring peace.

The following is the full text of the President's reply:

To the Senate:

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Secondly, as to whether or not the Four-Power pact, now before the Senate for consideration, if ratified, will abrogate, nullify, or in any way

modify such agreement; and as to what will be the status of said agreement after the ratification of said Four-Power pact.

The so-called Lansing-Ishii agreement, signed Nov. 2 1917, was not a treaty but was an exchange of notes between the Secretary of State of the United States and Count Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan on Special Mission. It was described in the notes themselves as a public announcement of the desires and intentions shared by the two Governments with regard to China. This exchange of notes, in the nature of things, did not constitute anything more than a declaration of Executive policy. It is hardly necessary to point out that such a declaration, or exchange of notes, could not have any effect whatever inconsistent with treaty obligations whether existing or thereafter coming into force.

The statement in the notes in question which apparently called for this resolution, is as follows:

The Governments of the United States and Japan recognize that territorial propinquity creates special relations between countries and, consequently, the Government of the United States recognizes that Japan has special interest in China and in the particular part to which her possessions are contiguous.

In the light of the other declarations of the notes in question, it has been the view of the Government of the United States that this reference to special interests in China did not recognize any right or claim inconsistent with the sovereignty or political independence of China or with our "Open Door" policy.

That this was not an erroneous construction appears from the meaning ascribed to the phrase "special interests in China," which is found in the final statement made on behalf of Japan at the recent conference (S. Doc. No. 126, 67th Congress, 2d Sess., p. 223). The phrase was interpreted to mean that propinquity gave rise to an interest differing only in degree, but not in kind, as compared with the interests of other powers. It was said to intimate "no claim or pretension of any kind prejudicial to China or to any other foreign nation," and not to connote "any intention of securing preferential or exclusive economic rights in China."

Happily, as a result of the conference, it is not now necessary to consider any possible ambiguity in the expressions used in the Lansing-Ishii agreement of 1917, as any question which they might have raised has been completely set at rest by the treaty, now before the Senate, to which the United States and Japan are parties. I refer to the treaty between the nine Powers which explicitly sets forth the principles and policies to be maintained by the signatory Powers in relation to China.

It is thus agreed to respect the sovereignty, the independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China; to provide the full and most unembarrassed opportunity to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government; to use their influence for the purpose of effectually establishing and maintaining the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations throughout the territory of China; to refrain from taking advantage of conditions in China in order to secure special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of subjects or citizens of friendly States, and from countenancing action inimical to the security of such States.

More specifically, the signatory Powers agree that they will not seek nor support their respective national in seeking any arrangement which might purport to establish in favor of their interests any general superiority of rights with respect to commercial or economic development in any designated region of China, or any such monopoly or privilege as would deprive the nationals of any other Power of the right of undertaking any legitimate trade or industry in China, or of participating with the Chinese Government, or with any local authority, in any category of public enterprise, or which by reason of its scope, duration or geographical extent is calculated to frustrate the practical application of the principle of equal opportunity.

And, further, the signatory Powers agree not to support any agreements by their respective nationals with each other designed to create spheres of influence or to provide for the enjoyment of mutually exclusive opportunities in designated parts of Chinese territory.

The negotiation of this treaty is in itself the most formal declaration of the policy of the executive in relation to China, and supersedes any executive understanding or declaration that could possibly be asserted to have any contrary import. If the Senate assents to this treaty, the principles and policies which the treaty declares will be supported and enforced by a binding international agreement.

My answer, then, to your first question is that the so-called Lansing-Ishii agreement has no binding effect whatever, either with respect to the past, or to the future, which is in any sense inconsistent with the principles and policies explicitly declared in the Nine-Power Treaty to which I have referred.

As to your second question, I may say that the Four-Power Treaty does not refer to China and hence does not directly bear upon the Lansing-Ishii notes, which related exclusively to China. The Four-Power Treaty, however, is an essential part of the plan to create conditions in the Far East at once favorable to the policies we have long advocated and to an enduring peace.

WARREN G. HARDING,  
The White House, March 8 1922.

The presentation of President Harding's reply to the Senate brought the following comment from Senator Borah:

Mr. President, as I understand the message of the President, the Lansing-Ishii agreement is supposed to be annulled or abrogated and henceforth to be disregarded, because it will be found to be in contravention to the terms of the nine-power treaty. That is not the view which some officials of Japan take of the nine-power treaty. I am very happy, however, to have the declaration of the Executive that that is the American view. This is an Executive agreement, as it were, and I presume, therefore, that the highest authority, and practically the sole authority, upon its continuance is the Executive, and I trust that the Japanese nation will understand that the Lansing-Ishii agreement is now at an end, provided the nine-power treaty is ratified.

I only desire to say, however, that after a very careful re-reading of the nine-power treaty, I find nothing in it which conflicts with the Lansing-Ishii agreement, as that agreement was construed by the Japanese Government. Indeed, the Lansing-Ishii agreement contained within itself a specific declaration that the parties to the agreement would respect the territorial integrity of China. According to Mr. Lansing, it was for the purpose of re-announcing what is known as the Hay doctrine more specifically, and it was incorporated, therefore, in the Lansing-Ishii agreement.

The nine-power treaty is supposed to re-announce and to confirm more in detail the Hay doctrine of the open door policy, but the Japanese Government always contended that the other provisions of the Lansing-Ishii agreement, which purported to give Japan a special interest in China, were not in conflict with the Hay doctrine and not in conflict with the agreement which they had made in regard to it, and I think the official statements of high officers of Japan are available now, and may be presented later, to the effect that the nine-power treaty is not in conflict with the special interests of Japan.

Only a short time ago one of the officials of Japan stated that Japan's interest in Manchuria was by reason of her special interest, her propinquity to China, re-announcing, as it were, the very doctrine which they claim was announced and conceded by the United States in the Lansing-Ishii agreement.

I rise to say, therefore, that, as I construe this message of the President, it is a renouncement of the Lansing-Ishii agreement—that is, provided the nine-power treaty is ratified—that he regards the nine-power treaty as in absolute conflict with the Lansing-Ishii understanding. That ought to terminate the Lansing-Ishii agreement. I trust it will be so understood and accepted.

#### OPENING OF PERMANENT COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AT THE HAGUE.

The Permanent Court of International Justice, created under the Treaty of Versailles, held its first public session at The Hague Peace Palace on Feb. 15. At the opening session the oath of office was taken by the Judges, the form of oath having been approved by the Court on Feb. 4; a copyright cablegram to the New York "Times" from The Hague Feb. 15 reported the oath as follows:

"I hereby solemnly declare that I will always exercise impartially and conscientiously the duties conferred upon me as Judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice."

On Feb. 3 Dr. B. T. C. Loder, a former member of the Dutch Supreme Court, was elected President of the International Court; his election, it is stated, was virtually unanimous; his term of office is for three years. The President of the Court receives an annual salary of 15,000 florin (a Dutch florin is worth about 40 cents normally) plus an allowance of 45,000 florins. The ten judges of the Court each draw 15,000 florins annually, plus an allowance of 20,000 florins. These salaries are borne by the League of Nations. On Feb. 7 Judge Charles Andre Weiss of France was elected Vice-President of the International Court. On that date press dispatches from The Hague said:

The Court, in fixing the duties of the Deputy Judges who will replace the absent Judges, adopted a system of rotation whereby alternate representation of the different law systems of the world will be duly insured. A sub-committee of five Judges is now engaged in elaborating the Court's rules of procedure.

Queen Wilhelmina and her consort, Prince Henry, were present at the opening session of the Court, at which were gathered representatives of many nations. The Associated Press dispatches in their account of its opening said in part:

The business of the Court to-day was confined largely to speeches, in which the historic importance of the day was emphasized. None of the Council of the League of Nations was able to attend, except Dr. Castoa da Cunha of Brazil, who was present as the Chairman of the League. Of the Jurists' Committee of 1920, from which the new Court sprang, only the French representative, M. de la Pradelle, and M. Adatchi of Japan were present.

The Secretary-General, Sir Eric Drummond, and the Financial Director, Sir Herbert Ames, attended, while Jose Villatonga of Spain, judicial advisor, represented the International Labor Bureau at Geneva.

Dr. da Cunha in his address declared that Feb. 15 was one of the great days in the annals of human justice.

"Now that the task which seemed impossible has been achieved," he said, "do not fear that the Council of the League or the assembly intends in any way to maintain authority over you, for henceforth the League of Nations desires you to deliver the judgment in behalf of all mankind."

Sir Eric Drummond paid tribute to Elihu Root for the important part he played in the conception of the scheme from which the Court sprang. In his opinion, the Permanent Court was the greatest and most creative act of the League. It was an international body entirely free from all political control, whose judgments would in no wise be subjected to advice or revision by the Council or the Assembly. He spoke of the foundation of the Court as a ray of light in the path of progress now enshrouded in fog.

Further Associated Press accounts had the following to say relative to the Court's opening:

The Peace Palace was the scene to-day of the inaugural session of the Permanent Court of International Justice of the League of Nations.

The event was hailed by the adherents of peace ideals as a new milestone in world progress, or in the words of Lord Curzon, "the beginning of a new era of concord among nations."

Numbers of congratulatory telegrams were flowing in to-day to greet the opening of the court. Among them was one from Tokio signed by Foreign Minister of Uchida of Japan.

"This surely is a great step towards the realization of the ideal of universal peace, and Japan, which yields to none in its love of peace and justice, rejoices profoundly," he wrote. "Therefore, I have the honor to express in the name of the Imperial Government my sincere wishes for the development of the new institution."

Telegrams of regret at their inability to be present because of urgent affairs at Paris were received from Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, Leon Bourgeois, and Quinones de Leon, Spanish Ambassador to France.

The first meeting was held in the Great Hall of Justice, a chapel-like chamber, the carved open walls of which have not yet assumed the darker tints of age, but the appointments of which combine to give the appropriate atmosphere of judicial solemnity.

The members of the court represent twelve nationalities, and both the Eastern and Western worlds. The judges, in accordance with the law creating the Court, possess "the qualifications required in their respective countries for appointment to the highest judicial offices," or are "jurisconsults of recognized competence in international law."

The representative of the United States is John Bassett Moore, and the others present in The Hague for the meeting are the President, or Chief Justice, Bernard Cornelius Johannes Loder of Holland, Dr. Rafael Altamira y Crevea of Spain, Commendatore Dionisio Anzilotti of Italy, Viscount Robert Finlay of Great Britain, Dr. Max Huber of Switzerland, Dldrik Nyholm of Denmark, Dr. Yorozu Oda of Japan, and Dr. Andre Weiss of France. The two other judges—Dr. Ruy Barbosa of Brazil and Dr. Antonio S. de Bustamante of Cuba—were unable to come to The Hague.

Three of the deputy judges are here—F. V. N. Beichmann of Norway, Demetria Negulesco of Roumania, and Michailo Yovanovitch of Jugoslavia—Dr. Wang Chung-Hui of China being absent.

At the time of their election some comment was evoked by the absence of a representative of Mohammedan law, but Judge Nyholm of Denmark served on the international mixed tribunal in Cairo since 1896, and is held to be an authority on the subject.

The judges and deputy judges have at their disposal two panels of technical assessors to advise them on points arising in labor and transit questions. There are no Americans on either panel. The labor panel comprises two assessors nominated by each member of the League of Nations and one employers' and one workers' representative from each member country, chosen by the League's labor office. The transit and communications panel is composed of two nominees of each member State.

A recapitulation of the official lists of nominees shows that on the transit and communications panel there are two representatives each of Letvia, Chile, Denmark, India, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, China, Italy, Great Britain, Uruguay, France, Belgium, Sweden, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, Brazil, Rumania, Greece, Austria, Norway, Finland and Poland, and one each of Haiti and Holland.

The labor panel includes one or more representatives from each of these States excepting France and Greece, and with the addition of appointees from Colombia and those delegated by the labor office from various countries.

Choice of The Hague as the seat of the new court is the cause of much pride among the Hollanders, who point out that Hugo Grotius, whose bust is in the library of the Peace Palace, became the founder of the science of international law early in the seventeenth century.

As to the first case which will come before the Court, we quote the following advices from The Hague (Associated Press) Feb. 16:

The first case which will come up before the Permanent Court of International Justice when it opens for business June 15 will be the French Government's request for a ruling as to whether agriculture comes within the competence of the International Labor Bureau, as created by the Versailles Peace Treaty.

France shortly will send a representative here, and Great Britain's interests will be looked after by the Attorney-General on behalf of the Minister of Labor. Alfred Clive Lawrence, legal adviser of the British Ministry of Labor, already is here.

The court is to work daily on its rules of procedure, which probably will be completed by the middle of March. The judges then will be free to disperse until June 15, except for some unforeseen eventuality.

#### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO INTERNATIONAL COURTS AT THE HAGUE.

In advices from The Hague, the Associated Press had the following to say under date of Feb. 10:

The differences between the two international courts now established at The Hague Peace Palace, which are frequently confusing to the public, were explained to the Associated Press correspondent to-day by A. K. E. Hammarskjold, the official recorder for the new Court of Justice set up under the auspices of the League of Nations, and which will hold its first public meeting on Feb. 15.

The previously created Permanent Court of Arbitration (the League of Nations Court is called the Permanent Court of Justice) will be called upon next June to decide a case between Norway and the United States relating to claims for damages by Norwegians against requisitions made by the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board.

"It has been felt for some time that the Court of Arbitration was not really permanent," said Mr. Hammarskjold.

"An agreement of the parties involved was required in order to make it competent. The parties were represented on the tribunal by members of their own nationality. Even the material law of the Court, dependent upon the wishes of the States concerned.

"What was needed was a court always available consisting of a limited number of judges holding regular sessions and basing their discussions on defined rules laid down, not by the parties concerned, but by general international law or by treaties or, more generally, deciding according to the principles of law. In other words, what was needed was a court that would be entirely independent of the parties concerned in its cases, a court that might be able vigorously to contribute to the formation and development of international law by its independent judgments, and that would constitute real jurisprudence."

Mr. Hammarskjold pointed out that the new court was intended to be a judicial and not an arbitral institution. Otherwise, he said, it would merely duplicate The Hague Court of Arbitration, in favor of whose continuance the Paris Peace Conference had pronounced.

The League of Nations Court's statutes contain an optional clause whereby the various members of the League may acknowledge the compulsory features of the court's jurisdiction. Such acknowledgement has been given by eighteen States; Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Haiti, Holland, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Salvador, Sweden, Switzerland and Uruguay. The adherence to this feature by Brazil was conditioned upon one of the great powers accepting this clause. By this clause one signatory in effect concludes a convention with all the other signatories of the clause agreeing to accept the Court's findings.

This clause constitutes, therefore, the serious beginning of the transplantation into international domain of the principles and jurisdiction that have been maintained for centuries within the various States.

"The States will prefer to address themselves," said Mr. Hammarskjold, "to arbitrators chosen by themselves and entrusted with the conciliation of conflicting interests on a basis of legal considerations rather than to have recourse to a tribunal constituted with a view to applying the strict principles of law. But it is not correct to say that the new Court should be regarded as superfluous on this account."

"There are numerous questions which States prefer not to submit to the protracted and costly procedure of arbitration, but which they probably would hasten to bring before a court where the expenses are not out of proportion to the importance of the affair. Those questions are arising almost daily, which affect only slightly the political action of States—questions that are now solved according to the wishes of the stronger. To bring disputes of this kind within the scope of justice and to create real jurisprudence in those domains are missions of the new Court which in themselves would suffice to make it an extremely important factor. Arbitration has not been able to contribute appreciably to the development within the family of nations of the idea of justice and law. Arbitration, from its very nature, means to solve a certain conflict rather than be the instrument for the realization of justice."

"That is both the strength and weakness of arbitration. But what arbitration failed to do is for the permanent Court to realize.

"To create, little by little, by practical and successful solutions, a conscience of justice within the community of nations; to make that community love the conception of justice, and to compel nations to feel and appreciate the invaluable blessings of law—that is what those though equally far from sharing the thoughtless enthusiasm of some and the unwarrantable scepticism of others, may confidently expect from this new institution."

#### TEXTILE STRIKE CONTINUES WITH LITTLE CHANGE—MEDIATION AGAIN FAILS.

The textile strike is beginning its seventh week in Rhode Island and fourth week in New Hampshire with relatively little change. Some 45,000 operatives are stated to be idle. The New Hampshire mills, it is understood, generally remain closed.

The Amoskeag Company at Manchester, N. H., whose 16,000 employees are standing out against a 20% wage cut and a 54-hour week, on March 6 placed an advertisement in local newspapers asserting that, working 48 hours a week with wages at last year's level, the company cannot turn out goods in competition with Southern mills.

Several of the 52 plants closed in Rhode Island have been reopened, but it is understood that with two or three exceptions they have only a small complement of their regular force at work. Among the mills reported as reopening are the following:

(1) Acme Finishing Co. plant at Pawtucket reopened March 3 with a 48-hour week and pre-strike wages, and it is said time and a half pay for overtime. The entire 750 operatives, it is said, returned to work.

(2) Hope mill at Hope Village reopened March 2 in a small way with 20% wage reduction and longer hours, presumably the 54 hour week.

(3) Tamarack mill No. 1 at Pawtucket, owned by the Jenckes Spinning Co., reopened March 6

(4) Mill of Crown Mfg. Co. in Attleboro, Mass., just over the Rhode Island line, reopened March 6.

(5) The Interlaken Print Works at Arkwright, in the Pawtucket Valley, also resumed March 6.

(6) Woonsocket Falls Mills at Woonsocket, having effected a compromise with its 150 employees on the basis of a 48 hour week and a 6 to 10% wage cut, was to reopen March 6.

There is more or less disturbance from time to time in connection with picketing operations, and State militiamen are still helping to keep order.

The cotton manufacturers claim that if their employees were left to themselves the great majority of them would yield to reason and return to work. Southern competition, they assert, makes absolutely necessary a 20% cut in wages and an increase in the hours of work from 48 to 54. The Amalgamated Textile Workers they denounce as a communistic body bent on stirring up trouble.

The labor leaders, on the other hand, having unionized the Pawtucket Valley Mills, previously free to a large extent from union domination, make the plea that if the manufacturers will open their books and records to an impartial investigating body and can show that continued payment of the old wage scale will ruin their business and not permit them a fair profit, the workers will return to work at once.

The Rhode Island State Board of Mediation and Conciliation on March 8 abandoned their second attempt at settlement of the strike dispute and adjourned indefinitely, considering it "useless to make further attempts to persuade either side to submit to arbitration." Their plan provided for a 10% wage reduction instead of the 20% asked by mill owners, and for retention of the 48-hour working week in the mills, instead of the 54-hour week proposed by the manufacturers.

A statement issued by the Board says:

While refusing arbitration, certain employers consented to permit the Chairman of the Board to secretly examine their books, so that he might judge personally of the accuracy of their contention that without a 20% wage reduction and an increase in working hours per week in certain instances their mills could not be operated except at a ruinous loss.

As the representatives of labor would not consent to any form of mediation or arbitration wherein the investigation of the employers' side of the controversy would be conducted secretly, and least of all as the representatives of labor also stated that the question of the 48-hour law is one which they are not willing to arbitrate, the Board considers that it is useless to make further attempts to persuade either side of the controversy to submit their claims to a board of arbitration at this time.

#### COAL WAGE SITUATION—PRESIDENT HARDING ANXIOUS FOR BITUMINOUS CONFERENCE—OPPOSITION—HEAVY MAJORITIES REPORTED FOR STRIKE.

Agreeably with President Harding's desire that wage conferences be arranged between the coal operators and their employees, Secretary of Labor Davis on March 9 issued a statement urging that a preliminary conference of the bituminous interests be held prior to April 1 to arrange the time and place for considering a new working agreement. The anthracite operators and their miners will meet in New York for this purpose on March 15.

In the Illinois field, both men and operators have expressed their willingness to confer apart from the other districts, but the men have been warned by the heads of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis against negotiating independently of their sister unions. Indeed, with the exception of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association, employing 45,000 union miners in Western Pennsylvania, the bituminous operators generally, it would seem, are disposed to meet in accordance with the President's wish, provided a general conference for all the districts is feasible.

The Pittsburgh Association, while willing to deal with their "own men in Western Pennsylvania, union or non-union, on a working agreement, with the exception of the check off" announce their "irrevocable decision" not to be party in future to a wage scale embracing also Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In a statement issued March 9 they say in brief:

The national officers of the miners' organization insist on following this practice, because it enables them to control wage scales and policies over North America. They care nothing for the economic rights of any particular district, nor are they interested in the local operating and commercial problems of this district. This practice results in a scale which does not give to the Pittsburgh district a wage scale which its natural advantages and competitive surroundings entitle it to enjoy.

The aim of the miners is to force a non-competitive coal market so that wages may be maintained at the unusually high level. That this is their purpose is established beyond question by their demand for no decrease in wages, a six-hour day and a five-day week, and by the frequent utterance of their international President to the press.

While the agents of the Department of Labor are receiving assurances that "miner's locals in nearly all sections throughout the union fields are 'overwhelmingly voting to strike April 1'," this information, it is stated, "has been discounted to a degree because a strike vote is quite often taken so that committees assigned to negotiate the issues can act with fullest authority."

Articles of alliance between the United Mine Workers and the sixteen major railroad unions of the country were ratified by unanimous vote of the Board at Indianapolis on March 8.

#### NEW YORK CITY GAS RATES—STATUTORY RATES HELD CONFISCATORY—FINAL DECISION OF WIDE SIGNIFICANCE—FUNDS TO BE RELEASED.

The United States Supreme Court on March 6 handed down the decision which is given in full below, affirming the decree of the lower court to the effect that the rate of 80 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas, established in 1906 by the New York Legislature for the Consolidated Gas Co., and maintained at that rate until Aug. 11 1920, had become in 1918 and 1919 and still is confiscatory, and therefore null and void.

The decision is regarded as of the greatest importance, establishing the principle, once for all, that rates in general, however fixed, whether by statute, franchise, special ordinance or otherwise, cannot stand in the way of a public utility being allowed to earn regularly not only its operating expenses, but also a fair return on its investment. In case the conditions under which a company operates undergo a change, as in the case in question, "mere past success," the court holds, "could not support a demand that it continue to operate indefinitely at a loss. The public has no such right in respect to private property, although dedicated to public use."

The main decision was rendered by Associate Justice McReynolds (without dissenting opinion) in the suit of the Consolidated Gas Co., appealed by the Public Service Commission. The same Justice handed down decisions against the \$1 rate fixed for the New York & Queens Gas Co. and the 80-cent rate of the Kings County Lighting Co. The legality of the 80-cent rate was first called in question by the Consolidated Gas Co. shortly after the Act was passed, but on that occasion the suit was dismissed without prejudice on the ground that the confiscation, if any existed, was barely appreciable.

The present proceeding was instituted by the Consolidated Gas Co. in January 1919. A Master, after taking voluminous testimony daily for eight months, concluded in May 1920 that, on the basis of prices and wages prevailing since January 1918, confiscation had been suffered and would continue. The United States District Court on Aug. 11 1920 confirmed the opinion of the Master, and the Supreme Court confirms the judgment of the lower court.

The present decision deprecates the orders of the District Court with reference to the fixing of rates; "rate making," the Supreme Court says, "is no function of the courts," and it also criticizes the stipulation with respect to the funds

impounded above the 80-cent rate. "All impounded funds," the decision declares, "should be promptly released to the gas company, subject only to deductions of such costs as are clearly assessable to the prevailing party." The case is remanded to the District Court for action in accordance with the present mandates.

The amount of the impounded funds thus to be released amounted as of March 1, the "Chronicle" learns, in the case of the Consolidated Gas Co., to about \$14,000,000, while, including all of its subsidiary gas companies, the amount eventually to be set free aggregated on March 1 approximately \$22,000,000.

Official statements in the "Chronicle" Jan. 29 1921, p. 466, and Jan. 28 1922, p. 407, show that the gas rates actually collected by the Consolidated Gas Co. to have been as follows: Till the decision of Aug. 1920, 80 cents; then to and including Feb. 1921, \$1 20; March 1 1921 to July 31 1921, \$1 50; Aug. 1 1921 to date, \$1 25, the company having voluntarily made this reduction in view of the fall in the price of oil to 6 cents per gallon.

The New York & Queens Gas Co. raised its rate Nov. 19 1920, when the court entered a decree in the case of that company from \$1, the statutory amount, to \$1 25, plus a service charge of 75 cents a month. Other subsidiary companies in the Manhattan, Bronx and Long Island City territories put in effect a \$1 rate on July 1 1920, under preliminary injunctions granted by the Federal Court. Modifying orders increased this rate to \$1 10 on Dec. 1 1920. No records are at hand to show the subsequent changes, if any, in rates by the subsidiary companies.

The statutory rate for the Kings County Lighting Co., 80 cents, was set aside in October 1920, and the rate then increased to 95 cents; in November 1920 to \$1 50.

In the case of Kings County Lighting Co. and New York & Queens Gas Co. Justice McReynolds said after reciting the facts:

*Kings County Lighting Co.*—"We are satisfied the court below reached a correct conclusion and that none of the points relied upon for reversal is adequate to justify such action. So far as substantial, all were adequately disposed of by the opinion of the trial court, and we need not comment further upon them. The judgment below is affirmed."

*New York & Queens Gas Co.*—"This appeal brings up for review a final decree entered Nov. 19 1920, which adjudged that in so far as Chapter 125, Laws of New York for 1906, prohibited appellee from charging and receiving more than \$1 a 1,000 cubic feet for gas delivered and sold in Third Ward, Queensborough, New York City, it was and had been confiscatory since Jan. 1 1919.

"After taking a great mass of evidence, Master reported that actual cost to appellee of manufacturing and distributing gas exceeded \$1 a 1,000 cubic feet and that the challenged act was confiscatory. With this conclusion trial court agrees and entered an appropriated decree. We find no sufficient ground for disapproving the action so taken, and it is accordingly affirmed."

As to the similar cases still pending, Washington press reports say:

The Brooklyn Union Gas Co. case will probably be dropped as result of decision in Consolidated Gas case, and the same may be true of Central Union and Northern Union Gas cases. Deputy Attorney-General of New York Wilbur W. Chambers made motion that the Brooklyn case, arguments in which were set for Monday, should be reassigned. Chief Justice Taft suggested counsel should look over the decision in the Consolidated Gas case, and he would probably find questions involved in the Brooklyn case were now purely academic. Counsel accepted the hint, and there will probably be no further proceedings in these cases.

Appeals which the State and City of New York had taken in the cases of the Central Union and the Northern Union Gas companies, both subsidiaries of the Consolidated Gas Co., were on March 9 ordered "passed" by the Supreme Court on request of counsel for the Attorney-General of New York, thus postponing argument on the suits until they are again reached on the calendar.

The so called contingency fund maintained by the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. comprises a question distinct from those adjudicated by the Supreme Court in its decision last Monday of other cases brought to test the New York 80 cent gas law, James A. Connelly as counsel for Kings County, N. Y., argued to day (Sept. 9) before the Supreme Court. He asked the court to consider the two cases of the Brooklyn company as separate from the others, with a view to deciding whether the contingency fund, which he estimated at \$13 000,000, was not sufficient to have carried the company through the "confiscatory period" covered in the suits.

Mr. Connelly insisted that the company had used parts of the fund at times for the payment of dividends and to cover losses suffered during strikes and that the existence of the fund made it possible for the company to have operated without loss during the period of high operating costs in 1918 and 1919 and probably to pay dividends.

Justice Pitney asked whether the fund did not represent private property belonging to the company which could have been divided among the stockholders, and Justice Brandeis inquired whether the fund was not created to meet other contingencies than inadequate earnings. Counsel for the company insisted that it was a trust fund belonging to the consumers.

The court was asked by Wilbur W. Chambers, solicitor for the Attorney-General of New York, who had joined in bringing the appeal, to consider the large quantity of "unaccounted for gas," in determining whether the statutory rate was confiscatory. He insisted that leakage and other losses had exceeded 10%, and suggested that if a part of this loss was disallowed the earnings of the company at the statutory rate would have been ample during 1918 and 1919.

William N. Dykman of counsel for the company asserted much of the contingency fund had been placed in betterments, extensions and similar improvements, so that the company could grow with the city of Brooklyn, which it served, and have a plant and equipment adequate to handle all of its business.

The remarks of officials of the Consolidated Gas Co. with reference to the decision are cited in the "News Department" below.

#### Extracts from Text of the Supreme Court's Decision in the Consolidated Gas Company's Case.

*History.*—The Consolidated Gas Co. was organized in 1884 by consolidation of six corporations then manufacturing, distributing and selling gas in New York City, and has continued to carry on the business, making additions and extensions as required by the increasing demand. Chapter 125, Laws of New York, 1906, required it to sell gas with illuminating power of 22 candles at no more than 80 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

A suit brought soon after this Act became effective to enjoin its enforcement, because confiscatory, was finally dismissed without prejudice, *Willcox vs. Consolidated Gas Co.*, 212 U. S. 19, and for many years thereafter the company supplied gas at the prescribed rate.

Jan. 16 1919 it [the Consolidated Gas Co.] instituted the present proceeding against the present Attorney-General and other public officers. The bill alleges that the statutory rate is confiscatory—prevents and will continue to prevent a fair return on the property used—and prays for an injunction.

*Master in May 1920 Found 80-Cent Gas Rates Confiscatory* (V. 110, p. 1976).

A Master, appointed in May 1919, heard testimony from day to day for eight months—about 20,000 printed pages—and presented this to the Court with his report and opinion May 5 1920. Having considered the results of actual operations during all of 1918 and the first eight months of 1919 and well-known subsequent conditions, he concluded:

"On the basis of the prices, rates of pay and costs prevailing during the eight months beginning Jan. 1 1919, the cost of making and distributing gas has been such as to allow a very small, if any, return on even the actual investment; and since Sept. 1 1919 the cost of making and distributing gas has been increased in a number of respects so that the fair inference is that the complainant company now finds itself without any return upon the investment. The conditions found by me have existed for more than a year past, and to a lesser degree for at least a year before that time, and will continue for at least a considerable period of time, the end of which cannot now be forecast.

"Upon such a situation and such a prospect, I think that the complainant company has shown itself clearly and beyond all reasonable doubt entitled to relief from the statutory limitation on its rates, but that its rate of return should be calculated, not upon the present high reproduction cost of its property, with or without the deduction of observed or actual depreciation, in whatever manner computed, but upon the actual, reasonable investment in the property devoted to the service of the complainant's consumers."

*United States District Court, Aug. 4 1920, Also Held 80-Cent Rate Confiscatory.*

In a carefully prepared opinion, while disagreeing with the Master concerning some valuations and resolving all doubts against the company, the Court held the prescribed rate had been confiscatory since Jan. 1 1918, and would continue so to be. (267 Fed., 231; 274 Fed., 986.)

An amended decree—entered Aug. 11 1920—enjoined enforcement of the Act upon condition "that until March 1 1921, or until the earlier promulgation of a gas-rate applicable to the plaintiff by some competent authorities of the State of New York, the plaintiff shall neither charge nor collect for the sale of gas in the City of New York more than the sum of \$1 20 per 1,000 cubic feet." And also upon the further condition that it should impound, or adequately secure, collections above 80 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, for ultimate distribution in accordance with any rate so established.

A broad appeal was allowed in No. 257, Sept. 9 1920. In No. 258, an appeal, allowed Nov. 10 1920, brings up these parts of the August decree which imposed conditions upon continuation of the injunction.

Feb. 28 1921 the trial court undertook to modify the August decree by directing that "the excess derived from sales above 80 cents per 1,000 feet should be impounded until three months after determination of the appeal here or until a rate should be fixed by competent State authority; and further, that such sums should be subject to ultimate distribution as nearly as may equitably be done" in accordance with that rate and the approved principles and findings relative thereto. The appeal from this order is No. 288.

Equity rules 75 and 76 direct that records on appeal shall not set forth the evidence fully but in simple condensed form and require omission of non-essentials and mere formal parts of documents. Without apparent attempt to comply with those rules and with assent of appellee's counsel, appellants in No. 257 have filed a record of twenty-one volumes—20,000 printed pages—made up largely of stenographic reports of proceedings before the Master with hundreds of useless exhibits and many thousand pages of matter without present value. This is indefensible practice which we shall hereafter feel at liberty to punish to the limit of our discretion—possibly by dismissal of the appeal. These rules were intended to protect the courts against useless, burdensome records and litigants from unnecessary costs and delay. Counsel ought to comply with them, and trial courts should enforce performance of this plain duty.

#### Fundamental Facts as Viewed by U. S. Supreme Court.

The fundamental question presented for determination was whether the 80-cent rate had been confiscatory under conditions existing during 1918 and 1919 and probably would continue so to be. Considering the rulings herein, *Willcox vs. Consolidated Gas Co.*, and other cases, the answer required little more than an appreciation of facts, not very difficult to ascertain.

The Master's report and opinion disclose careful and intelligent consideration of the whole matter. "Resolving all doubts against the plaintiff" and using valuations "pared down unsparingly," the trial court agreed with the Master's ultimate findings and ruled that to enforce the statute would result in confiscation.

Since March 30 1921 the Public Service Commission has had power to prescribe rates for appellee unrestricted by the maximum specified in the Act of 1906; but no such action has been taken. It did, however, authorize a rate of \$1.40, instead of 80 cents, for another company operating in New York City, effective after Aug. 1 1920, and has thus indicated its informed judgment.

We are, of course, aware of the enormous increase in the cost of labor and materials since the Court declared that appellee might possibly earn 6% under the 80-cent rate. In view of all these things, only very cogent reasons would justify complete reversal of the challenged decree. The points relied upon by appellants in No. 257 and their supporting arguments have been considered, and we think no such reasons are shown. To discuss all of these would subserve no sufficient purpose—only a few present questions of general interest.

Appellants earnestly insist that they were denied fair and impartial trial both by the Master and the Court. So far as it relates to the Court, we dismiss the suggestion as frivolous. Undoubtedly, during many months devoted to hearings the Master talked too much, and often unwisely; but, manifestly, appellants' counsel made the situation unnecessarily difficult and failed to support the Master's earnest efforts promptly to ascertain the essential facts. Looking at all the circumstances, we are unable to conclude that any substantial right was denied.

The size of the record, eight months of almost daily hearings and the Master's reiterated offers to hear properly prepared and helpful evidence, show that abundant opportunity was given for presentation of appellants' case. The Master wisely sought to exclude ill-advised cross-examinations and other unimportant matter.

#### Clearly Entitled to Relief.

Since 1907 the gas company has been subject to supervision by a Commission empowered to prohibit unreasonable rates, and the presumption is that any profits from its business were lawfully acquired. (Municipa

Gas Co. vs. Public Service Commission, 225, N. Y., 89, 99.) Mere past success could not support a demand that it continue to operate indefinitely at a loss. The public has no such right in respect of private property, although dedicated to public use. When it became clear that the prescribed rate had yielded no fair return for more than a year, and that this condition would almost certainly continue for many months, the company was clearly entitled to relief.

The claim that appellee had failed to supply gas of the prescribed candle power, and therefore came into court with unclean hands and should not be heard, is without merit. The company was subject to official control; the facts as to candle power of the gas actually furnished are in dispute; the calorific quality had become more important to most consumers than the illuminating one; the Master reached the conclusion that the statutory standard had been substantially complied with; it had earnestly tried under very difficult circumstances to meet its customers' requirements. It sought relief from an unlawful burden—the fundamental wrong arose from the statute—and we find nothing which could justify refusal to consider its demand.

Complaint is also made because the Master admitted appellee's books in evidence. These books were kept in the ordinary course under general supervision of the Commission, appeared free from suspicion of dishonesty, were submitted to appellants' experts, and were the only readily available sources of detailed information concerning the company's affairs. In the circumstances we think no harm resulted from admitting them as prima facie evidence.

The general doctrine applicable when rates are alleged to be confiscatory has been so often stated that present discussion of it is unnecessary.

In No. 258 the gas company complains of the limit of \$1 20 per 1,000 cubic feet up to March 1 1921 as a continuation of the injunction, and also because sums above 80 cents per 1,000 were impounded for ultimate distribution in accordance with any rate which might be fixed thereafter by competent State authority.

#### Rate Making by Court Is Disapproved.

It was within the Court's discretion to grant the injunction upon terms and we cannot now say that the limitation upon charges amounted to abuse. But grave injustice may result from action of this kind and the power should be very cautiously exercised. It was error to direct ultimate distribution of the impounded funds in accordance with any subsequently approved rate. Rate making is no function of the Courts and should not be attempted either directly or indirectly. After declaring the 80-cent rate confiscatory, the Court should not have attempted, in effect, to subject the company for an indefinite period to some unknown rate to be proclaimed in the future upon consideration of conditions then prevailing.

#### Decree Interpreted and Affirmed—Impounded Funds Released.

The amendatory decree of February was obtained long after appeals from the August decree had been granted and when the Court had very limited power over the litigation. "One general rule in all cases (subject, however, to some qualifications) is that an appeal suspends the power of the Court below to proceed further in the case." Undoubtedly, after appeal the trial Court may, if the purposes of justice require, preserve the status quo until decision by the Appellate Court. But it may not finally adjudicate substantial rights involved in the appeal. The precise result of the February decree is somewhat doubtful, but we may treat it as an attempt to preserve the status quo in order that this Court might finally and completely dispose of the whole matter.

Thus interpreted, the decree (No. 288) was within the Court's discretion and as there was no abuse of this discretion it must be affirmed.

All impounded funds should be promptly released to the gas company, subject only to deductions for such costs as are clearly assessable to the prevailing party. Costs of Appeal No. 257 will be taxed to appellants; in No. 258 to the appellees. Modified as here indicated, the decree below is affirmed. The cause will be remanded for further proceedings in conformity with this opinion.

#### Not Intended to Pass on What Would Be a Reasonable Rate.

It seems proper to add that we do not intend by anything said herein to intimate what would have been a reasonable rate for the sale of gas under the circumstances disclosed. The 80-cent rate was confiscatory; the \$1.20 maximum imposed by the Court during a specified period as a condition to the injunction was a limitation in favor of the consumers.

### NEW YORK BARGE CANAL IN USE TO ONLY ONE-FIFTEENTH OF CAPACITY—COUNTRY'S NEED OF ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE IS QUESTIONED.

Hon. Charles L. Cadle of Rochester, N. Y., State Superintendent of Public Works, presented in connection with moving pictures at a reception given in Washington Feb. 16 by the New York delegation to other members of Congress, a statement of the actual operating conditions on the New York State Barge Canal.

While the canal is capable of transporting from 15 to 20 million tons of freight each season, it appears that in the year 1921 less than 1½ million tons were handled by it.

The fact that the barge canal is still so little used (though it has cost the State of New York for enlargement, including terminals, wharves, etc., \$154,000,000) the speaker considers a sufficient argument to refute "the claim" advanced in favor of the St. Lawrence River project, that there is at present no adequate outlet from the Great Lakes to Seaboard.

As quoted by the "Railway Review," Mr. Cadle said in substance:

The barge canal of New York State, based on water supply resources already developed, is capable of transporting from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 tons of freight each season. In 1921 the canal was opened to navigation in the latter part of April and the last boat did not pass out of its waters until Dec. 25. It is available for use 24 hours each day for at least 8 months in every year.

In the season just passed the business handled amounted to 1,458,000 tons. Of that amount, a little over a million tons were carried through the Erie and Oswego canals, both of which connect with the Great Lakes. Such tonnage is equivalent to only one-fifteenth of the capacity of those two channels.

Rates.—On April 30, the all-rail rates on ex-lake grain, for export, from Buffalo to New York, including the elevation and transfer charge from boats to cars of not exceeding one cent per bushel, compared with the canal charges as follows: (a) Wheat 12.1 cents per bushel by rail as against 0.7

cents by canal; (b) barley, 9.03 cents by rail and 7.7 cents by canal; (c) oats 6.28 cents by rail and 5.5 cents by canal; (d) corn and rye 11.03 cents by rail and 8.9 cents by canal. These rates were applicable on domestic cargo lot shipments as well as those for export.

Later in the season, the canal transportation companies reduced their rates by making the charge on barley 6.7 cents, on corn and rye 7.7 cents, on oats 5.5 cents and on wheat 8.5 cents, and such reduction was followed by a cut in railroad rates.

When making the reduction, however, the rail carriers gave special notice that at the close of business on Dec. 31 1921, that is, after the canals were to be closed for the season, the rates which were in effect before the season opened would be restored. However, for reasons which seemed to have appealed to the railroads a further notice was issued giving promise that the lower schedule would continue in effect until March 31 1922, unless sooner canceled, changed or extended.

During the later half of the season the canal rates on the five classes remained 1½ cents per bushel under the rail charges.

But the use of the canal is by no means confined to the movement of grain. The records show that every commodity or article capable of being transported is moved through its waters.

On all items other than grain the canal charges ranged between 20 and 40% under those of the railroads. The rates of the canal carriers included store delivery at Buffalo on carload and less than carload shipments west-bound. On eastbound shipments from Buffalo to New York an allowance for cartage of 7 cents for each 100 lbs. was made.

#### Joint Canal and Rail Rates.

Comparing the all-rail rates with the joint canal and Great Lakes rates, a marked difference in favor of the water route is shown. The following figures covering the six classifications of freight will tell the story of the difference in favor of the lake and canal route:

(a) On freight of the first class per 100 lbs., the all-rail rate was \$1 57½ as against \$1 29½ via lake and canal, a difference of 28 cents. (b) On second class freight, \$1 36½ and \$1 16, a difference of 22½ cents. (c) On third class, \$1 05 and 80 cents, a difference of 25 cents. (d) On fourth class, 73½ and 62½ cents, a difference of 11 cents. (e) On fifth class freight, 63 and 52 cents, a difference of 11 cents. (f) On commodities in the sixth class, 52½ cents by rail and 44 cents by water, a difference of 8½ cents.

Joint through class rates have been established between canal ports and the principal Great Lakes ports via canal and lake lines. From New York and vicinity to points in the middlewest, joint through class and commodity rates have been established and tariff schedules are issued by transportation companies for the guidance of shippers.

Vessels.—Registered in the canal office at Albany is a total of 136 tugs and 1,243 freight-carrying vessels. Of the latter number 743 were actually in use last year in canal operations. These boats ranged in size from the old-type barge with a capacity of 300 tons to steel motor ships of the most modern design capable of transportation 1,750 tons on a full draft.

The larger number of newly built vessels are designed to carry between 500 and 700 tons. The usual unit of operation is a fleet of six barges, one of which is equipped with power. In this manner, 3,000 tons is moved at one time. If wheat is the cargo the load is equivalent to 100,000 bushels, if oats, 187,900 bushels.

Direct Through Freight.—The question of freight movement by water without breaking bulk at Buffalo was widely discussed for many years and at the time the enlargement of the State canals every phase of the question was studied, and the most thorough investigation by transportation and boat building experts, it was found that to compensate advantages could be gained by the construction of a channel of such dimensions as would eliminate the need of transshipment at Buffalo.

Nevertheless last year vessels capable of navigating the Great Lakes made their appearance on the barge canal. Five steel motor ships were constructed by a Duluth shipbuilding concern for use on both lake and canal. They are of the oil-burning type and carry 1,500 tons on a 10-foot draft and 1,750 tons when loaded to 11 feet. On the initial trip of the first of these ships, 83,000 bushels of oats constituted its cargo. In them freight may be carried direct from Duluth to New York harbor.

Dock, Warehouses, &c.—Having in mind the deficiencies and weaknesses of the canal for previous years, public docks were constructed where barges can moor, machinery of the most modern type for the unloading of freight was installed, and warehouses in which the cargoes may be stored pending delivery were built. There is hardly a city, village or town along the line of the canal which has not been provided with these facilities.

At the seaboard terminals in the City of New York \$10,000,000 has been expended on terminal facilities alone. Whatever may be said of the alleged congestion of shipping in the harbor of New York, barges with canal-borne cargoes are absolutely free of such hindrances. Ample wharves with warehouse and mechanical equipment have been built in the State at eight different localities for the almost exclusive use of vessels arriving from the West or bound to the Great Lakes. Berths are provided canal freight-carrying vessels free of charge, and the use of the freight handling machinery may be had at nominal cost.

### NEW JERSEY TAX EXEMPTION LAW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY STATE SUPREME COURT.

A dispatch from Trenton to the New York "Times," dated March 1, said:

The Runyon 1920 law, exempting from taxes for five years homes erected between Oct. 1 1920 and Oct. 1 1922, was set aside today by the Supreme Court here as unconstitutional. The opinion was written by Justice Bergen.

Proceedings attacking the law's validity were heard by the Supreme Court two weeks ago in a suit brought by Julius Koch against the Essex County Tax Board. This litigation was a test suit for various municipalities throughout the State.

Justice Bergen ruled that the five year exemption statute "is special in character, creating an arbitrary classification of property to be exempted from taxation and does not conform to the constitutional provision that all property shall be assessed for taxation under general laws and by uniform rules, according to its true value."

The court said it was manifest that no class of property could be segregated for higher taxation, and that therefore the converse must be true, that no class of property could be segregated for lower taxes. The fact that the law was passed to aid in relieving the housing shortage could not be urged successfully, the court pointed out, to set aside the constitutional mandate that taxes must be assessed by general laws and uniform rules.

The court's decision is State-wide and will have the same effect in all counties of the State. The Act set aside today was presented by Senator William N. Runyon of Plainfield in 1920. Justice Bergen's decision said, in part:

"We think such classification is arbitrary and amounts to special legislation in violation of constitutional provision. The established rule in this State in classifying property for taxation is that each classification must contain all property which is in the same class, and that is largely determined by its use. But in this case, classification is based upon construction, within a limited period, for use for dwelling purposes, while all other buildings used for such purposes are not within the class. In the statute under consideration the exemption is based upon the use to which the exempted property is to be put, namely, for dwelling purposes, and when legislation fixes a classification based upon the use of exempted property, this must include all property put to the same use.

"We are of the opinion that when the Legislature undertakes to classify property for the purpose of exemption from payment of taxes, it must include in that classification all property of like character which is subject to the same use and that a classification which includes only improvements made to real estate created within a limited period, leaving all other property of like character and for the same use subject to taxation, is illusory and arbitrary."

Assemblyman Todd of Bergen County has a bill before the Legislature to repeal the Runyon statute which was declared void to-day. Senator Simpson of Hudson County has another bill extending the Runyon law for five years, dating from 1923. This Runyon law was adopted by the 1920 Legislature to encourage home building.

About \$10,000,000 worth of property in Essex County will be affected by the new ruling of the Supreme Court wiping out the tax exemption law for buildings erected between Oct. 1 1920 and Oct. 1 1922.

James A. Mungle, Secretary of the County Tax Board, said yesterday in Newark that the new ruling would reduce the tax rate for the county from .94.17 to .93.

In Newark ratables amounting to approximately 4,000,000 will be included in the budget, and a drop in the tax rate of two or three points for the city is figured. According to James J. Fitzsimmons, Secretary of the City Tax Board, Newark's tax rate will be either 3.78 or 3.79, instead of 3.81.

In connection with the report that the Essex County Tax Board would appeal the decision of the Supreme Court, the Newark "News," under date of March 3, said in part:

Coincident with the receipt to-day by the Essex County Tax Board of a copy of a letter by the State Board of Taxes and Assessment ordering all county tax boards to include in 1922 ratables property exempted under the tax law found invalid by the Supreme Court this week, the Essex Board instructed County Counsel Vanderbilt not to file an appeal against the court decision with the Court of Errors.

Inclusion of the exempted property in this year's ratables will reduce 1922 tax rates throughout the State. In Essex the county rate will be cut one point, and in Newark the cut will amount to three points.

The Act declared unconstitutional exempted from assessment for five years all houses erected for dwelling purposes between Oct. 1 1920 and the same date this year. It was attacked on a writ of mandamus by Julius Koch, of 41 Hedden Terrace, represented by Herbert Boggs.

#### RAILROAD RATES—STATE OF TEXAS' SUIT TO SET ASIDE INTRA-STATE RATES OF COMMERCE COMMISSION DISMISSED AS IMPROPERLY BROUGHT.

The suit of the State of Texas against the Inter-State Commerce Commission and others to annul the intra-State rates ordered by the Commission in July 1920 was dismissed by the United States Supreme Court on March 6 on the ground that such suits must first be brought in the District Courts and the United States made a defendant.

Judge Van DeVanter, who delivered the unanimous opinion of the Court, declared that the bill disclosed "insuperable obstacles to our entertaining it on any ground." He also directed attention to the fact that many of the questions which Texas sought to adjudicate had been disposed of a week ago in the Wisconsin and New York cases decided by the Supreme Court.

The bill of complaint contended that the Inter-State Commerce Commission had infringed on the rights reserved to the State to the detriment of its citizens as follows:

(1) It placed the carriers of Texas in a territorial rate group with carriers of other States where railroad construction and operation are attended with greater cost; (2) approved a general increase in the inter State rate and fares of carriers in that group; (3) directed a corresponding increase in State rates and fares of carriers in Texas; (4) authorized the abandonment by certain carriers of their lines within the State; (5) exercised a supervision over the issue of stocks, bonds and other securities by carriers chartered by the State. All of these acts, it was alleged, infringed on the powers reserved to the State and subjected its citizens to unnecessary expense and great inconvenience.

It is stated that counsel for the appellant in the Wisconsin case noted March 4 (p. 916) did not contest the constitutionality of the statute, but that counsel for the State commissions who had been permitted to file a brief amicus curiae had done so. On this point the Court said that the principles laid down by this Court in the Minnesota, Shreveport, Illinois Central and analogous cases, adding:

We think no room is left for discussion on this point. Congress in its control of inter State commerce is seeking in the Transportation Act to make the system adequate to the needs of the country by securing for it a reasonable compensatory return for all the work it does. The States are seeking to use that same system for intra State traffic. That entails large duties and expenditures on an inter State commerce system which may burden it unless compensation is received for the intra State business reasonably proportionate to that for the inter State business.

Congress as the dominant controller of inter State commerce may, therefore, restrict undue limitation of the earning power of the inter State commerce system in doing State work. The affirmative power of Congress in developing inter State commerce agencies is clear. In such development it can impose any reasonable conditions on a State's use of an inter State carrier for intra State commerce it deems necessary or desirable. This is because of the supremacy of the national power in the field.

Section 15-a confers no power on the Commission to deal with intra State rates. What is done under that section is to be done by the Commission in the exercise of its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates; that is, the powers derived from previous amendments to the Inter State Commerce Act, which have never been construed or used to embrace the prescription of intra State rates.

When we turn to Paragraph 4 of Section 13, however, and find the Commission for the first time vested with the direct power to remove any undue, unreasonable or unjust discrimination against inter State or foreign commerce, it is impossible to escape the dovetail relation between that provision and the purpose of Section 15-a.

If that purpose is interfered with by a disparity of intra State rates the Commission is authorized to end the disparity by directly removing it because it is plainly an undue, unreasonable and unjust discrimination against inter State or foreign commerce within the ordinary meaning of those words.

#### RAILROAD SHOP FEDERATION No. 102 WANTS WILLIAM McADOO AS PRESIDENT—OTHER ASPIRATIONS.

A press report dated at Utica, N. Y., March 9, says: "The New York Central System Federation No. 102, claiming to represent 22,400 railroad shop employees, adopted a resolution at its convention endorsing William G. McAdoo for President.

"Other resolutions favored amalgamation of forces of the railroad workers and miners, sale of wines and beer, soldiers bonus and active participation of members in Congressional elections."

#### CAR POOLING PLAN CONSIDERED OF DOUBTFUL UTILITY BY RAILWAY EXECUTIVES—JOINT STATION AND OTHER FACILITIES.

With reference to the plans proposed by the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities for the formation of a central agency to pool the purchase, ownership, repair and distribution of freight cars ("Chronicle," Feb. 18, p. 701) Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and R. H. Aishton, President of the American Railway Association, on March 3 informed the Inter-State Commerce Commission, that the railroads are already accomplishing in a more efficient manner through the co-operation of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the aforesaid Association the things sought to be accomplished by the security owners' organization. On this matter Mr. Willard said in substance:

In the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association, which has been built up during the past six years, the railways have provided an agency to deal with any possible situation that may develop and have behind them a record of remarkable accomplishment, as shown by the efficiency with which the railroads handled the record-breaking traffic of 1920. This agency works in co-operation with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which under the Transportation Act has power in times of emergency to deal with all the cars in the country without regard to individual ownership.

In addition an advisory committee of eleven railway executives was organized in 1920 to deal primarily at that time with the emergency conditions which followed the return of the railroads to private ownerships. That committee is still functioning and is dealing with matters which require the co-operative action on the part of the railroads. The large savings claimed for the pooling plan, it will be understood, are merely estimates and some of them can be realized exactly as well under existing agencies as under new agencies, while others are of doubtful dependability and would require many years before any results could be realized.

I am sure that the Commission will appreciate the fact that if such a plan is adopted, it could not be superimposed on the existing plan. It must be substituted for existing agencies and in my opinion nothing could be gained by substituting an experimental agency for a well-tryed one.

The advisory committee has met with and given assurances of co-operation to the Board of Economics and Engineering of the Securities Holders' organization, and has furnished it with information as requested.

With respect to recommendations made by the Security Owners' organization relative to standardization and other methods by which they allege that economies could be affected, the advisory committee is constantly making studies of these matters with a view of bringing about additional improvements whenever possible.

As to what is being done through the joint use of terminals and other facilities, Mr. Willard filed with the Commission a statement which showed that of 128 railway systems or companies operating 229,000 miles of line:

107 reported a total of 1,280 passenger stations used jointly;

95 reported a total of 555 yards used jointly;

64 reported a total of 554 large bridges used jointly.

Reports also showed he said that 3,179 separate passenger stations are used jointly by two or more railways, that 394 passenger stations are used jointly by 3 or more railways, that 105 are used by 4 or more, and 54 are used by 5 or more railways.

Tabulations also show, according to Mr. Willard, that 16,251 miles of track are used jointly.

Mr. Aishton took up in detail the various claims of economies to be effected by pooling and pointed out some practical objections. He said the question had been argued by railroad officers for many years and it is the almost unanimous opinion of transportation officers that the proper distribution of freight cars can best be accomplished by a system of car service rules and per diem rental payments.

He further said in brief:

The Car Service Division, co-operating with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, is now able in times of emergency to create what amounts to a temporary pool of freight cars by directing the movement of cars



from parts of the country where there may be a surplus to the districts where shortages exist. He pointed out that the pooling of freight cars during Federal control had failed to demonstrate any marked economy. To illustrate the efficiency of freight car use, he pointed out that in the fall of 1916, the ton miles per freight car averaged 506 per day. In the fall of 1918, under Federal control, the ton miles per car per day averaged 556, and in the Fall of 1920, under private management, the ton miles per car per day reached the record figure of 564.

The "Railway Age" of March 4 expresses doubt whether any such sum as 300 millions could be saved annually by the pooling, as estimated by its authors.]

#### REPEAL OF NEW JERSEY'S EXCESS CREW LAW— SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN OR PENDING IN OTHER STATES.

The following statement is authorized by the Executive Committee of the Associated Railroads of New Jersey:

The Executive Committee of the Associated Railroads of New Jersey is very much gratified in the action taken last night by the New Jersey State Legislature to repeal the excess crew law in that State. By a vote in the Senate of 11 to 9 and in the Assembly of 38 to 17, Senate Bill No. 105, which is the excess crew law repealer, now goes to Governor Edwards for his signature. This it is earnestly hoped will be promptly affixed and the taxpayers of the State relieved of the unnecessary expense to which they have been subjected since 1913, when the law was forced upon them. The railroads since that time have been compelled to spend on the employment of unnecessary men in train operations \$5,500,000, all of which naturally was paid by shippers and passengers using the railroads in that time.

The railroads of New Jersey point to the fact that, following the signing of the excess crew law repealer by the Governor, the proper manning of both freight and passenger trains in the State of New Jersey will be left in the hands of the railroad managers. They will then be permitted to eliminate an unnecessary expense which last year alone amounted to over \$629,000. This will be of great assistance to them in cutting down operating costs, which is one of the prime factors in their endeavor to reduce transportation charges to the public.

That the managers of the various railroads may be relied upon to man trains properly has been fully demonstrated in the State of Pennsylvania, where the excess crew law was repealed last year. There is not one complaint on the docket of the Public Service Commission of that State, which now has jurisdiction in the matter. In Indiana, where the so-called full crew law was repealed a year ago, no complaint has been lodged against the railroads affected.

Similar measures looking to a repeal of like legislation are now pending before the Legislatures of the States of Maryland and New York.

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FARM LOAN AND LAND BANK BONDS.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 14:

In connection with the recent successful offering of \$75,000,000 Farm Loan bonds and the issuance since the first of the year of \$7,640,000 various Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, the fundamental difference between the two organizations may be pointed out.

Although both organizations are under the supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board the Joint Stock banks are primarily private institutions operating under Federal charter.

The strength of the individual bank is dependent not upon the strength of the system, but upon the record and character of the managers of the individual institution. Bonds issued by them are subject to the same limitations as those issued by the Farm Loan banks.

Federal Farm Land banks will ultimately be owned by the National Farm Loan associations, the basic organization of the Farm Loan system. These are voluntary organizations of ten or more persons who are owners or about to become owners, of land qualified as security for a mortgage loan under the provisions of the Farm Loan Act. No persons but borrowers can be members of an association, and each borrower must subscribe for stock of the association to an amount equal to 5% of the desired loan.

The association in turn must subscribe to the stock of the Federal Land bank an amount equal to 5% of the loans applied for. All unsubscribed stock is taken and paid for by the Government. The amount so held is now about \$20,000,000. It is provided, however, that after the subscriptions to Capital stock by National Farm Loan associations shall amount to \$750,000 in any Federal Land bank said bank shall apply semi-annually to the payment and retirement of the stock which was issued to represent the subscriptions to the original capital 25% of all sums thereafter subscribed to Capital stock until all such original capital is retired at par.

Thus the farmers through their associations will finally be sole owners of the banks and the beneficiaries of any profits accruing from its operation.

#### NEW YORK TRUST CO. ON PROPOSALS OF JOINT COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURAL INQUIRY AND AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE.

Referring to proposals recently made to provide new credit facilities for agricultural interests, the current issue of "The Index," published by the New York Trust Co., calls attention to an all-important difference between the proposals of the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry, and the results of the recent Agricultural Conference:

The committee appointed by the Conference to consider the matter suggested the extension of the rediscounting privilege to a new class of agricultural paper by the Federal Reserve banks. The Joint Commission, on the other hand, recommended the setting up of separate departments in the Federal Land banks, for the purpose of rediscounting agricultural paper having a maturity of not less than six months and not more than three years, the paper thus taken to be made the basis of issues of short-term securities to be sold to investors.

This proposal would seem to have the merit of proceeding along sound lines, and if adopted and used to any great extent, would draw credit from new sources, i. e., investors in short-term securities, who would provide new funds, attracted by the proper security for their money, together with an attractive rate of interest. This plan would avoid the drawing of too great a proportion of funds from commercial banks, whose assets should in large part be more liquid.

Such a plan does not imperil the integrity of the Federal Reserve System, nor would it place the farmer in the favored position of drawing on the

United States Treasury. He would be competing for credit in the open market, and would get his share, depending on the attractiveness of the security offered. He would have to put himself on a business basis as to payment of loans, and be prepared to liquidate his paper at maturity, whether or not the market price of his products was sufficiently high to reimburse him.

If farmers in general are prepared to adopt these methods of doing business, and will be satisfied with business-like and proper banking methods as applied to their finances, there is no reason why such a plan should not succeed.

#### SOURCES OF CREDIT AVAILABLE TO AGRICULTURE.

The current issue of "The Index," published by the New York Trust Co., also calls attention to the many sources of credit now available to agriculture, including:

1. The Farm Loan Board, supervising (a) Federal Land banks, providing long-term loans on farm first mortgages; (b) Farm Loan associations lending on farm mortgages to their members funds derived from Federal Land banks; (c) Joint Stock Land banks, authorized under the Farm Loan Act, lending on farm first mortgages.
2. War Finance Corporation, offering short-term credits up to \$1,000,000, 000 direct to producers of, or dealers in, agricultural products, or indirectly to them through financial and co-operative institutions.
3. Federal Reserve banks, offering rediscount privileges to member banks on agricultural paper having maturity of not more than six months.
4. Member banks and trust companies offering the usual credit accommodations in their own communities and through correspondent banks.
5. Non-member banks and trust companies, offering the usual credit accommodations in their own communities and through correspondent banks.
6. Cattle loan organizations.
7. Farm mortgage companies.
8. Insurance companies, mutual, stock and fraternal organizations, lending on mortgage.
9. Investment bankers arranging farm mortgage loans for private investors, and bond offerings based on mortgages.
10. Merchants, factors and buyers advancing funds and credits against growing crops and other farm products.
11. Private individuals investing direct in farm mortgages.

Even this long list of the sources of credit now available to agriculture, says the Bank, takes no account of the general credit facilities indirectly made available to agricultural interests, among others, by the open market operations of the Federal Reserve banks.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS TRUST COMPANIES ETC.

Twenty shares of Guaranty Trust Co. stock were sold at auction this week for the account of A. R. Smith & Co. in bankruptcy. No sales of bank stock were made either at the Stock Exchange or at auction.

Shares.	TRUST COMPANY.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
20	Guaranty Trust Co.	202	202	202	Feb. 1921—318

William H. Remick, senior member of the Stock Exchange house of Remick, Hodges & Co., at 16 Wall St., and from May 1919 to May 1921 President of the New York Stock Exchange, died on March 9. He was 56 years of age. Mr. Remick began his business career in the woolen business, but in 1893 became associated with R. L. Day & Co., investment bankers, of Boston, Mass. He opened the New York branch of this firm in 1895 and became a partner in 1903. In 1913 Mr. Remick organized the firm of Remick, Hodges & Co., of which up to the time of his death he was senior member. In 1906 he became a member of the Exchange. Three years later he was elected to the Board of Governors, retaining this position until his death. He served on many other important committees of the Exchange, including the Committee on Laws, Finance, Stock Lists, Ways and Means, and as Chairman of the Committee on Insolvencies and on Admissions. Mr. Remick succeeded to the presidency of the Exchange in May 1919, and served for two terms, retiring in May 1921. Upon his retirement from the presidency last year the Board of Governors of the Exchange, as stated in our issue of May 14, adopted a resolution commending Mr. Remick for his services. Seymour L. Cromwell, President of the New York Stock Exchange, paid the following tribute to the memory of Mr. Remick:

It is with profound regret and sorrow that I am obliged to announce the death of William H. Remick. The benefits of the work done by Mr. Remick during his two terms as President of the Exchange will be a lasting heritage to the members.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. of this city, held on March 7, John J. Riker was elected a trustee, to fill a vacancy on the board.

The statement of condition of the Farmer's Loan & Trust Co. of this city, as of Feb. 28 1922, shows total resources of \$152,732,862. Of this amount \$34,257,117 represents cash on hand and in banks, \$27,914,318 represents call loans (collateral), \$20,285,280 time loans (collateral), \$22,601,295 represents bonds and stocks, \$9,116,160 bills purchased and

\$20,045,240 represents U. S. Government bonds and certificates. Total deposits are given as \$130,393,501. In addition to its capital of \$5,000,000, the institution has combined surplus and undivided profits of \$14,117,664. The Farmer's Loan & Trust Co. was chartered on Feb. 28 1822, "for the purpose of accommodating the citizens of the State," and last week, as noted in these columns, celebrated the centennial of its existence.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., held March 9 1922, the following directors were re-elected: Burns D. Caldwell, Julius Kruttschnitt, Robert Olyphant, Charles B. Seger, James Timpson, Arthur Turnbull, Elisha Walker and William H. Williams.

Jean De Sieyes was elected Vice-President of the French American Banking Corporation at 67 William St., this city on March 8th. Mr. De Sieyes became connected with the Bank of France in 1908, and in July 1919, he came to New York as American representative of the same institution. He was later appointed head of the French Government Financial Agency in the United States. Nugent Fallon was elected Treasurer of the French American Banking Corporation to succeed Arthur Terry, resigned.

According to a cablegram received by the Irving National Bank, the Sydsvenska Kreditaktiebolaget of Malmo, Sweden, has been reorganized with the assistance of the Swedish Riksbank and several of the leading private banks. It is understood that after writing off all doubtful debts, the capital of the bank will amount to 34,000,000 kronor. This institution was established in 1896, and operates about eighty branches in the southern part of Sweden, where it occupies a prominent position.

A cable dispatch was received this week by H. Judson, New York agent of the National Bank of South Africa, from William Dunlop, general manager of the bank at the head office, Pretoria, Transvaal. It is as follows:

Mine workers' strike entered into final stages, involving occasional conflict with police, who, however, have situation well in hand, thus affording protection to men who are slowly drifting back. All mines working, although output necessarily limited.

The National Bank of South Africa has between 300 and 400 branches throughout South Africa, and is therefore in close touch with financial conditions in that country.

Edmund Randolph, head of the Stock Exchange firm of E. & C. Randolph, died on Feb. 18. Mr. Randolph was 58 years of age. He had been a member of the Stock Exchange for many years and had represented his firm, which he founded 35 years ago.

Details of the new building erected for the Harlem branch (at Seventh Avenue and 125th Street) of the Columbia Trust Co. of this city, were given in our issue of February 25, page 807. Valentine Lynch & Co. were the general contractors, and the engineering and architectural work was handled by Alfred C. Bossom, of this city, who did similar work for other branches and the headquarters of the Columbia Trust Co. during the last few years.

The Comptroller of the Currency has approved the application to organize the Rockaway Beach National Bank of Rockaway Beach, N. Y. The new institution will have a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$40,000, its stock being sold at \$120 per share. The officers of the new bank will be: President, John Jamieson, and Vice-President and General Manager, H. G. Heyson. It is planned to open the bank on Sept. 1 next.

The State Banking Department has approved plans to increase the capital stock of the Yonkers Trust Co. of Yonkers, N. Y., from \$250,000 to \$350,000. We are advised that the new stock was offered to stockholders of record at par—\$100—the rights expiring on March 15 1922, when the enlarged capital will become effective. The additional stock was authorized by the stockholders on Feb. 14.

At a meeting of the directors of the High Street Bank of Providence, R. I., on Feb. 27, Victor R. Frazier was elected Cashier, to take effect March 1. Mr. Frazier succeeds Robert E. Cooke, who resigns the cashiership because of ill-

health. In a resolution expressing regret that Mr. Cooke has been obliged to retire, the directors record their appreciation of his devotion to his duties during his association with the bank, since 1876, and to his work in the building up of the institution. The hops is expressed that, while severing his official relations with the bank, he will continue with it as much as possible, his desk and chair being reserved for him.

A press dispatch from Boston on Thursday of this week (March 9) and printed in "Financial America" of this city of the same date, states that representatives of the defunct Tremont Trust Co. called on Governor Cox on that day (March 9) in an effort to arrange for the reopening of the institution. Asa P. French, counsel, stated, it is said, that the officers were now willing to dispose of the institution to any reputable banking house which will take it over and assume all the liabilities. Heretofore, it is said, they have insisted that the bank must be opened under the former management or not at all. The dispatch further states that Simon Swig, former Vice-President of the institution, has also indicated to the Governor his willingness to sever his connection with the institution. According to an earlier press dispatch from Boston (Feb. 28), printed in "Financial America" of the same date, Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen sent notifications under date of March 1 to the stockholders of the Tremont Trust Co. that the individual liability of the stockholders must be enforced to the extent of 100% of the par value of stock held by them in order to pay the debts of the closed trust company.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Republic National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., on Feb. 21, J. A. Lewis, Vice-President of the Irving National Bank of New York, was elected President, to succeed Walter E. Brown, resigned. Mr. Lewis has been connected with the Irving National Bank of New York for three years and before his connection with the latter institution had been Cashier and Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis, with which latter institution he had been associated for twenty years.

According to a press dispatch from Oklahoma City, Okla., on March 8, appearing in the New York "Evening Post" of the same date, the Walken Hale State Bank of that city was closed on that day and the institution placed in the hands of the State Banking Department for reorganization. The closed bank had a capital of \$200,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$28,000.

The Comptroller of the Currency announces a change in the name of the Security National Bank of Lima, Mont., to "The First National Bank of Lima." The change was made effective Feb. 23.

The Bank of Phoenix, Phoenix, Ariz., has been closed by State Bank Examiner Moritze, according to a press dispatch from that place, under date of March 1, appearing in the New York "Times" of the following day. According to the dispatch, a statement of the bank's condition published on Jan. 7 showed a capital of \$100,000 and deposits in excess of \$1,537,485. It is further stated in the dispatch that the failed institution is a reorganization of the old Central Bank of Phoenix, which closed its doors on March 21 1921 and was reopened under the above title on July 1. We referred to the failure of the Central bank and its, at that time, probable reopening in our issues of April 2 and April 9 1921.

The Imperial Ottoman Bank announces the opening of a sub-agency at Hamadan, Persia, in addition to the agency recently opened at Ramallah, Palestine.

We print elsewhere in our pages to-day the annual report of the National Discount Co., Ltd., of London, covering the calendar year 1921. Gross profits for the year under review were £758,961, and when added to the balance brought forward from the preceding twelve months, £77,282, made £836,243 available for distribution. This amount was distributed as follows: £46,413 to cover current expenses, including directors' and auditors' remuneration, salaries, bonus to staff, and all other charges; £547,243 rebate of interest on bills not due, carried to new account; £10,000 contributed to pension fund; £82,973 to pay two interim dividends of six and eight shillings per share, respectively, less income tax, and £11,853 to pay a bonus of two shillings a share, less in-



GENERAL FUND.

Table with columns: Assets (Gold, Silver dollars, Federal Reserve notes, etc.), Liabilities (Treas. checks outstanding, Depos. of Govt. officers, etc.), and Total balance.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$16,782,307.28. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made under the Acts mentioned a part of the public debt.

\$492,160 in Federal Reserve notes, \$1,719,532 in Federal Reserve banks notes and \$20,017,526 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENTS OF UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 31 1921.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States as officially issued Dec. 31 1921, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparison with the same date in 1920:

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.

Table comparing Dec. 31 1921 and Dec. 31 1920 for Balance end month, Deduct outstanding obligations, and Total balance.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Table listing interest-bearing debt items such as Consols of 1930, Loan of 1925, Panama Canal Loan, etc., with interest payable for Dec. 31 1921 and Dec. 31 1920.

DEBT STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES JAN. 31 1922.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States for Jan. 31 1922, as made up on the basis of the daily Treasury statements, is as follows:

Summary table for Jan. 31 1922 showing Total gross debt, Public debt receipts, and Public debt expenditures.

Note.—Total gross debt before deduction of the balance held by the Treasurer free of current obligations, and without any deduction on account of obligations of foreign Governments or other investments, was as follows:

Table showing Debt Statement for Jan. 31 1922, including Bonds (Consols of 1930, Loan of 1925, etc.) and Liberty Loans.

Notes:

Table of Treasury notes including Victory Liberty Loan, Treasury notes Series A and B, Treasury Certificates, and Treasury (War) Savings Securities.

Clearings by Telegraph.—The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current week, usually appears on the first page of each issue, but on account of the length of the other tables is crowded out once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities.

Table showing Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week ending March 11, for 1922 and 1921 across various cities like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.

\* No longer furnish returns of clearings. \* Estimated. The full details of the week covered by the above will be given next Saturday. We cannot furnish them to-day, clearings being made up by the clearing houses at noon on Saturday, and hence in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated, as we go to press Friday night.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for the two months 1922 and 1921 are given below:

Table comparing Stock transactions for 2 Months 1922 and 2 Months 1921, listing Description, Number of shares, and Par value.

Sales of Stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.—The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange for each month since January of the calendar years 1922 and 1921 is indicated in the following:

Table showing Sales of Stocks by month for 1922 and 1921, including No. Shares and Par Values.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1922 and 1921:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Table of Monthly Clearings for 1922 and 1921, showing Clearings Total All and Clearings Outside New York.

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

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table of Bank Clearings at Leading Cities for 1922 and 1921, listing cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

BANK CLEARINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 987.

Table with columns for Clearings at, February 1, Since January 1., and Week ending March 4. Rows list various cities and regions with their respective clearing amounts and percentage changes.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.—

The United States Steel Corporation yesterday (March 10) issued its regular monthly statement showing unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of Feb. 28 1922 to the amount of 4,141,069 tons. This is a decrease of 100,609 tons from the tonnage on hand as of Jan. 31 1922 and a loss of 2,792,798 tons from the unfilled orders on hand Feb. 28 1921. In the following we give comparisons with previous months:

Table with 6 columns: Date, Tons, Date, Tons, Date, Tons. Rows show monthly data from Feb. 28 1922 to Apr. 30 1918.

STEEL PRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY.—

From a statement issued by the American Iron & Steel Institute, it appears that the production of steel ingots in February 1922 by 30 companies, which in 1920 made 84.20% of the total output in that year, was 1,742,345 tons. In February 1921 the make of steel ingots totaled 1,749,477 tons, and in 1920 2,865,124 tons. By processes the output was as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Process, 1922, 1921, 1920, 2 months ending Feb. 28. Rows include Open hearth, Bessemer, and All other.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED.

Feb. 28—The First National Bank of Adin, Calif. Capital. \$40,000. Correspondent, E. S. Pickard, Adin, Calif.

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Mar. 1—The National Bank of Hermosa Beach, Calif. Capital. \$50,000. Correspondent, E. J. Young, Hermosa Beach, Calif.
Mar. 3—The First National Bank of Winside, Neb. Capital. 30,000. Correspondent, W. B. Lewis, Winside, Neb.
Carolina National Bank of Anderson, So. Caro. Capital. 200,000. Correspondent, T. Allen, Anderson, So. Caro.
The Nescopeck National Bank, Nescopeck, Pa. Capital. 25,000. Correspondent, Dr. E. S. Walker, Nescopeck, Pa.
The First National Bank of Fletcher, Okla. Capital. 25,000. Correspondent, E. W. Dilling, Fletcher, Okla. Succeeds Fletcher State Bank, Fletcher, Okla.

Mar. 4—The First National Bank of Greene, N. Y. Capital. 50,000. Correspondent, Raymond F. Elliott, Greene, N. Y.

APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Mar. 3—The Farmers National Bank of Tyrone, Okla. Capital. \$25,000. Conversion of the Farmers State Bank of Tyrone, Okla. Correspondent, Farmers State Bank, Tyrone, Okla.
The First National Bank of Carter, Okla. Capital. \$25,000. Conversion of the First State Bank of Carter, Okla. Correspondent, J. C. MacKenzie, Carter, Okla.
First National Bank in Granite, Okla. Capital. 25,000. Conversion of State Guaranty Bank of Granite, Okla. Correspondent, H. C. Ford, Vice-Pres. State Guaranty Bank of Granite.
The LeFlore County National Bank of Poteau, Okla. Capital. 25,000. Conversion of the LeFlore County Bank of Poteau. Correspondent, Ted Goode, Poteau, Okla.
Mar. 4—The Skagit National Bank of Mt. Vernon, Wash. Capital. 50,000. Conversion of Skagit County Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Mt. Vernon, Wash. Correspondent, Skagit County Savings Bank & Trust Co., Mt. Vernon, Wash.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Feb. 28—12124 The First National Bank of Eagle River, Wis. Capital. \$25,000. Succeeds the State Bank of Eagle River, Wis. President, E. W. Ellis; Cashier, Fred Morey.
12125 The Farmers National Bank of Texhoma, Okla. Capital. 25,000. Conversion of the Farmers State Bank of Texhoma. President, Guy W. Slack; Cashier, O. L. Swan.
12126 The American National Bank of Durant, Okla. Capital. 100,000. Conversion of the American State Bank of Durant. President, S. A. Whale.
Mar. 1—12127 The National Bank of Lemoore, Calif. Capital. 100,000. Conversion of the Bank of Lemoore, Calif., with one branch located at Stratford, Calif. President, H. C. Lillis; Cashier, A. P. Campbell

Mar. 2—12128 The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Hooker, Okla. Capital. 40,000. Conversion of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hooker. President, W. D. Myers; Cashier, D. P. Metcalf.
12129 The First National Bank in Marlow, Okla. Capital. 25,000. Conversion of the Guaranteed State Bank, Marlow, Okla. President, J. J. Adkins; Cashier, P. V. Rabb.
Mar. 3—12130 First National Bank in Blair, Okla. Capital. 25,000. Succeeds the Blair State Bank, Blair, Okla. President, R. R. Jackson; Cashier, O. N. Rowe.

CONSOLIDATION.

Feb. 27—The First National Bank of Greencastle, Ind. (219), capital \$75,000, and the Citizens National Bank of Greencastle, Ind. (10409), capital \$50,000. Consolidated under the Act of Nov. 7 1918 and under the charter and corporate title of "The First National Bank of Greencastle." No. 219, with capital of \$100,000.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Table with 6 columns: Month, Merchandise Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Customs Receipts at New York (Imports, Exports). Rows show monthly data from July to January.

Movement of gold and silver for the 7 months:

Table with 6 columns: Gold Movement at New York (Imports, Exports), Silver—New York (Imports, Exports). Rows show monthly data from July to January.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange M r. 4 to Mar. 10, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists.

Table with 8 columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Rows list various stocks like Am Wind Glass Mach., Arkansas Nat Gas, 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 with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price, Bonds, Per cent. Rows list securities like 363 Indep. Chem. 7% Cum. 1st pref, 20 Guaranty Trust, etc.

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

Table with 4 columns: Shares, Stocks, Price, Bonds, Per cent. Rows list securities like 25 Merchants Nat. Bank, Boston, 1 National Shawmut Bank, Boston, etc.

By Messrs. Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: res. Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists various stocks like U. S. Worsted, Worcester Electric Light, Cambridge Elec. Sec., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: res. Stocks, \$ per sh., Bonds, Per cent. Lists various stocks and bonds like Bulck Oil, Chesterfield Copper, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are now grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies under categories like Railroads, Banks, Trust Companies, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies under categories like Miscellaneous, Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Trust Companies, etc.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for various companies under categories like Railroads, Street and Electric Railways, Banks, Trust Companies, etc.

Table of financial data for various companies. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Entries range from Miscellaneous (Continued) to National Transit (extra).

Table of financial data for various companies. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Entries range from Miscellaneous (Concluded) to Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.).

\* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. 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 Payable in Liberty or Victory Loan bonds. j Payable in New York funds. k Payable in Canadian funds. l All transfers received in order in London on or before March 10 will be in time to be passed for payment of dividends to transferees. m Declared four quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each, first payment on March 15. n Declared monthly dividends of 50c. each, payable March 1, April 1, May 1, June 1, July 1 and Aug. 1 to holders of record Feb. 25, March 25, April 25, May 25, June 25 and July 25, respectively. o Payable in 7% prior preference preferred stock at par. p Declared 4% payable in quarterly instalments of 1% each. r Payable in preferred stock. s Declared annual dividends on both 7% and 8% pref. stock, payable in quarterly instalments of 1 1/4% and 2%, respectively, on April 1, July 1, Oct. 2 and Jan. 2 1923 to holders of record on March 14, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively. t Dividend on Jones Bros. Tea Co. pref. stock reported in this column in previous issues was an error. No dividend has been declared for March 31.



New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Irving Nat of N Y, Manhattan, Mutual, etc.

\* Banks marked with (\*) are State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend § Ex-rights

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

All prices dollars per share.

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M G, etc.

New York City 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 Returns" in the next column:

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

(Stated in thousands of dollars—thru is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table showing financial data for non-member institutions, including Capital, Profits, Loans, Cash, Reserves, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, and Nat'l Bank Circulation.

a U. S. deposits deducted, \$957,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities, \$816,000. Excess reserve, \$54,880 decrease.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House statement for the week ending March 4 with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding is as follows.

Table showing financial data for Philadelphia Banks, including Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, U. S. deposits, Reserve with legal deposit's, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Total reserve and cash held, Reserve required, and Excess res. & cash in vault.

\* Cash in vaults not counted as reserves for Federal Reserve members.

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:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table showing Boston Clearing House Members' financial data for March 4 1922, Feb. 25 1922, and Feb. 18 1922, including Circulation, Loans, Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, United States deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Reserve in Fed. Res. Bank, Cash in bank and F. R. Bank, and Reserve excess in bank and Federal Reserve Bank.

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 March 4. The figures for the separate banks are the average of the daily results. In the case of totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given:

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

(Stated in thousands of dollars—that is, three ciphers [000] omitted.)

Table showing New York Weekly Clearing House Returns for members of the Clearing House, including Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Cash in Vault, Reserve with Legal Deposit, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits, and Bank Circulation.

Average Mar. 4 276,400 439,576 1,198,987 63,017 503,701 3,736,876 206,155 33,054

Totals, actual condition Mar. 4 1,192,024 61,520 478,082 63,723 369 213,419 33,831

Totals, actual condition Feb. 25 1,178,433 65,980 571,007 63,713 613 216,352 33,627

Totals, actual condition Feb. 18 1,204,159 62,375 488,465 64,727 167 214,782 33,664

State Banks Not Members of Fed. Reserve Bank: Greenwich Bank, Bowery Bank, State Bank.

Average Mar 4 3,750 7,179 102,641 5,368 4,135 51,750 47,558

Totals, actual condition Mar. 4 102,979 5,395 4,126 52,193 47,570

Totals, actual condition Feb. 25 102,460 5,410 4,145 51,720 47,528

Totals, actual condition Feb. 18 102,224 5,395 4,214 51,934 47,332

Trust Co's Not Member of Fed. Reserve Bank: Title Guar & Tr, Lawyers Title & Tr.

Average Mar 4 11,500 17,637 71,282 2,145 4,920 40,242 1,217

Totals, actual condition Mar 4 71,451 2,241 4,897 40,242 1,220

Totals, actual condition Feb 25 71,480 2,242 4,970 40,445 1,216

Totals, actual condition Feb 18 71,915 2,140 4,901 47,033 1,241

Gr'd aggr. ave. 291,600 494,393 1,479,010 70,550 512,816 3,844,854 251,910 33,654

Comparison, previous week + 7,027 - 1,174 1,835 19,670 9,355 1,160

Gr'd aggr. act'l condition Mar 4 6,045 69,115 487,101 3,821 897 202,209 33,831

Comparison, previous week + 14,881 + 4,067 + 5,017 + 9,091 + 2,887 + 4,204

Gr'd aggr. act'l condition Feb 25 4,357 74,612 547,123 3,811 816 205,096 31,627

Gr'd aggr. act'l condition Feb 18 4,478 29 69,010 51,613 3,820 1,142 203,359 31,564

Gr'd aggr. act'l condition Feb 11 4,250 58 71,243 49,880 3,805 510 203,818 33,450

Gr'd aggr. act'l condition Feb 4 4,169 193 69,533 46,727 3,832 612 203,749 34,157

U. S. deposits deducted from net demand deposits in the general totals above were as follows: Average for week Mar. 4 \$1,184,000 actual totals Mar. 4, \$1,120,000 Feb. 25, \$1,699,000 Feb. 18, \$90,743,000 Feb. 11, \$149,390,000; Feb. 4 \$142,601,000. Bills payable, rediscounts, acceptances and other liabilities: Average for the week Mar. 4 \$11,741,000 actual totals Mar. 4, \$207,475,000; Feb. 25 \$155,208,000, Feb. 18, \$114,419,000; Feb. 11, \$130,207,000; Feb. 4, \$160,000,000.

In Fed. deposits in foreign branches not included in total footing as follows: National City Bank \$107,441,000; Bankers Trust Co. \$13,201,000; Guaranty Trust Co. \$111,000,000; Farmers Loan & Tr. Co. \$11,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$7,742,000. Deposits carried in banks in foreign countries as reserve for such deposits were: National City Bank, \$10,185,000; Bankers Trust Co., \$400,000; Guaranty Trust Co., \$21,020,000; Farmers Loan & Tr. Co., \$214,000; Equitable Trust Co., \$2,917,000. Deposits in foreign branches not included. a As of Feb. 3 1922. b As of Dec. 17 1921.

STATEMENT OF RESERVE POSITION OF CLEARING HOUSE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns for Averages, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, Reserve Required, and Surplus Reserve. Rows include Members Federal Reserve banks, State banks, Trust companies, and totals for various dates.

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with columns for Week ended, Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Total Cash in Vaults, and Reserve in Depositories. Rows list weekly data from Dec. 31 to Mar. 4.

\* This item includes gold, silver, legal tenders, national bank notes and Federal Reserve notes. z Corrected figures.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.—The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business March 8 1922, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table comparing resources and liabilities for Mar. 8 1922, Mar. 1 1922, and Mar. 11 1921. Categories include gold certificates, settlement fund, total gold held, reserves, government obligations, and various liabilities.

Note.—In conformity with the practice of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, method of computing ratios of reserves to liabilities was changed beginning with the return for March 18. Instead of computing reserves on the basis of net deposits—

State Banks and Trust Companies Not in Clearing House.—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 as follows:

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

Table showing summary of state banks and trust companies with columns for Loans and Investments, Deposits, and Reserve. Includes percentages of reserve (20.7%) and details on reserve composition.

\* Includes deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which for the State banks and trust companies combined on March 4 were \$53,798,300.

Banks and Trust Companies in New York City.—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, are as follows:

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on March 9.

The figures for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for seven preceding weeks, together with those of corresponding weeks of last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks.

Further gains of \$14,500,000 of gold and of \$13,200,000 of total cash reserves, accompanied by a decrease of \$39,500,000 in earning assets and a commensurate reduction of deposits, are indicated in the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement issued as at close of business on March 8 1922.

Government paper on hand shows a decrease for the week from \$285,400,000 to \$238,500,000. Of the total held \$204,400,000, or 85.7%, was secured by Liberty and other U. S. bonds, \$19,800,000, or 8.3%, by Victory notes, \$6,400,000, or 2.7%, by Treasury notes, and \$7,900,000, or 3.3%, by Treasury certificates, compared with \$227,800,000, \$23,300,000, \$20,000,000 and \$14,300,000 reported the week before.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 8 1921.

Table with columns for dates from Mar. 8 1922 to Mar. 11 1921. Rows list Resources (Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement, Total gold held, Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund) and Liabilities (Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents).

Main table showing financial data for the Federal Reserve Bank from Mar. 8 1922 to Mar. 11 1921. Columns include dates and various financial metrics such as 'Legal tender notes, silver, &c.', 'Total reserves', 'Bills discounted', 'Bills bought in open market', 'Total earning assets', and 'Total resources'.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 8 1922

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve Banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran., and Total. Rows include 'RESOURCES' (Gold and gold certificates, Gold settlement fund, Total gold reserves, Legal tender notes, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Bills bought in open market, Total bills on hand, U. S. bonds and notes, U. S. certificates of indebtedness, Total earning assets, Bank premises, 5% redemption fund, Uncollected items, All other resources) and 'LIABILITIES' (Capital paid in, Surplus, Reserved for Govt. franchise tax, Deposits: Government, Member bank—reserve acct., All other, Total deposits, F. R. notes in actual circulation, F. R. bank notes in circulation—net liability, Deferred availability items, All other liabilities).



Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, March 10 1922.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The stock market has been less active and more irregular than of late. Prices declined an average of 2 points or more early in the week under the influence of several unfavorable annual reports, including those issued by General Motors and Midvale Steel. The former showed a deficit somewhat larger than the \$37,800,000 surplus of 1920, making a total difference of \$76,000,000 in net results. This enormous shrinkage makes Midvale's \$17,000,000 look trivial, but both are significant as foreshadowing what may be expected from other large manufacturing concerns soon to issue reports.

The effect of this matter was counteracted, however, by the Washington decision not to participate in the forthcoming Genoa Conference, by reports of improving conditions in the steel industry and by decidedly easy money market rates, so that closing prices for shares, both railway and industrial, are generally at a higher level than last week. To-day's market was one of the two most active of the week, and the upward movement of prices previously begun continued with slight modification.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like American Tel & Cable Co, Assets Realization, etc.

\* No par value.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing weekly transactions for the week ending Mar. 10 1922, with columns for Stocks, Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun. and Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table comparing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for the week ending Mar. 10, 1922, and for the period Jan. 1 to Mar. 10, 1921, categorized by stocks, government bonds, etc.

\* Includes \$130,000 State and municipal bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions for Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, with columns for Shares and Bond Sales.

State and Railroad Bonds.—No sales of State bonds have been reported at the Board this week.

The general bond market has toned down somewhat from its recent excessive activity and upward movement of prices. The latter has continued in a few cases, however, and some new records have been made. The demand for domestic rails and industrial has been only fair, while prices in that department have been well maintained.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$5,000 4s, reg., at 105 1/8, and the various Liberty Loan issues.

Daily Record of Liberty Loan Prices. Table with columns: Mar. 4, Mar. 6, Mar. 7, Mar. 8, Mar. 9, Mar. 10. Lists various Liberty Loan issues and their prices.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table listing registered bond transactions, including 68 1st 3 1/2s, 4 1st 4 1/2s, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, Etc.

Table showing quotations for U.S. Treasury certificates of indebtedness, including maturity, interest rate, bid, and asked prices.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange was reactionary and prices suffered a decline of about ten cents in the pound. Continental exchange also tended lower and movements were irregular.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 33 @ 4 34 1/2 for sixty days, 4 35 1/4 @ 4 36 3-16 for checks and 4 35 1/4 @ 4 36 11-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 31 1/4 @ 4 35 1/2; sixty days, 4 27 1/4 @ 4 28 3/4; ninety days 4 26 1/4 @ 4 27 3/4, and documents for payment, sixty days, 4 27 1/4 @ 4 28 3/4, and cotton for payment, 4 31 1/4 @ 4 35 1/2, and grain for payment, 4 34 1/4 @ 4 35 3/4.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 8.85 1/4 @ 8.29 for long and 8.91 3/4 @ 8.95 for short. German bankers' marks are not yet quoted for long and short bills. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 37.38 @ 37.46 for long and 37.71 @ 37.76 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 48.96 fr.; week's range, 48.52 fr. high and 48.96 fr. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling Actual, Paris Bankers' Francs, German Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, including high and low for the week.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago par. St. Louis, 15 @ 25c per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. San Francisco, par. Montreal, \$35 00 per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

The Curb Market.—Irregularity marked trading in the Curb Market this week, strength and weakness alternating in different parts of the list at the same time. Except in special issues, activity was only moderate. A firm undertone marked the closing. R. J. Reynolds "B" stock was conspicuously active and after an early drop from 43 1/4 to 41 3/4 advanced to 41 1/8, the close to-day being at 44 5/8. Amalgamated, another active issue, sold up from 9 1/2 to 11 3/4. Durant Motors, Inc., rose from 25 1/2 to 31, reacted to 28 1/2 and moved upward again, resting finally at 30 3/4. Durant Motors of Indiana declined from 13 to 11, then advanced to 14 3/4, the close to-day being at 14. Goldwyn Picture improved from 4 3/4 to 6 and sold finally at 5 3/4. Libby, McNeill & Libby declined from 7 to 5 3/4, and ends the week at 5 7/8. Postum Cereal com. lost two points to 58 1/2 but recovered finally to 61. Among oil issues Maracaibo Oil was an active feature and after an early drop from 26 1/2 to 25 1/2, sold up to 27 3/4. It again reacted, touching 25, with the close to-day at 25 1/4. Gilliland Oil com. advanced from 8 1/4 to 9 1/2 and sold back to-day to 8 3/4. International Petroleum weakened from 15 1/4 to 14 1/2. Kirby Petroleum from 24 1/4 sank to 22 1/2 and finished to-day at 23 1/4. New York New Haven & Hartford issues were the features in bonds, the new 7s dropping at first from 80 to 77, then recovering to 81, with the final transaction at 80 1/2. The 4s of 1922 lost 2 1/2 points to 77 1/2, sold up to 81 3/4 to-day, with the final figure at 81 1/4.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1050.

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols like Ann Arbor, Aitch Topeka & Santa Fe, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; n sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. a Ex-dividend and rights. s Ex-dividend. b Ex-rights (June 15) to subscribe for share, to stock of Glen Alden Coal Co. at \$5 per share and ex-dividend 100% in stock (Aug. 22).

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE (Range since Jan. 1 1922, Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Range for previous year 1921, Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock listings like American Agricul Chem, American Bank Note, etc.

Dividend and stock prices. 4 Dividend and rights. 5 Assessment paid. 6 Rights. 7 Dividend. 8 Par value \$10 per share.

For sales during the week of stocks usually inactive see third page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range since Jan. 1 1922; PER SHARE Range for previous year 1921. Rows include various stock listings such as Cuban-American Sugar, Devon Chemical, and many others.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. a Ex-dividend and rights. Ex-dividend. b Ex-rights.



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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT (Saturday Mar. 4 to Friday Mar. 10), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (listing various companies like Indus. & Miscell., Okla. Prod., etc.), and PER SHARE (Lowest and Highest prices for 1922 and 1921).

\* Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ks—rights. § Ks—div. and rights. ¶ Ks—dividend. \*\* Reduced to basis of \$25 par

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday Mar. 10), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, and State and City Securities.

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. bDue April. cDue May. dDue June. eDue July. fDue Aug. gDue Oct. hDue Nov. iDue Dec. jAction sale

Table of bond listings for the left side of the page. Columns include: Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 10 (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold (No., Low, High), and Range Since Jan. 1. Rows list various bonds such as 'Lack & Western (Concl.)', 'Warren 1st ref gu g 3 1/2s', 'Lack & Western (Concl.)', 'Warren 1st ref gu g 3 1/2s', etc.

Table of bond listings for the right side of the page. Columns include: Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 10 (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold (No., Low, High), and Range Since Jan. 1. Rows list various bonds such as 'Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5s', 'Registered', '1st int reduced to 4s', 'Leh & N Y 1st guar g 4s', etc.

No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Sept. f Due Oct. g Option sale

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday Mar. 10), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into sections for different bond types and issuers.

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due June. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Due Dec. Options (ll).

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Mar. 10. Table with columns: Description, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 10, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like West Maryland 1st g 4s, Gen gold 4s, Income 5s, etc.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week ending Mar. 10. Table with columns: Description, Interest Period, Price Friday Mar. 10, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Computlog-Tab-Recs f 6s, Granby Cons M S & P con 6s A '28, etc.

No price Friday; latest bid and asked. aDue Jan. dDue April. eDue Mar. fDue May. gDue June. hDue July. iDue Aug. jDue Oct. kDue Dec. lOption sale

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICE—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroad, Miscellaneous); Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); Range for previous year 1921 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 and shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-dividend rights. Par value \$100. Old stock. x -dividend.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Mar. 4 to Mar. 10, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like U S Lib L'n 3 1/2's, 1st Lib L'n 4's, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Chicago Stock Exchange from Mar. 4 to Mar. 10, 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 Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—This week's record on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange will be found on page 1032

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—The complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Mar. 4 to Mar. 10, 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 Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Sand & Gravel, Atlan Coast L (Conn), etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Mar. 4 to Mar. 10, 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 Shares, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alliance Insurance, American Gas of N J, etc.

New York Curb Market.—Official transactions in the New York Curb Market from Mar. 4 to Mar. 10, inclusive.

Table with multiple columns: Stock names, Par. value, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates. Includes sections for Industrial & Miscell., Other Oil Stocks (Concluded), and Mining Stocks.



Mining—(Concl.) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares	Range since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Mar.	Jan.
Silver Pick Consol.	1	6c	6c	2,000	6c	6c	Mar	6c
South Amer Gold & Plat.	1	4 1/2	5	3,850	4 1/2	5 1/2	Jan	5 1/2
Southwest Metals	1	10	10	5	10	10	Feb	10
Standard Silver-Lead	1	15c	15c	2,000	10c	18c	Jan	18c
Stewart Mining	1	4c	2c	4c	2c	4c	Jan	4c
Success Mining	1	1c	1c	1,000	1c	3c	Jan	3c
Teck Hughes	1	33c	33c	35c	20c	38c	Feb	38c
Tonopah Belmont Dev.	1	1 1/16	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 1/16	1 1/4	Jan	1 1/4
Tonopah Divld.	1	60c	47c	60c	34,300	46c	Mar	75c
Tonopah Extension	1	1 1/8	1 1/2	1 1/4	12,200	1 1/8	Feb	1 1/4
Tonopah Mining	1	1 1/16	1 1/16	1 1/16	5,100	1 1/16	Jan	1 1/16
Trinity	1	2	2	2	100	2	Feb	3
Tuolumne Copper	1	50c	45c	50c	2,800	45c	Mar	80c
United Eastern Mining	1	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/8	19,400	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2
United Verde Exten.	1	50c	25	25	300	27 1/2	Feb	29 1/2
Unity Gold Mines	5	4	4	4	300	3 1/2	Jan	5 1/2
Volcano Mining	1	50c	44c	52c	102,600	44c	Mar	52c
West End Consolidated	5	78c	73c	78c	2,900	70c	Feb	85c
Yukon Gold Co.	5	1 1/16	1 1/8	1 1/4	500	1 1/16	Jan	1 1/4

Quotations for Sundry Securities.

Standard Oil Stocks		Par	Bid.	Ask.	Joint Stk. Land Bk Bonds	Chic Jt Stk Land Bk 5s 1939	5s 1951 opt 1931	5 1/8s 1951 opt 1931	RR. Equipments—Per Ct	Acheson	Basis.
Low.	High.										
Anglo-American Oil new	£1	*17	17 1/4	17 1/2	99	100	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Atlantic Refining	100	925	950	950	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Preferred	100	115	116 1/2	117 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2
Borner Scrymser Co.	100	360	380	380	58 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2
Buckeye Pipe Line Co.	50	*90	92	92	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Chesabrough Mig new	100	*190	195	195	110 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2
Preferred new	100	*109	112	112	110 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2
Continental Oil	100	128	131	131	131	132	133	134	135	136	137
Crescent Pipe Line Co.	50	*33	34	34	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Cumberland Pipe Line	100	140	150	150	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Eureka Pipe Line Co.	100	95	97	97	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Galena Signal Oil com.	100	44	46	46	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Preferred old	100	110	115	115	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Preferred new	100	102	105	105	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Illinois Pipe Line	100	174	178	178	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Indiana Pipe Line Co.	50	*94	95	95	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
International Petrol. (no par)		*14 1/2	14 3/4	14 3/4	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
National Transit Co.	12.50	*27	28	28	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
New York Transit Co.	100	164	167	167	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Northern Pipe Line Co.	100	104	107	107	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Ohio Oil Co.	25	*269	272	272	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Penn Mex Fuel Co.	25	*25	28	28	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Prairie Oil & Gas.	100	545	555	555	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Prairie Pipe Line	100	228	232	232	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Solar Refining	100	350	370	370	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Southern Pipe Line Co.	100	93	95	95	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Southern Penn Oil	100	*180	185	185	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Southwest Pa Pipe Lines	100	57	60	60	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil (California)	25	*95 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	*87 1/2	87 3/4	87 3/4	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil (Kansas)	100	520	540	540	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil (Kentucky)	100	482	487	487	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil (Nebraska)	100	170	175	175	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil of New Jer.	25	*177	178	178	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Preferred	100	115	115 1/2	115 1/2	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil of New York	100	373	376	376	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Standard Oil (Ohio)	100	375	385	385	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Preferred	100	115	116	116	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Swan & Finch	100	40	50	50	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Union Tank Car Co.	100	103	106	106	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Preferred	100	103 1/2	104	104	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Vacuum Oil	100	338	342	342	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Washington Oil	10	*25	30	30	140	140	140	140	140	140	140

\* No par value. † Odd lots. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week where additional transactions will be found. § New stock. ¶ When bought. \*\* Dividend. †† Rights. ††† Dividend. †††† Dollars per 1,000 lbs. ††††† Dollars per 1,000 marks. †††††† Correction.

\* Per share. † Basis. ‡ Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. § New stock. ¶ Flat price. † Last sale. ‡ Non-call. § Dividend. ¶ Rights.



Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of February. The table covers 15 roads and shows 5.29% decrease in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth Week of February, 1922., 1921., Increase., Decrease. Lists various railroad companies and their earnings for the fourth week of February 1922 and 1921, along with percentage changes.

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

Table with 7 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, 1922., 1921., 1922., 1921. Lists numerous railroad and industrial companies with their monthly gross and net earnings for 1922 and 1921.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS.

Table with 5 columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings (Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists electric railway and public utility companies with their earnings data.

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a The Brooklyn City RR. is no longer part of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, the receiver of the Brooklyn Heights RR Co having, with the approval of the Court, declined to continue payment of the rental, therefore since Oct 18 1919 the Brooklyn City RR has been operated by its owners. b The Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue RR companies were formerly leased to the New York Railways Co., but these leases were terminated on July 11 1919, respectively, since which dates these roads have been operated separately. c Includes Milwaukee Light Heat & Traction Co. d Includes all sources. e Includes constituent or subsidiary companies. f Earnings given in millions. g Subsidiary cos. only. h Includes Tennessee Railway, Light & Power Co., the Nashville Railway & Light Co., the Tennessee Power Co. and the Chattanooga Railway & Light Co. i Includes both subway and elevated lines. j Of Abington & Rockland (Mass.). k Given in pence. l These were the earnings from operation of the properties of subsidiary companies. \* Earnings for twelve months. † Started operations April 1 1921.



INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenue, Total income, and Dividends on 1st Pref.

Balance, surplus \$1,853,132 \$1,302,195 \$1,229,305 \$527,549. No dividends paid on stocks in 1919 or 1920: 6% declared on 1st Pref. 1921 and paid in quarterly installments on April, July and Oct. 20 1921 and Jan. 19 1922.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1921, and 1920. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accounts receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (First pref. stock, Common stock, etc.).

Total 55,560,801 57,201,728. Net current assets turned over to Georgia Ry. & Power Co. in accordance with terms of lease, and not to be paid back until expiration of the lease, 999 years from Jan. 1 1912.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

The remarks of President J. E. Aldred, together with the profit and loss account for the year 1921 and balance sheet Dec. 31 last, will be found on a subsequent page.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Dividends (7%), and Balance, surplus.

Total surplus Dec. 31 \$155,406 \$39,593 \$30,550 \$17,710. Surplus: Subject to deduction for income tax.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1921, and 1920. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accounts receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 5% cons. M. bonds, etc.).

Total 44,193,831 39,566,570. Surplus: Subject to deduction for income tax.—V. 114, p. 520

Columbia Gas & Elec. Co. (of W. Va.), Cincinnati, &c.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

The remarks of President A. B. Leach, together with the consolidated comparative income accounts for several years, the Columbia Gas & Electric Co. and subsidiary companies, and the consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1921, will be found on subsequent pages of this issue.

California-Oregon Power Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

The remarks of Chairman Joseph D. Grant, together with comparative statement and chart of the annual gross and operating and maintenance expenses, from 1912 to 1921, the interest statement, value of physical properties of the company from 1912 to Dec. 31 1921, and a consolidated balance sheet of Dec. 31 1921 will be found under respective headings in this issue.

The members of the Board are: Joseph D. Grant, Chairman; J. D. ... Members: Paul B. McKee, Vice-President and General Manager; J. ... Secretary: Joseph H. ...

Lackawanna Steel Co. and Subsidiary Companies.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

On subsequent pages are published in full the remarks of President G. F. Downs, together with tables showing to tonnage of the various products shipped, the income account, profit and loss account and balance sheet for the late fiscal year. The usual comparative tables follow:

CONSOL. RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS, INCL. SUBSIDY COS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Rows include Gross sales and earnings, Net from mfg. & oper., Total income, and Balance, surplus.

x Operating deficit is after deducting all expenses, including ordinary repairs and maintenance amounting to \$2,823,065, but not returned expenditures and other appropriations for the current year. y Adjustment account of excess provision for Federal taxes and sundry reserves, less inventory revaluation adjustments.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. SUBSID. COS.).

Table with 4 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1921, and 1920. Rows include Assets (Cost of real est., Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Sub. cos. stock, etc.).

Total 89,635,568 102,449,975. Cost of property, real estate, buildings, plant, machinery, &c., as at Dec. 31 1920, \$82,938,603; net additions during year 1921, \$1,249,134; total, \$84,187,737; less depreciation, depletion and amortization reserves, \$21,316,233. b Subsidiary companies' bonds, \$4,700,000; less \$1,775,000 Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co. bonds formerly assumed by Lackawanna Steel Co. and now assumed by Bethlehem Steel Co.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

President Irene du Pont says in substance:

Scope of Report.—This report covers the affairs of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. (Delaware corporation), and also consolidated therewith: E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. of Pa., E. I. du Pont de Nemours Export Co. and Rokeby Realty Co., all the stock of which is owned by the first-mentioned company.

Effects of Deflation.—The continued reduction in prices in 1921 has adversely affected our operations, both through reduction in inventory values and the restriction of buying which usually accompanies a falling market.

On materials used in manufacture, the loss from reduction in values has been absorbed in operations. The inventories were re-valued Dec. 31 1921 at cost or market, whichever was lower, resulting in a total write-down of \$9,070,513, all except \$389,088 being charged against contingent reserves created out of earnings during the period of war inflation. Your company has no onerous purchase or sales contracts outstanding.

Operating Results.—The attached financial statement shows that the volume of business in 1921 was \$55,285,181, which is only 58.8% of the volume of business shown for 1920. In 1920, however, the sales of the Fabrikoid business were handled by a separate corporation, whereas in 1921 Fabrikoid sales are included with your other business. A true comparison, therefore, indicates that the volume of business in 1921 was about one-half like business in 1920.

Of raw materials used in products sold during the first eight months of 1921, approximately one-half came out of the storehouse and one half was purchased. Your company has been obliged to discontinue the services of two-thirds of its wage earners and half of its salaried employees.

Loss on Export Business.—Depreciated foreign exchange, with resulting low prices as measured in dollars of most of the products sold abroad by the du Pont Export Co., has resulted in a net loss of \$1,000,906 by that company. This loss is included as a deduction in the consolidated profit and loss account attached to this report.

Bond Issue.—In May 1921 the company sold an issue of \$35,000,000 7 1/2% Ten-Year Gold bonds, \$25,000,000 to finance Common stock of General Motors Corporation, purchased from W. C. Durant in Nov. 1920, and temporarily financed by one-year notes; the balance for sundry purposes, but in considerable part to liquidate bank loans made to increase working capital. The company now has no bank indebtedness. The liquidating of inventories has resulted in large cash balances, out of which \$807,679 has been invested in the bonds in the open market (V. 112, p. 2087, 2195).

Government Claims.—Out of a total of 41 claims, aggregating \$26,426,593, which arose out of suspension of war contracts, there were settled during the year 31 contracts, aggregating \$25,362,331, but by reason of advances and credits due the United States, the net cash received was \$1,144,274. The ten claims outstanding Dec. 31 1921 aggregated \$1,061,258; of this amount \$169,910 has been collected and the net amount still due the company is \$769,185.

Five Separate Departments.—The directors decided in 1921 to segregate our five principal industries—explosives, cellulose products, pyralin, paint and dye-stuff—each under a general manager, maintaining a common purchasing, engineering and accounting facilities for all. This change was put into effect in October and it seems very clear that important advantages have been gained (V. 113, p. 1476).

Retiree Plan.—Earnings from the manufacturing undertakings during the year 1921 were less than the minimum amount specified, and consequently no bonus was awarded employees.

Bank and Interest Plan.—The employees' stock subscription plan has been continued for the year 1921 without change from last year, and 2,730 shares of debt-free stock have been subscribed thereunder. A partial payment of 1% extra was made to the participants for 1921 on account of earnings for the year 1920.

Number of Employees.—Dec. 31 1921 there were 42,417 of whom 32,147 were employed.

Dividend Record.—Stock dividends paid during the year 1920 were distributed for 1920, and the decreased earnings of the company did not warrant a dividend during 1921.





reduction, while of assistance in moving finished inventory, served to reduce our gross profits and added to our net loss, which amounted in the year to \$4,678,626.

Inventories—Surplus Account.—As of Dec. 31 1921, all commitments and inventories were written down to actual replacement value and adequate reserves established in order that a true picture of the situation might be had and a conservative statement of the company's assets obtained.

The net charges to surplus account amounted to \$10,920,814. This, combined with our operating loss for the year, caused a reduction of \$15,599,471 in our surplus account as compared with Dec. 31 1920.

INCOME AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 2 columns for years 1921 and 1920. Rows include Earnings from all sources, Interest charges, Depreciation, Income taxes, Dividends, Balance, surplus or deficit, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Written off to reduce inventories and other charges, Profit and loss surplus.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921 and 1920. Rows include Assets (Cash, Notes & accts rec., Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

a Reserves to reduce commitments to market value and for allowances and contingencies. Note.—Contingent liabilities on notes receivable discounted, \$95,602; Columbia Graphophone Co., Ltd., London, overdraft guaranteed, \$86,804; for guarantee of dealers' notes discounted, secured by installment leases, \$94,129, totaling \$276,535.—V. 114, p. 951.

The Studebaker Corp., South Bend, Ind. (11th Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. A. R. Erskine in his remarks to stockholders says in part:

The management believes that business this year will show a substantial increase over that of last year. Production schedule calls for shipment of 25,000 cars for the first quarter of this year, compared with 11,620 in the first quarter of 1921.

The inventories of the automobile division Jan. 1 1921 amounted to \$26,858,948, including \$2,937 finished cars. At Dec. 31 1921 these inventories had been reduced to \$21,872,885, including 4,577 finished cars.

On Dec. 31 1921 there were 1,331 preferred and 6,591 common stockholders, as compared with 1,251 and 6,591, respectively, Dec. 31 1920. Last year the average number of employees on the corporation's payroll was 13,965, as against 13,533 in the previous year.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Automobiles sold, Net sales, Mfg. & gen. exp., Reserve for depreciation, Net earnings on sales, Deduct—Interest, net, Fed. & Canadian taxes, Preferred divs. (7%), Common dividends.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Surplus from above, Previous surplus, Res'v for future conting, Total, Special surplus account, Net exp. of new financ'g, 33 1-3% stock dividend, Inventory losses.

Table with 5 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Surplus acc't Dec. 31, Special surplus Dec. 31.

Corn Products Refining Co., New York. (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Profits from operation, Int. on dep., loans, &c., Int. on divs. on securities, Rents real est., Prof. on sec. sold, Total income, Interest on bonded debt, General taxes, Insurance, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Depreciation, Inc. & war exp., Special & extraord. losses.

Table with 5 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Total deductions, Surplus, Disposition of surplus Dec. 31 1921, Proportion represented by investment in stock of merged and affiliated companies and in miscellaneous securities, Proportion expended in acquiring stock and bonds for redemption and in reduction of bonded indebtedness under sinking fund requirements, Corn Products Co.'s Preferred stock, Granite City Mfg. Co.'s 1st 5% bonds, New York Glucose Co.'s 1st M. 6% bonds, National Starch Co.'s debenture 5% bonds, Proportion reserved for working capital & new construction.

Total surplus Dec. 31 1921. \$45,123,132

NATIONAL STARCH CO.—RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 6 columns: Calendar Years, Net Profits, Other Income, Bond Interest, Insur. & Taxes, Decrease in Balance Sheet. Rows for years 1921-1916.

x Includes \$37,999 general, State and corporate taxes, \$22,479 fire and liability insurance and \$525 for loss on securities sold.

BALANCE SHEET OF CORN PRODUCTS REFINING CO. DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1921 and 1920. Rows include Assets (Real est., bldgs., mach'y, &c., Misc. sec., U.S. Lib. bds., Furniture, &c., Sec. acq'd by pur. & exch., Cash, Demand loans, Acce'd int., &c., Notes & accts rec., Due from affil. cos., Mds. & supplies, Prepaid expenses, Ins. prem., unex, Claims & unadjusted accts., Add's & bet'ts.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Ist Mtge. 5s., 25-year 5% debts, N.Y. Gluc. 1st 6s, Vouchers pay., Accts. payable, Acce. Int. on bds, Div. payable, Outst'd'g stock of merged cos., Reserves, Surplus).

a Plants, properties and stocks in affiliated companies, &c., \$103,797,197, less reserve for depreciation, \$19,525,445. b Stocks and bonds acquired by purchase and exchange include: Corn Products Refining Co.'s 1st M. 5% gold bonds \$2,651,000 and debenture 5% bonds \$190,000; New York Glucose Co. 1st M. 6% bonds \$112,800. National Starch Co.'s debenture 5% bonds \$1,817,500. c In addition to its own bonded debt the company is also liable as guarantor for principal and interest of the \$5,138,000 National Starch Co. 5% debenture bonds of 1930, which bonds were issued in exchange for National Starch Co.'s debenture 5s. 1925, and National Starch Manufacturing Co.'s 1st Mtge. 6s. Of these 6% bonds \$1,817,500 are held by the Corn Products Ref. Co. and \$2,675,000 are held by the National Starch Mfg. Co., leaving, it is understood, only \$345,000 in hands of public.—V. 113, p. 2726.

The New York Air Brake Company.

(32d Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

Pres. C. A. Starbuck, N. Y., March 8, wrote in substance:

Results.—Your company experienced the very unusual conditions which existed during the year 1921 and which were so common with practically all industrial corporations. Our gross sales were about one-third of that of the previous year, and were about one-half of the average for the previous nine years; this condition was due entirely to lack of buying on the part of the railroads. The business which we booked for the first quarter of the year 1921 was very encouraging, but the entire collapse of the purchasing market for the balance of the year made it impossible to carry out our manufacturing operations at a profit. Operations for the year resulted in a loss of \$453,699.

Plants—Appraisal.—The large additions to our plants which we made to take care of our war orders have been idle, and re-arrangement and disposition of much of this equipment was absolutely necessary. In order that we might have the benefit of outside expert advice regarding our plant values, we employed the American Appraisal Co. to review same and they have submitted their report giving a value based upon conditions and prices prevailing in 1921.

Depreciation.—Your officers had felt that they had been very liberal in the past in charging off annual depreciation, but the amounts previously charged off had not been sufficient to absorb the heavy shrinkage in value due to after war market prices. We have, in order to be conservative, written off against surplus account the sum of \$955,500, which is really in the nature of extraordinary depreciation, and we now have every reason to believe that our plant values are on a sound and substantial going basis.

Government Accounts and Claims.—The heavy outlays which we were required to make in connection with our Government contracts have in the opinion of your officers been fully justified. The officials in Washington, however, have not found it possible to recognize all of our claims, owing to various contract provisions, and since the substantial part of our claims have been liquidated, we have therefore thought it conservative to clear our accounts of all remaining unsettled items, and have charged against surplus account the sum of \$654,719, which entirely disposes of all of our Government claims.

Inventories.—The lack of purchasing of equipment by the railroads has prevented a substantial liquidation of our inventories. We have, however, declined to make purchases of material notwithstanding offers made to us at very advantageous prices, and our inventories, while still large, now amounting to \$4,053,044, show a reduction of \$251,106 over 1920.

Retrenchment.—Very substantial progress has been made during the past six months in effecting a more economical arrangement of our manufacturing facilities and substantial reductions in our overhead costs. In common with other manufacturers, we were not able to effect reductions in our labor costs during the first six months, but we feel that these are now on a basis which will permit of profitable operations in the future.

Orders.—The orders now on our books are very substantial in amount with promising outlook for this year's volume, and our shipments during the first sixty days of 1922 are already on a basis which assures a substantial profit unless unforeseen conditions arise which will result in a termination of further buying on the part of the railroads.

Outlook.—While the operating showing for the past year has been very unsatisfactory, we nevertheless feel that substantial progress has been made in the readjustment of our affairs along the lines already stated, and we look forward to the future as holding great promise for satisfactory results.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Sales, From investments, &c., Part. adj. Govt. contr., Total income, Cost of manufact'g, &c., Admin., &c., expenses, Taxes, franchises, &c., Reserve for taxes, Royalties, Depreciation, Coupons on bonds, Other interest (net), Dividends, Sundry charges, Bal., sur. or def., Previous surplus, Spec. depr. of prop., &c., Royalties applic. to 1920, Final adjustment U. S. Government claims, Adjustments, Res'v for contingencies, Total n. & l. surplus.



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, and rows for Assets (Factories, patents, water, land & mach'y., Stocks and bonds, Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Inventory, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 1st M. conv. bonds, Accounts payable, Serlp divs. & acer'd, Interest, Acce'd accounts, Notes payable, Res. for depr. and taxes, Res. for conting., Def'd credit items, Surplus).

Total 19,556,187 23,492,368. a After deducting \$1,508,416 for depreciation. b Receivables include \$1,280,603 customers' accounts and \$1,021,799 U. S. Govt. accounts. c Including Federal taxes.—V. 113, p. 2191.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

The report dated at Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27 1922, says:

Operations for 1921.—These may be summarized as follows: Manufacturing loss from operations based on absorption in cost of estimated operating expenses on basis of normal volume of business, and after making provisions for depreciation of plant and tools amounting to \$674,291. Add—Operating expenses in addition to the amount absorbed above in manufacturing cost. 2,246,875

Estimated losses in connection with inventories, adjustment in respect of obsolete parts, and in connection with changes in models 4,197,022

Total \$8,251,375 Interest on bank loans, &c. (net) 509,317 Losses for year \$8,763,712 Deduct—Surplus at Dec. 31 1920, \$1,511,616; less 2% div. on prof. stock paid April 1 1921, \$200,000. 4,341,517

Deficit, as per balance sheet \$1,422,165

Your company, like a great number of large industries, passed through a most difficult year in 1921, and suffered from a loss in its volume of sales brought about by the general business depression.

The reduced volume of business caused an abnormal operating cost, which together with the reduction made in the selling prices of the product and losses sustained through the writing down of inventories and commitments from the cost price to the basis of cost or approximate market—which ever is lower—resulted in a loss as above.

Capital Account.—Charges to property and equipment account during the year amounted to \$19,000. The property has been fully maintained and ample reserves have been provided for depreciation of property and equipment at rates similar to those used in previous years.

All expenditures during the year in connection with engineering changes in the cars and trucks, tools, patterns, &c., have been absorbed in the factory operating expenses.

Working Capital.—The net working capital at Dec. 31 1921 amounted to \$4,985,801, as follows:

Current Assets— Inventories (at cost or approx. market, whichever is lower) \$11,246,697 Receivables, &c., as per balance sheet 1,931,663 Cash 478,967

Total current assets \$13,651,327 Liabilities—Notes payable, \$7,150,000; accounts payable, \$1,303,323; dealers' deposits, \$122,260; total 8,665,533

Net working capital \$4,985,801

A reserve of \$224,514 has been established against accounts receivable, which your directors believe to be sufficient to provide for any possible losses. A sufficient provision for the difference between purchase prices of materials not yet delivered to the company and present replacement prices has been included in the reserve for contingencies.

General.—If business continues as our present increase in orders indicates, the results for the year 1922 should materially strengthen the financial position of the company. This statement takes into consideration the fact that inventories have now been reduced to cost or approximate market, whichever is lower, and that expenses have been drastically reduced.

The reduction in expenses and the changes in organization which it has involved have been made with scrupulous regard for the maintenance of the high quality of Pierce-Arrow cars and trucks which makes them unquestioned leaders.

(Signed by Charles Clifton, Chairman, and Myron E. Forbes, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, and Not stated, and rows for Gross sales, Net mfg. profit, Other income, Oper. exp. (normal), Net inventory increase, Deduct—Exec. war prof. Its & income taxes, Total, Deduct—Interest (net), Preferred div. paid, Common dividend paid.

Bal., surp. for year def \$8,963,712 Profit & loss deficit \$1,422,165

x This figure for 1921, \$1,810,498, is based on absorption in cost of manufacturing expenses on basis of normal volume of business, and after making provisions for depreciation of plant and tools amounting to \$674,291. y Operating expenses in addition to the amount absorbed above in manufacturing cost, before including the estimated losses incurred in connection with inventories, adjustment in respect of obsolete parts, and in connection with changes in models, amount to \$2,246,875.

HALAN L. HUNT, DEC. 31, 1921

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, and rows for Assets (Plant and equip., Land and buildings, Intero. in other corp., Financ'y invest., Work in process, Raw mat'ls & supp., Notes & a/c receiv., P. & O. items, M. & S. & other, Cash) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Notes payable, Dividends payable, Other payables).

a Plant and equip. includes machinery and equipment, and also the cost of depreciation, \$2,000,000. b This amount is based on the account (partially withheld) which was credited to the company for additional exchange of shares, of the cost of which, \$1,000,000, was included in the reserve for contingencies.—V. 114, p. 2191. Note.—The total contingencies for 1921 are not estimated to the company at Dec. 31 1921 amounting to \$2,767,617. Of this amount, \$1,422,165 is in excess of market value to the extent of \$1,241,000, and provisions for contingencies has been included in the reserve for contingencies.—V. 114, p. 2191.

American Steel Foundries.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1921.)

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, and rows for Earnings from operations, Deduct—Depreciation, Net profit from operations, Miscellaneous income, Total profits, Interest charges, Federal taxes, Balance, surplus.

—V. 114, p. 309.

Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company.

(5th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1921.)

The annual report says in substance:

Results.—In our last annual report we called attention to the adverse trade conditions during January and February 1921. There was no substantial improvement during the remainder of the year. While we were able to effect some economies in operating costs, these were more than offset by the reduction in selling prices of our products and by irregular operations, due to limited tonnage.

We have endeavored, as far as practicable, to keep the mills in operation even at an operating loss, so as to keep our working organization intact, and to prevent undue hardships to our employees.

The extent of the depression in the steel industry generally is indicated by the following statement of shipments of iron ore from the Lake Superior District: 1916, 66,658,466 tons; 1921, 22,799,077 tons.

Handicaps.—The steel business is still being ground between the upper and the nether millstones of high freight rates and low selling prices for steel products, and is also seriously handicapped by the high cost of fuel, due not only to high freight rates, but also to the abnormal wage rates in and about the coal mines, as compared with the rates paid in other industries.

While the cumulative amount of freight charges in a ton of steel is always an important item, the rise in the last few years has been alarming. To New York, for example, in 1913, transportation amounted to \$10, or 30% of the delivered price of a ton of plates; to-day it is \$19.07, or 53½% of the price paid by the consumer.

Railroad prosperity and national prosperity are one and inseparable. We are certain that high freight rates are the principal factor in preventing a return to normal conditions, not only in the steel business, but also in the general business of the country. Wage rates at the mills and furnaces during the war period and later were advanced approximately 180%. This rate has since been substantially reduced, but is still 47% higher than the pre-war rate.

Prices.—Steel prices have been liquidated to the pre-war level. This is shown by the following statement of base prices, f. o. b. Pittsburgh, of our standard products:

Table with columns for 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 5-Yr. Av., and rows for Plates, Shapes, Bars.

The present selling price of these three standard products is about \$1.40. Steel products have been liquidated to a lower point than most other standard commodities.

(Signed by A. C. Dinkey, President, and William E. Corey, Chairman.) [In March 1921 Cambria Steel Co. paid a quarterly dividend of 1%; none since; compare V. 112, p. 2191.—Ed.]

AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND EXPENDITURES FOR LABOR—ORE TO FINISHED PRODUCT.

Table with columns for 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, and rows for Total payroll, Ave. No. empl., Ave. wages per empl. per year, Gross tons produced, Wages paid p. ton prod. shipped.

\*Total pay-roll, less portion expended on construction and improvements, divided by tons of steel product shipped.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, and rows for Net earnings, Oth. inc. int. earned, Total, Prov. for deprec'n, exhaustion of minerals, &c., Prov. for amort'n under Federal tax law, Inventory depreciation, Bond int. (incl. sub. cos.), Guar. div. on Cambria Iron Co. stock, Dividends paid, Balance, Previous surplus, Add—Trans. from app. surplus, Total, Deduct—Special deprec'n charged off property & plant account, Total surplus Dec. 31.

a After deducting all expenses incident to operations, including those for ordinary repairs and maintenance, amounting to approximately \$7,000,000 and for Federal taxes.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1921 and 1920, and rows for Assets (Plant and equip., Land and buildings, Intero. in other corp., Financ'y invest., Work in process, Raw mat'ls & supp., Notes & a/c receiv., P. & O. items, M. & S. & other, Cash) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Notes payable, Dividends payable, Other payables).

a Property and plant include: Property valued under 9% rule from Consolidated Iron Co. plant improvements thereon. Capital stock of Cambria Steel Co. includes a quarterly dividend of 1% on Cambria Iron Co. stock which is held for...



GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS. General Railroad and Electric Railway News.—The following table summarizes recent railroad and electric railway news of a more or less general character, full details concerning which are commonly published on preceding pages under the heading "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either in the week the matter becomes public or shortly thereafter.

Eastern Roads Break with Engine Men.—Split over basic demands of workers sends case to U. S. Labor Board. "Times" Mar. 10, p. 26. C. B. & O. RR. Cuts Clerks' Pay.—Entire 5,000 have accepted reduction of 2 to 6%; those getting \$40 a month in 1917 will receive \$79 50. "Wall St. Jour." Mar. 9, p. 7. Maintenance in 1921 Failed to Meet Railway Needs.—(Julius H. Parmelee, Director Bureau of Railway Economics, Washington, D. C.)—"Engineering News-Record" Mar. 9, p. 405. Western Refiners Win RR. Rate Case.—I.-S. C. Comm. cuts reasonable maximum on crude and gas in Southwest. "Int. Nat. Reporter" Mar. 8, p. 14. Interborough Rapid Transit Co. to Oppose Transit Valuation.—Will contend in excess of \$25,000,000 more than State appraisal. "Times" Mar. 10, p. 17. Port Body Considers Purchase of the 15-Mile Hoboken Shore RR. from U. S. Shipping Board.—"Post" March 8, p. 5. Repeal of Excess Crew Laws.—Maryland State Senate has voted 19 to 7 to do away with the Excess Crew Law. This action follows the repeal last year of the Pennsylvania State Excess Crew Law. Phila. "N. B." March 6, p. 2. Repeal of full crew law also passed by New Jersey Senate, 11 to 9. "Times" March 7, p. 3. Public Opinion Can Restore RR. Credit and Public Prosperity (William Sproule, Pres. Southern Pacific Co.).—"Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 535. President Loeve of Delaware & Hudson Asks Sweeping Changes to Aid Carriers.—Federal control a "stain"; seeks Adamson law repeal. "Times" Mar. 5, p. 14. Equipment Orders for First Two Months of 1922.—Freight cars, 24,031 against 23,346 for entire year 1921; passenger cars, 420 against 246 for year 1921. "Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 506. Pennsylvania RR. Buys Cars.—Order for 250 steel passenger coaches largest of year. "Times" Mar. 9, p. 30. U. S. Senate Passes Bill to Eliminate from RR. Valuation the Cost of Condemning RR. Lands Above Present Value.—"Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 520. House Committee Begins Hearings on Repeal of Rate Provisions of Transportation Act.—See "Current Events" and "Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 516. Pullman Surcharge.—The California RR. Commission on Feb. 17 ordered an investigation of the surcharge on the fares of passengers riding in sleeping and parlor cars, directing the railroads to show cause why it should not be eliminated in California. The hearing is scheduled for March 22. See Pullman Co. below. Rate Cut in Georgia.—The RR. Commission of Georgia has ordered a general reduction in the freight rates on cotton, hay and grain, including grain products, to be put into effect on April 1. It is said that the reduction amounts to 24% on cotton and about 20% on the other articles, based strictly on mileage. "Ry. Age" March 4. Further Reduction in Freight Rates at Present Opposed by RRs.—V.-Pres. Johnson of Rock Island says: "If Western carriers are going to continue to properly function, they cannot sustain further rate reductions in near future." Boston "N. B." Mar. 4, p. 10. Carriers Contend Against Rate Cuts.—Declare a 10% reduction now would be "impossible." "Times" March 9, p. 30; "Wall St. Jour." Mar. 8, p. 8. Proposed Ore Rate Cut Is Limited to East.—Reductions of 28 1/2% filed by carriers to off set low rate on imports; does not apply to shipments from lower lake ports—14% decrease considered for the latter; coal and coke adjustments forecast. "Iron Trade Review" Mar. 9, p. 695; "Iron Age" Mar. 9, p. 686. Southern Pacific to Cut Rates.—As soon as concurrence is obtained from lines east of Chicago and trans-continental carriers, Southern Pacific will make rate cuts ranging as high as 50% on both east and west traffic and import and export commodities, as well as domestic, for the following articles: Eggs, aluminum articles, coke and charcoal, tin cans, glass bottle, electrical supplies, iron barrels, copper wire, auto wheels, rubber boots and shoes. Boston "N. B." Mar. 7, p. 9. Cut in Western Passenger Rates.—Chic. Milw. & St. P., Chic. & N. W., Chic. Burl. & Quincy and the Chic. & R. I. railroads announce another lowering of passenger fares twice a month to practically all points west to one-half regular fares, beginning March 7. "Fin. Am." Mar. 6, p. 2. Chicago-New England Wool Rate Decision.—The I.-S. C. Commission on Mar. 6 decided that the carload rates on pulled wool in machine-pressed bales, from Chicago to points in trunk line territory and New England, are unreasonable to the extent that they exceed the rate 26 rates contemporaneously in effect from and to the same points. Phila. "N. B." Mar. 6, p. 1. Incidental Control by Commerce Commission of Unreasonable Intra-State Rates Upheld by U. S. Supreme Court.—See "Current Events" above and "Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 519. Shipping Board on Co-operation Between Railways and Steamships.—"Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 531; "Chronicle" Mar. 4, p. 904. Buff. Roch. & Pittsb. Makes Offer to Employees for Suggestions of Economies.—"Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 510. Rail Trackmen's Wage Cut Protest to Harding Futile.—"Sun" Mar. 6, p. 26. Labor Board Hearing.—101 Western roads seek new 10% wage cut; question of pay by shop crafts contractors excluded from Board's hearing. "Times" Mar. 8 to 11; "Post" Mar. 6, p. 11. New Rules for Telegraphers, Supervisors, &c.—See "Times" Mar. 4, p. 2; "Ry. Review" Mar. 4. Renting Out RR. Work.—Del. Lack. & West. will hereafter have all freight at its big transfer station in Scranton, Pa., handled by contract, making the third Lackawanna freight station operated by private contractors. Boston "N. B." Mar. 9, p. 6. Western Maryland Lets All Its Maintenance of Way Work to Youngstown, O., firm, which reduces wages of laborers, it is said, from 39 1/2c. to 25c. per hour. "Post" Mar. 8, p. 12. Miners Ratify Pact with Rail Workers.—Mine Workers' Board hears of overwhelming vote for a coal strike in the early return, expects no Illinois split. "Times" Mar. 9, p. 22. Warfield Plan for Pooling and Repairing Cars.—"Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 508. Discusses the plan of the National Association of Owners of RR. Securities, and questions possibility of annual saving of \$300,000,000. Long-Distance Telephone.—N. Y. Central System is saving over \$52,000 a year by owning and operating its own long-distance telephone circuit between New York and Chicago. "Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 509, 525. Extension of Regan Automatic Train Control on Chicago R. E. & Pac. Ry.—Proposed from Joliet to Rock Island, Ill., 140 miles previously in service on 24 miles of double track between Blue Island and Joliet, Ill. for more than two years. "Ry. Review" Mar. 4, p. 296. Investigation of Brake Systems Is Ordered.—"Ry. Review" Mar. 4, p. 316. May Test Order to Turn Over to U. S. Earnings in Loss of 1/2% on Certain Periods of 1920.—"Times" Mar. 4, p. 10. Control of Ships by Transcontinental Roads, White House Warns; Would Cut Transportation Costs.—"Times" Mar. 4, p. 2. "Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 531. 135 of the 201 Class I Roads Report \$23,484,205 Net Ry. Oper. Income. This compares with a deficit of \$300,879 for the same road in January 1921. "Times" Mar. 7, p. 29. N. Y. Board of Estimate Votes Appropriations of \$18,300,000 for Completion of Old Contracts.—"Times" Mar. 4, p. 4. Brooklyn Trolley Re-routing Suggestions Merely Tentative, Commissioner Explains.—"Sun" Mar. 7, p. 4. City Club in Favor of New Transit Bills.—Resolutions approve amendments giving State Board increase of power. "Time" Mar. 9, p. 1. Want No Hearing on Transit Act Amendments.—N. Y. traction corporations prefer to fight measures in court. "Sun" Mar. 8, p. 4. Mayor Hylan Drops Fight Against Traction Bill.—Shimpon Jones measure reported by Senate Committee. "Post" Mar. 8, p. 1. California Situation Regarding Rail and Truck Transportation.—Intensive competitive development has produced acute condition, California railroads protest free use of roads by bus carriers (Paul Shoup, Pres. Pacific Electric Ry., Los Angeles, before American Elec. Ry. Association). "Elec. Ry. Jour." Mar. 4, p. 304. N. Y. Transit Board Acts to Speed Service and Provide Seats.—Companies called to hearing Mar. 15 as first step to end jam elevated and surface lines as badly overcrowded as the subway trains. "Times" Mar. 8, p. 17. Mar. 7, p. 1.

Government Railways Ruining Swiss Tourist Business (Julian Grande, Geneva).—"Ry. Age" Mar. 4, p. 545. After 14 Years of Loss on the Etat System French Govt. Will Quit Railroad- ing (Edwin L. James).—Cable to "Times" Mar. 9, p. 19. Canada Experiment in Control of RRs.—Is costing the Dominion Govt. approximately \$108,000,000 a year; total cost to Canadian people for last 7 years, \$763,637,214 (J. L. Payne, former statistical expert of Dept. of Railways and Canals in "Saturday Night"). "Fin. Am." Mar. 9, p. 2. Germany Has an Official Volunteer Organization for the Breaking of Public Utility Strikes.—"Times" Mar. 6, p. 12. British Suid to Hve? Offered Guaranty of Peru Rail Options.—"Ry. Review" Mar. 4, p. 320. Cars Loaded.—The total number of cars loaded with revenue freight during the week ending Feb. 25 totaled 735,286, compared with 780,924 during the previous week, or a reduction of 45,638. This was an increase of 75,644 as compared with the corresponding week of 1921, but 48,009 under the corresponding week in 1920. Principal changes as compared with the week before were as follows: Merchandise and miscellaneous freight (incl. manufactured products), 413,264 cars, decrease 29,298 (but 30,546 more than in 1921); grain and grain products, 46,729, decrease 7,480; live stock, 27,740, decrease 2,587; coal, 187,447, decrease 3,253 (but an increase of 44,449 over the corresponding week in 1921); forest products, 47,704, decrease 3,092; coke, 8,072, increase 406; ore, 4,330, increase 296. Idle Cars Further Decreased.—The total number of freight cars idle Feb. 23 totaled 437,678, compared with 449,819 on Feb. 15, or a reduction of 12,141 cars. Of the total Feb. 23 264,814 were serviceable freight cars, while the remaining 172,864 cars were in need of repairs. Surplus box cars in good order Feb. 23 numbered 105,938, a decrease of 6,616 since Feb. 15, while surplus coal cars in good repair totaled 105,570, a decrease of 6,480. The number of stock cars totaled 20,732, or a decrease of 449. Idle Cars on or About First of Month, on Apr. 8 '21 (Peak) and on Feb. 23 1922. In Thousands: Feb. 23 Feb. '22 Jan. '22 Dec. '21 Nov. '21 Sept. '21 Apr. 8 Jan. '21 Good order— 265 331 171 283 80 246 507 198 Bad order— 172 159 148 172 184 221 111 ---

Matters Covered in 'Chronicle' March 4.—(a) Full particulars of Port of N. Y. Authority's plan for development of N. Y. Port District, p. 909-916. Editorial. (b) Railroad rate decision; U. S. Supreme Court upholds right of Commerce Commission over unreasonable intra-State rates, p. 916. (c) Railroad rules further revised for signalmen, firemen, oilers, supervisors and expressmen, p. 916. (d) Financial results for Class I roads in year 1921 and month of December. (e) Railroad rates.—Trunk lines to appeal from decision in New England divisions case, p. 917.

Alabama Florida & Gulf RR.—Government Loans.—The following companies have recently applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for Government loans. Other roads whose applications are still pending were noted in these columns from time to time.

Name of Company	Amount	No. Yrs.	Name of Company	Amount	No. Yrs.
Ala. Fla. & Gulf RR.	\$100,000	8	Narragansett Pier RR	50,000	15
Carrollton & Worthville	8,000	5	Northeastern Okla.	50,000	5
Chic. Peoria & St. L.	1,000,000	10	Salina Northern	308,630	10
Cisco & Northeastern	148,600	9	Sherwood Rv. (Ga.)	15,000	10
Knov. & Carolina RR	75,000	5	Vietsb. Shreve. & Pac	408,966	15
Maxton Alma & South	84,290	5	Wab. Chester & West.	500,000	
Memphis Dallas & Gulf	246,782	10	Wheeling & Lake Erie	600,000	10
Minn. & St. Louis Ry.	2,000,000	5			

The period during which railroads controlled by the Government during the war were entitled to ask Government loans under the Transportation Act expired on March 1. On that account several roads applied for loans before the expiration of the time set.—V. 113, p. 530.

Albany Southern RR.—Notes.—The entire issue of \$550,000 7% notes, due March 1 1922, was canceled and the collateral trust indenture satisfied. None of the notes were in the hands of the public.—V. 113, p. 847.

American Railways Co.—Extension of Bonds.—The American Railways Co.-National Gas Collateral Trust 5% gold bonds (about \$982,086 outstanding) due March 1 1922 were extended for five years to March 1 1927 at 6% per annum, the interest to be free of the normal Federal income tax of 2% and the Pennsylvania State tax of 1 mill.—V. 114, p. 946.

Ann Arbor RR.—Negotiating for Sale of Road.—Tentative negotiations for the sale of this property to the Pere Marquette Ry., it is understood, are under way. Officials of the latter, however, are stated to have denied any knowledge of the negotiations. Newman Erb, President of Ann Arbor; Frederick Hertenstein of Cloolnatt and F. M. Prince of New York, it is stated, have been constituted a committee to handle the matter.—V. 113, p. 2310.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Contract.—Contracts for the building of 60 miles of new railroad from Santa, Kan., to a point near Springfield, Colo., have been awarded to John R. Scott and E. P. White, of Kansas City, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo. The company has also awarded a contract to the Sharp-Fellows Contracting Co., Los Angeles, for the construction of 75 miles of second track between Yampal, Ariz., and Griffith, including the reduction of a grade.—V. 114, p. 736, 625.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.—Asks for \$10,000,000 Government Loan.—Equipment Trusts Defaulted.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for a Government loan of \$10,000,000, for a period of 15 years. The security offered for the loan consists of 1st & Ref. Mtge. gold bonds dated Nov. 1 1915. Authorized \$15,000,000. The purpose of the loan is as follows: "To meet certain of the bonded debt now maturing under the terms of the mortgages securing the same, by reason of default of interest thereon, to wit: (1) \$1,090,000 Atlanta & Birmingham Ry. Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, dated Jan. 1 1904 (2) \$4,600,000 Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Ry. Co. 15-year 5% Income Mtge. gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1915. "To meet on maturity receiver's certificates amounting to \$529,166 20 to be authorized by the Court. "To provide a working fund for the operation of the property \$780,533 80, making a total of \$10,000,000." There is also pending before the Commission the company's application for a loan of \$529,166, part of which is to pay \$228,109 taxes for 1921, the balance to pay at maturity a short-term note. The application made at close of Jan. for a loan of \$615,593 for 15 years to pay 1921 taxes and meet short term note was denied by the Commission Feb. 8 (V. 114, p. 625). The interest on the equipment trusts held by the Government was defaulted in July 1921 but the first payment of principal was made in Jan. 1921. Both interest and principal was defaulted in Jan. 1922. Total equipment trusts now outstanding \$917,000.—V. 114, p. 625.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—New Directors.—Frederick H. Rowson, President of the Union Trust Co. of Chicago, and Joseph E. Widener of Philadelphia have been elected directors, succeeding John G. Shedd and W. Averill Harriman, who resigned from the directorate because of the I.-S. C. Commission's order on interlocking directorships. V. 114, p. 737.

Birmingham & Northwestern Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$100,000 1st Mtge. 5s, bond due March 1 1927, for the purpose of refunding or retiring an equal amount of First Mortgage bonds maturing March 1 1922. The proposed bonds will be dated March 1 1922 and mature March 1 1927, and it is planned to exchange, so far as possible, bonds of the new issue, dollar for dollar, for maturing bonds. All bonds not presented for exchange on this basis will be redeemed by payment in cash. To provide funds with which to retire bonds not presented for exchange the I.-S. C. Commission has granted the company a loan of \$70,000. As security for this loan the company will pledge \$30,000 of the new 1st Mtge. bonds and \$25,000 of 15-yr. 5% Income bonds now in the hands of Mercantile Union Trust Co.—V. 114, p. 301.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Re-routing Plan.—A tentative re-routing plan for the surface lines in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens presented to the Transit Commission March 4 by D. L. Turner, its consulting engineer, proposes the abandonment of 26 of

the 71 surface car lines. It calls for the utilization of about 356 of the present 504 miles of track. Of the trackage that would be abandoned 30 miles are not now in operation. (see also New York "Times" March 2.) See also article regarding valuations of New York traction properties in "Chronicle" Feb. 25, p. 803.—V. 114, p. 737, 518.

#### **Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Bond Application**

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$8,315,000 Consol. Mtge. 4½s of 1907, of which \$6,251,000 are to be used to refund existing obligations maturing during 1922 and \$2,100,000 for additions and betterments.—V. 114, p. 518.

#### **Cambria & Indiana RR.—New President.**

W. A. Webb has been elected President succeeding B. D. Coleman.—V. 113, p. 1469.

**Canadian Northern Ry.—Notes Sold.**—The bankers named below have sold at 99½ and int. to yield about 5.15%, \$11,000,000 3-year 5% Gold notes. The Dominion of Canada guarantees principal and interest by endorsement. (See advertising pages.) The bankers state:

Canadian counsel advise us that these guaranteed notes will be secured by the full credit and taxing power of the Dominion of Canada equally with its direct obligations. Dated March 1 1922. Due March 1 1925. Principal and interest payable in gold in New York City at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, Int. payable M. & S. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*). Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee.

The notes will be the direct obligation of the Canadian Northern Railway Co., forming part of the Canadian National Railways owned by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, which will consist, with the Grand Trunk Ry., of about 22,000 miles, comprising two main trunk lines extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean with branch lines, serving the most productive sections of the country, and reaching every important traffic centre in Canada.

**Bankers Making Offering.**—Dillon, Read & Co., National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Bankers Trust Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, First Trust & Savings Bank, and Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.—V. 114, p. 853.

**Capital Traction Co. of Washington.—Fares Reduced.**  
See Washington Railway & Electric Co. below.—V. 113, p. 959.

**Chattanooga Railway & Light Co.—Receivership to Be Terminated—Agreement With Chattanooga Railways Co. Bondholders' Committee.**

The bondholders' protective committee for the Chattanooga Rys. 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% gold bonds on Feb. 14 announced in brief:

An agreement has been made between the committee for the 1st Consol. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, the Chattanooga Railway & Light Co. and the Chattanooga Railways Co., whereby the Light Company agrees on or before July 1 to pay the \$625,000 bonds of Chattanooga Electric Ry. dated Dec. 1 1898, also to pay all the costs and expenses of the receivership and of the litigation now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern Division of the Eastern District of Tennessee, and the expenses of this committee.

The Railway & Light Co. further agrees to guarantee by endorsement thereon the payment of the principal and interest from Jan. 1 1922 of the 5% bonds of the Chattanooga Rys. Co. 1st Consol. Mtge. deposited under the deposit agreement dated Jan. 2 1919, and the payment of a sinking fund of 1% per annum upon the deposited bonds. This sinking fund and this issue of bonds to be further secured by a supplemental mortgage to be executed by the Chattanooga Ry. & Light Co. and the Chattanooga Rys. upon all the property of the Rys. Co. under this agreement.

When this agreement is consummated, the receivership will be terminated, the proceedings for the foreclosure of the mortgage securing the \$2,165,000 Chattanooga Rys. Co. bonds will be dismissed, and the lien of Chattanooga Rys. 1st Consol. Mtge. maintained as a first closed lien upon all the properties of the Railways Company. In other words, the bonds will be a first closed mortgage of \$2,165,000 on all of the property of the Chattanooga Rys. Co., in place of a second mortgage on part of the property and a first mortgage on the remainder of the property. These bonds will then be returned to the depositors with interest from Jan. 1 1922 to May 1 1922 (coupons subsequent to May 1 1922 to remain attached), bearing the guaranty of the Railway & Light Co.

Attention is called to the fact that as the committee can act only for the bonds deposited under the agreement, no other bonds will have the benefit of the guaranty of the Railway & Light Co. and of the sinking fund, and, therefore, it is in the opinion of the committee to the interest of the non-deposited bondholders to deposit their bonds immediately.

**Committee.**—Lewis H. Parsons, Chairman; John W. Hamer, Emory McMichael, Philadelphia, and William G. Baker Jr., Baltimore, Md. Commercial Trust Co., Phila., depository.—V. 112, p. 2576.

#### **Chicago & Joliet Electric Ry.—New Franchise.**

The Township Highway Commission recently granted the company a 20-year franchise.—V. 113, p. 2503.

#### **Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Earnings.**

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Operating revenue	\$4,507,361	\$4,193,666	\$3,237,921	\$2,899,975
Operating expenses	5,440,761	3,229,048	2,319,465	1,856,039
Taxes	225,845	151,746	163,100	185,821
Operating income	\$840,761	\$812,875	\$755,356	\$858,115
Non-operating income	11,973	10,332	17,879	9,469
Gross income	\$852,733	\$823,207	\$773,235	\$867,584
Deductions	463,013	390,196	341,396	332,506
Dividends	70,000	60,000	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$319,720	\$373,011	\$431,839	\$535,078
Profit & loss surplus	\$1,962,881	\$1,643,161	\$1,270,954	\$855,811

—V. 113, p. 2818.

#### **Chicago Peoria & St. Louis RR.—Seeks Govt. Loan.**

See Alabama Florida & Gulf RR. above.—V. 113, p. 2184.

#### **Cleveland (Ohio) Railway.—Obituary.**

George L. Radcliffe, Vice-President and General Manager, died Feb. 9.—V. 114, p. 197.

#### **Columbus Del. & Marion Electric Co.—Sale.**

See Columbus Ry. Power & Light Co. below.—V. 114, p. 519.

#### **Columbus Ry. Power & Light Co.—Acquisition.**

The Ohio P. U. Commission has approved the acquisition of 6 miles of track from the Columbus Delaware & Marion Electric Co. See V. 114, p. 519, 853.

#### **Consolidated Cities Light Power & Traction Co.—**

Results for Calendar Years—	1921.
Gross earnings	\$10,122,407
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	7,287,178
Net available for interest and reserve	\$2,835,229
Interest on subsidiary bonds	1,913,778
Dividends on subsidiary Preferred stocks and amounts accruing to minority Common stocks	97,636
Net to Common stocks and reserves	\$823,814
Add: Interest on bonds included in collateral, this being part of above deduction for subsidiary interest	167,500
Total earnings accruing to securities pledged to secure the Consol. Cities L. P. & T. Co. bonds	\$991,314
Annual interest on \$9,578,500 Consol. Cities L. P. & T. Co. 5% bonds	\$478,925

—V. 103, p. 1983.

#### **Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Deposits—Listing.**

James H. Perkins, Chairman of the Perkins Committee, in a notice to the holders of the 1st & Ref. 5s and Certificates of Deposit of Bankers Trust Co., representing such bonds, states that bonds withdrawn from Banker

Trust Co., depository for the Hammond Committee, before March 11 and all bonds not heretofore deposited may be deposited up to March 31 1922 with Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., depository for the Perkins Committee.

According to the Hammond agreement the last date holder of such bonds who have dissented from the reorganization plan may withdraw their deposits is March 11, otherwise they are bound by the terms of the plan. The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of: (1) Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. deposit receipts representing 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s, due Aug. 1 1955, and coupons due Feb. 1 1922, and subsequent coupons, deposited under the terms of a deposit agreement dated as of Jan. 31 1922 between the holders of deposit receipts and James H. Perkins, R. Walter Leigh, J. H. McClement, John G. Lonsdale and Willis D. Wood, as a committee, on official notice of issuance thereof in exchange for 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds up to a total of deposit receipts aggregating \$31,114,000 and for authority to list (2) Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. deposit receipts representing Bankers Trust Co. stamped certificates of deposit issued under a deposit agreement dated May 28 1917, for 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5s, due Aug. 1 1955, and deposited under the terms of said deposit agreement dated as of Jan. 31 1922, on official notice of issuance thereof in exchange for said Bankers Trust Co. certificates of deposit.

The New York Stock Exchange has also authorized the listing of assented Bankers Trust Co. certificates of deposit representing 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1955, stamped as showing that the coupons on the bonds represented thereby, up to and incl. the coupon of Feb. 1 1922, have been either paid or purchased, and \$23,797,000 additional amount of such stamped certificates of deposit from time to time on official notice of issuance thereof, as assented certificates and stamped as to Feb. 1 1922 int. or in exchange for outstanding bonds, making the total amount of said certificates applied for \$31,114,000.

The additional stamp indicating that the Feb. 1 1922 coupon has been purchased is in the following form: "The coupon due Feb. 1 1922, pertaining to the bond represented by this certificate has been purchased by The Western Pacific Railroad Corp. and the amount thereof has been paid hereon."—V. 114, p. 947, 853.

#### **Denver & Salt Lake RR.—Loan Denied.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has denied the application of the receivers for a \$6,500,000 Government loan to build a 6-mile tunnel on its line west of Denver. The Commission held that the security offered was insufficient to guarantee the return of the money involved.—V. 114, p. 78.

#### **Detroit Bay City & Western RR.—New Secretary.**

Mrs. Helen M. Handy has been elected Secretary with headquarters at Bay City, Mich., to succeed the late F. S. Handy.—V. 108, p. 1274.

#### **Dodge City & Cimarron Valley Ry.—Extension.**

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to construct an extension from a point of connection with its existing railroad at or near Satanta, in a general northwesterly and westerly direction through Haskell, Grant and Stanton counties, about 55 miles, all in the State of Kansas. The company owns a line of road extending from Dodge City to Elkhart, Kan., 120 miles, which is leased to and operated by the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. The Santa Fe owns all the Capital stock except directors' qualifying shares.

#### **Dubuque (Ia.) Electric Co.—New Franchise Passed.**

The Dubuque City Council recently passed the railway and lighting franchises of the Dubuque Electric Co. The measures will be submitted to a vote of the people on March 27. See V. 113, p. 1674.

**Erie RR.—Proposed New Financing to Take Care of \$15,000,000 Notes Due April 1.**—In order to take care of its \$15,000,000 6% notes due April 1 company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,000,000 Erie Ry. Ext. Consol. Mtge. 7% bonds, due 1930 (of which it expects to sell immediately not less than \$2,500,000), and not more than \$12,500,000 6% notes, which it will turn over to the War Finance Corp. at par. The War Finance Corp. now holds \$12,753,000 of the maturing notes. The new note issue will be reduced when and as the company sells additional bonds above \$2,500,000 and not exceeding \$5,000,000.

The application to the Commission provides in brief:

(a) The sale of \$5,000,000 Consol. Mtge. 7% Extended bonds, due Sept. 1 1930, now owned and the pledging pending their sale of \$2,500,000 of them as security for the company's note or notes, having a maturity of not more than two years from their date, for an aggregate amount equal to the amount of the bonds.

(b) The pledge of the following mortgage bonds as security for its note or notes to the amount of \$10,000,000, such notes to be dated April 1 1922, to be payable on demand after one year from date thereof and to bear 6% int.; Erie RR. Gen. Lien 4s, \$19,217,000; Erie RR. Gen. Mtge. Conv. bonds, Series D, \$8,372,000, and Erie RR. Gen. Mtge. Conv. bonds, Series B, \$440,000.

(c) The pledge of the following mortgage bonds as substituted security for its \$8,000,000 notes to the U. S. Treasury dated Aug. 31 1920, due Aug. 31 1930, in place of \$5,000,000 of its Consol. Mtge. 7% Extended bonds due Sept. 1 1930, now pledged as security for the note of Aug. 31 1920: \$8,000,000 Ref. & Impt. Mtge. 20-Year 6s and \$600,000 Columbus & Erie RR. 1st Mtge. 50-Year 5s.

The company proposes to sell the bonds referred to in (a) for the purpose of discharging a like amount of its \$15,000,000 3-Year 6% Secured gold notes which mature April 1 1922, and to issue its notes referred to in (a) and (b) for the purpose of extending and renewing a like amount of the maturing notes.

The company proposes to pledge the \$8,000,000 Ref. & Impt. bonds and \$600,000 Columbus & Erie 1st Mtge. bonds for the purpose of securing the release and subsequent sale of the \$5,000,000 Consol. Mtge. bonds, and the proceeds of the sale are to be used to pay off and discharge a like amount of the company's 3-year 6% secured gold notes, due April 1 1922.

The amount of its mortgage bonds proposed to be sold and the amount of notes to be issued is a maximum amount in each case, but the aggregate amount of bonds and notes issued will not exceed \$15,000,000 outstanding at any one time.

The company proposes to provide for the \$15,000,000 6% notes at maturity in the following manner: It expects to sell \$5,000,000 Consol. Mtge. 7% Extended bonds and with the proceeds from such sale to pay off and discharge \$5,000,000 of the maturing notes.

It expects to extend the remaining \$10,000,000 notes through the issuance of its note, or notes, for an equal amount, to be payable on demand after one year and to bear 6% int. It may not be practicable for the company prior to April 1 1922 to sell the entire \$5,000,000 7% bonds, but it is believed that at least half of that amount will be sold prior to that time.

It may, therefore, be necessary for the company to extend temporarily in addition to the \$10,000,000 of notes so to be extended, a further amount thereof up to \$2,500,000, pending sale of that amount of 7% bonds, the proceeds of which, when sold, will be used to pay off and discharge an equal amount of the notes to the extent to which they shall be issued in excess of \$10,000,000.

Notes amounting to not exceeding \$12,500,000 will be issued directly to the War Finance Corp., which now holds \$12,753,000 of the company's notes, maturing April 1 1922.—V. 114, p. 622, 521.

#### **Georgia Ry. & Power Co.—Report—Executive Assistant.**

For annual report see under "Financial Reports" and "Reports and Documents" on other pages of this issue.

William U. Taylor, President for the past several years of the Omaha (Neb.) Gas Co. and an expert in appraisal and rate matters, has been elected Executive Assistant to President Preston S. Arkwright and Chairman Hugh M. Atkinson.—V. 114, p. 947, 854.

#### **Hagerstown & Frederick Ry.—Preferred Stock.**

The company is offering to local investors at par (\$50) \$200,000 7% Cumul. Pref. stock.—V. 114, p. 626.

#### **Indianapolis Street Ry.—Improvements.**

The company plans an improvement program calling for an expenditure within a year of \$3,313,000 for new construction and \$1,560,575 for reconstruction of track, paving and special work—"Railway Review" Feb. 26.—V. 114, p. 626.

International Ry., Buffalo.—Loan Suit, &c.—

Litigation instituted in the New York Supreme Court by the Bankers Trust Co. to recover \$772,104 advanced as loans to the company, on trial before Justice McAvoy and a jury, has resulted in a disagreement. The trust company, after recounting the loans, said that only \$100,000 was paid on a demand for the repayment of \$500,000. The loans were secured by \$2,000,000 worth of bonds issued by the defendant corporation to improve its properties by the purchase of new equipment—(Journal of Commerce).

The New York P. S. Commission has approved abandonment by the company of a part of its old Buffalo-Niagara Falls line between North Tonawanda and LaSalle in the town of Wheatfield, about 7 1/4 miles.

The company is ordered, however, to arrange for the protection of the rights and equities of the holders of certain bonds issued under a mortgage by executing a trust agreement to contain specified conditions.—V. 113, p. 2613.

Knoxville Ry. & Light Co.—Bonds Authorized.—

The Tennessee P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$195,000 bonds, the proceeds to be used for improvements.—V. 114, p. 79.

Lafayette (Ind.) Service Co.—Sale.—

Charles Martindale, Master in Chancery, sold the entire property of the company March 1 by order of Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, on the petition of Real Estate Trust Co., Phila., trustee of the \$225,000 Lafayette St. Ry. 1st mtge. 5 1/2% due June 1 1923.

The street railway, which includes only the track and repair barn, was purchased for \$75,000 by Julius Berlovitz, a local business man, and it is stated the line will be put into operation, provided the city will protect the company from bus competition and allow the abandonment of a few unproductive lines.

The Northern Indiana Gas & Electric purchased the power house for \$150,000, and the State of Indiana bought the Tecumseh Trail Park for \$6,310.—V. 114, p. 410.

Little Rock (Ark.) Ry. & Elec. Co.—Fares Reduced.—

The Little Rock City Council has passed an ordinance, effective Mar. 15, requiring the company to reduce its fares from 6c. to 5c. The measure repeals the ordinance passed May 17 1920 granting the company the right to charge a 6c. fare for one year.—V. 114, p. 79.

Long Island RR.—Bonds Paid.—

The \$1,490,000 Long Island RR. Ferry 1st 4 1/2% due March 1 were paid off at office of the Pennsylvania RR. Co., 85 Cedar St., New York City.—V. 114, p. 948, 198.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—Final Settlement—Wins Suit.

The Director-General of RRs. has paid to the company \$7,000,000 in full settlement of its claims against the Government growing out of the operation of the road during the period of Federal control.

The U. S. Supreme Court in a decision rendered Feb. 27 sustained a decision of the Federal Court for the Western District of Kentucky in the case of the Western Union against the Louisville & Nashville, which held that the Telegraph company had not a vested right in its easement for the placing of telegraph poles upon the right of way of the railroad. The State statute under which the Telegraph company had enjoyed this easement had been repealed, but the company had claimed that it had a vested right.

Newcomb Carlton, President of the Telegraph company, says: "The decision does not affect us now to any extent. It is an old suit dating back over a decade, and we have been using right of way during that period. We are now composing our differences, and some modus vivendi through a third agency is expected to be arrived at."—V. 113, p. 2819.

Louisville Railway.—New Director.—

Damon L. Kehl, clerk in the construction department, has been elected director.—V. 114, p. 306.

Lynchburg (Va.) Traction & Light Co.—Fares.—

A 6c. fare on the company's interurban lines was ordered by the Virginia Corporation Commission on Feb. 16. The fare was formerly 5c.—V. 113, p. 1773.

Maine Central RR.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has announced the tentative valuation of the road as of June 30 1916 at \$61,091,384.—V. 114, p. 918, 627.

Memphis Union Station Co.—Tentative Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has announced the tentative valuation as of June 30 1916 at \$2,311,550.—V. 97, p. 1025.

Midi RR. (Compagnie des Chemins de Fer du Midi), France.—Bonds Offered.—

A. Iselin & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Hemphill, Noyes & Co., New York, are offering an issue of Frs. 25,000,000 6% bonds, issue of 1920 (foreign series), redeemable at par by drawings not later than 1960. (See advertising pages.) The bankers state:

[The bonds are offered to the public at \$79 for each 1,000 franc bond, or on the basis to yield about 6.70%.]

Issued, Frs. 50,000,000, amortized, Frs. 300,000. Denom., Frs. 1,000. Principal and interest payable at the office of A. Iselin & Co., 36 Wall St., N. Y. City, without deduction for any French taxes, present or future, if held by non-residents of France. These bonds are redeemable at par by annual drawings, in accordance with the amortization schedule, in amounts sufficient to retire the entire issue by 1960, the company reserving the right to increase the amount to be redeemed in any year.

French Government Guaranty.—Under agreements confirmed by law the payment of principal and interest of its bonds and 10% annually on its entire capital stock is secured to the company by the guarantee of the French Government.

Capital Stock.—The capital stock is Frs. 125,000,000, divided into 250,000 shares of Frs. 500 each. The stock is listed on the Paris Bourse and is quoted at about Frs. 740 per share, bringing the actual market value of the outstanding capital stock to about Frs. 185,000,000.

Bonded Debt.—On Dec. 31 1920 the bonded debt was as follows:

Table with columns: Author, Called for, Out-standng, Par Value of Bonds. Rows include bonds from 1884-1957, 1897-1957, 1914-1960, 1920-1960, and 1920-1960.

The company operates about 2,500 miles of lines which extend from Bordeaux, France, to the Spanish border and the Mediterranean Sea. The company had its inception in 1852 and operates under a concession from the Government terminating in 1960. For further statement of property, history, mileage, Government guaranty, convertibility, &c., see V. 111, p. 1172—V. 112, p. 372.

Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry.—Seeks Govt. Loan.—

See Alabama Florida & Gulf RR above—V. 113, p. 849.

Missouri & North Arkansas RR.—Sale.—

Receiver W. C. Murray has announced that April 10 had been set as the date for the sale of the road, in accordance with a recent decree issued in Federal Court at Little Rock. The decree has set \$5,000,000 as the upset price.—V. 114, p. 948.

Morenci Southern Ry.—Discontinued.—

The operation of this road has been discontinued.

New England Invest. & Security Co.—Wages.—

The following changes in wages have been ordered by the Board of Arbitration. Reduction of 10c. an hour in wages of motormen and conductors employed by Springfield Street Ry. Co. and Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. Co.; cut of 15c. per hour in wages of shunter employees of Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Ry. Co., and a 12c. per hour cut in pay for platform men of Interest Consolidated Street Ry. and Attleboro Branch RR. New schedule is effective March 1 and will continue until Jan. 1 1924. Wages of all other employees of these roads will be reduced 15% effective at once. See also Springfield Street Ry. below—V. 113, p. 966.

New Jersey & Pennsylvania Traction Co.—Fares.—

The company announces a cut, effective March 15, in passenger and freight rates between Trenton and the various towns it covers in Bucks County, Pa. The fare on the Morrisville division has been 7c., or 5 tickets for 35c., but under the new rate 5 tickets will be sold for 30c.; on the Lambertville division, covering 18 miles, 4 tickets for \$2. On the Yardly, Newtown and the Bristol-Doylestown divisions 6 tickets are sold for 50c.—V. 113, p. 1675.

New York Central RR.—New \$60,000,000 Bond Issue Proposed.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$60,000,000 Ref. & Improv. Mtge. 5% bonds, Series C, dated Oct. 1 1921, due 2013.

The company proposes to use \$48,055,000 of the securities for the purpose of paying for additions and betterments already made and to reimburse its treasury for these expenditures. It was also proposed to use \$11,945,000 to pay off bonds of subsidiary companies due July 1.

The application states that no binding agreement has been made for the disposal of the bonds, but the carrier is negotiating with J. P. Morgan & Co. for their sale, and unless the market situation shall substantially change, the road expects to be able to sell the proposed bonds to the bankers at a price which will net the carrier not less than 90.

The application states further that \$26,500,000 of the proceeds is to be used to pay off notes given to Director-General in payment for additions and betterments made upon the road during Federal control; and \$21,500,000 is to be used for further payments to the Director-General on additions and betterments account and to reimburse the treasury of the company for expenditures made by it for additions and betterments.

The maturities to be met July 1 consist of \$9,076,000 5%, \$419,000 4% and \$500,000 3 1/2% Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg 1st Consol. bonds and \$1,950,000 Utica & Black River 1st 4s.

Acquisitions Authorized, &c.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has issued a tentative report on the application of the New York Central RR. to purchase all of the capital stock of the Chicago River & Indiana RR.; also the application of the Chicago Junction Ry. to lease for 99 years and thereafter in perpetuity all of its properties to the Chicago River & Indiana RR., and the application of the New York Central for an option to purchase all the stock of the Chicago Junction Rys. or all the properties to be leased by it to the Chicago River & Indiana RR.

The additional conditions are that the companies shall signify their acceptance of the order and of the conditions contained by written agreement and that if any of the Commission's order shall for any reason be adjudged to be invalid, the entire order and the authorizations shall be void, it being the intent of the order and authorization that it shall be effective only in the event that all the conditions and parts of the order and report shall be effective.

New Union Station for New York City Proposed.—

A \$2,000,000 union station on 125th St. for the lines of the New York Central RR., the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., the Harlem division of the New York Central as well as the New York Westchester & Boston RR. and the Harlem River division of the New Haven, is provided for in a bill recently introduced at Albany by Assemblyman Louis A. Cuvillier of New York City.—V. 114, p. 627.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Government Loan to Pay Off 10% of European Loan 4s Provided Balance Is Extended.—

The company gave out the following statement on March 7:

The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day approved the application of the company for authority to offer to holders of debentures of the \$27,582,691 European loan maturing April 1 1922, the payment of 10% in cash conditioned upon an extension of the remaining 90%, payable in dollars, for three years with interest increased to 7% from the present rate of 4%. The ability of the company to offer the 10% cash payment has been because of the help received from the Government which for this purpose has agreed to make the company a loan of the amount necessary to make such payment. [The I. S. C. Commission March 9 granted a loan of \$2,758,000 for the forgoing purpose].

The success of the plan is dependent upon the acceptance by the debenture holders with practical unanimity. Such acceptance will be evidenced by a deposit of their holdings with depositaries to be appointed in this country and in Europe. Extension agreements and notices setting forth the plan in detail will be sent to debenture holders within the next few days.

Authority to Extend the Maturity of Debentures.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on March 7 granted authority to enter into agreements with the holders of \$14,118,000 of dollar debentures and 69,762,500 francs of franc debentures, for the extension of the maturity thereof from April 1 1922 to April 1 1925, and to increase the rate of interest thereon from 4% to 7%.

Extracts from Report of the Commission.

The applicant proposes to accomplish the extension by entering into two agreements, one with the holders of the dollar debentures and the other with the holders of the franc debentures. In each agreement provision will be made for the deposit of the debentures with designated depositaries, and for the issue of certificates of deposit entitling the holders thereof, if the extension becomes operative, to receive, upon surrender of the certificate (a) in cash 10% of the principal amount of the debentures represented by the certificate, with interest on such cash payment, if the extension becomes operative after April 1 1922, at 7% per annum from April 1 1922 until the date when the cash payment shall become payable, and (b) debentures of the original principal amount deposited, stamped with a notation of payment of 10% of the original principal amount and extension of the remaining 90% thereof, until April 1 1925. Holders of certificates of deposit of franc debentures will receive the 10% cash payment in sterling money of Great Britain, payments in Paris to be made in French francs and payments in New York in dollars at the current rates of exchange, as determined by the Equitable Trust Co., New York.

Each franc debenture extended will entitle the holder thereof to receive on April 1 1925 450 French francs, £17. 15s. 11 1/4d., or 363 60 marks at the place, in the currency and at the rates of exchange expressed in the franc debentures, or at the option of the holder, \$86 85 at the office of the Bankers Trust Co. Each dollar debenture extended will entitle the holder thereof to receive \$200 on April 1 1925. The coupons attached to the franc debentures will be payable at the option of the bearer in francs, marks, shilling and pence, or dollars.

The applicant represents that it is impossible for it to obtain funds with which to pay the debentures on April 1 1922, and that the proposed plan is the only feasible means for caring for the maturity of the debentures. A failure to pay the debentures at maturity would constitute a default under the terms of the first and refunding mortgage.

Court Extends Time for Sale of Trolley Lines.

Judge Learned Hand in the Federal District Court March 10, by amending the decree of Oct. 17 1914, entered in the dissolution suit instituted by the Government against the company, requiring it to dispose of its holdings in yardon, New England trolley lines, has extended the time for the sale of these stock until July 1 1923.—V. 114, p. 854, 738.

New York Railways. Sale Confirmed.—

Federal Judge Mayer has signed an order confirming the sale of the company's car barn property on Madison Ave. for \$225,000.—See V. 114, p. 738, 849.

New York State Rys.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Results Cal. Year, 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918. Rows include Gross earnings, Depreciation accrual, Deferred maint. accrual, Other oper. expense, Net rev. auxiliary oper., Taxes, Net (after taxes), Net non-oper. revenue, Gross income, Interest and rentals, Net income.

N. Y. Ontario & Western Ry.—Protests Valuation.—
A protest has been filed by the company with the I.-S. C. Commission against the tentative final value of \$45,051,370 set upon the carrier in Jan. The true value on June 30 1916, the date of valuation based on prices current in 1914, is asserted by the company to have been not less than \$81,301,781.—V. 114, p. 522, 627.

Niagara St. Catharines & Toronto (El.) Ry.—Vote.—
Official figures announced by the Ontario Government, Canada, show that Thorold Twp. returned an adverse vote on the by-law to acquire the railway. This means 4 of the 17 municipalities rejected the proposal. ("Electric Ry. Journal" Mar. 4.)—V. 114, p. 307.

Ninth Avenue Ry.—Meeting Postponed.—
The stockholders' meeting scheduled for Mar. 7 has been postponed to Apr. 4.—V. 114, p. 739.

North Carolina Public Service Co., Greensboro, No. Caro.—Stock.—

A. P. Barret & Co., Baltimore, own and offer a limited amount of 6% Cumul. Pref. stock at \$62.50 per share, net, yielding 9.60% on the invest. The company was incorp. in North Carolina in 1909 with a perpetual charter, and does electric light and power and gas and street railway business in the following cities and towns: Greensboro, Proximity, White Oak, Revolution, Pomona, and High Point, No. Caro. Company also controls through ownership of a majority of Capital stock, and leases the Salisbury & Spencer Ry., which owns and does the entire electric light and power and gas business in Salisbury, Spencer, East Spencer and Concord, No. Caro., and the electric railway service in and between these cities.

Earnings for Years Ended March 31. Table with columns for years 1921, 1920, 1919, 1918, 1917 and rows for Gross, Net, Fixed charges, Surplus.

Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Franchise.—
The Ohio Supreme Court has refused to oust the company from its franchise rights to operate between Canton and Massillon, as demanded by District Attorney Ruff of Stark County. The company, maintaining a single track between the two cities, sought from the county commissioners, in 1919, a franchise for double track, agreeing to pay \$75,000 in three installments, the last to be paid in July 1922. None of this money having been paid, and no work on the project started, the prosecuting attorney sought to oust the company.—V. 114, p. 948, 522.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$104,524,200 Northern Pacific-Great Northern Joint 15-year 6 1/2% Conv. Gold bonds, dated July 1 1921, due July 1 1936, of the total issue of \$230,000,000 authorized by Northern Pacific-Great Northern Joint Indenture, dated July 1 1921.

The bonds were converted into Northern Pacific Ref. & Improve. 6% gold bonds, series B, maturing Dec. 1 2047, and (or) into Great Northern Ry. Gen. Mtge. 7% bonds, series A, due Jan. 1 1936.

The right of conversion into the General Mtge. 15-year 7s. series A, of Great Northern Railway Co., has been exercised in full and \$115,000,000 par value of the Joint 6 1/2% bonds have been canceled.

The right of conversion into Northern Pacific Ref. & Improve. 6s has been exercised to the extent of \$10,475,800 and Joint 6 1/2% bonds of the same par value have been canceled.

The I.-S.-C. Commission has authorized the company to abandon its branch line of road extending from the station of Coda to the station of Washburn, Bayfield County, Wis., 24 miles.—V. 114, p. 948.

Orangeburg (S. C.) Railway.—Sale.—
This road, extending from Orangeburg to North, So. Caro., about 17.7 miles, was sold Feb. 6 at receivers' sale to E. C. Johnson for \$2,000. The sale included only the right of way as the rails were owned by the Seaboard Air Line Ry., with which the railway connects at North. An effort will be made to resume operation of the branch, it is said. ("Railway Review").—V. 114, p. 627.

Pennsylvania R.R.—Passenger Car Order.—
The directors have authorized the purchase of 250 new all-steel cars for passenger service. These, with the 20 steel dining cars previously ordered, make a total of 270 cars of full steel construction to be added to the system passenger equipment and will constitute the largest aggregate order for steel passenger cars thus far placed by any railroad in 1922.

The 250 cars authorized will consist of 190 standard through service coaches (usually designated as the P-70 type), 35 combined passenger and baggage cars and 25 combined baggage and mail cars.—V. 114, p. 948, 410.

Peoria & Eastern Ry.—New Vice-President.—
W. A. Carnegie Ewen, Chairman of the income bondholders' committee, has been appointed Vice-President in order, it is understood, to keep the income bondholders in closer touch with the company's operations and finances. See report of committee in V. 110, p. 1742. Mr. Ewen, who is an experienced railroad man, is now making an inspection of the property.—V. 114, p. 307.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Ann Arbor Negotiations.—
See Ann Arbor RR. Above.—V. 114, p. 948, 855.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) Railways.—Equipment.—
The receivers have asked the Federal Court to approve the purchase of 40 new trolley cars, to cost \$400,000. The orders for the cars have been placed with Pressed Steel Car Co.—V. 114, p. 855, 739.

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.—Preferred Stock Offered.—
Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering, at par and div. (see advertising pages) \$3,700,000 8% Cumulative Pref. (a. & d.) stock.

Dividends payable Q.-M. Red., all or in 1,000 share lots, on any div. date, on 30 days' notice, at 110 and divs. This stock has full voting power and the right to subscribe pro rata to any further issues of Capital stock.

Extracts from Letter of President Thomas N. McCarter. Company.—Is one of the largest and most important enterprises of the kind in the United States. Its three subsidiaries, Public Service Electric Co., Public Service Gas Co. and Public Service Ry., operate all of the electric power and light, gas and street railway business in the larger cities and more populous sections of New Jersey, excepting the shore resorts, the gas service in Elizabeth and the street railway in Trenton. Population, estimated, 2,600,000. Last year the Electric company generated more than 805 million k. w. hours of electricity, the Gas company sold more than 16 billion cu. ft. of gas, and the Railway company carried more than 348 million revenue passengers. The territory served includes more than 80% of the population of the State and is practically a metropolitan district over 100 miles long.

Capitalization as of Feb. 28 1922. Table with columns for Authorized, Outstanding, Preferred Stock, Common Stock, General Mortgage Sinking Fund, 20-Year Secured, Perpetual, Interest-Bearing Certificates.

Earnings Years ended December 31. Table with columns for years 1920, 1921 and rows for Gross operating revenues, Combined Net Income, Interest, Depreciation, Balance available for dividends, Annual divs. on Pref. stock.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Decision.—

The U. S. Supreme Court on Mar. 6 denied the application of the company for review of a decision rendered against it by the U. S. District Court for Western Washington in proceedings brought against S. B. Asia, Daniel W. Bass and others. The company as owner of \$15,000,000 municipal-street railway bonds of Seattle, sought to set aside a decision obtained by Asia and his associates in a suit brought by them against the City of Seattle to restrain the application of the gross revenues of the municipal railway system to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds in preference to charges for maintenance and operation.—V. 114, p. 739.

Richland Public Service Co.—To Pay Notes, &c.—

The \$850,000 7% notes, maturing March 15 1922 will be paid at maturity, funds for this purpose having been provided through the sale of \$4,000,000 Ohio Public Service Co. 1st Mtge. & Ref. 7s Gold bonds, series "B." (see V. 114, p. 860). The Richland Public Service Co. is to be merged with other Cities Service Co. subsidiaries into the Ohio Public Service Co.—V. 112, p. 1025.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—1922 Budget—Old Bonds.

The 1922 budget does not provide for any additional locomotives, but contemplates purchasing 8 70-ft. all-steel coaches and 6 70-ft. all-steel chair cars. The total expenditures called for amount to \$7,776,000.

It proposes to lay approximately 185 miles of new 90-ft. rail, but all of this rail is on hand or contracted for.

On shop tools and machinery expenditures of about \$200,000 are contemplated. Grade reduction at Crocker, Garnsey and St. John, Mo., will cost \$675,000, and company also contemplates the construction of 4.75 miles of second main track from Windsor Springs to Valley Park, Mo., which will give us double track from St. Louis to Valley Park.

Between Spring Hill and Paola, Kan., 12.7 miles, company intends to construct the second main line, which will give it double track from Kansas City to Paola. D. B. H. Chaffe, Special Master Commissioner, gives notice that "all First Mortgage bonds of St. Louis & San Francisco RR. Co., New Orleans Texas & Mexico Division, on which pro rata payment of the distributive share has not been paid, must be presented to the undersigned Special Master at New Orleans, or to Columbia Trust Co., in N. Y. City, or to Equitable Trust Co., in Paris, France, for pro rata payment of such distributive share on or before July 1 1922."

"Notice is further given that failure to present said bonds on or before said date shall forever bar such bonds not so presented from participation in any distribution of any funds in the hands of the undersigned Special Master.

"On said date, to wit, July 1 1922, the balance of said fund then in my hands will be distributed to the holders of such bonds as may up to that time have been presented."

[The holders of the \$13,000 American 1st 5s will receive \$101.947 per \$1,000 bond and \$2.623 for the Sept. 1 1913 coupon; total, \$107.566. Holders of the \$148,000 French 4 1/2s will receive \$10.377 per \$100 bond and \$0.233 for the Sept. 1 1913 coupon, or a total of \$10.61.]—V. 114, p. 522

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Officers.—

Charlton Messick has been elected Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, with office in St. Louis, Mo., effective Feb. 15, to succeed the late George K. Warner, who died at St. Louis Feb. 11.—V. 113, p. 2819.

Sacramento Northern Ry. (of Calif.)—Wages.—

The road on Feb. 22 announced a wage reduction of 5c. an hour for motormen and conductors in the interurban passenger service and a reduction of 7 1/2c. an hour for motormen and conductors in the freight service, effective Feb. 16. The wages of brakemen and Sacramento street car employees are not affected. Under the new schedule the passenger service men will receive 57 1/2c. an hour and freight men 62 1/2c.—V. 114, p. 948.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Loan Application.—

The company has filed a blanket application with the I.-S. C. Commission for a Government loan of "certain sums," to be determined in detail later, when and if approved by the Commission as necessary to enable the road to properly serve the public.—V. 114, p. 522, 411.

South Carolina Light Power & Ry. Co.—Franchise.—

The citizens of Spartanburg, So. Caro., by a vote of 639 to 320, on Feb. 14 voted down the proposed amendments to the franchise, which included among others: the rate of fare shall be 7c.; the maximum rate for gas shall not exceed the present rate of \$2 per 1,000 cu. ft.—V. 113, p. 1054.

Southern Pacific Co.—New Terminal Building.—

To meet an imperative demand, increased facilities in housing and assembling the vast quantities of grocery products handled through the port of San Francisco, the company recently completed a wholesale grocery warehouse on the channel, bounded by Third, Fourth, Channel and Berry streets, San Francisco. The building, trackage and wharves cost \$1,620,000. The total floor space in the building is 500,000 sq. ft. (See "Railway Review" Feb. 25.)—V. 114, p. 628, 522.

Springfield Street Ry.—Fares to Stay.—

President Clark V. Wood says in substance: "The recent award has reduced the rate of wages 10c. an hour (see New England Investment & Security Co. above), but has still left that rate somewhat higher than the rate necessitating the increase in fares which was made in 1919. Even with this decrease in wages, this company is in no position as yet to consider any reduction in fares. Nor will it be in a position to do so, unless further substantial reductions should be made in the wages of its employees."—V. 113, p. 2313.

Syracuse (N. Y.) & Suburban RR.—Reorganization Plan.

The committee (see below) has adopted a plan of reorganization dated Jan. 16 1922. A new company is to be formed to take over the old company sold at foreclosure sale on Feb. 24 and bought in for \$10,000 by the committee (V. 114, p. 948).

Bondholders' Protective Committee.—Edward Powell, Chairman; J. S. Farlee, I. D. Vaun, George J. Graff, H. R. Yeager, Robert M. Green, Jr., J. M. Steere, with Thomas Raeburn White, Philadelphia, Counsel.

The committee says in brief: Participation under the plan by any First Mortgage bondholder is dependent upon his depositing his bonds with the Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, depository, within such time as may be fixed, and the plan will embrace only bonds so deposited.

Participation is further dependent upon the payment of any and all assessments which may be made upon any of the said bonds, as provided in the plan or as may subsequently be determined. Failure to pay any assessments will subject the deposited securities to sale in the discretion of the committee for the purpose of meeting such payments, and all rights on account of any prior payments will be forfeited.

Plan of Organization, Dated Jan. 16 1922.

New Company.—The committee will organize a new corporation in New York, to take title to and operate the property [of the old company, sold at foreclosure Feb. 24 and bought in for \$10,000 by representatives of the committee (V. 114, p. 948)]. The properties, together with such cash as may be raised by the committee by assessments, &c., will be transferred to the new company in return for new securities which it proposes to issue.

Assessment.—First Mortgage bondholders will be required to pay in cash an assessment of 10% (\$100 on each \$1,000 of bonds held by them, and will be entitled to receive for such assessment bonds of the new company at par and 1 1/2 shares of stock of the new company of the par value of \$187.50. Scrip certificates will be issued for fractional shares. The assessment is payable 5% on or before March 15 (extended from Feb. 1) and 5% on or before April 1.

Capitalization, &c., Before and After Reorganization.

Table comparing capitalization before and after reorganization for First Mortgage bonds, Consolidated Mortgage bonds, Notes and accounts payable, Stock.

Table showing Existing Securities, &c., Terms of Exchange, Outstanding, will receive, 1st Mtge. Bonds, Stock.

The distribution of bonds to the holders of the present \$400,000 1st Midge. bonds is conditional upon payment by them of an assessment of 10% of their present holdings (see under assessment above).

Advances Made on Behalf of Committee.—During 1921 the City of Syracuse required the repaving by the company of certain city streets as a condition of continuing to operate upon them.

Interest Rate.—The fixed charge will depend upon the interest rate upon the new issue of bonds. The committee has thought best to postpone the determination of the rate until the earnings can be better forecast.

It was also necessary to repave streets in one of the villages through which the line passes, and to make other improvements chargeable to capital.

Toledo St. Louis & Western RR.—Van Sweringen Interests Get Control.—Control of the road has been acquired by the Van Sweringen interests of Cleveland, according to O. P. Van Sweringen, V.-Pres. of the Van Sweringen Co.

Briefly, the interests I represent have acquired the majority of shares of what is known as the "Cloverleaf" railroad. This road, jointly with the Grand Trunk Western, owns the stock of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line, which runs from Toledo into Detroit.

Negotiations have been pending for about 30 days. The deal is consummated. I guess this is the first announcement. The management and operation of the Cloverleaf is unchanged.

Pres. J. J. Benet of the "Nickel Plate" road is quoted as saying: "Officially, I know nothing of this. Bear in mind that what has been done has been the work of the Van Sweringen interests."

It is stated that \$3,500,000 was the amount involved.—V. 114, p. 628.

Trinidad Electric Transmission Ry. & Gas Co.—The Colorado P. U. Commission has authorized the company to abandon service on the Baca Street, San Pedro Line and the West Main Street Branch.

United Gas & Electric Corp.—Merger of Oil Interests.—See White Oil Corp. below.—V. 114, p. 861.

Washington Railway & Electric Co.—Fares Reduced.—Effective March 1, the P. U. Commission of the District of Columbia reduced the rate of fare on the electric railways in the national capital from the present basis of five tokens for 35c. to six tokens for 40c., but maintaining the present 8c. cash fare.—V. 114, p. 412.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—Seeks Government Loan.—See Alabama Florida & Gulf RR. above.—V. 114, p. 949.

Wichita Falls & Southern Ry.—Bond Application.—The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$1,566,000 6% bonds and \$144,000 of stock on account of the construction of its new line between Newcastle and Jimkurn, Tex.—V. 113, p. 1157.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

General Industrial and Public Utility News.—The following table summarizes recent industrial and public utility news of a general character, such as is commonly treated at length on preceding pages under the caption "Current Events and Discussions" (if not in the "Editorial Department"), either concurrently or as early as practicable after the matter becomes public.

Steel and Iron Production, Prices, &c.

STEEL AND IRON MARKETS.—Iron Age, March 9, says in brief: (1) Prices.—Definite efforts are now being made to stiffen steel prices.

Attempts to break through wire and sheet prices have proved unsuccessful. Some sheet makers are now selling the heavier blue annealed sheets on the straight sheet basis instead of the plate basis, as was the case in meeting competition with plate makers.

(2) Operations.—The first week of March has shown no general increase in operations. The Illinois Steel Co. (U. S. Steel Corp.) increased ingot production in the week from 55 to 63 1/2.

No concern is shown over the impending coal strike. In fact, buying has been of an ordinary character, and prices are not much more than 25c. or 30c. above the low basis of January.

(3) Pig Iron.—February pig iron production was 1,629,991 tons, or 58,214 tons per day. January's total for the 31 days was 1,644,951 tons, or 53,048 tons daily.

Buying of pig iron in the East has continued. In the New York district orders for about 20,000 tons of various grades were placed. Eastern Pennsylvania furnaces pretty generally have advanced prices and the market is firmer, but concessions are still made.

(4) Steel Ingots.—The production of steel ingots for February, on a basis of the compilations of the American Iron and Steel Institute, indicates a total of 85,220 tons per day against 75,700 tons per day in January.

(5) Fabricated Steel.—Competition in fabricated steel lines remains keen. On the 23,000 tons for the New York Central bridge across the Hudson River, the notably low bid of \$98.60 per ton, fabricated and erected, was received.

(6) Railroad Business.—Ladle fresh railroad equipment work appeared. The Chicago & North Western is buying for 2,550 cars, the Norfolk & Western for 2,000 to 3,000 70-ton steel cars and the Union for 20 locomotives.

(7) Automobiles, etc.—Automobile makers of Detroit are operating at 65 to 75% of capacity. An inquiry has come from that centre for 2,000 tons of sheets.

The agricultural implement makers have been heard from chiefly for orders to round out stocks in preparation for production.

Lower Extras on Wide Plates.—Lukens Steel Co. makes reductions up to \$10 a ton on its product. "Iron Age" Mar. 9, p. 682.

Other Independent Steel Companies Raise Prices.—Midvale, Bethlehem, Lackawanna and Inland follow example of Jones & Laughlin in increasing the price on bars, shapes and plates to \$1 50 per 100 lbs. "Post" Mar. 9, p. 10; "Times" Mar. 8, p. 19.

Federal Trade Commission Cannot Force 22 Steel Producers to Report Costs.—"Iron Age" Mar. 9, p. 689.

Rapid Business Recovery Predicted by Judge Gary, Chairman U. S. Steel Corp.—"Fin. Am." Mar. 8, p. 1.

U. S. Steel Corporation's Unfilled Orders' Report.—See "Trade and Traffic Movements."

Coal Production, Prices, &c.

WEEKLY REVIEW.—"Coal Age," N. Y., March 9, reports in brief: (1) Market.—Production of bituminous coal has definitely outstripped the demand, for the time being at least.

The general tone of the market is one of indifference. Large consumers—railroads and public utility plants—are still taking reserve tonnage, but in a more leisurely manner and are now inclined to shop around before buying.

(2) Prices.—"Too heavy offerings of tonnage have weakened prices. Coal Age Index of spot prices stands at 179 on March 6, as compared with 180 on Feb. 27 and 192 on Jan. 2.

(3) Bituminous Shipment.—"All-rail shipments to New England increased considerably during the week ended Feb. 25, when a total of 4,151 cars passed the five gateways, as compared with 3,368 in the preceding week.

(4) Anthracite.—"All-rail shipments during the week ended Feb. 25 were 3,362 cars, as compared with 2,812 cars in the previous week. Better buying prevails in that section as retailers are extending their stocks to cover the month of May."

(5) Coke.—"In the last three weeks coke prices have advanced nearly 50c. all around.

Estimates of Production (Net Tons).—as reported by U. S. Geological Survey

Table with columns for Bituminous Coal, Anthracite Coal, and Beehive Coke, showing weekly and yearly production for 1921 and 1922.

Secretary of Labor Davis Calls on Operators and Miners to Get Together to Avert Strike April 1.—See "Current Events" and "Times" Mar. 10, p. 17.

Coal Production in Non-Union Bituminous Fields.—J. D. A. Morrow, V.-Pres. National Coal Association, has filed with the I.-S. C. Commission a statement showing that the non-union bituminous coal mines of the country at present to have a producing capacity of 5,676,000 tons per week.

Prices, Wages and Other Trade Matters.

February Copper Sales, Foreign and Domestic, Totaled 100,000,000 Pounds for American Producers.—This compared with 65,000,000 in Jan. and 115,000,000 in Dec. "Boston N. B." Mar. 4, p. 5.

Cigarette Output Drops.—5% decrease for Jan. is noted. "Times" Mar. 8, p. 23, reports:

Small table showing January output for Cigarettes, Cigars, and Snuff in 1921 and 1922.

Copper Market Firm.—Price delivered, 12.90 to 13 cents. "Eng. & Min. Jour." Mar. 11, p. 438. "Times" Mar. 6, p. 24.

Cigarette Prices Reduced.—American Tobacco Co. Mar. 6 announced a cut in the wholesale price for its "Lucky Strike" brand of cigarettes from \$7 50 a thousand to \$6 80, thus meeting the reduction already announced by the R. J. Reynolds Co. on its "Camel" brand. "Fin. Am." Mar. 7, p. 3.

Average Prices.—Dun reports advance in Feb. of 2 1/2%; since last June, 6 1/2%. Bradstreet "Index" up 1 1/2% for month, 8 1/2% since last June. "Times" Mar. 8, p. 25. Mar. 7, p. 26.

Government Wool All Sold.—Finally disposes of 674,157,554 lbs., which cost \$478,928,123. Recovery will be about 85%. "Boston N. B." Mar. 4, p. 2.

Rubber Output.—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. will continue at about 22,000 tires a day. Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. report 18,000 tires. Miller Rubber Co. 15,000 tires daily, and B. F. Goodrich Co. says current production will be maintained as far as can be seen now.

Automobile Prices.—Prices for Willys Overland and Willys-Knight cars again reduced. Overland roadster and touring models to \$550, a reduction of \$15 coupe at \$850, and sedan at \$895 remain unaltered. All Willys-Knight models are reduced, ranging from \$125 to \$390. See that company below.

Roll-Royce of America, Inc. has reduced price of Phaeton from \$14,900 to \$10,900 for Springfield, Mass. Reductions of from \$125 to \$600 were announced Mar. 6, effective immediately, on all models of H. C. S. cars. "Times" Mar. 7, p. 17.

Commission Orders State-wide Cut in Phone Rates: 5% in N. Y., 7% up-State, Pending End of Inquiry.—See New York Telephone Co. below and "Times" Mar. 4, p. 1. N. Y. City's Corporation Council, J. F. O'Brien, complains that rates are still 15% higher than before previous increases. "Times" Mar. 6, p. 25.

New Jersey Gas Rate Cut from \$1 40 to \$1 25.—P. U. Board denies plea for 8% yield. See Public Service Gas Co. below and "Times" Mar. 5, p. 1.

Wool Prices Down During February.—Average of foodstuffs advances, but minerals and textiles decline. "Times" (radio) Mar. 5, Sec. 2, p. 12.

German Prices Go Higher.—Iron now double last November, steel four times as high as July. "Times" (radio) Mar. 6, p. 10.

Rhode Island Textile Men Call for Finish Fight.—Both manufacturers and strikers reject arbitration and mediation pleas. Offer to return to work if employers' bank show mills cannot pay present wages. Few attempts to resume operation. "Times" Mar. 8, p. 17.

Labor Conditions as Reported by "Eng. News-Record" Mar. 9. (a) Minneapolis Park Commission has voted a reduction in common labor rate from \$1 50 to \$1 for eight hours. The rate in all departments under control of City Council is \$6 per day, by ordinance, against outside rate of 10c. 50c per hour. The steamfitters in Syracuse have agreed to a wage cut from \$1 12 1/2 to \$1 05 per hour. (c) Cement finishers in St. Louis have accepted a wage reduction from \$1 75 to \$1 per hour, effective Mar. 1.

(d) Satisfactory adjustment in building trade wages made in Duluth. (e) In Chicago carpenters, plumbers, holdfast engineers, cement finishers, lathers, fixture hangers, sheet metal workers, roofers and laborers' unions have all been refused recognition by the Citizens' Committee to enforce the new law made by Judge Landis on Sept. 7, 1921.

Wages in Minnesota Pay.—Massachusetts Board makes it \$14 40 to bus conductors. "Times" Mar. 6, p. 17.

Wage Sub of 6 1/2 Cents Employed at Hender Mfg. Co. Springfield, Mass.—Automobiles Reduced 1/2. "Iron Age" Mar. 9, p. 682.





Data from Statement of Ira M. Cobe, Chairman Executive Committee.

Present Status.—There are at present no overdue and unpaid accounts. The parent company and its subsidiaries enjoy bank credits sufficient for their seasonal needs. There remains outstanding a Collateral note issue of \$106,000. This evidences the residue of the debt created by the trawler contract. The notes have been extended awaiting the results of the reorganization plan.

Position of Stockholders.—The outstanding First Preferred stock and the accumulated dividends thereon amount to about \$3,215,000, while the fair value of the physical assets above liabilities is about \$500,000. The position, therefore, of the Second Preferred and Common shares is hopeless, but these junior issues are recognized in the plan, as a peaceful reorganization does not appear to be feasible without some distribution to each class of present security holders.

Working Capital.—The reorganized company will have sufficient working capital without raising new money, if the \$106,000 Collateral Note issue is refunded.

The operating statement for 1921 will not show any considerable net earnings as a whole, but the situation of the company on Jan. 1 1922 shows a marked improvement over Jan. 1 1921. This statement applies like to its credit, financial position, and probable earnings for 1922.

Reorganization Plan.

To Organize New Company.—A new company will be organized in such state as the Reorganization Managers may determine.

Capitalization.—The authorized capital shall be as follows:
% Cumul. Pref. stock (par \$100), red. at 105 and div. with equal voting rights as Common stock ----- \$1,000,000
Common stock, no par value ----- 20,000 sh.

Terms of Exchange of New for Old Securities.

Table showing exchange of existing securities for new securities. Columns: Outstanding (about), Will Receive (Pref. Stock, z Com. Shares). Rows: Existing Pref. stock, Existing Common stock.

The accumulated dividends on the existing Pref. shares amount to \$849,171. The balance of the unissued Pref. stock, \$362,750, shall be retained by the company for future disposition. Substantially all of the common shares not distributed as aforesaid, viz., 13,000 shares, shall be issued as follows: (a) to Henry S. Chesebro, 2,500 shares; (b) to Henry B. Robbins, 2,500 shares; (c) to Ira M. Cobe, 8,000 shares.

The 5,000 shares to be issued to Chesebro & Robbins shall be held by the company and delivered under a proposed contract wherein they agree to remain in the service of the new company for 5 years.

The 8,000 shares are to be issued unconditionally upon organization of new company to Ira M. Cobe, in consideration of the latter entering into contract to serve as Chairman of the executive committee, or President, or both, for 5 years.

Estimated Assets & Liabilities After Reorganization.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, inventories, fixed assets, etc. Liabilities include Bank loans, accounts payable, etc. Total assets = \$899,353; Total liabilities = \$381,715.

Collateral Note Issue.—The reorganization managers will undertake to refund or extend the Collateral Note issue of \$106,000. The extension will provide for monthly maturities over a period of 2 1/2 years.

Acquisition of Properties.—It is contemplated that the new company will either acquire the property of the present corporation, subject to its liabilities, or take over and acquire its capital stock.

Non-Assenting Security Holders.—Stockholders not assenting to the plan will not be entitled to participate therein, nor to enjoy any of the benefits.

Depository.—All stockholders who wish to participate in the plan are asked to deposit their stock with American Trust Co., Depository, 135 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 110, p. 1851.

Atlantic Gulf Oil Co.—Oil Production.—

The company in February last produced 660,325 bbls. of oil, as compared with 691,821 bbls. in January last and 2,691,013 bbls. in February 1921.—V. 114, p. 630.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Tenders.—

The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee, will until March 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 12-year 6 1/2% gold debentures, sufficient to exhaust \$500,000 now held in the sinking fund, at a price not to exceed par and int.—V. 113, p. 1254, 1246.

Atlas Powder Co.—New Plant.—

The company, it is stated, contemplates the erection of a \$2,000,000 powder plant at Puckneyville, Ill.—V. 114, p. 945.

Atlas Tack Corporation.—Earnings, &c.—

Table showing earnings and expenses for Atlas Tack Corporation for calendar years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Includes Net sales, Net profit before taxes, Federal tax, Inventory write-off, and Net profit.

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1921 shows Cash, \$226,982, accounts receivable, \$214,303, inventories, \$739,017, accounts payable, \$28,923, capital and surplus, \$3,036,169.—V. 112, p. 1146.

Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.—No Par Shares.—

The stockholders have approved an increase in common stock from 60,590 shares of \$100 par to 161,000 shares of no par. Two no par value shares will be issued in exchange for each share of \$100 par.—V. 114, p. 741, 757.

Brooklyn Edison Co.—New Director.—

Joseph F. Becker has been elected a director to succeed the late Horace C. du Val.—V. 114, p. 630, 201.

Buckeye Pipe Line Co.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual report for Buckeye Pipe Line Co. for calendar years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Includes Net profits and Dividends.

Balance, surplus, etc. — V. 113, p. 421.

Bucyrus Co.—New Director—Earnings.—

Charles F. Gloro, of Marshall, Field, Gloro, Ward & Co., has been elected a director, succeeding E. H. Stedman.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS

Table showing income statement for Bucyrus Co. for calendar years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Includes Net earnings after int., taxes, deprec., &c., Dividends paid, and Balance, surplus.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Production (in Lbs.).—

Table showing production for Calumet & Arizona Mining Co. for calendar years 1922 (to Feb), 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918.

Resumed operations early in Feb. 1922.—V. 114, p. 630.

Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.—Defers Preferred Div.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% usually paid April 1 on the \$12,500,000 7% Cumul. Preferred stock (par \$100). The quarterly dividend on the \$12,000,000 Common stock, par \$100, was omitted in March 1921.—V. 113, p. 2083.

Car Lighting & Power Co.—To Reclassify Capital.—

The stockholders will vote March 16 on reclassifying the stock into Common and Preferred stock, and to convert 40,000 shares of the stock, now held in the treasury, into 40,000 shares of Preferred stock, par \$25, containing such preferences, terms, conditions and voting privileges as may be voted, the balance of the company's stock to remain Common stock. [Present capital authorized and issued \$8,000,000, of which about \$1,261,656 is held in treasury.]

J. L. Watson, Secretary, says in brief:

The progress which the company has made with its refrigerating plants, both small and large, is such that additional capital can be used to good advantage, and the directors deem it more advisable to raise this additional capital through the sale of Preferred stock than by the issuance of bonds. The directors also feel that with the proceeds received from the sale of Preferred stock the company will be placed on a sound commercial basis and in line for large expansion.

If the change of stock is authorized, the stockholders will be given the privilege of purchasing before it is offered to any outside interests.—V. 112, p. 852.

Chandler Motor Car Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Chandler Motor Car Co. for calendar years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918. Includes Gross profit and sales, Interest earned, Total income, Selling &c., charges, Dividends paid, Res. for Fed. taxes, Net profit, Previous surplus, Total, Fed. taxes for prev. yrs., Adj. U. S. Govt. claim, Other deductions, Inventory adjustment, Amount transferred from capital stock account, Loss on sale of bonds, and Balance, surplus.

x Gross profit represents profits from sales of automobiles, and parts after deducting cost of material, labor and manufacturing expense, exclusive of depreciation and inventory adjustment.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share has been declared, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. The dividend, it was announced, is being paid out of current earnings.—V. 113, p. 2618.

Choate Oil Corporation.—Receivership, &c.—

The committee for the 5-Year 8% S. F. Conv. gold notes (Benj. West Frazier, Chairman) in a notice March 6 says in brief:

The U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma on Feb. 23 appointed Paul M. Pope, Oklahoma City, receiver. An adjudication in bankruptcy will probably be entered about March 11 and a meeting of the creditors to elect a trustee or trustees in bankruptcy will probably be held about March 20.

In order that all the noteholders may participate in the election of a trustee, it becomes necessary that due proof of their claims shall be promptly filed in the bankruptcy proceedings. A majority, both in number and amount, of the company's creditors is necessary to the election of a trustee in bankruptcy, and it is, of course, important to the noteholders that a trustee or trustees shall be elected who will thoroughly understand and protect their interests. The committee (V. 113, p. 2823) will file proofs of claim on behalf of all those who have already deposited their notes with Redmond & Co., depository under the protective agreement of Sept. 1 1921, and also on behalf of all noteholders who shall deposit their notes on or prior to March 11.

The committee is in negotiation with the representatives of the holders of the 3-year 7% S. F. Conv. gold bonds with the representatives of the general creditors and with the representatives of the Noco interests, with a view to forming a satisfactory plan of reorganization.—V. 114, p. 951.

Columbia Graphophone Mfg. Co.—New Pres.—Deposits.—

H. L. Willson, formerly V.-Pres. & Gen.-Mgr., has been elected President, succeeding Van Horn Ely.

Up to close of business March 9, approximately 70% of the 5-year 8% notes had been deposited with the committee. The time for deposit expired March 10 (yesterday). We were informed that nothing was being done in the matter of further extending the time for receiving deposits.

The annual report is given on a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 951, 857.

Columbia Gas & Electric Co.—Annual Report—Earnings.—

This company, whose report will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page, reports as follows:

Earnings for Month of January 1922 (Compared With January 1921).

Table comparing earnings for January 1922 and January 1921. Includes Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Net operating earnings, and Other income.

Total net earnings, Lease rentals, &c., Fixed charges (Columbia Gas & El. Co.), Surplus.

The output of electrical energy increased 28.5% over January 1921.—V. 113, p. 2618.

Consolidated Gas Co., New York.—80-Cent Gas Law Invalid.—

The U. S. Supreme Court in a unanimous decision handed down March 6 held that the 80-cent gas law of 1906 is confiscatory. The decision was rendered on an appeal of New York State and City authorities from a decision of the lower court.

The Supreme Court also rendered a similar decision in the case of the New York & Queens Gas Co. and the Kings County Lighting Co.,

The court also ordered that all impounded funds be promptly released to the gas companies subject only to deductions of such costs as are clearly ascertainable to the prevailing party. The case was remanded back to the lower court for further proceedings in conformity with the decree. [The full text of the decision is given under "Current Events" above.]

In future, according to the decision, the New York P. & C. Commission shall fix rates that are not confiscatory and that are in conformity with the court's decision.

The law reducing the price of gas in the City of New York to 80c. per 1,000 cu. ft. was passed by the Legislature in 1906, and became effective as of May 1 that year. In Jan. 1909 the U. S. Supreme Court held the 80c. feature of the Act to be valid until given a fair trial.

In Jan. 1919 the company brought suit to have the 80c. rate declared confiscatory. The final report declaring the rate confiscatory was handed down by Special Master A. B. Gilbert in May 1920, and on June 29 Judge Hand issued a temporary injunction restraining the authorities from enforcing the rate. On Aug. 4 1920, Judge Hand upheld the Master's findings, and on April 21 1921 Judge Mayer sustained the recommendations of the Master. The company established a rate of \$1 20 on Aug. 1 1920, and on March 1 1921 increased the charge to \$1 50, but beginning Aug. 1 1921 the company voluntarily reduced the rate to \$1 25.

The decision, it is understood, effects all the 13 gas companies in Greater New York and proceedings now pending against them is expected to be

discontinued. The total impounded funds of the Consolidated Gas Co. is estimated at about \$14,000,000, and including its subsidiaries about \$22,000,000.

President George B. Cortelyou states that the decision is most gratifying to the trustees and officers of the company, and is an emphatic and fitting rebuke to all the hostile campaign waged against the company in the past. He further states: "The decision is of nationwide importance as an augury of fair dealing for public utilities and their investors. It probably will mark an end of effort to fix gas rates rigidly in response to political clamor and will lead to an era of impartial reasonable regulation according to facts and the law."

Robert A. Carter, Senior V.-Pres., states that the decision shows "that the unjust actions and rabid radicalism of municipal officials have no effect upon the clear thinking of a court of equity and should prove great comfort to people who have invested upwards of \$30,000,000,000 in public utility enterprises throughout the country in that it shows their money can be protected and justice obtained."

"As far as the Consolidated Gas Co. is concerned, the people of New York City never paid, even at the highest rates we collected, more than the actual cost of gas plus an adequate return on property invested in the business. To-day the citizens of New York paying \$1.25 a thousand feet are actually paying less than they should, considering costs and adequate return."

The recent report of committee of industrial gas users, organized and assisted by the Public Service Commission, which committee had access to our books, shows actual gas making and distributing costs, plus an adequate return, is \$1.34 a 1,000 cu. ft. Against this we are collecting \$1.25 a 1,000 cu. ft."

Corporation Counsel O'Brien said it must be borne in mind that the decision relates only to the years 1918 and 1919, and that it is therefore not conclusive as to what a fair price of gas should be under present-day conditions. The Public Service Commission, he explained, is now vested by law with the power to fix reasonable rates and is responsible for protecting the public against unfair rates.—V. 114, p. 526, 407.

**Consumers Fuel Co., Pittsburgh.—Bonds.—**

The stockholders, it is stated, will vote May 1 on creating a bond issue of \$1,500,000.—V. 108, p. 686.

**Cresson Consol. Gold Min. & Mill. Co.—Extra Div.—**

A quarterly dividend of 5 cents per share and an extra dividend of 5 cents per share have been declared, payable April 10 to holders of record March 31. Like amounts were paid in January last.—Compare V. 113, p. 2508.

**Cudahy Packing Co.—Bonds Sold.—**

Halsey, Stuart & Co. have announced that the \$3,000,000 1st Mtge. 5% bonds, offered last week by a syndicate which they headed, have all been sold. See offering in V. 114, p. 952.

**Daly West (Silver) Mining Co.—New Company.—**

The stockholders recently approved the organization of new company known as the Park City Mining & Smelting Co., incorp. in Colorado, with an authorized capital of \$7,500,000, par \$5. As the charter of the Daly West Mining Co. expired on Feb. 14, it was necessary to form the new corporation. The stockholders of Daly West will receive share for share in exchange.

It is understood the Judge Mining & Smelting Co., having extensive Park City interests, will be taken into the new company ultimately, as both companies are now under the same management.—V. 111, p. 796.

**Dundee Water Power & Land Co.—Bonds Paid.—**

The \$500,000 7% bonds due March 1 were paid off at Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York.

**Endicott-Johnson Corporation.—Operations.—**

It is announced that the company's shoe factories located at Endicott and Johnson City, N. Y., are running full time, turning out over 118,000 pairs of shoes a day. In order to maintain this production the tanneries are running full time also.—V. 114, p. 527, 517.

**Federal Motor Truck Co.—Sales, &c.—**

Total sales in 1921 amounted to \$3,268,468, compared with \$10,628,742 in 1920. Profits for 1921 were \$176,800, as against \$745,879 in 1920.—V. 113, p. 2726.

**(H. H.) Franklin Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—**

The report for the year ended Dec. 31 1921 shows net sales of \$22,543,484 as compared with \$28,585,399 in 1920; cost of sales, \$22,090,995, leaving net profit of \$452,489.—V. 114, p. 952.

**General Motors Corp.—Annual Report.—**In connection with the preliminary report (see preceding page), an authoritative statement states in brief:

As an indication of the betterment that has been shown in the automobile industry, the corporation in Jan. and Feb. shipped twice as many cars as in the corresponding periods of 1921. This is in keeping with the results of other corporations in the trade.

The report for 1921 shows that the corporation has turned the corner in its troubles, having been completely overcome by the drastic action of the management in making exceptionally heavy write-off in inventories as well as the establishment of large reserves for future anticipated losses and unforeseen contingencies. The total write-downs approximate in excess of \$30,000,000, the judgment of the management being that it would be conservative to begin the new year with a "clean slate."

The balance sheet shows more than \$40,000,000 of cash on hand, which is almost as much as the outstanding bank loans, which amount to less than \$50,000,000; total current assets of over \$175,000,000, although current liabilities were around \$81,000,000. The reduction in inventories alone during the year was between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000.

While the company's net income for the year is shown at slightly less than \$6,000,000, the heavy deductions mentioned, together with others in connection with rebates on sales of 1921 on account of price guarantees, &c., have converted this net into a deficit for the 12 months of over \$38,000,000.

The adjustments made by the corporation permitted its books at the close of 1921 to show inventories and material commitments at current market values and normal in volume with respect to nearby requirements. After all write-offs and adjustments for the year, net asset value of no-par value Common stock as shown in the balance sheet is equal to over \$11.50 a share, exclusive of any item for good-will.—V. 114, p. 633.

**Grace Steamship Co.—Tenders.—**

W. R. Graco & Co.'s Bank, 7 Hanover Square, N. Y. City, up to March 9, received bids for the sale to it of Marine Equipment First Mtge. 6% Serial Gold bonds, to an amount sufficient to absorb \$500,000.—V. 113, p. 2509.

**Gilliland Oil Co.—Offers for Haynesville Oil Properties—**

**Receivership May Be Terminated.—** The receivership is likely to be terminated if the receiver and creditors accept any one of three offers by other oil companies for the properties in Haynesville, La., oil fields. The company has about \$7,000,000 floating debt which it would be possible to liquidate if one of the offers is accepted. The Ohio Oil Co. is said to have offered \$6,000,000 for an outright purchase of the 2,500 acres in Haynesville. This includes the Smitherman discovery well, and its "checker-boards" the holdings of Ohio Oil.

The Atlantic Refining Co. is said to have offered to loan Gilliland \$7,000,000 on its Haynesville acreage, providing Gilliland's production is all run for account of Atlantic Refining. The latter would use half the crude run to liquidate the loan and half would be returned, at market value of oil, to permit Gilliland continuing development.

The Shafter Oil & Refining Co. is said to have offered a loan of \$7,000,000, dependent on Gilliland increasing its Common stock 100% and giving 51% of total to Shafter. The loan would have to be liquidated from oil receipts as rapidly as possible.

The company went into receivership June 29 1921 as result of action of creditors, following the sale of properties in Louisiana and Burk Burnett, Texas, by former President John Gilliland. The creditors then took steps to have the sale of the Haynesville property to the Foster Oil Co. for \$2,500,000 annulled. A compromise between the two parties was confirmed by the Court decree under which the Foster Oil Co. was to be paid \$1,306,000 for the return of properties to the receiver. ("Boston News Bureau.")—V. 113, p. 2409, 1987.

**Guantanamo Sugar Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—**

The company has declared an initial dividend of \$1.09 a share on the full paid preferred stock subscription receipts, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. This is at the rate of 8% per annum and covers the period from Feb. 10 to March 31. On any subscription and full payment made on any other date than Feb. 10 1922, the amount of dividend will be adjusted accordingly.—V. 114, p. 311, 84.

**Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross sales.....	\$4,820,639	\$11,439,627	\$8,405,788	\$11,206,468
Gross profits—def.....	\$242,921	\$1,153,089	\$645,062	\$1,725,850
Depr., taxes, &c., res'ves	348,994	401,869	365,640	534,188
First pref. divs. (7%)....	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Second pref. divs. (6%)....	—	5,046	5,142	17,474
Common divs. (cash).....	—	—	(1%)111,137	(10)1037,999
do (stock).....	—	—	—	(25)2222,250

Balance, sur. or def.....def\$731,915 sur\$606,174 sur\$23,143 def\$2,226,061  
 Previous surplus.....2,852,553 2,246,379 2,223,236 4,449,297  
 Total surplus.....\$2,120,637 \$2,852,553 \$2,246,379 \$2,223,236  
 —V. 114, p. 858, 416.

**Hartford Fire Insurance Co.—Capital Increase.—**

The stockholders March 8 authorized an increase in the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000. The new stock is being offered to stockholders of record March 8 at par, payment to be made before April 15.—V. 114, p. 743.

**Hartman Corporation, Chicago.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
x Total profits & income.....	\$455,783	\$1,975,209	\$2,328,293	\$816,989
Interest charges.....	82,209	116,006	41,068	21,656
Dividends paid.....(7%)840,000	(7)840,000	(5)600,000	(5)600,000	

Balance, surplus.....def\$466,426 \$1,019,203 \$1,687,224 \$195,333  
 Total surplus Dec. 31..\$4,296,683 \$4,763,109 \$3,743,906 \$2,056,682  
 x After deducting all expenses of merchandise and administration, incl. provisions for losses on customers' accts., deprec., accrued commissions Federal and other taxes, &c.—V. 112, p. 1282, 657.

**Havana Tobacco Co.—Time Extended—Earnings.—**

The time for deposit of the 20-year 5% gold bonds under the deposit agreement dated Dec. 2 1921, has been extended to include May 1.

	Income Account for Calendar Years.			
	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Dividends on stocks owned.....	\$31,040	\$612,175	\$534,195	\$224,316
Oper. exp. inc. int. on bills pay'le.....	459,192	441,465	424,637	398,785
Interest on 5% gold bonds.....	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000

Balance, deficit.....\$803,152 \$204,290 \$265,442 \$549,469  
 O. C. Schnieder, W. P. Rison, N. J. Rice and R. N. Reamy have been elected directors.—V. 114, p. 85.

**Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Payment to City.—**

W. R. Abbott, President, has paid \$2,024,607 to the city of Chicago in settlement of the city's share of net earnings for two years.—V. 114, p. 633, 311.

**Indiahoma Refining Co.—Listing—Earnings.—**

The N. Y. Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,500,000 additional capital stock, par \$5, on official notice of issuance on conversion of 1st Mtge. 12-year 8% Conv. S. F. bonds and 7-year 8% S. F. Conv. Debenture notes.

The consolidated income account for 11 months ended Nov. 30 1921 (subject to adjustment) shows: Operating earnings, \$967,530; gross earnings, \$545,544; interest charges, \$218,354; net earnings, \$327,190; net surplus Nov. 30 1921 before deducting deprec. & depl., \$1,764,001.—V. 114, p. 953, 528.

**(Robert H.) Ingersoll & Bros.—Sale to Waterbury Clock-Edward H. Childs, trustee in bankruptcy, announced March 9 through his counsel, Zalkin & Cohen, the sale, subject to the approval of the Court, of the property and assets of the Ingersoll organization to the Waterbury Clock Co. for \$1,500,000 in cash. This is the figure at which the trustee was authorized to sell the property by the order of John J. Townsend, referee in bankruptcy. Under the terms of the offer the Waterbury company also agrees to waive all its claims against the Ingersoll company and agrees to additional cash considerations bringing the total amount involved in the purchase price to more than \$1,750,000.**

A hearing by the Court on the application has been set for March 20. The Waterbury company will acquire the entire assets of the Ingersoll company, including all property, securities, patents, &c., as well as the Capital stock of the Ingersoll Watch Co., Ltd., of London. There is excluded, however, from the offer of purchase, cash on hand or in bank held by the trustee or in the name of the bankrupt.—Compare V. 114, p. 859, 953.

**International Abrasive Corporation.—Receivership.—** Robert G. Dodge was appointed receiver in equity by Judge Anderson in the U. S. Federal Court at Boston March 7 on the petition of U. S. Machinery Mfrs.' Syndicate, and Penton Publishing Co. of Cleveland.—V. 112, p. 750.

**International Cotton Mills.—Annual Report.—**

Gross sales in 1921 were \$11,172,835; net earnings before fixed charges, \$365,289; net loss, after interest charges, taxes and inventory depreciation, \$1,573,077.—V. 113, p. 2190.

**International Motor Truck Corp.—To Change Name.—**

The stockholders will vote March 22 on changing the name of the corporation to Mack Trucks, Inc.—V. 113, p. 2085, 736.

**International Nickel Co.—New Vice-President.—**

James L. Ashley has been elected Vice-President, succeeding Robert Stanley, who was recently made President. Mr. Ashley will also continue as Treasurer.—V. 114, p. 743, 634.

**Invincible Oil Corporation.—Listing.—**

The Boston Stock Exchange Feb. 9 placed on the list \$2,799,000 (authorized \$6,000,000) 10-Year 8% S. F. Conv. gold coupon notes. Dated March 1 1921. Due March 1 1931. The Exchange also placed on the list 700,014 shares of capital stock, no par value.—V. 111, p. 416.

**Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.
Net operating profit.....	\$383,143	loss\$1,709,935
Other income.....	167,950	543,499

Total income.....\$551,093 loss\$1,166,436  
 Loss on liqu'n of plants at New OrL and San Fr.....\$31,657 \$326,971  
 Special advertising expenses.....10,545  
 Reduction of inventories from cost to market val.....56,008 690,099  
 Int. and amort. of disc. and exp. on gold notes.....159,670  
 Balance of deferred development expenses.....— 112,587  
 Add—Balance of reserve for redemption of profit sharing coupons written off.....28,261

Balance, surplus.....\$321,458 def.\$2,296,093  
 Note.—Preferred stock dividends in arrears since Oct. 1 1919; cumulative amount at Dec. 31 1921, \$573,300.—V. 114, p. 311.

**Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Earnings Cal. Years.**

Earnings—	1921.	1920.	Deductions—	1921.	1920.
Electric sales.....	\$5,917,103	\$5,181,407	Taxes.....	\$538,308	\$307,492
Steam sales.....	686,126	686,064	Interest.....	1,117,637	813,344
Misc. oper rev.....	79,501	62,370	Sinking fund.....	29,753	32,843
Misc. non-op. rev.....	127,708	141,175	Amort. of discount.....	42,312	86,737
			Depreciation.....	797,665	549,514

Gross earnings.....\$6,810,738 \$6,071,014  
 Operating Expenses.....  
 Elec., incl. malnt.....\$2,713,308 \$2,960,859  
 Steam, incl. malnt.....519,383 606,548  
 Balance to P.&L.....\$928,877 \$615,705

Gross Income.....\$3,557,037 \$2,503,607 —V. 113, p. 2609.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—Reorganization Approved.—

The stockholders March 8 ratified the \$6,000,000 issue of bonds and the recapitalization plan outlined in V. 114, p. 858, 743.

Key West (Fla.) Gas Co.—Reorganization Plan.—

The committee named below (which is also the committee for the 1st Mtge. Sink ng Fund 6s under the deposit agreement of Nov. 5 1918) has approved a plan of reorganization. The holders of certificates of deposit for the \$600,000 1st Mtge. 6s, unless they shall file dissent on or before Mar. 22 with the Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, depository, shall be presumed to have assented to the plan. Bondholders who have not yet deposited their bonds may become parties to the plan by depositing their bonds with the depository on or before Mar. 22 1922, or within such period as the committee may determine.

Reorganization Committee.—Clarence M. Brown, Chairman; John H. Mason, Howard W. Pace, Raymond Pitcairn, Charles Henry Scott Jr., with William P. Davis Jr., counsel, Lincoln Bldg., Philadelphia.

Plan of Reorganization, Dated Feb. 18 1922.

To Purchase Property.—The committee shall bid at the foreclosure sale of the property (fixed for April 3 next at Key West, at the upset price of \$50,000; H. H. Eyles, Special Master). The amount of cash comprised in the bid shall be the cash required by the decree of foreclosure to be paid into Court to defray the costs of the suit, &c., and the amount, if any, which shall be required to be paid in cash to creditors claiming a priority. The remainder of the amount of the bid shall be tendered in 1st Mtge. bonds.

In order to provide the cash required for the bid the committee shall have authority to borrow not exceeding \$75,000, which may be secured by pledge of deposited bonds.

New Company to Be Formed.—For the purpose of taking over the property bid for by the committee at foreclosure sale, a new corporation shall be formed in Delaware with an authorized capital of 5,600 shares without par value.

New Securities to Be Issued.

(1) Prior Lien Mortgage.—The new corporation shall execute and deliver to a trustee its Prior Lien Mortgage, which shall provide for the execution and issuance of two series of bonds, Series A and Series B, each to be in the sum of \$125,000.

Series A bonds shall bear int. at the rate of 7% p. a., payable semi-annually; shall mature 12 years after date of such bonds; red. on any int. day at 105 and int. Series B bonds shall bear int. at a rate not to exceed 7% from date of issuance, payable semi-annually; shall mature 20 years after the date of such bonds; red. on any int. day at 105 and int. Immediately after the execution of the Prior Lien Mortgage there shall be issued \$75,000 bonds of Series A. Thereafter Series A and Series B bonds shall be issued to provide for improvements, &c., including the right to issue bonds of Series B to purchase or redeem bonds of Series A.

(2) General Lien & Income Mortgage.—The new corporation shall execute and deliver to a trustee its General Lien & Income Mortgage bonds aggregating \$360,000, subject to the lien of the Prior Lien Mortgage. These bonds shall mature 22 years after the date thereof; red. on any int. day at par and int.

The interest on these bonds shall be payable out of the net earnings as determined by the directors. The interest, when payable, shall be paid April 1 each year and shall not exceed 6%.

When interest of 6% per annum shall have been paid for three consecutive years, and when the net earnings for these three consecutive years have aggregated 1½ times the amount necessary to pay 6% per annum on the outstanding bonds of this issue, then the directors and officers shall execute and deliver to the trustee, who shall certify and deliver to all bona fide holders of General Lien & Income bonds a regular 6% int.-bearing bond of equal par value in exchange therefor. The General Lien & Income bonds when thus received by the trustee in exchange for regular interest-bearing bonds shall be deposited with and retained by the trustee for the regular 6% interest-bearing bonds as additional security therefor.

Distribution of New Securities.

Table with columns: Existing Securities, Outstanding, Prior Lien Mtge. Bonds, Will Receive Gen. Lien & Capital Stock Inc. Bonds (no par val.), and Total. Rows include 1st Mtge. Sink. Fd. 6s, Each \$1,000, and To be sold for cash.

x Series A bonds amounting to \$75,000 shall be sold at par for cash to reimburse the committee for sums advanced to purchase the property at foreclosure, &c. The old bondholders are given the privilege of subscribing to at least 10% of their holdings. There shall be delivered to the purchasers of Series A bonds 1,500 shares of capital stock pro rata without further consideration (2 shares for each 1,000 bond).

[Edward C. Bostock and Henry H. Taylor, receivers, were appointed in Nov. 1918. The interest due on the \$600,000 bonds is in default.]—V. 93, p. 1025.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Gas Law Invalid.—

See Consolidated Gas Co. above; also under "Current Events" this issue. —V. 114, p. 85.

Kinloch Telephone Co., St. Louis.—Merger.—

See Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. below and V. 114, p. 859.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Prospects—February Sales.—

In discussing the 5 and 10 cent store business for 1922, Charles H. Van Dusen, Vice-President, made the following statement: "This year we expect to add seven new 5 and 10 cent stores and eleven 25-cent to \$1 stores, besides greatly improving five of our old stores so that our capacity by 19.3 will be greatly increased. Of these new stores, two of the 5 and 10 cent have already been opened, but all of them will not be completed until November, and naturally the largest will be longest in preparation. "Prices are still gradually receding, and the whole merchandise situation is such as to make the market distinctly favorable to our buyers."

Sales for Month and Two Months ending Feb. 28.

Table showing sales for 1922-Feb.-1921 and 1922-2 Mos.-1921 with columns for sales and decrease.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918, including rows for Stores operated Dec. 31., Sales, Net profit, Ratio to sales, Res. for contingencies, Divs. on 7% Pref. (7%), Divs. on Com. stock, Balance, surplus, and Of above to red. P. stk.

Lake Erie Bolt & Nut Co., Cleveland.—Refinancing.—

The stockholders Feb. 9 approved the plan to reincorporate in Ohio, and also the refinancing plan outlined in substance as follows: It is proposed that the assets of the present Delaware corporation shall be transferred as of Jan. 1 1922 for the sale by a corporation of its entire assets, and to incorporate in Ohio with an authorized capital of 70,000 shares of no par stock, 10,000 shares of which shall be authorized and 60,000 shares of which shall be disposed of as follows: To each holder of the present \$1,500,000 7% Cum. Preferred stock who surrenders one share of such Preferred stock and pays into the treasury of the company \$12.34 share. To each holder of the present Preferred stock who surrenders one share of such Preferred stock, 1 share. To each holder of the present (150,000 shares no par) Common stock who surrenders 100 shares of such Common stock, 1 share. Common stockholders are given the right to subscribe for new stock in the ratio of 3 shares of new stock, at \$11 per share, for each 100 shares or fraction thereof of old stock surrendered. Common and Preferred stockholders who shall have subscribed for their full quota of the new stock at \$14 per share shall have the further right to subscribe for additional shares at \$11 per share and such additional subscriptions shall be filled pro rata to the extent that any stock shall remain undisp. of after filling subscriptions of both Preferred and Common stockholders to the new stock.

The preferential rights of stockholders to subscribe to new stock expired Feb. 20. Subscriptions may be paid as follows: 25% each on March 1, May 1, July 1 and Sept. 1 1922.

President Norris J. Clarke, in a letter Jan. 28, outlined the causes of the present situation in substance. Since the organization of the company 2½ years ago, it met with a steel strike, a coal strike, a switchmen's strike, and business depression, but we are on the threshold of a new prosperity, and it is going to be a slow, hard pull uphill all the way, but well worth the effort after we reach the goal.

The company is not able under present conditions to meet the fixed annual charges under the terms of the present lease and unless it is put in a position to take advantage of the new and more favorable lease, which has been offered to it, by raising the additional capital provided for by the plan, all of the present investment will be forfeited. Officers and directors feel that there is a future for this company.

The employees have demonstrated their faith in that future by accepting a reduction of about 40% in salaries and wages in addition to doubling up on tasks by reason of the greatly reduced force. We have materially cut our overheads and a new five-year lease with privilege of further extension has been arranged, whereby we will reduce our rent, taxes, insurance and interest for 1922 by approximately \$125,000.—V. 109, p. 276.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual reports for Calendar Years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918, including rows for Net sales, Cost of goods & gen. exp., Net income, Other income, Total income, Deduct—Interest, &c., Dividends, Net profit, Previous surplus, Adjustments, and Surplus.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Back Dividends.—

A dividend of 1¼% on account of back dividends covering period from May 1 1917 to Aug. 1 1917, has been declared on the 2d Pref. stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 18. A like amount has been paid quarterly on this issue since Nov. 1 1920; 5¼% was paid in May 1920. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 1st Pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.—V. 114, p. 859.

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.—Sale of Bonds.—

See "State and City Department" in V. 114, p. 981—V. 114, p. 634.

McCord Manufacturing Co.—Extension.—

The management of this company, for the last year in the hands of a committee of creditors and bankers, has been turned over to a sub-committee of three, of which A. C. McCord, Pres., is Chairman. Creditors have granted an extension of 6 months on all claims with the privilege of a further extension of 6 months but in no event beyond Feb. 11 1923. Five per cent additional will shortly be paid on all claims. This makes 15% of the total liquidated to date. ("Chicago Economist," Feb. 18.)—V. 114, p. 528.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,640,283 Capital stock, par \$5, on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding certificates of a par value of \$1, with authority to add \$359,717 additional, making the total applied for \$4,000,000.—V. 114, p. 859.

Wack Trucks, Inc.—New Name.—

See International Motor Truck Corp. above.

Malden (Mass.) & Melrose Gas Light Co.—Stock.—

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issue of \$651,700 additional capital stock, par \$100. The proceeds will be used to pay floating debt incurred for new construction.—V. 110, p. 2197.

Mammoth Oil Co.—Incorporated.—

Incorporated in Delaware, Feb. 28, with an authorized capital of \$100,000,000.

Manufacturers' Light & Heat Co.—Annual Report.—

Table showing annual reports for Calendar Years 1921, 1920, 1919, and 1918, including rows for Gross earnings, Oper. exp. and taxes, Surplus after other inc., Dividends, Deprec'n and depletion, and Balance, surplus.

x Operating expenses, gas purchased, &c., includes amount set aside as reserve for depreciation and depletion for year 1921. The company's balance sheet shows cash, \$613,349; material and supplies on hand, \$1,389,957; current vouchers and accounts payable, \$881,715; and notes payable, \$10,000.—V. 113, p. 2190.

Maracaibo Oil Exploration Corp.—New Directors, &c.—

Robert C. Stanley, President of the International Nickel Co., has been elected a director, succeeding the late W. A. Bistwick. W. E. S. Griswold of N. Y. has also been elected a director, succeeding R. E. Griggs. Ralph Arnold, consulting geologist and petroleum engineer, has prepared a report on the company for E. F. Hutton & Co., New York. In his conclusions Mr. Arnold concludes in brief: (1) There is no longer any doubt that the Maracaibo Basin is a proven oil district of great though, as yet, only partially developed oil resources. (2) The 1,000,000 acres owned by the Maracaibo Oil Exploration Corp. situated in this basin are, in general, well located and of high potential value. The corporation's development on these lands has been intelligent. Its drilling locations are well situated so that there is a strong probability that any one of the five drilling operations now being conducted outside of its already proven areas by the corporation or its partner in this operation (Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey), may bring in a new and important field.—V. 113, p. 1059.

Marland Oil Co. (Del.)—Merger Plan.—

The directors on Feb. 28 passed resolutions establishing the basis of consolidation of all companies which have been associated with it in the production of oil and the purchase of properties in Oklahoma. This consolidation, it is said, will add 1,000 barrels per day to Marland Oil Co.'s net production and consequently add to its current income and will enormously strengthen it in point of reserves.—V. 114, p. 635, 312.

Marshall-Wells Building Corp., Duluth, Minn.—

Bonds Offered. First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Federal Securities Corp. and Tucker, Anthony & Co. are offering at 100 and int. \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. Serial 6½s. (See advertising page 8.) Dated Feb. 1 1922, due serially Feb. 1 1923 to 1927. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Int. payable P. & A. at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago and First National Bank, New York without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. First Trust & Savings Bank Chicago, and Melvin A. Traylor trustee. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int.; the bonds last maturing to be red. if less than entire loan be called for payment.

Data from Letter of Vice Pres. Seth Marshall, Duluth, Minn., Feb. 24. Security—Direct obligation of Marshall-Wells Building Corp. Secured by a closed first mortgage on practically all of the real estate, buildings and building equipment of the corporation. The sound value of the properties mortgaged being over \$8,000,000.

Rentals.—Buildings are leased to the Marshall-Wells Co. for more than 15 years at an annual rental sufficient to pay principal and interest.

Net rental from the properties will amount to not less than \$501,400 annually, after taxes, or nearly twice the maximum annual interest requirements of \$260,000 on these bonds.

Marshall-Wells Co.—Founded in 1893, company and subsidiaries are engaged in the wholesale distribution and in certain lines manufacturing of hardware and kindred lines, with branches or manufacturing plants at Billings and Great Falls, Mont.; Spokane, Seattle and Aberdeen, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, Canada.

Marshall-Wells Buildings Corp.—Organized as Fidelity Investment Co. in 1903 to acquire, through purchase, lease or otherwise, property, land and buildings located in a number of important cities of the Northwest, mainly for the use of Marshall-Wells Co. and its subsidiaries, which own its entire capital stock.

Purpose.—To provide funds to acquire additional properties and pay all existing debt of Marshall-Wells Buildings Corp.

Consolidated Net Earnings, After Interest, Depreciation, Federal, &c., Taxes. Table with columns for years 1913-1919 and earnings values.

x A special reserve, from profits set aside by the Marshall-Wells Co. during the war period to provide for anticipated readjustment of inventory values, has enabled it to absorb the losses sustained from operations in 1921 and show this profit.

During the 24 years ended Dec. 31 1921 net earnings of Marshall-Wells Co. were \$13,445,059, of which \$7,965,197, or 59%, have been retained in the business.

Capital.—The Capital stock issued (of Marshall-Wells Co.) is Preferred, \$3,740,400; Common, \$5,765,400. The surplus (incl. interest of minority stockholders of Marshall-Wells Buildings Corp., \$746,632) on Dec. 31 1921 was \$4,740,468.

Michigan Gas & Electric Co.—Stock Approved.—

The Michigan P. U. Commission has authorized the company to increase its capitalization from \$1,750,000 to \$2,300,000 by sale of \$550,000 of stock.

Michigan State Telephone Co.—Merger.—

The company asked the Commerce Commission, Feb. 23, for permission to acquire and consolidate with its own plant the telephone exchanges of the Valley Home Telephone Co., paying therefor a total of \$1,250,000.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Acquisition.—

It is stated that the plants of the Hawks Electric Co., Goshen, Ind., and the Winona Light & Water Co., Warsaw, Ind., have been sold to the Middle West Utilities Co.

Mississippi Valley Gas & Electric Co.—To Retire Bonds.

See Standard Gas & Electric Co. in V. 114, p. 956.—V. 114, p. 205.

Mobile (Ala.) Shipbuilding Co.—Sale, &c.—

See Todd Shipyards Corporation in V. 114, p. 956.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chic.—Feb. Sales—Listing.

Table with columns for years 1922-Feb-1921, Increase, 1922-2 Mos-1921, and Increase, with sales figures.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$11,403,270 Common stock (auth. \$12,850,000), par \$10, on official notice of issuance in exchange, share for share, for outstanding Common stock, no par value.

Morris & Somerset Electric Co.—Merger Approved.—

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has permitted the company to merge the Boonton Electric Co. Compare V. 113, p. 2728.

Mortgage-Bond Company of New York.—Bonds Offered.

The company is offering the unsold balance of its 5% 10-20-year gold mortgage bonds, Series 3 of 1912, price 92 and int., to yield 6%.

Balance Sheet Jan. 1 1922.

Balance Sheet table with columns Assets and Liabilities, including Mortgages, Bonds, Real estate, and Capital, Surplus, etc.

Total (each side) -----\$8,069,998

—V. 112, p. 476.

National Carbon Co., Inc.—Capital Reduced.—

The company has filed notice reducing its Common stock from 1,000,000 shares, no par value, to 500,000 shares, no par value.

National Cloak & Suit Co.—New Officer.—

Porter M. Farrel has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 113, p. 2728.

National Sugar Manufacturing Co.—Bonds Called.—

All the outstanding 1st Mtge. bonds dated Mar. 15 1904 have been called for redemption at 105% and int. on Apr. 1 at Buffalo Trust Co., trustee.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Bonds.—

The company has filed a petition with the Mass. Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue \$1,500,000 6% 1st Mtge. bonds, maturing not later than Jan. 1 1938.

New Chester Water Co.—Notes Paid.—

The \$398,000 6% notes due March 1 1922 were paid off at maturity at office of Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., trustee.—V. 110, p. 975.

New Cornelia Copper Co.—Copper Output (in Pounds).

Table with columns for years 1922-February-1921, Decrease, 1922-2 Mos.-1921, and Decrease, with output figures.

Operations were resumed early in February 1922.—V. 114, p. 312.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—Bonds Sold.—Lawrence Turnure & Co. and A. Iselin & Co., New York, have sold at 95½ and int. to yield 7.65%, \$1,000,000 1st Mtge. 10-year 7% Sinking Fund Gold bonds (see advertising pages).

Dated Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1932. Int. payable J. & J. at National City Bank, New York. Denom. \$1,000 (c\*). Red. only as a whole at 105 on any int. date on 30 days' notice (except that redemption in part may be made with the proceeds of the sinking fund). Full description of this issue, property, &c., was given in V. 114, p. 859.

The annual report for the fiscal year ended July 31 1921 is given on a preceding page.—V. 114, p. 859.

New River Co.—Production—Earnings.—

The company's mines in Feb. last turned out 145,000 tons of coal, as compared with 141,500 tons in Jan. The current price of coal at the mines is but \$1 75 a ton. At this price and on the present scale of wages, the company is said to be showing a small loss.—V. 114, p. 529, 312.

New York & Queens Gas Co.—Gas Law Confiscatory.—

See Consolidated Gas Co. above; also under "Current Events" this issue.—V. 113, p. 966.

New York State Gas & Electric Corp.—Bonds Offered.—J. G. White & Co., New York, and Janney & Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 94½ and int. \$700,000 30-Year 1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1952. Int. payable J. & J. at Equitable Trust Co., New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Penn. State tax of 4 mills refunded. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Non-callable for the first ten years. Callable for the next ten years only at 110 and thereafter at a premium decreasing ½% every 6 months.

Data from Letter of Pres. S. J. Magee, New York, Mar. 1 1922.

Company.—A merger in 1918. Now owns and operates the properties formerly owned by Ithaca Gas & Electric Corp., Norwich Gas & Electric Co., Oneonta Light & Power Co. and Homer & Cortland Gas Light Co. As a result of present financing, will acquire Ovid Electric Co. and Tompkins County Power Corp. Property consists of 5 steam and hydro-electric power stations, generating capacity of 5,000 k. w., and 4 gas plants, daily capacity of 1,875,000 cu. ft. Has 35 miles of high-tension electric transmission lines and 129 miles of gas mains.

Territory.—Company supplies gas and electric service to 13 communities in central New York, including Ithaca, Norwich, Oneonta, Homer and Cortland. Total population served about 65,000.

Capitalization Outstanding After This Financing.

Table with columns for bond types and amounts, including First Mortgage 6s, Divisinal bonds, Capital stock, etc.

x Pledged as security for Associated Gas & Elec. Co. 1st M. Bond and Stock Collateral Trust 5% bonds due 1939.

Earnings table with columns for years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 and amounts for Operating revenue, Net after taxes, etc.

New York Telephone Co.—Rates Cut.—

The New York Public Service Commission has authorized the company to put into effect a new reduced schedule of wages, effective April 1. The new rates will mean approximately a 5% reduction to telephone users in New York City and approximately 7% to subscribers in the State outside of the city.

Ohio Public Service Co.—Bonds Ready.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, is now prepared to deliver 1st Mtge. & Ref. 7½% bonds, Series "A" in coupon form for the outstanding temporary bonds.

Oxford Paper Co., Portland, Me.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co. are offering at 98½ and int., to yield over 6.10%, \$5,000,000 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6% gold bonds, Series A.

Dated Feb. 1 1922. Due Feb. 1 1947. Int. payable F. & A. at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co. in Boston, New York and Chicago without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Callable all or part on any int. date at 105 during first 5 years, 104 during next 5 years, 103 during next 5 years, 102 during next 3 years and 101 thereafter. Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Portland, Me., trustee.

Data from Letter of Pres. Hugh J. Chisholm, Portland, Me., Feb. 27.

Company.—Has been a successful manufacturer of paper for more than 20 years. Owns and operates large plants at Rumford, Me., manufacturing book paper, coated paper, soda pulp, sulphite pulp and electrolytic bleach. Upon completion of this financing will also own all the capital stock of Rumford Falls Power Co., which owns and operates the entire electric and hydraulic development at Rumford, including a modern hydro-electric plant with a present installed capacity of 31,000 h. p.

Security.—First Mortgage on all fixed assets (real estate, manufacturing plants and equipment), now or hereafter owned. First lien on the entire capital stock of Rumford Falls Power Co. and on stocks of two other subsidiaries. Second mortgage on large timber holdings in Cape Breton, subject only to \$777,000 bonds which are being retired, \$50,000 per year, through sinking fund.

Earnings.—Average annual net profits available for interest during 5 years ending Dec. 31 1921 were more than 5½ times the \$453,909 present annual interest charges, which include interest on these \$5,000,000 bonds. For the year 1921 net profits were more than twice these charges.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these \$5,000,000 bonds and of \$3,000,000 new preferred stock will be used (a) to retire 4 issues of bonds and notes, aggregating \$4,695,000 (including \$3,000,000 one-year notes due June 1 1922) (b) to retire the entire present issue of \$500,000 Pref. stock; and (c) to purchase the entire capital stock of Rumford Falls Power Co.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Table with columns for bond types and amounts, including First & Refunding 6s, Cape Breton Pulp & Paper Co. 1st M. 6s, 1932, etc.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for a sinking fund, first payment Jan. 1923, sufficient to retire on Feb. 1 of each year, by purchase or call, 1% of the total 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds theretofore issued. If company should pay in any year cash dividends in excess of 3% on its Common stock, it must pay into the sinking fund an additional amount equal to such excess.—V. 113, p. 1582.

Pacific Development Corp.—Extends Chinese Loan.—

At the request of the Chinese Government, the company has extended until June 1 1922 its loan of \$5,500,000 which matured March 1. The conditions of the extension provide for a payment of \$160,000 for interest and on account of principal to be made out of the current revenues of the Salt Administration.

The company's own bank loan of \$4,000,000 for which the Chinese notes are collateral security, matures June 1 next.—V. 113, p. 2511.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Listing—Earnings.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$680,000 additional Common stock, par \$100, on official notice of issuance as a 2% stock dividend, making the total applied for \$34,684,100.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Nov. 30 1921.

Table with columns for Gross earnings, Maintenance, Taxes and reserves, and Net Income, with financial figures.

Net Income, \$13,523,376; net int. charges, \$4,740,307; balance— \$8,783,068

Table with columns for Balance to surplus and other figures, including Bond disct. & exp., etc.

—V. 114, p. 955, 636.

Pacific Light & Power Co.—Tenders.—

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co., trustee, will until March 17 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & Ref. Mtge. bonds to an amount sufficient to absorb \$63,967.—V. 113, p. 1060.

Park City Mining & Smelting Co.—New Name.—

See Daly West Mining Co. above.

Peerless Drawn Steel Co.—Bonds Offered.—United Security Co., Union Trust Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland in Feb. offered at 100 and int. \$600,000 1st Mtge. 15-Year 8% Gold Bonds.

Dated Feb. 1 1922, due Feb. 1 1937. Int. payable F.-A. at Union Trust Co., Cleveland, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal

Income tax up to 2%. Penn. 4-mill tax refunded. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 (c\*). Red all or part on any int. date until Feb. 1 1924, at 107 1/2 and int. and at 107 1/2 and int. less 1/2% for each year thereafter until maturity. Company will deposit with trustee beginning Feb. 1 1924 a sinking fund sufficient to retire 5% of the bonds each year at not to exceed the call price.

**Data from Letter of V.-Pres. E. H. Birney, Massillon, O., Jan. 30.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in 1913 in Ohio. Present capacity of 6,000 tons per month of cold drawn or cold finished steel.

The principal users of cold drawn steel include manufacturers of typewriters, sewing machines, agricultural implements, adding and computing machines, motors, finished bolts, screws and polished rods, and the automotive industry in general.

**Earnings.**—For 6 years ended Dec. 31 1921 net earnings available for interest and Federal taxes averaged \$257,903 p. a. This is equivalent to 5 3/5 times maximum interest requirements on this issue of bonds and is after writing inventory down to present market values. Net earnings for the same period, after Federal taxes, amounted to a total of \$1,136,714, which is an annual average of \$189,452 (equivalent to 3.9 times interest charges); from this total company deducted \$282,099 for adjustment of inventory to current market values in 1920 and 1921.

**Purpose.**—Working capital and to reduce the current indebtedness.  
**Capital Stock.**—Preferred stock 8% Cumul. authorized, \$1,000,000; issued, \$650,800. Common stock (no par value), issued, 9,218 shares.

**Penn Seaboard Steel Co.—Earnings.—**

The report for the year ending Dec. 31 1921 shows a deficit after expenses, taxes, interest, &c., of \$749,045. The balance sheet as at Dec. 31 shows cash, \$175,904; inventories, \$1,771,665; vouchers and accounts payable, \$225,311; total profit and loss surplus, \$4,960,169.—V. 113, p. 2624.

**Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Earnings.—**

Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.
Gross receipts.....	\$37,638,991	\$48,596,589	\$37,303,131
Profits, after all expenses.....	6,567,485	\$14,302,505	\$8,090,897
Depletion coal lands, &c.....			1,325,044
Depreciation plant and equipment.....	2,893,942	3,369,789	1,168,099
Interest paid and accrued.....			1,038,128
Net profits.....	\$3,673,543	\$10,932,716	\$4,559,716
Income and excess profits taxes.....	\$1,163,020	\$436,906	\$1,128,276
Preferred dividends (6%).....	2,100,000	2,130,000	2,160,000
Common dividends (5%).....	1,608,460	1,608,460	1,608,460
Undivided profits.....	def\$1,197,937	\$6,757,350	def\$337,020
Total surplus.....	\$29,171,891	\$30,369,828	\$23,485,632

a Subject to Federal taxes.—V. 113, p. 2412.

**Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—Special Dividend.—**

A special dividend of 5% has been declared on the outstanding Common stock, par \$100, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2%, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.—V. 113, p. 2182; 2087; V. 111, p. 2235, 2145.

**Plainfield Oil & Gas Co.—Receiver's Sale.—**

By order of the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio, Francis M. Thompson, Receiver, will sell for cash all the assets of the company as a whole, except cash on hand and accounts receivable.

**Porto Rico Gas Co.—Reorganization Plan.—**

The holders of 1st Mtge. 6% Sink. Fund gold bonds dated Apr. 28 1913 are notified that the bondholders' committee (see below) representing a majority of all outstanding bonds and overdue coupons, have approved a plan of reorganization dated Nov. 28 1921. Bondholders are requested to agree to the terms of the plan by depositing their bonds and coupons with the Provident Life & Trust Co., Philadelphia, depository, in exchange for certificates of deposit thereof, and to pay an assessment of 3% on the face value of the bonds and coupons so deposited at least 10 days before any sale of the property in the action now pending.

**Committee.**—Rufus Waples, Chairman; Francis S. van der Veer, Henry A. Bishop, Carl W. Fenninger, John W. Sparks, Frederick P. Ristine. [The reorganization plan will be given fully another week.]

**Public Service Co. of Nor. Illinois.—Debentures Paid.—**

The \$1,000,000 6% Gold Debenture bonds which matured on Mar. 1 were retired at maturity out of the current resources of the company.—V. 114, p. 955.

**Public Service Gas Co., N. J.—Rates Reduced—Supreme Court Decides Newark Power Plant Vote is Invalid.—**

The New Jersey P. U. Commission has ordered the company to reduce the price of gas to all its consumers from \$1 40 to \$1 25 per 1,000 cu. ft., effective April 1.

The order was issued in connection with the application filed by Newark and Jersey City for a preferential rate of \$1 10. Other municipalities opposed the move for a sectional rate on the ground that the company probably would have to raise prices in other communities to make up for any reduction in price in a particular zone. Referring to the contention of Newark and Jersey City that the counties of Hudson, Bergen and Essex should be segregated from the rest of the system and given a rate in accordance with their demand, the Commission stated that at this time there are not before it appraisals of the property in any of the divisions other than the Passaic division, and in view of the practice heretofore adopted, the rate should be continued as company-wide rate until it is possible to obtain an appraisal of all the property of the company.

For decision of New Jersey Supreme Court holding Newark City Power Plant vote invalid see "State & City" Department in V. 111, p. 976.—V. 111, p. 995.

**Pullman Company.—Haskell & Barker Plants at Capacity—Stock Dividend or Additional Stock Offering Spoken of.—**

The Boston "News Bureau" March 8 says:

Pullman Company's recently acquired Haskell & Barker freight car building plants are working at virtual capacity.

Now that both concerns are consolidated, the suggestion that the two properties be re-appraised is favorable to interests in both. This, they say, may be followed later by a stock dividend or a change in par value and offering of new stock to shareholders.  
Pullman earned 5 10% on its \$120,000,000 outstanding stock in the fiscal year ended July 31 last, against 10 76% in the previous year. It has received some substantial car orders since Jan. 1, and it is expected that returns from this business in the fiscal year ending July 31 next, along with sleeping car profits and other income, will be more than sufficient to cover the current dividend of 8% on the new stock. Aside from the 1920-21 year, Pullman has earned more than 8% annually on the \$120,000,000 stock since 1910.

**Argument Against Surcharge, &c.**—L. S. Taylor, Vice-President and Comptroller, presented a statement at the Commerce Commission rate hearing on Feb. 3 to show the inequitable effect of the 50% surcharge re-established Aug. 26 1920 on the company's sleeping and parlor car service.

**"Railway Age"** Feb. 11, p. 383, says:  
**Sleeping and Parlor Car Business Shows a Loss.**—The net results from operations of the Pullman Company's sleeping and parlor car business for the year ended Oct. 31 1921 shows a loss of \$2,856,762 80, against a capital investment in that portion of its business much in excess of \$100,000,000. This does not mean a decrease in revenue of that amount, but an actual loss, an excess of expenses over income. The operating ratio for that year was 99 65% without taxes, including taxes, the ratio was 104 35%.  
The company has not found it possible to reduce operating expenses to meet the constantly decreasing revenue. One of the principal reasons is that the decrease in the number of cars operated has not been in proportion to the decrease in gross revenue and passengers carried. The expenses per car have not decreased. In fact, during the last months of 1921 the expenses per car increased, notwithstanding reductions in wages, on account of additional heavy repairs after the close of the summer season.  
**Pay Rolls.**—The decision of the U. S. RR Labor Board authorizing a reduction in wages of employees effective July 1 1921 has resulted in the saving of only a small proportion of the very large increase in the company's pay-roll expenses of the past three or four years.

For the year ended Dec. 31 1917 the Pullman Company's operating department pay-rolls (this includes only the sleeping and parlor car business) aggregated \$16,977,543  
For the calendar year ended Dec. 31 1920 they were 32,986,260  
For the calendar year ended Dec. 31 1921 they were 30,676,822  
For the last five months of 1921, as compared with the corresponding months of 1920, the average reduction in operating expenses due to reduction in wages amounted to \$153,000 a month, or approximately \$1,800,000 a year. That is, during the last five months of 1921 the decrease on this account was at the annual rate of about \$1,800,000 a year. The reduction in force, varying from 2,400 to 4,100 employees in different months, was largely due to the decrease in business.

The decrease in passenger traffic in Pullman cars since the application of the surcharge in 1920 has resulted in a reduction of revenue to the Pullman Company of about \$1,000,000 a month. The average reduction in number of revenue passengers has been over 600,000 passengers a month. The average distance traveled by passengers in Pullman cars is over 360 miles, year by year. It is obvious that a decrease of this extent must have had a material effect on rail transportation, partially offset, of course, by the amount of revenue derived from the surcharge accruing to the railroads.

Commissioner Esch asked whether any of the railroads desired to have the surcharge taken off. Mr. Taylor said he thought a number of roads feel it should come off. Mr. Taylor said his company thought that about half of the falling off of Pullman travel was due to the surcharge and the other half to business depression. He was convinced that the railways are losing twice as much money as a result of the surcharge as they are making by it.

**Life of Steel Car.**—Discussing the operating expenses of the Pullman Company, Mr. Taylor said that maintenance expenses were very heavy last year, partly because the company had had to rebuild a large number of steel cars that were less than 10 years old. The principal cause, he said, was corrosion. Some of the trouble was probably due to the fact that when the first steel cars were built the necessity of protection against climatic changes was not well understood. "Some of our people thought the steel cars would last 50 years," Mr. Taylor said, "but our experience indicates that a steel car has not the life of a wood car."

Compare V. 113, p. 68, 425, 1466, 2717; V. 114, p. 517, 530.

**Pure Oil Co.—Rights to Common Shareholders.—**

The directors Mar. 7 appropriated out of the authorized and unissued and otherwise unappropriated Common stock of the company \$12,897,500 Common stock, being 515,900 shares, par \$25, to be disposed of for cash, in order to provide funds for the immediate retirement of the company's outstanding \$7,980,000 Serial Notes, and to reimburse its treasury for capital outlays in connection with the investment in the stock of the Humphreys Oil Co., the Humphreys Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. and the Humphreys Pure Oil Refineries Corp.

The stock so appropriated has been underwritten by a syndicate of responsible bankers, and constitutes 25% of the existing outstanding Common stock of the company, and under arrangements with the bankers the same will offer equally to all Common shareholders of record Mar. 21 1922 on the following terms and conditions: The right to subscribe to Common stock at par \$25 per share, in amount equal to one-fourth of the par value of stock owned as shown by the company's transfer books Mar. 21 1922; that is, for each 4 shares owned the right to subscribe for one share.

Warrants for stock will be issued and mailed to Common shareholders following closing of transfer books Mar. 21 1922. Payment for subscriptions must be made not later than Apr. 10 1922.—V. 114, p. 955, 637.

**(Robert) Reis & Co.—Annual Report.—**

Manufacturing and merchandising profits on sales (based on valuing Dec. 31 1921 inventories at cost, or previous inventory), after deduction of all costs and expenses (excepting interest) and depreciation of plant, \$115,509. Net loss for year after deducting \$66,323 interest paid and \$240,000 reduction in valuation of Dec. 31 inventories to cost or market, whichever was lower, was \$190,813.—V. 113, p. 1583.

**Republic Motor Truck Co.—New President, &c.—**

Frank E. Smith, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President, succeeding John N. Willys. O. W. Hayes and H. D. Minich have been elected Vice-Presidents and C. G. Rhoades, Secretary. See V. 114, p. 955.

**(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.—Earnings.—**

Net earnings for the year 1921, after deducting all charges and expenses of management and after making provisions for interest, taxes (including maximum Federal income and excess profits taxes), allowances, depreciation, advertising, &c., \$16,258,323. Four quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% each, or \$1,400,000, were paid on Preferred stock; also four quarterly dividends of 2% each, or \$4,800,000, on Common stock. Total undivided profits at Dec. 31 1921 are \$12,122,425, after adding balance surplus of \$10,058,323.

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 shows: Cash, \$7,202,989; Inventories, \$63,052,313; accounts payable, \$2,800,333.—V. 114, p. 955.

**Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.—Gas Service Charge.—**

In an opinion handed down at Albany Feb. 28, the Court of Appeals held that gas companies operating in New York State are within their rights in imposing a service charge. The decision was rendered on the appeal of the city of Rochester against the company. Judge Cardoso, in the prevailing opinion, held that the meter or service charge is nothing more than rent. He wrote:

"The law imposes the duty to establish connections for the householder who demands them, but it does not impose the duty either to install or to maintain it gratuitously. If he demands the facilities, with the added expense that follows, he thereby invites service and must be numbered among those for whom service is maintained.

"A service charge is not something in addition to the price that would otherwise be fair and reasonable. In the case at hand, the finding is that if the service charge were dropped, the price of gas—now \$1 30—would become \$1 45."  
The cities of New York, Buffalo, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle joined Rochester in the appeal.—V. 113, p. 2193.

**San Joaquin Valley Farm Lands Co.—Bonds Offered.—**

Hunter, Dulin & Co. and George H. Burr & Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int. \$1,500,000 1st & Consol. Mtge. 7% bonds. A circular shows:

Dated Dec. 1 1921. Due serially 1923 to 1931, Incl. Denom. \$1,000 c. Callable on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Int. payable J. & D. at Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, trustee, and New York Trust Co., New York, without deduction for normal income tax not exceeding 2%.

The bonds are a first mortgage on 51,638 acres of agricultural lands, town-site properties, together with improvements, and a general mortgage on approximately 10,000 acres. Reclamation and irrigation district bonds to the extent of \$1,748,000 are outstanding against part of the acreage, the maximum principal and interest requirements of which during the life of this bond issue amounts to only \$7 71 per acre on the lands in the districts.

The property has been recently appraised at \$5,200,000, including the 10,000 acres which are security for \$292,500 1st Mtge. 6% bonds that are now outstanding, or approximately 3 times the amount of the mortgage debt. Sales contracts to the extent of \$3,062,467 are pledged with the trustees in favor of this issue and the 6% bonds now outstanding. 60% of the principal collections is to be paid to the trustees for the retirement of bonds.

The property is located about 80 miles west of the city of Fresno, in Fresno County, surrounding the town of San Joaquin, located on the Southern Pacific RR, which traverses the district.  
The proceeds are to be used to pay off existing debt and to provide additional betterments on the properties.—V. 109, p. 584.

**Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—February Sales.—**

1922 Feb.—1921	Increase	1922 2 Moys.	1921.	Increase.
\$1,512,821	\$1,477,296	\$65,525	\$3,080,592	\$2,932,402
				\$154,190

**Solar Refining Co.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1921	1920	1919	1918
Net inc. before taxes.....	loss \$103,618	\$2,483,894	\$1,528,319	\$1,739,142
Federal taxes.....		786,688	870,327	771,563
Net profits.....	loss \$104,638	\$1,697,206	\$1,051,092	\$967,579
Cash dividends.....	(10%) 00 000 (60) 1,000 000	(30) 600,000	(15) 300,000	(15) 300,000
Dividend surplus.....	ad \$ 311,648	698,206	\$1,051,092	\$667,879

a The loss is practically due to readjustment of inventories and general business depreciation.—V. 112, p. 1941

**Southern Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.—Closes Contract.**  
The company recently was reported to have closed a contract with S. Morgan Smith Co. of York, Pa., for the construction of a power house in North and South Carolina and a dam, to cost in all approximately \$10,500,000.—V. 113, p. 2412.

**Southern Public Utilities Co.—Bond Paid.**  
The \$249,500 6% bonds of Anderson Water Light & Power Co. due Mar. 1 1922 were paid off at Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y.—V. 113, p. 77.

**Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.**  
The Missouri P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$7,500,000 Preferred stock. The stock is to be issued for the purpose of consummating the purchase of Kinloch Telephone Co. and the consolidation of the two systems in St. Louis and suburban towns.—V. 113, p. 2626.

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Plant (less depr.).....	Capital stock.....
Merchandise.....	Accts. payable.....
Cash.....	Reserve for Fed- eral taxes.....
Accts. receivable.....	Surplus.....
Investments.....	
Total.....	Total.....

On May 16 1921 the company paid a 200% stock dividend, which increased the outstanding capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Compare V. 112, p. 2091, 1524.

**Standard Oil Co., N. J.—Czecho-Slovakia Contract.**  
The company issued the following statement March 3:  
"A cable dispatch from The Hague printed in New York March 3 states that the agreement by which the Standard Oil Co. would obtain a monopoly of production, sale, import and export of oil in the whole of Czecho-Slovakia, which was only lacking the last Government formalities, was canceled at the last minute by Premier Benes."

"This is the only intimation received by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey that a contract made with the Government of Czecho-Slovakia by the Franco-American Oil Co. had not been ratified after signature by both parties. The dispatch referred to, as well as all previous stories dealing with this situation, is in error in its reference to a monopoly. The contract in no way concerns the sale, import or export of oil."

"At the request of officials of the Czecho-Slovakian Government the French subsidiary of this company agreed to form a new company in which a large part of the stock would be held by the Government of Czecho-Slovakia and citizens of that country for the exploration of territory in which there might be oil. A small production is already obtained in that country, but the concession covered only the unexplored areas. It was to run for 30 years and called for the expenditure of a large sum of money by the new company in exploitation work, with a liberal provision for the Government's participation in oil obtained. No monopoly of any kind was contemplated and the proposed agreement had no bearing on the marketing of oil in Czecho-Slovakia. This company was in no different position than any other oil company in the matter of supplying the country's needs."

It is stated that the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey is planning the formation of the Standard Oil Co. of Argentina for an extensive development program. The company, it is stated, has acquired a large acreage under lease, has a crew of geologists in the field and is going ahead with its search for oil. Through a subsidiary, West India Oil Co., the company already is active in the Argentine. This company, however, only takes care of the marketing operations of the Standard, having a refinery at Campana, about 30 miles up the River Plate, above Buenos Aires.

It is also stated that negotiations between Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) and Anglo-Persian Oil Co. have reached a point where a definite basis has been reached for joint operation and development of the five northern provinces of Persia. The consummation of the transaction, it is said, is predicated on the Persian Government giving a concession to these provinces which will prove acceptable to the two oil organizations.—V. 114, p. 206, 87.

**Standard Shipbuilding Corp., Shooters Island, N. Y.**  
Federal Judge Edwin L. Garvin March 7 appointed John J. Fitzgerald, Albert Conway and William A. Young receivers on a petition filed by James Howden & Co., Ltd., of Great Britain, with claims of \$8,000,000. Liabilities are stated to be over \$2,000,000, and assets are between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.—V. 105, p. 1216.

**Standard Steel Car Co.—Motor Car Subsidiary.**  
The Standard Motor Car Co., it is stated, has been organized by interests connected with the Standard Steel Car Co., to take over the manufacture and sale of the automobile branch of the latter organization. Operations will be conducted as heretofore and general expansion is planned. Don C. McCord has been elected V.-Pres. of the new company.—V. 114, p. 956.

**Sun Co. of Philadelphia.—Tenders.**  
The Commercial Trust Co. of Philadelphia, trustee, will until March 22 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-Year 6% Sinking Fund gold debenture bonds dated May 1 1919 to an amount sufficient to consume \$180,666, at a price not exceeding par and interest.—V. 114, p. 637.

**Superior Body Co.—Distribution.**  
The creditors who last November received a first dividend of 10% on general claims aggregating \$80,809, now are about to receive a second dividend amounting to 35%. The order for the payment of a first dividend of 10% provided also for the liquidation of preferred claims aggregating \$9,774, of which \$4,773 represented wage claims in full. After the payment of the 35% dividend there will remain assets in the receiver's hands sufficient to yield a final dividend of approximately 15%, it is stated.—V. 111, p. 1957.

Superior Steel Corporation.—Earnings.—				
Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Gross sales.....	\$2,246,561	\$2,746,805	\$7,661,277	\$8,961,862
Net, after depreciation.....	def273,395	2,967,983	1,356,409	1,939,366
Federal taxes.....		1,634,031	374,683	912,862
Sinking fund.....	432,408	165,000	165,000	165,000
Inventory adjustment, &c		311,132		
Dividends.....	409,570	652,273	588,404	800,475
Balance, surplus.....	def\$1,115,373	\$205,517	\$228,322	\$31,029
Total surplus.....	\$278,399	\$864,498	\$731,252	\$501,034

**Tonopah (Nev.) Mining Co.—Extra Dividend.—Earnings.**  
An extra dividend of 2½% has been declared on the stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 5%, both payable April 21 to holders of record March 31.

Tonopah Mining Co.—Earnings.—				
Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Net earnings.....	\$339,148	\$410,399	\$102,266	\$782,061
Dividends.....	100,000	50,000	300,000	375,000
Depreciation.....				70,502
Balance, surplus.....	\$239,148	\$360,399	\$102,266	\$336,559
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$5,025,431	\$1,642,131	\$1,381,247	\$4,199,443

**Tooke Bros., Ltd.—Days Action on Pref. Dividend.**  
A dispatch from Montreal says: "Notice has been given to the Montreal Stock Exchange of the deferment of the current quarterly dividend on the preferred stock until the results of the business of the company for the year are ascertained."—V. 109, p. 79.

**Transcontinental Oil Co.—Completes 8 Wells.**  
F. B. Parrott, Pres., has stated that on the property recently acquired from the Continental Petroleum Co. in Oklahoma, 8 producing wells have been completed and 19 additional wells are now drilling, 6 or 7 of which should be completed within 10 days and the remainder within the next 6 weeks. This property, located in the Bristow Pool, is now producing 4,000 barrels per day.—V. 114, p. 530, 418.

**Turman Oil Co., Oklahoma.—Earnings.**  
In the four months to Dec. 31 1921, covering the period since control passed to Middle States, the company reports total income of \$311,905

and expenses of \$83,056. Of this expenditure though, \$10,791 is chargeable to the former management, making actual cost of doing business during the four months only \$72,265. Disregarding such payments, the actual net income for the period would be \$239,740.

The Haskell management not only has cleaned up all debts contracted by its predecessor, but through economies instituted was able to resume cash dividends, disbursing out of this period's income three payments totaling \$67,623, at the rate of 1% monthly on the \$2,254,618 outstanding stock, which is the company's only obligation.—V. 113, p. 2729.

**Tuscarora Rubber Co., Dover, O.—Receivership.**  
C. C. Adams and Henry Krantz have been appointed receivers for this company, capitalized at \$1,500,000.

**Union Metal Products Co., Chicago.—Merger.**  
The Union Metal Products Co., Imperial Appliance Co. and the Pressed Steel Manufacturing Co. have merged under the name of Union Metal Products Co., Chicago, with an authorized capital of \$4,000,000.

**Union Oil Co. (Calif.)—Time for Deposits March 20.**  
The Union Oil Associates have notified the stockholders who wish to join the proposed Union Oil of California Stockholding Company, that in order to obtain the benefits to be secured by joining in the organization of the proposed Union Oil of California Stockholding Co., their signed organization agreement pledging their stock must be received at the office of Union Oil Associates, Room 1134, Pacific Mutual Building, Los Angeles, Calif., not later than March 20.—V. 114, p. 956, 733.

**Union Sulphur Co.—Suit.**  
The company is being sued in the New York Supreme Court for \$1,200,000 by dependents of men lost in company's ship, Hewitt, which disappeared with crew of 41 men Jan. 25 1921.—V. 113, p. 1991.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—February Sales.—			
1922—Feb.—1921.	Decrease.	1922—2 Mos.—1921.	Decrease.
\$5,306,430	\$5,713,252	\$406,822	\$10,709,760
\$11,682,731	\$972,971		

**United Oil Producers Corp.—Earnings.—Bonds.**  
The Middle States Oil Corp. announces that oil settlements for February show that for the second month of the current half-year United Oil Producers' 10-year 1st Lien Gold 8% and Partic. S. F. Production bonds earned at rate of 20¼% per annum. The sinking fund will call for redemption \$40,000 of bonds in April, in addition to the \$60,000 called for redemption on March 20. With this additional call, redemptions will total \$150,000.—V. 114, p. 746.

United States Gypsum Co.—Annual Report.—				
Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Net earnings.....	\$2,247,326	\$2,126,778	\$1,288,110	\$1,418,563
Depreciation.....				509,807
Plant losses.....				69,818
Federal taxes.....	478,169	421,567	212,000	98,012
Interest, &c.....				81,604
Preferred dividends.....	x792,455	417,321	397,567	373,026
Common dividend.....		355,115	39,049	
Balance, surplus.....	\$976,702	\$932,774	\$639,494	\$286,296
Profit and loss surplus.....	\$3,535,302	\$2,624,715	\$1,498,871	\$871,027

x Dividends were paid on Preferred stock at the rate of 7%, and on Common four quarterly dividends of 1% each and a 5% stock dividend Dec. 31 1921, also in 1920.—V. 113, p. 2088.

**United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.**  
See "Trade and Traffic Movements" above.—V. 114, p. 637, 516.

**United States Tobacco Co.—New Name, &c.**  
See Weyman Bruton Co. below.—V. 114, p. 531.

United States Worsted Co.—Earnings.—				
Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.
Net profits, after all charges and taxes.....	def\$2,697,399	def\$5,344,093	sr\$2,073,553	sr\$1,236,187
Dividends.....		655,766	596,230	122,477
Balance, sur. or def.....	def\$2,697,399	def\$5,999,859	sr\$1,477,323	sr\$1,113,710
Profit and loss.....	def\$7,229,951	def\$4,534,527	sr\$3,895,350	sr\$2,291,164

**Victor Talking Machine Co.—Regular Dividends.**  
The company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$10 per share on the Common stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 on the Preferred stock, both payable April 15 to holders of record March 31. Like amounts were paid in July, October and January last on the Common and Preferred stocks.—V. 113, p. 2729.

**Walworth Manufacturing Co., Boston.—Bonds Offered.**  
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Halsey, Stuart & Co., and Parkinson & Burr are offering at 96½ and int. to yield about 7.35%, \$2,500,000 1st Mtge. 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Series "A" (see advertising pgs).

Dated Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1942. Red. all or part for sinking fund on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of ½% for each year of unexpired life. Int. payable J. & J. in Boston and New York. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 (c\*). Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Company agrees to pay int. without deduction for any normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 4%, and to refund Penna. State 4 mill tax.

Data from Letter of President Howard Coonley, Boston, March 8.	
Capitalization after this Financing—	
1st Mtge. Sink. Fund bonds series "A" (this issue)	Authorized Outstanding
do series "B" 5% bonds.....	\$7,500,000
Preferred stock.....	1,000,000
Common stock.....	4,000,000

x Entire issue of Series "B" equally secured with Series "A" and maturing \$100,000 annually 1922-1931 incl., will be owned by U. S. Steel Corp. through National Tube Co.

**Purpose.**—To retire a previous issue of bonds and to reduce floating debt.  
**Company.**—Had its beginning in 1842, in the firm of Walworth & Nason, which introduced the steam heating industry into America, and established the first factory in the United States for manufacture of fittings and valves. Business was incorporated in 1872 in Massachusetts. Specializes on high-grade power plant material, maintaining in its factories complete and modern pipe-bending and fabricating departments. Factories located at South Boston, Mass., and Kewanee, Ill., cover a total area of 54 acres of ground and have an aggregate floor space of about 1,300,000 sq. ft.

**Sinking Fund.**—An annual sinking fund will be applied to the purchase or retirement of bonds of Series "A" and Series "B" (including payment of the annual serial maturities of Series "B"), beginning May 1 1923, with a payment of \$100,000 and gradually increasing each year to \$150,000. To the amount of this sinking fund will also be added the amount if any, by which 15% of the net earnings for the preceding calendar year exceeded \$100,000.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated earnings statement shows average annual net profits for the period of 6 years from Dec. 31 1915 to Dec. 31 1921, after deducting depreciation and before Federal taxes, to have been \$814,093.05 per annum, or over 3½ times the annual interest requirements of \$225,000 on all of the first mortgage bonds. This statement of average earnings, however, is after deducting heavy annual depreciation, and losses and inventory write-downs during the year 1921. Compare V. 114, p. 861.

Washington Oil Co.—Annual Report.—					
Calendar Years—	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Net income.....	def.\$30,073	\$64,076	\$38,864	\$44,729	\$52,385
Dividends paid (%).....		(20)20,000	(20)20,000	(40)40,000	(40)40,000
Balance, sur. def.....	\$30,073	\$44,076	\$18,864	\$4,729	\$12,385

Gross income for the year 1921 amounted to \$119,975; operating expenses, taxes, depreciation and depletion amounted to \$150,048; net loss, \$30,073.—V. 112, p. 2421.

**Waterbury Clock Co.—Buys Ingersoll Bros.**  
See Robert H. Ingersoll & Bro. above.—V. 79, p. 2647.

Western States Gas & Electric Co. (Calif.).—Bonds Sold.—Blyth, Witter & Co., H. M. Bylesby & Co., and Cyrus Peirce & Co. have sold at 94 and int. to yield 6 1/2%, \$5,000,000 1st & Unified Mtge. Gold Bonds, 6%, Series "A." (see advertising pgs).

Dated March 1 1922. Due March 1 1917. Int. payable M. & S. in New York and San Francisco without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice on or before March 1 1937, at 107 1/2, thereafter at 1/2 of 1% less each year, plus int. Demom. \$1,000 and \$500 (c\*). Bank of California, National Association, San Francisco, trustee.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Railroad Commission of California.

Data from Letter of Vice-President Otto E. Osthoff, Chicago, March 7. Company.—Incorporated in California in 1910, and acquired electric and gas utilities in central and northern California. Is at present serving 30 communities, with principal centres at Stockton, Richmond and Eureka. Population (est.), 197,000. Operates 2 h.r.o.-electric plants combined installed capacity of 6,500 k. w., located on American and Trinity rivers, and modern steam turbine plants, combined installed capacity of 4,250 k. w., located in Stockton and Eureka. Artificial gas plants are operated in Stockton and Eureka.

New Hydro-Electric Plant.—Has begun work on construction of a hydro-electric plant with an initial capacity of 20,000 k. w., on the south fork of the American River. This will provide for immediate and future power demands and replace power purchased from other companies, amounting in 1921 to 60% of company's total output during that year.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing. 1st & Ref. (now 1st) Mtge. 5s, due 1911 (closed) \$4,600,000 Collateral Trust 6 1/2% nos., due 1937 (closed) 1,199,000 1st & Unified Mtge. bonds 6%, series "A" (this issue) 5,000,000 10-year 6% gold nos., due 1927 (to be closed at \$3,000,000) 2,164,000 7% Cumulative Preferred stock 3,017,000 Common stock 3,231,500

Earnings, Years Ended Dec. 31. 1913. 1915. 1917. 1920. 1921. Gross \$1,085,647 \$1,183,831 \$1,407,869 \$2,224,009 \$2,547,164 Net earnings 488,764 577,315 833,031 818,374 861,183 Interest charges 259,149 280,584 325,348 391,378 420,376 Net after operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.

The annual interest charges on \$5,000,000 1st & Unified Mtge. bonds amount to \$300,000, which during the period of construction will be included in construction cost.

1st & Unified Mortgage.—Authorized, \$100,000,000. Mortgage will permit the issue of additional bonds in series, of such dates, maturities, interest rates and redemption provisions as may be determined by the directors. No bonds of a maturity prior to that of the Series "A" bonds may be issued while any bonds of Series "A" are outstanding.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for an annual sinking fund commencing March 1 1928, in an amount equal to 2% of the total outstanding bonds, including the underlying bonds.

Purpose.—Will provide funds to be used in the installation of the 20,000 k. w. hydro-electric plant, &c.—V. 114, p. 88.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Suit.—See Louisville & Nashville RR. above.—V. 114, p. 418.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co.—Div. Decreased.—Earnings.—The company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2% on the outstanding \$29,165,800 capital stock, par \$50. From April 1917 to Jan. 1922 incl. the company has paid 3 1/2% quarterly.

An official statement says: "While the regular dividend rate was maintained throughout the year 1921, being paid in part from corporate surplus gradually accumulated in past years, the board, in consideration of the existing industrial and financial conditions, deemed it advisable to reduce the current quarterly dividend to \$1 a share."

The income account for the year ended Dec. 31 last shows an operating profit of \$1,412,490, compared with \$6,580,404 in 1920. Total surplus on Dec. 31 was \$12,931,103, contrasted with \$16,140,580 on Dec. 31 1920.—V. 112, p. 2627.

Weyman Bruton Co.—Name Changed—Directors.—The stockholders on March 7 approved the change in name to the "United States Tobacco Co." The stockholders also authorized a change in the existing common stock, par \$100, into common stock without par value on the basis of 4 shares of the latter to one of the former.

H. L. Brown, J. W. Abbott, J. D. Carhart, C. G. Conn have been elected additional directors, increasing the board to a total of 11 members.—V. 114, p. 967.

White Motor Co.—Dividend—Outlook—Report.—The directors at their meeting March 10 declared the regular dividend of \$1 per share (2%), payable March 31 to holders of record March 21.

President Walter C. White stated that "the outlook for this year's business is decidedly favorable. Orders have shown a marked increase since last October; inventories are reduced to practically normal, selling expenses are commensurate with current business and the plant and manufacturing organization are in the best condition they have ever been."

"Notwithstanding the losses for 1921, due to large inventory adjustments and to the general business depression, the present situation affords sound reason to believe that the earnings for 1922 will exceed dividend requirements."

Income Account for Year ending Dec. 31 1921. Operating loss, after deducting manufacturing, selling, service and administrative expenses \$2,316,824 Reduction of inventories to approx. market val. or replacement cost 2,048,073 Less miscellaneous other income, &c. (net) Cr. 214,606 Interest and expense on borrowed money 657,078

Net loss for year \$4,837,319 The report shows a profit and loss surplus Dec. 31 1921 of \$2,661,664, after taking into account the net loss for the year (as above), dividends paid of \$2,000,000 (8%), and after crediting back \$1,026,671 from contingency reserve and 1920 Federal tax reserve accounts.—V. 113, p. 2420.

White Oil Corp.—Acquisition—Capital Increase, &c.—The stockholders on March 6 approved the purchase of the United Central Oil Corp. from the United Gas & Electric Corp. (as outlined in V. 114, p. 862). The stockholders authorized an increase in the Capital stock by the creation of an additional class of \$1,500,000 8% Cumul. Preferred stock (par \$10), and increased the present total authorized shares of no par value, from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 and the balance of the necessary shares of stock to complete the acquisition.

Preferred Stock Provisions.—(1) Dividends shall be payable half yearly during the first year after issue and quarterly thereafter, (2) red. on 60 days' notice, all or part, on any div. date, at 115 and div. (3) Convertible at any time into Common stock at the rate of one share of Common stock for two shares of Preferred stock; (4) each share of Preferred stock and Common stock to have one vote.

Approximately 102,186 additional shares of Common stock, no par value, will be offered for subscription to the shareholders of Common stock of record March 9 1922 (other than the holder or holders of the 170,000 shares of Common stock to be issued to the vendor of the property or stock of the United Central Oil Corp., or the 100,000 shares of Common stock to be optioned to such vendor as provided), to the extent of 15% of their holdings, at \$10 per share. Subscription must be returned to corporation's office, 66 Broad St., New York, in New York funds, on or before March 28 1922.

Any one, to the extent that he may avail himself of such subscription right, shall have, in addition, an option on an equivalent amount of Common stock at \$15 a share, good until March 1 1923.

Of the 102,186 shares, 100,000 shares have been underwritten, subject, however, to the prior right of the stockholders.

New Officers and Directors.—P. J. White, former President of the company, has been elected Chairman of the board, and W. B. Emmert, former President of the United Central Oil Corp. has been elected President. Additional directors have been elected as follows: S. R. Barton and Murray W. Dodge of Bertron, Grison & Co., E. J. Connette and George Bullock of the United Gas & Electric Corp. and W. B. Emmert, Messrs. Emmert, Bertron and Connette have been added to the executive committee and Murray W. Dodge to the finance committee.—V. 114, p. 862, 746.

Willys-Overland Co.—Prices Cut.—New prices of Willys-Knight models (f.o.b. Detroit), which became effective March 6, are as follows: (a) Sedan, \$2,095 (reduction \$300); touring, \$1,375 (reduction \$150); coupe, \$1,875 (reduction \$320); roadster, \$1,350 (reduction \$125).—V. 114, p. 967, 862.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Complies with Consent Decree.—The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has granted Thomas W. Wilson an extension of one year within which to dispose of his individual holdings of stocks in stock yards, the possession of which is a violation of the packers' consent decree. Full compliance with the consent decree entered against five large Chicago packing companies was reported to the court by the company. The report, which received the court's approval, asserted that the company and its subsidiaries have completely divested themselves of all properties, not directly and immediately connected with the meat packing business.—V. 114, p. 418, 967.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—February Sales.—1922.—Feb.—1921. Increase 1922.—2 Mos.—1921. Increase. \$10,095,285 \$9,142,983 \$952,302 \$19,612,656 \$17,475,057 \$2,137,598 —V. 114, p. 638, 623.

Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp.—Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1921. 1920. 1919. 1918. Billings to customers \$17,335,854 \$27,924,745 \$32,074,592 \$43,443,486 Gross income \$1,908,977 \$2,355,858 \$5,284,105 \$7,630,686 Interest, adjustts, &c. 68,028 24,935 27,041 492,912 Adjustment of inventor's 1,999,579 Federal taxes 30,000 300,000 2,000,000 4,000,000 Dividends on— Class "A" pref. (7%) 391,498 391,498 391,498 391,498 Class "B" pref. (6%) 619,300 619,300 619,300 619,300 Common stock (5%) 649,607 (6) 747,129 Com. div. decl. in adv. 259,843 To reserve 1,500,000 1,267,364

Balance—def \$2,108,878 \$272,996 \$746,266 \$859,611 Tot. p. & l. sur. Dec. 31 \$2,516,855 \$4,625,734 \$4,352,738 \$3,606,472 The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 shows cash, \$2,269,132; inventories, \$8,648,464; accounts payable, \$282,007; surplus, \$2,516,855.—V. 113, p. 1163.

Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—Report.—For the year ended Dec. 31 1921 the company reports net profits after charges, depreciation and Federal taxes, of \$1,269,214, compared with \$2,324,470 in 1920. Dividends paid \$999,733, compared with \$1,124,290 in 1920, and a surplus of \$269,561. Profit and loss surplus Dec. 31 1921 amounted to \$11,780,131.—V. 113, p. 2627.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Rutter & Co., New York, have prepared a comprehensive review of the present and future position of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, in which is emphasized the importance of the vast extension program recently undertaken, and the resultant radical changes in the physical structure of the property and in the character and distribution of traffic. A schedule is presented of all underlying bonds, general lien bonds, convertible bonds and equipment obligations, with due dates, interest dates and annual interest charges. Considerable space is devoted to a discussion of revenues and interest charges, traffic statistics and operating problems, and the outlook for the future.

—Graham Roberts and Andrew W. Porter have formed a co-partnership under the name of Graham Roberts & Co., with offices in the Franklin Bank Bldg., Philadelphia, to deal in high-grade investment bonds. Mr. Roberts was associated for many years in the bond department of West & Co. and more recently in charge of the Pennsylvania business of Blair & Co., Inc., of N. Y. Mr. Porter was for many years in the bond department of Montgomery & Co., and until recently was in charge of retail sales for Blair & Co., Inc., in the Philadelphia territory.

—The Canadian Bond Corporation of New York, affiliated with Municipal Bankers Corporation, Ltd., Toronto, Ont., announces the opening of permanent offices at 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, under the management of Charles Newton Schenck Jr. They will wholesale purchases and sales in Government and municipal bonds of the Dominion of Canada and its Provinces and other bonds of equal safety.

—Charles H. Carruthers and Herbert A. Mansfield, formerly of Carruthers, Pell & Co., have formed the partnership of Carruthers & Mansfield to conduct a general investment business, specializing in bank, trust and insurance company stocks. The offices of the company are with Gillespie, Meeds & Co. at 120 Broadway, New York.

—Geo. W. Baker, President of George W. Baker Shoe Co. of Brooklyn and a director of the First National Bank of Brooklyn, as well as the People's National Bank, and trustee of the Sumner Savings Bank of Brooklyn, has been elected a director of the Union National Corporation at a meeting of the board of directors.

—Irving B. Leo, an insurance broker, 110 William Street, New York, is distributing a circular showing what insurance premiums and payments are and are not free from income tax and likewise what premiums and losses are properly deductible items.

—Arthur E. McCable, formerly with Salomon Brothers & Hutzler, and J. Frederick Fradley, formerly with the Bankers Trust Co., have formed a partnership under the name of McCable & Fradley, to deal in investment securities at 120 Broadway.

—Garrison & Co., members Philadelphia and New York Stock Exchanges, with offices in the Widener Bldg., Philadelphia, announce that James K. Watt has become associated with them in charge of their department dealing in unlisted securities.

—M. C. Alverson, for the past five years with Halsoy, Stuart & Co., Inc., and in charge of their Eastern correspondence sales since 1918, will on March 15 become associated with the bond sales organization of Bond & Goodwin, 65 Broadway.

—H. M. Bylesby & Co. have prepared a new circular describing the growth of the Standard Gas & Electric Co. by means of a number of charts depicting the advance of this public utility investment company over the past eleven years.

—I. H. Bradd, formerly of I. H. Bradd & Co., and F. W. Vogell Jr., formerly with A. B. Leach & Co., have formed a co-partnership under the name of Bradd & Vogell, to transact a general investment business at 50 Broadway, New York.

—Walter S. Whiggin, formerly manager of the Albany and Syracuse office of Hemphill, Noyes & Co., has become associated with Howell, MacArthur & Ritchie of Albany, Plattsburgh and Troy, N. Y.

—Schuyler J. Bergen has been admitted to partnership in the firm of W. E. Hutton & Co., members N. Y. Stock Exchange, with offices at 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, and Cincinnati, O.

—Ramsay, Paton & Co., 50 Wall St., New York City, announce that R. O. Munroe, formerly identified with Charter & Edey, is now connected with them in their trading department.

—H. J. Van Ingen & Co., 46 Cedar St., New York, announce that Edward L. Black is now associated with this firm. Mr. Black was formerly with Hornblower & Weeks.

—Charles Conrad has become associated with the bond department of Patsy Brothers & Co., Philadelphia.

Reports and Documents.

CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR 1921.

To the Stockholders:

Gentlemen:—The following annual report is a brief review of the activities of the Company for the year 1921.

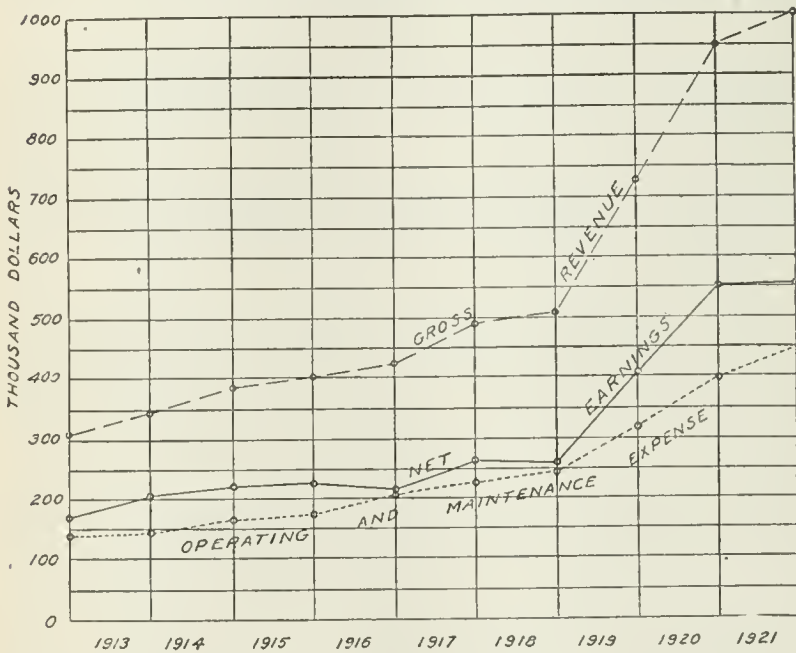
EARNINGS AND EXPENSES.

A comparative statement of the annual gross and net earnings and operating and maintenance expenses of the Company from 1912 through 1921 is set forth in the following table and graphic chart:

Year—	Gross Revenue.	Operating Maintenance Expense.	*Net Earnings.	Kilowatt Hours Generated.
1912-----	\$307,040 29	\$137,663 49	\$169,376 80	21,492,374
1913-----	347,261 70	143,746 67	203,515 03	26,485,359
1914-----	385,331 23	163,209 21	222,122 02	33,245,366
1915-----	398,349 83	171,458 26	226,891 57	38,133,884
1916-----	426,106 64	213,679 91	212,426 73	41,936,855
1917-----	487,916 44	226,509 67	261,406 77	47,755,628
1918-----	502,269 05	245,150 37	257,118 68	46,216,299
1919-----	726,079 30	295,743 74	430,335 56	108,238,745
1920-----	948,277 07	398,041 48	550,235 59	142,404,975
1921-----	1,001,272 07	449,082 18	552,189 89	129,368,808

\* Without deducting interest or depreciation.

CHART SHOWING GROSS REVENUE, OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE, AND NET EARNINGS. THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY



The following statement shows the gross revenue for the years 1920 and 1921 segregated into the principal classes of business served:

	1920.	1921.
Light-----	\$306,240 12	\$364,536 07
Power-----	352,771 40	365,066 55
Water-----	47,005 95	53,570 36
Miscellaneous-----	9,557 30	8,104 06
Pacific Gas & Electric Company-Interconnection Contract-----	232,702 30	209,995 03
Total Earnings-----	\$948,277 07	\$1,001,272 07

GENERATING PLANTS.

The Company utilized each of the following power generating stations to nearly its full capacity through the twelve months of 1921:

1. Copco-----	11,500 Kilowatts or 15,430 Electrical Horsepower
2. Prospect-----	4,700 " " 6,300 " "
3. Fall Creek-----	1,900 " " 2,550 " "
4. Gold Ray-----	1,500 " " 2,010 " "
5. Klamath Falls-----	600 " " 800 " "
6. Shasta River-----	360 " " 480 " "
7. Headlight-----	320 " " 430 " "
Total-----	20,880 " " 28,000 " "

This total capacity will be increased to 34,380 kilowatts or 46,000 electrical horsepower by the installation of the second 12,500 kilowatt unit in the Copco Power House and by adding sixteen feet to the height of the Copco dam.

The work of installing this unit was started in December 1921, and will be completed not later than November 1922.

It should be especially noted that the Company does not rely upon steam auxiliary generating stations. It is probable that we will never be forced to resort to their use.

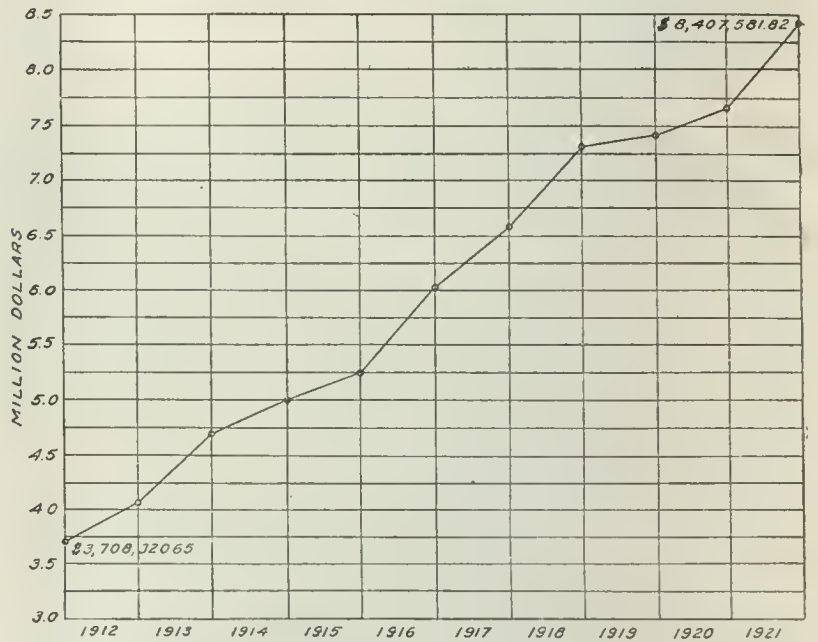
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1921.

During 1921 the sum of \$714,697 21 was spent for capital betterments and improvements to the property.

During this year, the Link River Dam at the outlet of Upper Klamath Lake was completed. This dam was constructed in accordance with our contract with the United

States Government through the Reclamation Service of the Department of the Interior and is a part of the Government's plan for the full development of the Klamath Irrigation project and the full utilization of the Klamath Watershed. From the Company's point of view, the dam may be used to create a steady flow down the Klamath River and thus prevent the waste which hitherto has always occurred during the high-water season.

CHART SHOWING VALUE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES, OF THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY



The diking of the Indian Lands on Klamath Lake required an expenditure of roughly \$100,000 during 1921.

One of the principal extensions built for the purpose of serving a new consumer consists of a high-tension line ten miles in length from Klamath Falls to the Algoma Lumber Company, whose plant is located on the shores of the Upper Klamath Lake, north of Klamath Falls.

Several other extensions of importance were made in the Klamath territory, of which the extension to Malin in the fertile Tule Lake area is worthy of mention.

A new substation was constructed at the Shaw-Bertram Lumber Company plant near Klamath Falls at a considerable expense.

New street lighting systems were installed in five of the towns served by the Company in Northern California.

In order to perfect the service over some of our principal transmission lines, a large number of old type insulators were replaced by modern equipment.

Approximately \$60,000 worth of new transformers were purchased during the year.

Miscellaneous extensions to new consumers during 1921 required the expenditure of roughly \$52,000.

During the year the Company's office building in Medford, Oregon, was remodeled for use of the Home Office staff and the Company at this time added materially to its real estate holdings in Medford so as to provide building space for the future.

ENGINEERING.

The Engineering Department of the operating organization accomplished a great deal of valuable work during 1921 in addition to the routine operating engineering.

The complete plans and specifications for the Link River Dam were filed with the officials of the United States Reclamation Service and approved by them early in 1921.

The designs of the dam and the necessary iron gates, wooden flash boards and the flash board operating mechanism were worked out in minute detail. The resulting absence of construction troubles and faultless operation of the gates and flash boards after their installation illustrated the value of this engineering preparation.

A great deal of engineering work was required in connection with our whole Klamath Project and much has been done by the use of engineering methods to solve this complicated problem.

An extensive study has been made of the Klamath Falls Water System.

The Dunsmuir Water System has also been the subject of an extensive investigation.

In connection with the financial reorganization of the Company and the issuance of new bonds, it was necessary



to re-check the location and description of all the properties belonging to the Company. A large portion of this work devolved upon the Engineering Department.

A complete general design has been made of several prospective power developments, the most important being two additional plants upon the Upper Klamath River.

Construction drawings with full details have been prepared for use during the installation of the second unit of the Copco Power House and the raising of the Copeo dam.

Office studies have been made in connection with the filing before the Federal Power Commission wherein we asked permission to develop power at the Grant Power Site, which is located on the Klamath River about fifteen miles southwest of Klamath Falls.

A very complete Reconnaissance Survey and a full report was made covering the route of the proposed 110,000-volt transmission line between Prospect and Springfield, Oregon, a distance of 115 miles. A careful estimate of the probable cost of this line has also been made.

All of the basic field engineering and a complete tentative design for the future Prospect development was completed during 1921.

#### MOUNTAIN STATES POWER COMPANY INTER-CONNECTION CONTRACT.

On December 29 1921 an interconnection contract was entered into with the Mountain States Power Company, which is controlled and managed by H. M. Bylesby & Company, Chicago, Illinois, under which the Mountain States Power Company agrees to purchase practically all of the power needed to serve its customers throughout a period of thirty years.

The Mountain States Power Company operates in the Upper Willamette Valley in Oregon with headquarters at Albany and serves a prosperous and growing territory.

In order to supply this power The California Oregon Power Company will construct a high-tension line one hundred and fifteen miles long from the Prospect Plant in Oregon to Springfield, Oregon. This line will be operated at 66,000 volts and will be so constructed that its potential can later be increased to 110,000 volts. It will have an ultimate capacity of 25,000 horse power.

This arrangement is the result of the policy of conservative expansion which has governed the operations of the Company during the past years.

Upon the completion of this line our transmission network will extend a distance of about three hundred miles north and south from Springfield, Oregon, to Delta, California.

#### PUBLICITY.

It is the policy of the Company to give reasonable publicity to all of its affairs. This has been accomplished in three ways: first, through keeping the newspapers advised as to our activities—which results in news items of interest; second, through the use of a reasonable amount of paid advertising space in the newspapers; and third, through the publication of our monthly bulletin "The Volt." In "The Volt" we have attempted to set forth the various activities of our friends and customers so as to stimulate the growth of the business in our territory and thus benefit all concerned.

A new symbol has been adopted which is used in connection with all of our newspaper publicity work. The following quotation accompanied the first publication of the symbol:

"To progress is the natural and mutual ambition of The California Oregon Power Company and the communities it serves in its Klamath, Rogue River and Siskiyou divisions.

"Records of these communities for the current decade are rising charts of progress—well counselled exploitation of a world of natural resource—progress by co-operation.

"And that they have chosen as an important factor to their progress one of the most fundamental of natural resources—hydro-electric power—is evidenced by an increase in number of consumers since 1912 of sixty-three per cent.

"Anxious to render its patrons the maximum benefit of electric power, and encouraged by a rapid expansion of the agricultural, timber and kindred industries, The California Oregon Power Company has augmented its service facilities to meet the new conditions.

"The Company is to-day supplying 200% more horsepower to these communities than it did in 1913.

"As in progress there is power—power is progress."

#### FINANCIAL.

During the year 1921 the reorganization of the financial set-up of the old Company (California-Oregon Power Company), referred to in the last Annual Report, was completed. All the properties and assets of the old Company were transferred to the new Company (The California Oregon Power Company) and the securities of the new Company were duly issued as proposed.

Two million dollars of the new seven and one-half per cent. Series "A" bonds, dated February 1 1921, due February 1 1941, were sold, and the proceeds of these bonds were used to repay floating debt and for capital expenditures. About one million dollars of these funds were available for capital expenditures, including the Link River Dam and the completion of the Copeo Plant. This latter work is now in progress and the money to cover the cost thereof is in hand.

The Underlying bonds outstanding were reduced to one million dollars.

Last month the Company sold an issue of one million dollars of six per cent Series "B" bonds, dated January 1 1922, due January 1 1942. The proceeds of these bonds will be used for the construction of the new line to interconnect with the Mountain States Power Company, which is referred to elsewhere in this report. This last issue of bonds sold very readily and there was a strong demand therefor.

The issue of Series "A" seven and one-half per cent bonds is selling at a substantial premium above the issue price.

The financial reputation of the Company is now excellent and the Company should be able to undertake further financing when needed on favorable terms.

Dividends have been paid upon the Preferred Stock of the Company since its issuance and it is confidently expected that these dividends can be regularly continued.

#### BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

The year 1921 opened with a severe depression in the general business conditions in the territory served by the Company. However, as the year progressed conditions improved, and taken as a whole the gross revenue earned by the Company showed a satisfactory increase amounting to \$52,995 more than the revenue for 1920.

This increase was due entirely to the growth of business in the local territory. The sale of power to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company produced a revenue of \$22,707 less than last year.

Business conditions in the territory at this time are good and the year 1922 should prove to be quite satisfactory from a revenue point of view.

#### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1921.

ASSETS.		
Capital Assets:		
Plant (including Work in Progress).....		\$9,549,215 09
Current Assets:		
Cash and Deposits.....	\$717,961 72	
Notes, Bonds and Accounts Receivable.....	240,486 00	
Material and Supplies.....	149,738 15	
		1,108,185 87
Other Assets:		
Due from Other Companies.....	251,105 76	
Land Scrip.....	1,460 00	
Advanced Expenses and Suspense Items.....	45,587 34	
Unamortized Bond Discount.....	95,416 67	
		393,569 77
		<u>\$11,050,970 73</u>
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock:		
Common Stock (issued).....	\$4,441,100 00	
Preferred Stock (issued).....	2,220,000 00	
		\$6,661,100 00
Funded Debt:		
*First and Refunding 7½% Bonds Due 1941.....	2,000,000 00	
Underlying Bonds.....	961,000 00	
		2,961,000 00
Current Liabilities:		
Vouchers and Accounts Payable.....	165,604 19	
Consumers' Deposits, Advances and Service Billed in Advance.....	70,022 58	
		235,626 77
Accrued Expenses:		
Bond Interest (Including Underlying).....	64,166 75	
Other Accrued Expenses and Deferred Revenues.....	56,995 60	
		121,162 35
Reserves:		
Reserve for Accrued Depreciation.....	925,768 53	
Other Reserves.....	20,796 48	
		946,565 01
Surplus:		
**Gain for Year.....	203,216 60	
Less Dividends Paid on Preferred Stock.....	77,700 00	
		125,516 60
		<u>\$11,050,970 73</u>

\* \$1,000,000 additional bonds may be issued under the provisions of the Deed of Trust to retire a like amount of the face value of underlying bonds now outstanding against the property of the Company (and \$39,000 recently retired).

\*\* Federal Tax on income for 1921 is being provided for in 1922 by monthly transfers to Special Deposit Account together with sufficient amounts to cover all interest, sinking funds, other taxes, etc., as they accrue.

We have audited the accounts and hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet of The California Oregon Power Company, exhibiting Assets of \$11,050,970 73, Liabilities of \$1,303,354 13 and Capital Accounts of \$9,747,616 60, is correctly drawn to reflect the financial status of the Company as at December 31 1921.

LOGAN, SAGE & LOGAN,

Public Accountants, San Francisco, California.

#### GENERAL.

In December 1921 the General Office of the Company was moved from San Francisco to Medford, Oregon, and is now established in the building owned by the Company at that point. It is felt that this move will result in keeping the operating executives of the Company in closer touch with the field problems and will enable them to better serve the interests of the Company and our consumers.

The organization continues to be dominated by a spirit of co-operation and unselfish effort which forms the basis for the successful solution of the many problems which are inherent in the operation of an enterprise such as ours.

Your Board has been in close and detailed contact with the operations of the Company and has given its full support to the activities of the operating organization. We feel that this support has been more than justified by the results which have been accomplished during the past year.

For the Board of Directors,

JOSEPH D. GRANT, *Chairman of the Board,*  
February 28, 1922.

## GEORGIA RAILWAY AND POWER COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1921.

Atlanta, Georgia, January 31, 1922.

### To the Stockholders:

Statements are hereto attached showing the earnings, expenses and disbursements for the year 1921, with comparative figures for the year 1920 of the Georgia Railway and Power Company, including the Atlanta Gas Light Company and other leased properties, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Georgia Railway and Power Company as of December 31, 1921.

Statements are also attached showing charges to construction for the year 1921 for additions to the property of the Georgia Railway and Power Company other than construction of additional water power developments, which are separately referred to. Statements are also attached showing charges to construction for the year 1921 for additions to the property of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company and the Atlanta Gas Light Company.

After payment of operating expenses, taxes, rentals and interest, the balance of the year's operations amounted to \$2,226,464.40, and after the payment of sinking funds, to \$1,978,131.54.

The rentals due the Georgia Railway and Electric Company and its security holders under the lease were duly and promptly paid. These rentals, consisting of taxes, interest, dividends and sinking funds accrued during the year, aggregated \$2,341,608.45.

The rentals due under the lease of the property of the Atlanta Gas Light Company were also duly and promptly paid. These rentals, consisting of taxes, interest and sinking funds accrued during the year 1921, amounted to \$248,780.33.

As part payment, in accordance with the terms of the lease, on account of expenditures made for additions and betterments to the property of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company during the years 1920 and 1921, and not theretofore paid, \$431,000 par value of the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage Bonds of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company were issued. Fifty-six thousand dollars of these bonds were used in providing for the 1921 sinking fund requirements of the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company, and the balance of \$375,000 were placed in the treasury, making \$800,000 par value of Georgia Railway and Electric Company bonds in the treasury on December 31, 1921.

During the year 1921, pursuant to an order of the Railroad Commission of Georgia, the Atlanta Gas Light Company issued, under its Refunding and Improvement Mortgage dated October 1, 1920, \$650,000 par value Refunding and Improvement Mortgage 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds. These bonds were issued to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures for new and additional property acquired prior to October 1, 1920. Twenty thousand dollars par value of these bonds were used in providing for the 1921 sinking fund requirements of the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage of the Atlanta Gas Light Company, leaving \$630,000 par value of bonds in the treasury.

Pursuant to vote of the stockholders of the Georgia Railway and Power Company at the special meeting held on November 18th, and an order of the Railroad Commission of Georgia dated November 21, 1921, the Company issued \$4,000,000 20-year 7% General Mortgage Gold Bonds, dated November 1, 1921, secured by a general mortgage on its property, subject to the First and Refunding Mortgage dated April 1, 1914, and the Mortgage of the Atlanta Water and Electric Power Company, and also secured by a deposit with the Trustee of \$4,000,000 par value First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, which latter, owing to the low interest rate, were unsalable under current market conditions at a price the Company could afford to accept. Inasmuch as bonds can only be issued under this mortgage to the extent that First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds of the Company are deposited thereunder as collateral, the creation of this new general mortgage and the issuance of bonds thereunder did not increase the net bonded debt of the Company.

This issue of \$4,000,000 20-year 7% General Mortgage Bonds were sold and the proceeds used in paying off in full the \$2,500,000 2½-year Collateral Gold Notes of the Company maturing August 1, 1922, and in reducing the floating indebtedness of the Company.

In accordance with the sinking fund provisions of the respective mortgages, \$25,000 par value of the First Mortgage Bonds of the Atlanta Consolidated Street Railway Company, \$50,000 par value of the First Consolidated Mort-

gage Bonds of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company and \$56,000 par value of the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage Bonds of the Georgia Railway and Electric Company were redeemed and canceled. The sum of \$7,590 was paid into the sinking fund under the First Mortgage of the Atlanta Gas Light Company and the sum of \$20,452 was paid into the sinking fund under the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage of the Atlanta Gas Light Company. The sum of \$5,000 was paid into the sinking fund under the mortgage of the Atlanta Northern Railway Company; the sum of \$10,000 was paid into the sinking fund under the mortgage of the Atlanta Water and Electric Power Company, and the sum of \$75,000 was paid into the sinking fund under the First and Refunding Mortgage of the Georgia Railway and Power Company, the total of these sinking fund requirements being \$249,042.

### RAILWAY.

On December 31, 1921, the total mileage of railroad tracks (on a single-track basis) owned or leased and controlled and operated by this Company, including the mileage in Gainesville, Ga., was 247.303.

During the year 1921 the Company acquired and placed in operation fifteen city-type electric railway double-end pre-payment passenger cars, eight suburban type electric railway double-end pre-payment cars and four electric railway double-end interurban passenger cars, or a total of twenty-seven new cars.

The Company transported during the year 1921 93,557,131 passengers, as against 97,337,760 passengers in 1920.

### POWER.

The following figures give the total output of electrical energy by the Company in kilowatt hours for each of the past nine years, and show the growth of the electrical business:

	<i>Kilowatt Hours.</i>
1913 (Tallulah operated 3 months).....	100.4
1914 (Tallulah partially operated entire year).....	145,692.43
1915 (Tallulah partially operated entire year).....	179,976.54
1916 (Tallulah fully operated entire year).....	211,872.63
1917.....	258,607.88
1918.....	238,489.01
1919.....	262,834.54
1920.....	293,721.29
1921.....	282,084.97

Construction work on the Tugalo development was actively resumed on January 2nd of this year, and the Company plans to carry this work forward to completion. It is expected that the first unit will be in operation on or about July 1, 1923, and the entire installation by January 1, 1924. This plant will have a generating capacity of 50,000 kilowatts (an increase of more than 50% in the water power generating capacity of the Company) and an estimated annual output of 140,000,000 kilowatt hours. This development, which is located on Tugalo River, approximately two miles below the present Tallulah Falls generating station, consists of the construction of a dam, reservoir, power house and other necessary structures, and the installation of hydro-electric machinery and electrical equipment and appliances and the construction of a transmission line 1½ miles in length to a connection with the present Tallulah Falls transmission system.

Attached [pamphlet report] is a map of the water powers of the Georgia Railway and Power Company on the Tallulah and Tugalo Rivers, showing the relative locations of the Burton Reservoir, the Mathis Reservoir and the Tallulah Falls Generating Station, which are now in operation, as well as the Tugalo development, in course of construction, and other powers as indicated, the development of which has not yet been undertaken. The tabulated data accompanying the map show the horse-power capacity and the estimated annual output in kilowatt hours of each of these developments.

Attached also [pamphlet report] is a map of the territory in which the electric department of the company is now operating, showing the location of its power stations, transmission lines and inter-connecting lines, with full legend and data explanatory thereof.

### GAS.

The Atlanta Gas Light Company has approximately 288 miles of gas mains in the City of Atlanta and vicinity. The property of the Gas Company is leased to and operated by Georgia Railway and Power Company. During the year 1921 the gas output was 1,449,549,422 cubic feet. The number of gas customers served as of January 31, 1921, was 33,039, an increase of 479 for the year.

### GENERAL.

Atlanta's population inside corporate limits increased from 89,872 in 1900 to 200,616 in 1920. The population of Atlanta as of December 31, 1921, is estimated at 205,300.

Atlanta's real population inside and outside the corporate limits, which is the population served by the street railway system, is probably 250,000. In addition to the City

of Atlanta, the Company supplies 50 other municipalities in Georgia with electrical energy for lighting and for the operation of city pumping stations. The entire population of the territory served by the Company is in excess of 730,000.

Respectfully,  
P. S. ARKWRIGHT, *President*.

H. M. ATKINSON, *Chairman*.

GEORGIA RAILWAY AND POWER COMPANY,

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1921.

RESOURCES (Condensed).

Plant Account (including new construction).....	\$49,026,994 99
Equipment under trust.....	502,803 22
Sinking Fund Bonds.....	447,000 00
Sinking Fund Trustee.....	13,498 75
Notes Receivable:	
Atlanta Northern Railway Co.....	\$112,500 00
Others.....	89,976 08
	202,476 08
Bond Discount.....	1,008,947 29
Suspense Accounts.....	114,438 72
Cash advances to leased companies for new construction, net balance due:	
Georgia Railway & Electric Co.....	\$974,239 85
Atlanta Gas Light Company.....	535,407 57
	1,509,647 42
Prepaid Accounts.....	25,721 10
Treasury Bonds.....	352,000 00
Stocks and Bonds owned.....	870,038 38
Supplies on hand.....	637,658 51
Cash and Accounts Receivable.....	799,577 02
<b>Total Resources.....</b>	<b>\$55,560,801 48</b>

LIABILITIES (Condensed).

Capital Stock, 1st Preferred.....	\$2,000,000 00
Capital Stock, 2d Preferred.....	10,000,000 00
Capital Stock, Common.....	15,000,000 00
	\$27,000,000 00
First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds.....	\$16,519,000 00
Less Deposited as collateral for General Mortgage Bonds.....	4,000,000 00
	12,519,000 00
Underlying Bonds.....	1,400,000 00
General Mortgage Bonds.....	4,000,000 00
Equipment Trust Notes.....	316,000 00
Notes Payable (long term).....	1,049,280 46
*Georgia Railway & Electric Company.....	465,678 82
*Atlanta Gas Light Company.....	116,654 61
Dividends Accrued, 1st Preferred (not declared).....	610,000 00
Dividends Payable, 1st Preferred.....	30,000 00
Reserves for depreciation.....	3,637,876 34
Other Reserve Accounts.....	61,733 54
Accounts Payable (current).....	625,530 20
Interest Payable.....	203,365 97
Taxes Payable.....	545,816 69
Accrued Rentals (leased companies).....	136,872 00
Balance.....	2,966,459 93
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$55,560,801 48</b>

\* Net current assets turned over to Georgia Ry. & Power Co. by Georgia Ry. & Electric Co. in accordance with terms of lease, and not to be paid back until expiration of the lease, 999 years from January 1st, 1912.

x Net current assets turned over to Georgia Ry. & Power Co. by Georgia Ry. & Electric Co. and Atlanta Gas Light Co. in accordance with terms of leases, and not to be paid back until the expiration of the lease, 991 years from January 1st, 1920.

GEORGIA RAILWAY & POWER COMPANY,

Construction 1921.

Electric Lines.....	\$312,078 08
Plant Equipment.....	7,988 80
Transformers and Meters.....	20,673 26
Miscellaneous.....	2,830 35
	\$343,570 49
Less:	
Track and Roadway.....	\$38,944 95
Real Estate and Buildings and Fixtures.....	2,623 02
	41,567 97
	\$302,002 52

GEORGIA RAILWAY & ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Construction 1921.

Buildings and Fixtures.....	\$6,226 84
Track and Roadway.....	180,687 64
Electric Lines.....	298,613 37
Cars.....	48,186 81
Steam and Electric Plant Equipment.....	9,592 37
Transformers and Meters.....	73,391 22
Gas.....	7,787 90
Miscellaneous.....	34,747 78
	\$659,533 93
Less: Real Estate.....	2,991 45
	\$656,542 48

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY,

Construction 1921.

Plant Equipment.....	\$167,236 71
Buildings and Fixtures.....	18,506 15
Gas Mains and Services.....	131,911 50
Meters.....	33,229 45
	\$350,943 81
Less: Miscellaneous Equipment.....	9,492 90
	\$341,450 91

GEORGIA RAILWAY & POWER COMPANY AND LEASED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

	1920		1921	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operat'g Revenues.....	13,051,996 75		14,080,903 74	
Operat'g Expenses.....	8,322,494 85		8,476,795 67	
Net Oper. Rev.....	4,729,501 90		5,604,108 07	
Less Taxes.....	776,633 53		916,764 84	
	3,952,868 37		4,687,343 23	
Other Income.....	164,290 21		350,921 15	
Gross Income.....	4,117,158 58		5,038,264 38	
Bond Interest and Rental of Leased and Subsid. Cos.....	1,652,711 74		1,679,227 71	
	2,464,446 84		3,359,036 67	
Interest on Notes of Leased and Subsid. Cos.....	23,040 88		158,126 57	
Extinguishment of Discount on Securities of Leased and Subsid. Cos.....	8,912 17		9,286 84	
	31,953 05		167,413 41	
Bond Interest Georgia Railway & Power Company.....	2,432,493 79		3,191,623 26	
	607,919 44		655,016 67	
Interest on Notes Georgia Railway & Power Co.....	1,824,574 35		2,536,606 59	
Extinguishment of Discount on Securities Georgia Ry. & Power Co.....	223,222 75		221,239 89	
	83,592 30	306,815 05	88,902 30	310,142 19
Sinking Fund Contributions under Mortgages of Leased and Subsidiary Companies—				
Georgia Ry. & Electric Co.....	117,971 55		121,769 20	
Atlanta Gas Lt. Co.....	7,590 00		36,563 66	
Atlanta Water & Elec. Power Co.....	10,000 00		10,000 00	
Atlanta Northern Railway Co.....	5,000 00		5,000 00	
	140,561 55		173,332 86	
Sinking Fund Contribution under Georgia Ry. & Power Co. First and Refunding Mortgage.....	1,377,194 75		2,053,131 54	
	75,000 00		75,000 00	
Balance.....	1,302,194 75		1,978,131 54	

COLUMBIA GAS & ELECTRIC CO. AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

ANNUAL REPORT, 1921.

To the Stockholders of Columbia Gas & Electric Co.:

Your Directors are pleased to present herewith the Annual Report covering the operations of your company for the year 1921.

EARNINGS.

	1921	1920
Gross Earnings.....	\$15,237,963 51	\$14,616,712 83
Gross Operating Income.....	9,784,151 19	9,995,110 09
Prior Fixed Charges.....	1,779,140 39	1,771,415 80
Net Income.....	5,001,910 80	5,223,794 29
Columbia Interest Charge.....	700,475 00	691,116 67
Surplus for the year.....	4,301,435 80	4,532,677 62

Gross Income includes only the portion of earnings of the United Fuel Gas Company actually received as dividends.

The increase of \$411,000 in fixed charges during the year covers chiefly charges for new property added, which will produce increased earnings in 1922 and thereafter.

During the year \$461,500 of your Company's First Mortgage, 5% Bonds were issued to cover construction expenditures made. As such expenditures were paid out of current cash funds of the Company, the said bonds were not sold, but were placed in the Treasury of the Company in accordance with the custom followed for several years past. In addition, \$108,000 of bonds were redeemed and canceled through the operation of the Sinking Fund.

In compliance with the Cincinnati Gas Transportation Company lease, \$271,000 First Mortgage Bonds of that Company were redeemed and canceled through Sinking Fund payments made by your Company, leaving \$2,276,000 of

Transportation Company bonds outstanding on Dec. 31, 1921, of the original issue of \$5,000,000.

There has been set aside for depreciation for the year, from surplus, the amount of \$848,020 25.

Provision has been made in the expenses charged for the year for all State and Federal taxes.

GAS AND GASOLINE OUTPUT.

The output of natural gas during the year represents a decrease of 17 1/2% over the 1920 record. This result was due largely to curtailment in sales of gas for extensive industrial use.

The gasoline extraction plants of the Companies have been operating with very marked increases in efficiency, resulting in a larger total output of gasoline in 1921 over 1920, notwithstanding the reduced volume of the natural gas sales.

The detailed figures are shown in the page of operating schedules included in this [pamphlet] report.

THE UNION GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY.

A fourth unit of 30,000 K. W. capacity has been installed in the new electrical power station, which now has an operating capacity of 120,000 K. W. The operating efficiency of this now completed station has fully confirmed the engineering estimates and is not exceeded by any power station in this country or elsewhere. The present capacity is sufficient to supply the increasing demands for service, representing a very substantial increase in revenue, without further power-house investment.

The installation of rotaries aggregating 16,500 kilowatts by the Cincinnati Traction Company has now been completed, and full power service under the contract referred to in the last annual report will be provided throughout the year 1922. This source of additional revenue will be fully realized in the future earnings, but is reflected only very lightly in the earnings of 1921.

A new contract with the City of Cincinnati for electric street lighting for a period of ten years is now in negotiation, in view of the expiration of the present contract in June, 1922. The plans prepared by the City contemplate a large increase in the number of lighting units through an extension of the boulevard lighting system in the business section of the city, which was installed some two years ago and has proved most popular.

The company has continued a very aggressive campaign throughout the year for increasing the number of electric consumers, especially residential business, the returns from which have been most gratifying. The net increase in the number of electric consumers secured during 1921 was over 14,500, or 22%.

The reduction from natural gas sales during the year shows a reduction of about 11% compared with the year 1920. This reduction is accounted for through the substitution of electricity for gas by the many thousands of new electric consumers, which include some power customers formerly using gas in considerable quantities for power purposes and the practice of conservation of gas on the part of consumers, promoted by publicity on the part of the company to enable gas consumers to utilize natural gas more efficiently.

The City Council of Cincinnati on Nov. 29, 1921, passed a new gas rate ordinance, which was accepted by the Company, fixing the following rates for natural gas service, for a period of three years, which rates became effective on Jan. 1, 1922:

From April to October, inclusive, 50c net per thousand cu. ft.

From November to March, inclusive, 50c net per thousand cu. ft. for the first 5,000 cu. ft. consumed monthly.

55c net per thousand cu. ft. for the second 5,000 cu. ft. consumed monthly.

60c net per thousand cu. ft. for the third 5,000 cu. ft. consumed monthly.

65c net per thousand cu. ft. for all over 15,000 cu. ft. consumed monthly.

Minimum monthly charge, 75c.

Similar litigation to that which followed the passage of the last rate ordinance of the Company in 1916 has been instituted and is now in course of adjudication. The contentions of the Company have been sustained in the lower courts.

The gas rate in effect for the five years ending Dec. 31, 1921, was 35c per one thousand cu. ft., subject to a monthly minimum charge of 35c.

The aggregate of capital expenditures made during the year 1921 was \$4,712,443 13, of which \$3,516,100 11 represented the cost of additional equipment in the electrical power house and sub-stations. \$406,070 54 of the above capital expenditures were paid for out of earnings under the terms of the lease and the balance of \$4,306,372 59 was met by the issue of securities by the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company.

The estimate of total capital expenditures for the year 1922 is \$1,208,265.

KENTUCKY PROPERTIES.

The operation of the Kentucky properties during the year has resulted in somewhat increased net earnings in all departments.

With the completion of the Dixie Terminal Building in Cincinnati a great improvement in the service of the "Green Line" cars has been effected. All of the cars of the Kentucky lines are now running into the Dixie Terminal Building, thereby giving our patrons protection against the elements in loading and unloading, as well as other distinct conveniences. The Covington cars now enter the Dixie Terminal direct from the Suspension Bridge and avoid any use of Cincinnati streets. Newport and other lines have been re-routed to enter the Terminal with a minimum use of Cincinnati streets. The result has been a tremendous relief in the street congestion in down-town Cincinnati.

The aggregate capital expenditures made during the year 1921 was \$230,014 79, which cover extensions and additions. \$17,775 03 of these expenditures were paid out of earnings under the terms of the Lease and the balance of \$212,239 76 was met by the issue of securities of the underlying Companies. It is estimated that the requirements for this purpose for the year 1922 will be \$338,000.

GENERAL.

Cash dividends have been paid to the stockholders during the year at the rate of 1 1/2% quarterly.

Your Directors feel that the outcome of the operations for the year 1921 has been most satisfactory in view of existing conditions. A distinct improvement in conditions and earnings has been noticeable during and since the latter part of the year.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A.B. LEACH, President.

Charleston, W. Va., March 1, 1922.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT, COLUMBIA GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1921.

Table with 3 columns: 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Income: Gross Earnings, Operating Expenses and Taxes, Net Earnings, Other Income, Total Gross Income, Deductions, Total Deductions, Net Income, Fixed Charges, Surplus Available for Depreciation, Dividends Paid.

COLUMBIA GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, THE UNION GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31st, 1921.

Table with 2 columns: 1921, 1920. Rows include Assets: Property Account, Guarantee Funds Deposited, Other Securities Owned, Deferred Assets, Liabilities: Capital Stock, Current and Accrued Liabilities, Deferred Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus.

OPERATING STATISTICS (YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31st)

Table with 4 columns: Utilities Operating in Cincinnati Dist., 1921, 1920, 1919. Rows include Gas Department: Total number of gas customers, Total number of meters in use, Total gas sold; Electric Department: Total number of electric customers, Total number of meters in use, Capacity of motors; Street Railway Department: Total revenue passengers carried, Total car miles; Water Department: Total number of water consumers; Natural Gas and Oil Properties: United Fuel Gas Company, Columbia Gas & Electric Company.

We hereby certify that we have audited the books of account and record of the Columbia Gas & Electric Company, Charleston, W. Va., and The Union Gas & Electric Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, covering a period of nine years ended December 31st, 1921, and that, in our opinion, the foregoing Consolidated Balance Sheet correctly reflects the financial condition of the combined companies, at December 31st, 1921, and the accompanying Consolidated Income Statement is correct.

Cincinnati, March 1st, 1922.

(Signed) ERNST & ERNST, Certified Public Accountants.

## THE SHAWINIGAN WATER AND POWER COMPANY

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS—FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31 1921.

*Submitted to the Shareholders of the Company at the Annual Meeting held on February 21 1922.*

### FINANCIAL.

Your Directors have pleasure in submitting for your consideration their Annual Report showing the gross earnings for the year as \$4,224,045 91, as against \$3,943,359 29 for the previous year, and a net revenue of \$1,590,812 90, as against \$1,609,042 76.

After making the usual appropriations and paying a dividend upon the Common Shares of seven per cent, there is carried forward a balance of \$155,406 05.

In order to provide funds for the carrying on of the construction program of your Company, which was outlined to the Shareholders in the last Annual Report, bonds to the extent of \$4,375,000 were sold in New York during the year at satisfactory prices.

The demands upon the resources of a large power company are varied as the field of operation expands, so that the Company must have at all times ample facilities for financing its necessary commitments. The authority given the Directors to issue bonds is ample to provide all the financing which may be necessary by that medium.

Your Company should be in a similar position in respect to the issue of Common Shares. Your Directors have in mind the advisability of preserving a reasonable ratio as between the funded debt and the capital obtainable through the issue of stock. For some time past the full amount of the Company's authorized Capital Stock, \$20,000,000, has been issued and outstanding. We should be enabled to issue further Capital Stock as and when the necessities of the business require it. To that end an application has been made to the Legislature, making provision for an increase of the authorized Capital Stock to a total of \$40,000,000.

As the Shareholders are aware from previous reports, during the war various plants were erected for the manufacture of chemicals, particularly acetic acid and its compounds, as well as provision for a larger amount of carbide. Improvements which have been made to the processes since the war have enabled these plants to manufacture their products on a competitive basis. In view of the fact that the war-time capacity of these plants is in excess of the present demands of the market, and may not be immediately required, your Directors deem it wise to readjust these subsidiary companies' accounts, and to take from the reserves the sum of \$304,544 32 for the purpose. It is intended that the valuation of the manufacturing subsidiary companies' securities shall have further consideration when industrial conditions are more normal.

### CONSTRUCTION

The double circuit steel tower transmission line from Shawinigan Falls to Montreal, which was under construction at date of last Annual Report, was put into operation in September, 1921. This line was required on account of the increased load in the City of Montreal. The cost of the transmission line was kept within the estimate, and the time of completion was in accordance with the schedule. During the year several small lines were built by your Company to extend its service to some of the smaller municipalities in the Province of Quebec.

In view of the depressed industrial conditions existing during the past year, the program of construction work was slowed down to such an extent that the completion of the new power development at Shawinigan Falls will be postponed from January 1 1922 to September 1 1922. At the present time the tunnel for conveying the water from the canal to the power house has been practically completed, including the concrete lining. The unwatering, the foundations and a great part of the superstructure of the power house extension have been completed; machinery is ordered, and delivery will be made early in the year. The 1922 program includes the completion of the headworks, bulkhead, gate house and the installation of the power house machinery. When this work is completed, the capacity of your power stations at Shawinigan Falls will be increased by 40,000 horse-power, making a total development in your electric power stations of approximately 200,000 horse-power,

apart from the separate hydraulic development of 55,000 horse-power, an aggregate of 255,000 horse-power.

It has been the policy of your Company and of its subsidiary electric companies to extend their transmission lines to the smaller municipalities as conditions seem to warrant. This is done partly to take on new business offering and also to meet local needs, even if small, thus giving to these districts the opportunity to expand industrially.

### DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

The Electric Distribution Companies, comprising the Public Service Corporation of Quebec, the North Shore Power Company, The Laval Electric Company and the Electric Service Corporation, have had a satisfactory year, and have substantially increased their business.

The conditions in the rural districts and in the smaller municipalities supplied by this Company have been better from an industrial standpoint than those which have existed in the larger centres.

### MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.

Like many other industrial corporations during the past year, the Canada Carbide Company, Limited, has been subject to intense competition, and the cutting of prices by foreign manufacturers. A considerable part of the business of the Canada Carbide Company is export, and during the last six months of 1921 this has been affected by the conditions applying to all export sales. The export markets are slowly improving, foreign manufacturers who have been unloading stocks of materials at less than cost of production have apparently liquidated these stocks, and prices are rising throughout these markets. The costs of production of the Carbide Company are being reduced, and with the benefit being derived from lower freight rates and improved exchange, the outlook for 1922 is encouraging.

### POWER CONDITIONS.

On July 1 1921 your Company took delivery of its contract quantity of power (10,000 horse-power) from the Laurentide Power Company, Limited. On July 1 1922 your Company will take on a further 7,500 horse-power, which is the last block of power under the firm contract, completing the total amount of 87,500 horse-power.

While under the present conditions your Company is not able to utilize to full advantage all of this power, the possession of this contract made in 1916 will be of great benefit to your Company in the future.

The general conditions in that part of the Province of Quebec served by your Company are affected by the prosperity of two main industries: the pulp and paper industry, and the asbestos industry. Both of these have passed through a period of reduced activity, and while this has not affected the revenue of your Company as regards its old customers, it has affected the general situation by delaying the taking on of new business and postponing of normal extensions.

### WATER CONDITIONS.

The year 1921 has been one in which the rainfall was very irregular and much below normal. Many rivers in the northeastern part of the continent passed through very low water stages. Industries located on these rivers consequently had to run irregularly or look for other sources of power. The St. Maurice River flow, owing to the fine results obtained from the regulation of the river by the Gouin Dam, was able to furnish the industries supplied from your plants with a full supply of power. This is an element of great strength to the industries of the St. Maurice district, and must be taken into consideration by future industries locating in Canada.

### GREY FALLS PROPERTY.

Your Company has done nothing further towards the development of the power at Grey Falls. During the past several months the costs of building and machinery have decreased and new types of machinery have been developed, which will be of great benefit when the Grey Falls is required. Further studies are being carried on with a view to the economic development of the Grey Falls when conditions warrant.

### GENERAL.

Your Officers have devoted a great deal of time and attention in an endeavor to reduce operating expenses. During the war the organization was necessarily increased, and like all other organizations has since had to go through a process by which wages, salaries and numbers of men have been reduced. Substantial savings have accrued to your Company

through this process, and it is hoped that still further benefit will result during the next few months.

Your Directors report that the usual maintenance and repairs have been carried out, and that your properties have been maintained in excellent condition.

In last year's report your Directors reviewed the operations of your Company during its corporate existence, and the desirability was expressed of maintaining your Company in a strong position in respect to future demands for power. The year 1922 will see the completion of the 40,000 horse-power addition to the Company's Shawinigan plant. The utilization of this plant, representing a large investment of capital, will show a substantial increase in revenue to your Company. With the return to normal conditions, we may confidently look forward to another period of expansion in the consumption of electric power.

Submitted on behalf of the Directors,

J. E. ALDRED,  
President.

DIAGRAM SHOWING DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES SUPPLIED WITH SHAWINIGAN POWER.

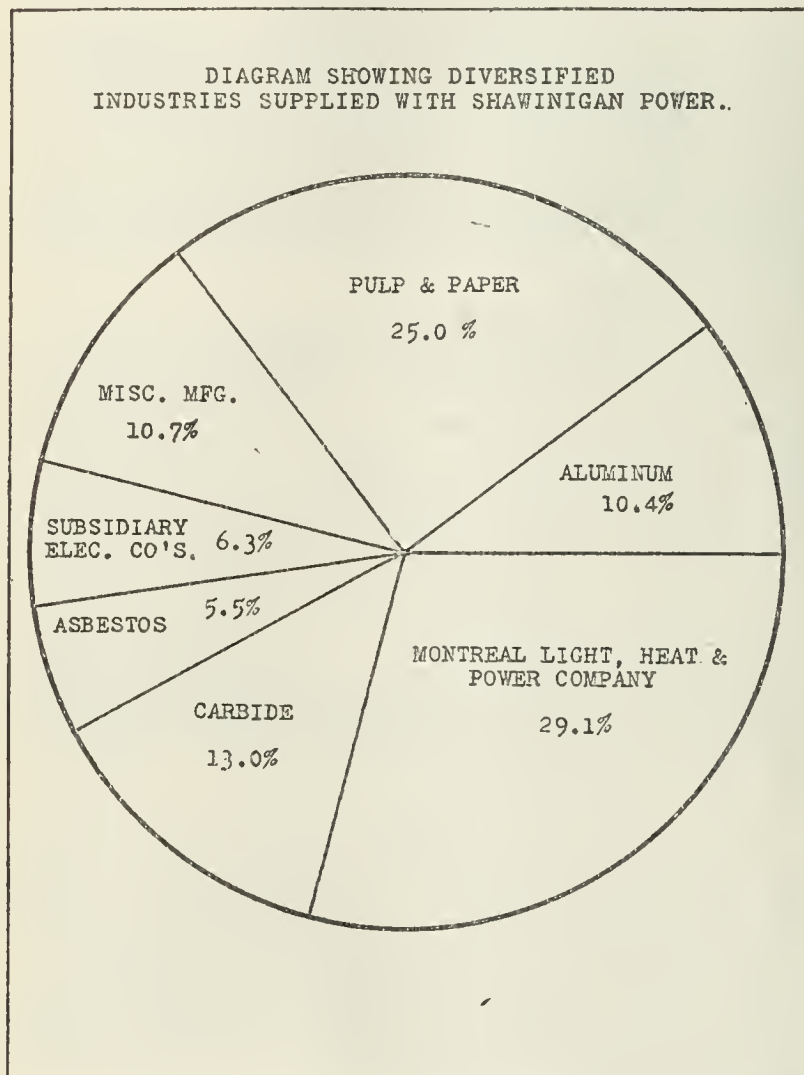
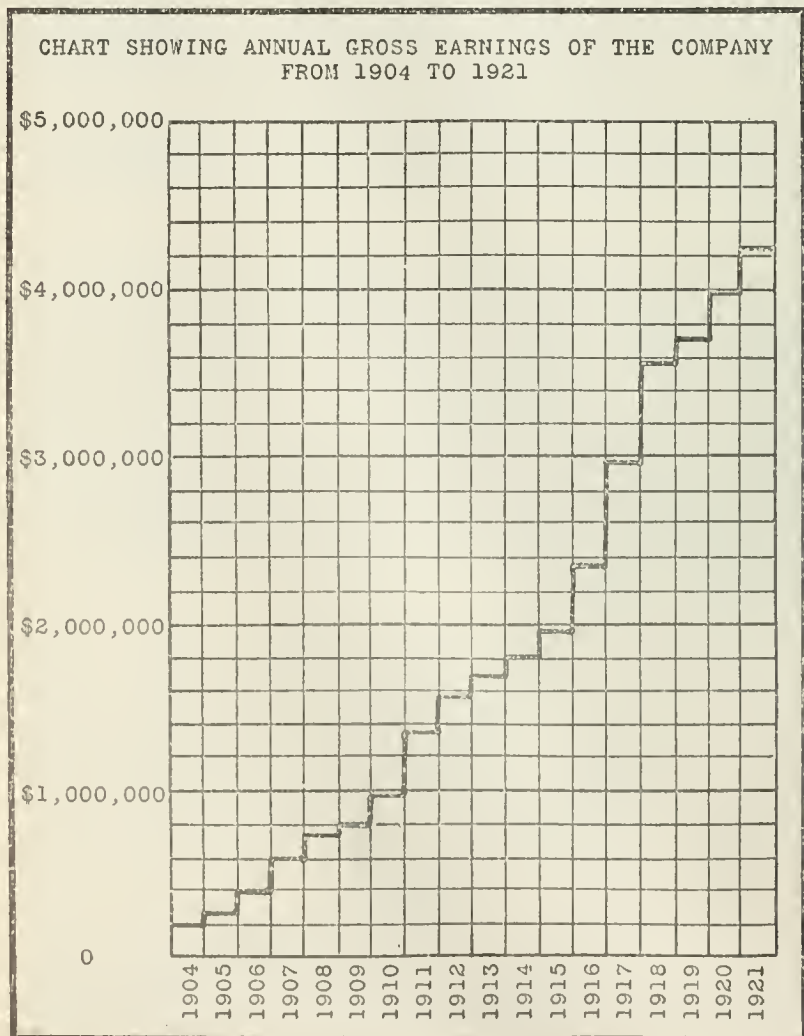


CHART SHOWING ANNUAL GROSS EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY FROM 1904 TO 1921



STATEMENT OF CONDITION DECEMBER 31 1921.

ASSETS.	
Power Development	\$8,106,307 03
Real Estate and Property	7,729,130 89
Machinery	5,113,582 54
Transmission Lines	6,331,172 18
Moveable Plant and Equipment	532,163 11
Prepaid Charges	58,186 13
Securities of Subsidiary and other Companies	13,477,717 72
Accounts and Bills Receivable	1,802,300 91
Call Loans	47,000 00
Cash in Banks and on Hand	996,290 37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,193,850 88</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$20,000,000 00
5% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds	\$5,000,000 00
Less: Bonds purchased and held by Trustee for Sinking Fund	1,170,500 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,829,500 00</b>
5½% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds—Series "A"	6,000,000 00
6% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds—Series "B"	\$5,334,000 00
Less: Bonds deposited with Guaranty Trust Co. as collateral for 7½% Gold Notes	5,318,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,000 00</b>
6% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds—Series "C"	\$4,378,000 00
Less: In Treasury	3,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,375,000 00</b>
7½% Six-Year Convertible Gold Notes (Secured by 6% Series "B" 1st Mtgc. Bonds \$5,318,000)	3,985,000 00
Accounts and Bills Payable	651,386 14
Bond Interest and Dividend payable in January	783,667 50
Reserve and Sinking Funds	2,617,993 48
Contingent and Insurance Funds	184,126 20
Depreciation and Renewal Reserve	1,555,996 51
Employees' Pension Fund	39,775 00
Surplus (Subject to deduction for Income Tax)	155,406 05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,193,850 88</b>

Audited and Verified,  
SHARP, MILNE & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

January 20 1922.

Approved on behalf of the Directors,  
J. E. ALDRED,  
W. S. HART, } Directors.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 1921.

Gross Earnings for year from all sources	\$4,224,045 91
Operating	\$216,811 61
Power Purchased	653,832 90
Maintenance and Repairs	152,058 43
Taxes and Insurance	123,105 34
General Expense	121,523 58
Water Storage Rentals (Provincial Government)	117,719 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,385,050 86</b>
Balance brought down	\$2,838,995 05
Interest on 5% Consolidated Mortgage Bonds	\$250,000 00
Interest on 5½% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds—Series "A"	330,000 00
Interest on 7½% Six-Year Gold Notes	299,962 50
Interest on 6% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds—Series "B"	32 00
Interest on 6% First Refunding Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds—Series "C"	164,375 00
Interest General	3,812 65
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,048,182 15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,790,812 90</b>
Transferred to Depreciation Reserve	200,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,590,812 90</b>
Balance from 1920	39,593 15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,630,406 05</b>
Distributed as follows:—	
Dividends for year	\$1,400,000 00
Transferred to:—	
Reserve and Sinking Fund	\$50,000 00
Fire Insurance Reserve	20,000 00
Employees' Pension Fund	5,000 00
Surplus (Subject to deduction for Income Tax)	155,406 05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,630,406 05</b>

Montreal, January 20 1922.

The President and Shareholders, The Shawinigan Water & Power Co., Montreal.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the books and accounts of The Shawinigan Water & Power Company for the year ended December 31 1921, and have certified and attach hereto the following statements as at that date:—

- 1—Statement of Condition.
- 2—Profit and Loss Account.

Cash in Banks has been verified by certificate from the Company's Bankers. Satisfactory Vouchers have been produced covering disbursements.

The Securities have been verified by inspection of scrip, or, where they are held as collateral to loans, by satisfactory certificate.

Reserve Account shows a net decrease of \$504,544 32, the revaluation of securities and the absorption of losses of certain Subsidiary Companies having been passed through this Account.

We have received all the information and explanations we have required and we certify that the Report, attached Statement of Condition, and relative Profit and Loss Account, are, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of The Shawinigan Water & Power Company as at December 31 1921, according to the best of our information, the explanations given us and as shown by the books of the Company.

Respectfully submitted,  
SHARP, MILNE & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

**AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY**  
**MASSACHUSETTS CORPORATION**

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1921.

**President's Report.**

*To the Stockholders:*

The twenty-third Annual Report of the American Woolen Company, covering its activities for the calendar year ending December 31, 1921, is hereby submitted.

It has been most difficult to administer the affairs of your Company during the past year. In fact, it has been one of the most trying years in our experience. The uncertainties and wide fluctuations in values, prevailing throughout the entire year, coupled with the scepticism on the part of the trade, have made it very hard to get the machinery profitably under way again after the prolonged idleness during the latter half of 1920. The new heavy-weight season's lines were not opened until March, and it was several weeks after the opening before production in large volume began. In May, however, the situation had become more stabilized, the confidence of the trade in a measure having been restored, and liberal orders had already been booked, so that by that time your Mills were operating almost at maximum capacity.

In opening our lightweight season's lines in July and August, we did so, we believe, contrary to the expectations of the trade, for a late opening was generally prophesied. The result, however, justified the action, for your mills were sold up for the rest of the year. We were fortunate, therefore, during these trying twelve months, to secure sufficient orders to insure continuous work for about nine months.

**WOOL.**

The action of the wool market during the past year has been most eccentric, wide fluctuations in value having occurred, due largely to the uncertainty incidental to pending tariff legislation. The usual perilous features of the wool market were still further accentuated by the broad and uncertain movements of foreign exchange, which materially affected for us the value of wool in foreign hands. The opportunities for the exercise of judgment in this highly speculative market were therefore as unlimited as they were fraught with danger.

It is interesting to remark on the decrease of wool-growing in the United States. The amount of wool now raised in this country is not more than 40% of the requirements of domestic manufacturers, and each year we are more dependent on foreign wools for our cloth production.

**EXPORT BUSINESS.**

Although at the beginning of this year the export business appeared to have possibilities, it soon became evident that the foreign buyers of goods would be able to purchase their requirements at lower prices from England and the Continent than your Company could offer. The manufacturing centres of Europe, gradually recuperating from the aftermath of the war, were again entering the fields of international competition. Not only their low costs of production, but also rapidly increasing cost of wool in this country, due to the highest tariff on wool in our history, impelled your Directors to conclude that it was impossible successfully to export the products of your Company. Consequently it was decided to liquidate the American Woolen Products Company at the close of 1921.

**RELATION WITH EMPLOYEES**

It gives me particular pleasure to comment on the satisfactory relations existing between your Company and its employees. This was made especially apparent by the enthusiastic response to the opportunity offered to all employees to subscribe to the common stock of your Company. In my last report to you it was stated that plans for the distribution of the shares of common stock acquired by the Company, with the intention of offering it to its employees, were in process of formation. On May 13, 1921, the offering was announced, and was cordially received, over 13,000 employees subscribing for various numbers of shares each. In view of the long period of unemployment during the latter half of 1920 and the early months of 1921, the volume of subscriptions was considered a great success.

**AYER MILLS.**

The Ayer Mills, having paid off the last of its coupon notes that matured on March 1, 1920, and all other indebtedness, was fully absorbed by your Company, as in the case of the Wood Worsted Mills, and became a component part of the organization of your Company during 1921.

**SHAWSHEEN MILLS.**

During the past year the capital stock of the Shawsheen Mills was increased to one million dollars, all of the stock being held by your Company. It is planned to allow this company to liquidate its own indebtedness, as in the case of the Wood and Ayer Mills, before ultimate absorption of the property by the parent company.

Ground was broken for the Shawsheen Mills in August 1920, and it is gratifying to report to you that much of its new machinery, which was promised on terms of long delivery, has already arrived; but satisfactory results should not be expected until all the machinery has been installed.

**NEW ACQUISITIONS.**

In December, 1921, the three mills owned by the Norwich Woolen Mills Corporation were acquired by your Company. They are considered a valuable addition to your plants, comparing favorably with the best woolen mills. They are known as the Norwich Woolen Mills, the Winchester Woolen Mills, both of Norwich, Connecticut, and the Yantic Woolen Mills of Yantic, Connecticut. All three are now busily engaged in filling orders for the present season.

**GENERAL.**

Your management has provided for the usual replacements of, and additions to, its machinery and buildings, and the same high standard of repairs and upkeep has been maintained.

All the mills of the Company are free from leases, bonds and mortgages of any kind. Provisions have been made for full insurance of all plants, properties and merchandise. Your management has anticipated wool requirements by making provision for advance supplies. From both the physical and financial aspects your Company is in a splendid position to avail itself of whatever advantages the New Year may offer.

The operations of the past fiscal year are shown in the Treasurer's report, which follows.

WILLIAM M. WOOD, *President.*

**Treasurer's Statement.**

AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY—CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1921.\*

ASSETS.		
Cash	-----	\$7,540,285 56
Accounts Receivable, net	-----	26,288,181 75
Unpaid Balance: Employees' Stock Subscription Plan	-----	1,109,339 45
Inventories: Wool and fabrics (raw, wrought, and in process) and supplies	-----	40,621,118 49
Investments (including stock of American Woolen Co. held in treasury)	-----	5,260,604 88
Deferred charges	-----	285,547 22
Plants and Mill Fixtures, Office and Warehouse Buildings	-----	\$82,284,200 57
Less Depreciation	-----	31,502,433 71
		50,781,766 86
		\$131,886,844 21
LIABILITIES.		
Notes Payable	-----	\$2,799,400 00
Current Vouchers and Accounts, including reserve for taxes and contingencies	-----	7,702,896 24
Coupon Notes due October 1, 1922, Homestead Association, Inc.	-----	1,000,000 00
Mortgages on office and warehouse buildings in New York City	-----	2,302,500 00
Accrued Dividend on Preferred stock to Dec. 31, 1921 (Payable January 15, 1922)	-----	583,333 33
Dividend on Common Stock (Payable January 15, 1922)	-----	583,333 33
Capital Stock (Common)	\$40,000,000 00	
Capital Stock (Preferred)	40,000,000 00	80,000,000 00
Reserve for Insurance Fund	-----	2,500,000 00
Reserve for Pension Fund	-----	2,500,000 00
Surplus	-----	31,915,381 31
		\$131,886,844 21

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1921 \***

Net Profit for year, less reserve for taxes and contingencies	\$9,192,621 78
<i>Less</i>	
Dividends on Preferred Stock	\$2,800,000 00
Dividends on Common Stock	2,800,000 00
	5,600,000 00
Depreciation	3,592,621 78
	3,185,973 39
Balance of Profit for year 1921	106,648 39
Surplus—December 31, 1920	\$31,508,732 92
Surplus—December 31, 1921	\$31,915,381 31

\* Shawsheen Mills omitted

By approval of the Board of Directors,

WM. H. DWELLY, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

GEO. R. LAWTON, *Certified Public Accountant.*

## LACKAWANNA STEEL COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1921.

City of Lackawanna, Erie Co., N. Y.  
February 15, 1922.

*To the Stockholders:*

Production of steel in the United States for the year 1921 was relatively lower than any other year in the history of the steel business. Low production was due to the world's financial condition and the difficulty confronting the user of steel to determine to what extent deflation would develop.

The depression in the steel market, which began in the latter part of the year 1920, continued throughout the year 1921, with a marked deflation in the selling prices of all finished steel products. This deflation was so much more rapid than the reduction in the costs of such of the raw materials and supplies used by your Company in its operation that the small margin of profit on its finished materials which your Company was able to realize at the beginning of the year very soon disappeared.

High freight rates, high labor rates, high tax rates and the unwillingness on the part of a large portion of business men to admit that the day of high values had passed, have been the outstanding factors that have artificially retarded normal deflation in accordance with the economic laws of supply and demand.

The steel industry has exercised every economy within its control, and while still carrying extraordinary cost burden over which it has no control, the price of steel was steadily reduced throughout the year, reaching values at the end of the year comparable with pre-war prices. Some of the price adjustments on steel were made in anticipation of reductions in freight rates, which failed to materialize during the year. The industries that did not bring about substantial deflations in their costs and selling prices have retarded the return of normal industrial conditions.

Your Company has made substantial reductions in wages from the high level of rates established during the war, and has written down its inventories to reproduction cost or market values.

The small volume of tonnage obtainable for your Company's mills would not permit of an economical operation, and the price at which the products had to be sold in meeting competition, resulted in a loss for the year's operation.

All of the Company's properties have been maintained in first-class condition and are prepared to show satisfactory results whenever the demand for steel products will permit of a normal operation.

Following the policy of diversification of products that your Company has maintained in the past, resulted in the acquisition of Lackawanna Bridge Company's fabricating properties in Buffalo, which have been organized under the title of the Lackawanna Bridge Works Corporation, with a capacity of 50,000 tons of fabricated structural material per year.

Shipments for the year, as detailed below, totaled 394,888 gross tons, the smallest annual output since your Company began operation:

	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Standard Rails.....	136,329	369,954	175,712	227,186	310,655
Light Rails.....	3,428	22,607	14,005	13,119	7,828
Angle Bars, Fittings, &c.....	38,320	71,921	54,680	58,712	74,606
Structural Shapes....	45,020	142,087	71,987	144,233	135,329
Plates.....	35,961	84,039	43,092	134,952	111,370
Merchant Steel Prod- ucts.....	40,275	255,289	174,763	512,422	423,046
Sheet Bars, Slabs, Bil- lets and Blooms....	33,979	100,476	56,891	80,283	122,029
Pig Iron and Miscel- laneous.....	61,576	38,920	12,746	7,078	17,631
Total .....	394,888	1,085,293	603,876	1,177,985	1,202,494

During the year 1921 your Company received from mines in which it is interested and from other sources 570,913 gross tons of iron ore and produced 341,635 gross tons of

coke and 346,011 gross tons of pig iron. The mines of the Ellsworth Collieries Co., one of your subsidiaries, produced 755,356 gross tons of coal and 29,828 gross tons of coke, the latter being included in the total coke production previously mentioned. Lackawanna Coal & Coke, another of your Company's subsidiaries, produced 211,966 gross tons of raw coal and shipped 24,860 gross tons of raw coal and 153,273 gross tons of washed coal. Your Company also produced 422,076 gross tons of ingots during the year, consisting of 11,996 gross tons of Bessemer and 410,080 gross tons of Open-Hearth manufacture.

An electric drive was installed in your Rail Mill No. 1 during the year, displacing the old insufficient steam engine driving the finishing rolls, and which has given excellent satisfaction. The second generator set of 12,500 K.W. capacity, mentioned in the report for the year 1920, was also installed during the year.

During the year, \$183,000 par value of Subsidiary Company Bonds, and \$124,000 par value of Car Trust Certificates, were redeemed and canceled, making a net reduction of Funded Debt for the year of \$307,000. In addition \$675,000 was paid out of current funds in December into a Sinking Fund to redeem a similar amount of the Ellsworth Collieries Co. 5% Sinking Fund Purchased Money Mortgage Bonds, maturing Jan. 1, 1922. This will reduce your Company's Bonded Debt obligation to \$20,561,000, as compared to \$41,313,000 at Dec. 31, 1914, a net reduction of \$20,752,000 since the latter date, with a corresponding reduction of interest charges of \$1,037,600 per year, equivalent to 3% on your Company's outstanding Capital Stock.

A dividend of 1½% was paid for the first quarter, amounting to \$526,627 50.

Appended hereto are the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss and Income Accounts, duly certified by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Your Board of Directors takes pleasure in acknowledging the loyal and efficient services of the officers and employees of the Lackawanna Steel Company and its several subsidiary companies.

By order of the Board of Directors,

G. F. DOWNS, *President.*

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

56 Pine Street,

New York, February 8, 1922.

*To the Directors of the Lackawanna Steel Company:*

We have examined the books of the Lackawanna Steel Company and its subsidiary companies for the year ending Dec. 31, 1921, and certify that the balance sheet at that date and the relative profit and loss account are correctly prepared therefrom.

We have satisfied ourselves that during the year only actual additions and extensions have been charged to property account; that full provision has been made for depreciation and extinguishment, and that the treatment of deferred charges is fair and reasonable.

The valuations of the inventories of stocks on hand, as certified by the responsible officials, have been carefully and accurately made at cost or market, and full provision has been made for bad and doubtful accounts receivable, and for all ascertainable liabilities.

We have verified the cash and securities by actual inspection or by certificates from the depositaries; and

We *Certify* that, in our opinion, the balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the combined companies on Dec. 31, 1921, and the relative profit and loss account is a fair and correct statement of the net earnings for the fiscal year ending at that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.



# The Commercial Times.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

New York, Friday Night, March 10 1922.

Trade continues slowly to improve. There is no sharp improvement. Such an idea must be dismissed at once. Yet the outlook is a little more encouraging here and there. The sales of iron and steel show some tendency to increase. And latterly steel has been rather firmer, though earlier in the week prices for both steel and iron had to be reduced to facilitate business. The West is more confident, especially the Central West. More business is being done there. That is the natural outcome of the recent advance in grain and livestock. The breaking of the drought in the Southwest had naturally improved the outlook for the winter wheat planting. Better crop reports have come from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and all that section down to Texas and Oklahoma. And farmers in that part of the country, especially in Kansas, Missouri, and up to Iowa, are buying goods more freely. They are in better spirits, despite a setback in the price of wheat this week of about 12 cents per bushel, which is regarded as only temporary. The far Southwest, it is true, does not show so much improvement as the Central West. And here in the East trade at Boston and New York shows no particular gain. The New England cotton mill strike, i.e. in Rhode Island and New Hampshire, continues. Arbitration has been declined by both sides. And apart from this some of the cotton and woolen mills of New England are running on short time. At any rate there is talk of running only four days a week in the woolen mills, a schedule already adopted by some of the cotton plants. Also collection takings the country over are none too prompt. In fact, in some sections they are slow. Retail trade, too, for the most part is not brisk; it gains, as a rule, but slowly. Grain and provisions have declined; the markets had become over-bought. Cotton has advanced only slightly, with trade rather small in both the manufacture and the raw material. There is less trading in wool. The dulness of textiles is stressed. The stock market has been irregular and foreign exchange has declined. Failures for the week, moreover, amount to 519, against 454 last week and 323 in the same week last year. But the total this week includes, it is understood, some of the smaller speculative concerns in the financial district, in which the commercial world takes no great interest. There is a fear of a big bituminous and anthracite coal strike, to begin on April 1. A big strike of engineers, etc., is threatened in London. If it comes it would react to the certain extent on American trade. Another factor that attracts attention in this country is that there is no buying ahead to any great amount. Confidence has not yet reached that stage when dealers are ready to take the normal chances of the future. The note of caution is still very plain.

But after all is said there are cheerful aspects in the situation. The Western jobbing trade is better. Building is active. Unemployment is gradually decreasing. And, as already stated, the prospects for the wheat crop are better. This with the great rise in grain and animals naturally cheers the West. Money is down to 3½% on call. Stocks, after all, have acted very well. The gradual drift of the world is back towards more prosperous conditions, despite some uneasiness abroad in regard to affairs in India, Ireland and South Africa. Bank clearings during the past week again show an increase over those of last year, chiefly at New York. The steel production is gradually increasing. The demand for copper is greater. The Southern lumber trade shows some improvement. Western shoe factories are active. Those in New England are said to be doing at least a fair business. Reports to the Post Office Department indicate some improvement in trade in various parts of the country. There has been an important export business in wheat, corn, oats and rye during the past week, the shipments of rye being especially large, supposedly in large part for Norway. Further purchases of grain have been made for Russia. The feeling the grain trade is cheerful. The petroleum trade has increased somewhat. Meanwhile, however, wages in the building trades, the clothing industry, in textiles, coal mines, and on the railroads are so high as to impede production and consumption, and to delay the return of the country to normal conditions of prosperity. High labor costs account largely for unemployment. Certain sets of workers are depriving thousands of a chance to work at all. Of course, too, it keeps up the cost of living. Yet these regrettable things are bound to be corrected gradually as time goes on. Taking the country as a whole, there is a note of hopefulness which seems to be the harbinger of better times to come, especially as the economic foundations of the country are gradually strengthening.

President Harding declares that "we are making splendid progress toward dissipation of our agricultural difficulties."

The Department of Labor reports a decrease of unemployment in all industries. The United States Employment Service, in connection with its monthly report of employment conditions in the United States, says: "Reports from 231 of the principal industrial centres, with but few exceptions, show a general improvement in employment con-

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31 1921.	
Gross Sales and Earnings	\$18,301,331 84
Less—Manufacturing and Producing Costs and Operating Expenses	18,036,058 80
	\$265,273 04
Dividends on Investments, Net Income from property rented, &c.	406,129 17
	\$671,402 21
Deduct—Administrative, Selling and General Expenses	\$649,943 21
Taxes	1,093,472 47
Commercial Interest and Discount	10,262 55
	1,753,678 23
Operating deficit after deducting all expenses, including ordinary repairs and maintenance amounting to \$2,823,064 91, but not renewal expenditures and other appropriations for the current year, which are deducted below	\$1,082,276 02
Deduct—Interest on Bonds and other Obligations:	
Lackawanna Steel Company	\$887,962 50
Subsidiary Companies	147,916 66
	\$1,035,879 16
Appropriations:	
For Extinguishment of Mines and Mining Investments	\$151,557 31
For Depreciation and Accruing Renewals	1,378,176 99
	1,529,734 30
	2,565,613 46
Deficit for the Year	\$3,647,889 48
Less—Adjustment account of excess provision for Federal taxes and sundry reserves, less inventory re-valuation adjustment	263,012 69
	\$3,384,876 79
Surplus Jan. 1 1921	33,812,601 26
	\$30,427,724 47
Less—Dividends on Common Stock	526,627 50
Surplus at Dec. 31 1921	\$29,901,096 97

We have audited the books and accounts of the Lackawanna Steel Company and its Subsidiary Companies for the year ending Dec. 31, 1921, and we certify that the above Profit and Loss Account correctly set forth the results of the operations of the combined companies for the year ending at that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

56 Pine Street, New York.

February 8, 1922.

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1921.

ASSETS.	
Cost of Property, Real Estate, Buildings, Plant, Machinery, &c.—	
As at Dec. 31 1920	\$82,938,602 74
Net additions during 1921	1,249,133 76
	\$84,187,736 50
Less—Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization Reserves	21,316,232 84
	\$62,871,503 66
Investments in Ore Companies, &c., Less Amortization	5,253,688 50
Cash in Hands of Sinking Fund Trustees and Other Trust Funds	860,076 91
Current Assets:	
Inventories	\$13,304,041 43
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	913,407 55
Customers' Accounts (less reserve)	3,473,044 97
Notes Receivable	170,376 59
Cash	2,259,580 62
Marketable Securities	415,161 59
	20,535,612 75
Deferred Charges	114,686 66
	\$89,635,568 48
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Preferred 7% Cumulative—	
Authorized	\$10,000,000 00
Common—	
Authorized	60,000,000 00
Issued	\$35,108,500 00
Capital Stock of Subsidiary Companies Not Held by Lackawanna Steel Company	3,887 50
Bonded Debt:	
Lackawanna Steel Company:	
First Mortgage 5% Convertible Gold Bonds due 1923	\$10,862,000 00
First Consolidated Mortgage Gold Bonds due 1950—Series A, 5% Convertible	6,891,000 00
Car Trust Certificates, due 1922-1926	558,000 00
	18,311,000 00
Subsidiary Companies' Bonds	\$4,700,000 00
Less—The Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co. Bonds formerly assumed by Lackawanna Steel Co. and now assumed by Bethlehem Steel Co.	1,775,000 00
	2,925,000 00
Current Liabilities:	
Current Accounts Payable and Pay-rolls	\$2,583,424 40
Notes Payable	43,000 00
Taxes and Interest Accrued	441,215 67
	3,067,640 07
Reserves for Contingencies and Miscellaneous Operations	318,443 94
Surplus:	
Balance as at Dec. 31 1920	\$33,812,601 26
Deduct—Loss for Year as per Profit and Loss Account	3,384,876 79
	\$30,427,724 47
Less—Dividends on Common Stock	526,627 50
	29,901,096 97
	\$89,635,568 48

Note—The acquisition by the Lackawanna Bridge Works Corp. (a Subsidiary Company) of the fabricating plants of Lackawanna Bridge Co. and Ferguson Steel & Iron Corp. on January 2, 1922, is not reflected in this balance sheet.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Lackawanna Steel Company and its subsidiary companies for the year ending Dec. 31 1921, and we certify that the above balance sheet correctly sets forth the financial position of the combined companies at that date.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

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February 8 1922.

ditions. They showed practically no alterations during February, however, according to the Bureau's studies, only one-half of 1% more men being on reported payrolls at the months' end than at its beginning. Only the textile and paper industries showed increased unemployment, and this was more than made up by additions to working forces in nearly all other lines. New York City reported an increase in employment of 1.9%, while Chicago had a decrease of one-half of 1%.

Eggs are the cheapest since 1916. Retail chain stores are selling at 28c per dozen. There is a plentiful supply.

Providence, R. I., wired that the textile industry of Rhode Island is in a state of siege. Twenty thousand workers, striking against a 20% wage cut and the 54-hour week, have surrounded the cotton mills with heavy picket lines, and practically tied up the industry throughout the State. State troops, deputy sheriffs and town officials are on duty everywhere to maintain law and order and guard the mills. Rejecting arbitration and mediation, both sides have declared for a finish fight. On March 8, for the second time since the Rhode Island textile strike began more than six weeks ago, the State Board of Mediation and Conciliation abandoned attempts at settlement of the strike differences and adjourned indefinitely. The mills of the Crompton Co., of Crompton, R. I., resumed operations to-day, after having been closed by the textile strike for nearly seven weeks. Other mill owners have announced that plants will resume operations as soon as employees return to work. Five hundred employees of Johnson, Dowdin & Co., silk ribbon manufacturers at Paterson and Norwalk, went out on strike last Monday, following wage reductions of 5% to 20%. Philadelphia, following talk of curtailment among Southern spinning mills has slackened, despite the fact that yarn stocks are steadily growing. The Acadia cotton mill, Lawrence, Mass., will go on a four-day schedule, closing down each Thursday evening until the following Monday. The Chattanooga, Tenn., hosiery mills are reducing wages by from 5% to 10%.

The Senate Finance Committee, in considering the cotton schedule, arrived at a tariff rate of 7 cents per lb. on long staple cotton.

Anthracite coal operators and representatives of the mine workers will meet in New York on March 15, when the miners will formally submit their wage demands. Union coal miners of Western Kentucky are reported to be voting almost solidly for a suspension of work April 1, unless operators agree to a new wage scale prior. Early balloting in Illinois, Ohio, Iowa and Indiana indicates a strong sentiment for strike action unless a wage agreement is reached.

The London "Times" declares that after the news was published of the recent indisposition of Premier Lloyd George, a rate of 15 guineas per cent was paid on London insurance market covering the risk of his resignation before the end of the month. This rate is equivalent to odds of 17 to 3 against his resignation. The unemployed in Great Britain now number 1,837,233, a decrease of 23,582 from last report. A strike of engineers, etc., is threatened in England. It is said that if it occurs it may involve ultimately about 1,000,000 men. Also London is more or less concerned over the political situation in Ireland and East India. The East Indian Government has asked that Turkey be allowed to take possession again of Constantinople. A relief of tension between Hindus and Mohammedans is supposed to be the aim of the East Indian authorities. It was considered a most remarkable request, and amazed political London on the 9th instant, when it became known. Incidentally it forced the British Secretary of State for India, Edwin S. Montagu, out of office, and it is said that Viceroy Reading of India may also resign. The Rand mine strike in South Africa also causes anxiety.

LARD lower; prime Western, 12.05@12.15c.; refined to Continent, 13.50c.; South American, 13.75c.; Brazil, in kegs, 14.75c. Futures advanced but later reacted with selling by packers with foreign connections. Also Liverpool declined. There are reports that meats and lard have been consigned in considerable quantities to Liverpool. It is not absorbing them as readily, it seems, as could be desired. Clearances from New York last week included 10,000,000 pounds of bacon and 20,750,000 pounds lard. This tended to steady American quotations. But the thing has another side. Liverpool seems for the moment to be a bit overstocked. To-day prices advanced but the ending was 50 to 60 points lower for the week. Hogs were down 15 to 35 cents to-day with the top \$11.30 and sales at \$10.60 to \$11.10. The Western ran was 90,800, against 76,900 a week ago, and 95,300 on this day last year.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	11.80	11.80	11.77	11.52	11.32	11.10
July	12.10	11.97	11.90	11.67	11.50	11.62
September	12.30	12.12	12.10	11.85	11.65	11.77

PORK dull; mess, \$26@26.50; family, \$27@29; clear, \$27.50@28.50; May closed at \$20, a decline for the week of \$1.25. Beef quiet; mess, \$13@14; packet, \$13@15; family, \$15@16; extra India mess, \$24@25; No. 1 canned roast beef, \$3.25; No. 2, \$5.25; six lbs., \$15.50. Cut meats quiet; pickled hames, 10 to 20 lbs., 24 1/4@25 3/4c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 16@18c. Butter, creamery extras, 35@39c. Cheese, flats, 20@24 1/2c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 22 1/2@26c.

COFFEE on the spot higher; No. 7 Rio, 9 1/2@9 3/4c.; No. 4 Santos, 13 1/4@13 1/2c.; fair to good Cucuta, 12 1/4@12 3/4c. Futures advanced in response to higher Brazilian cables, trade buying and covering. Europe, however, has been selling. Wall Street seems to have been trying the buying side again after a long interval. To-day prices declined slightly but they end 30 points higher than a week ago despite considerable profit taking of late. The trade on the other hand, has been a good buyer.

Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	9 1/2-3/4c.	May	8.95@8.97	September	8.98@9.00
March	8.86	July	8.95@8.96	December	9.02@9.03

SUGAR advanced to 2 1/4c. for Cuba after 80,000 bags old and new had sold at 2 3/16c. c.i.f. Later 20,000 bags old Cuba sold to a Philadelphia refiner at 2 1/4c. April shipment. Futures advanced on the 7th int. Refined was then rather quiet at 5.15 to 5.20c. for granulated. Later it was estimated at 150,000 to 200,000 bags of Cuba were sold at 2 1/4c. c. & f. mainly April shipments, but including some late March. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 173,160 tons against 161,667 last week, 171,585 this week last year and 153,231 in 1920; exports, 95,847, against 55,421 last week, 107,989 this week last year and 115,703 in 1920; stock, 491,854, against 414,512 last week, 563,114 this week last year and 420,824 in 1920. The number of centrals grinding numbered 175 against 172 last week, 187 this week last year and 186 in 1920. Willett & Gray remarked: "It will be noted that receipts at all Cuban ports were or record-breaking proportions." Later on prices advanced further. It was said to-day that sale of Cuba had been made at 2 3/8c. On Thursday the price demanded was 2 5/16c., and 18,500 bags of old crop for prompt shipment was stated, sold at that price. One or more cargoes have been sold at 12s. 9d. c.i.f. United Kingdom at equal to about 2.18c. f.o.b. Granulated has latterly been quoted at 5.30c., with a sharp demand. To-day futures were slightly higher. They end 11 to 12 points higher for the week. Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	3.86	May	2.53@2.51	September	2.89@2.90
March	2.31@2.35	July	2.73@2.74	December	2.93@2.94

OILS.—Linseed slightly more active and steady. Flaxseed also of late has been steady. Demand from small paint jobbers is better. Large paint manufacturers are buying a little more freely, but their purchases are on a very conservative scale. March carloads, 84@86c.; less than carloads, 89c.; five bbls. or less, 93d. Coconut oil, Ceylon bbls., 8 3/4@9 1/4c.; Cochin, bbls., 9 3/4@10 1/4c. Olive, \$1.12. Soya bean, edible, 10 1/2@11c. Lard, strained winter, New York, 92c.; extra, 87c. Cod, domestic, nominal; Newfoundland, 59@60c. Spirits of turpentine, bbls., 88 1/2c. Rosin, \$5.30@7.30. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 23,400 bbls.; crude S. E., 10 to 10.25c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	cts. 11.50@	May	cts. 11.65@11.67	Aug.	cts. 11.93@11.95
March	11.55@11.65	June	11.74@11.78	Sept.	11.99@12.05
April	11.60@11.65	July	11.82@11.83	October	11.55@11.60

PETROLEUM.—Developments have been more favorable of late. There is a rather better demand, and prices are somewhat steadier. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announced an advance in the prices of naphtha, owing, it is said, to dwindling supplies. And there is a better demand for it. There is a fair export business in cased goods. Mediterranean countries are good buyers of this oil. Bunker oil in better demand. A sale of 10,000 bbls. for future delivery at \$1.10 f.a.s. New York, or 5c. above the present market, was reported on the 8th inst. Spot oil is quoted at \$1.05, and it is said that 40,000 bbls. sold at that price. Stocks of bunker oil are still very large. Gas oil more active, with a better foreign inquiry. Kerosene dull. Some lubricants are in rather better demand. New York bulk gasoline, cargo lots, 30 1/4c.; U. S. Navy specifications, bulk, 17c.; export naphtha, cargo lots, 19 1/2c.; 63-66 deg., 22 1/2c.; cases, New York, 16 1/2c. Refined petroleum, tank wagon to store, 14c.; motor gasoline, to garages (steel bbls.), 24c. The American Petroleum Institute estimated the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 4 at 1,420,000 bbls., against 1,410,450 bbls. the preceding week, an increase of 9,600 bbls. The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent (light oil) field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, north Texas, central Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended March 4 was 834,300 bbls., against 824,000 bbls. in the preceding week, an increase of 10,300 bbls. That for the Gulf Coast (heavy oil) field was estimated at 107,950 bbls., against 108,150 bbls. in the preceding week, a decrease of 200 bbls. The combined daily average gross production of the southwest field was 942,250 bbls., against 932,150 bbls. in the preceding week, an increase of 10,100 bbls. Oklahoma-Kansas shows a daily average gross production of 427,500 bbls., an increase of 6,700 bbls.; north Texas a decrease of 2,250 bbls.; central Texas an increase of 1,800 bbls.; north Louisiana an increase of 6,350 bbls., and Arkansas a decrease of 2,300 bbls. The estimated daily average gross production of the Wyoming and Montana field was 57,800 bbls., against 58,300 bbls. in the preceding week, a decrease of 500 bbls.

Pennsylvania	\$3.25	Indiana	\$2.28	Moriscana, heavy	\$0.75
Corning	1.90	Princeton	2.27	Electra	2.25
Cabell	2.11	Illinois	2.27	Straw	2.25
Somerset, light	1.90	Plymouth	1.67	Thrawl	2.25
Ragland	1.00	Kansas and Okla-		Moran	2.25
Wooster	2.70	homa	2.00	Henricetta	2.25
Lima	2.48	Corsicana, light	1.30	Caddo, La., light	2.00

RUBBER quiet but steady. Small buyers are placing orders here and there, but business of significance is light. Smoked ribbed sheets, spot and March delivery, 14 1/4c.; April, 14 3/4c.; April-June, 15 1/4c.; July-September, 16 1/4c.; July-December, 16 3/4c., and October-December at 17 1/2c. First latex crepe in the different positions is quoted at 1/4c. under the prices for sheets. Para quiet; up-river fine, 17 1/4c.; coarse, 13c.; island fine, 16c.; coarse, 7 1/2c.

HIDES have been more active at lower prices. Some 200,000 packer hides in the West and New York were sold at a slight decline at least. The Western sales, it is said, were at 13c. for native steer, 12c. for butt brands and 11c. for Colorado. New York sales were made at 1/2c. below these prices. Common dry hides have been dull and unchanged. There is some inquiry reported on basis of 15 1/2c. for Bogota. Wet salted hides have been very quiet. European buyers have done little or nothing. Country hides are dull and weak.

OCEAN FREIGHTS have been dull and lower.

Charters included bagged grain from Atlantic range to the Baltic, 34c. March; coal from Hampton Roads to Rio Janiero, \$3 75 prompt; from Fernandina to west coast of Italy, \$4 70 March; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, 27s. 6 d. March; 7,000 bushels grain, from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 21c. March; time charter trip up from Cuba said to be about \$1 50 March; bagged grain from Atlantic range to Black Sea port, 38c. prompt; 23,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to United Kingdom, 4s. 9d.; option Ireland at 5s. 3d. early March; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, \$5 75; coal from Hampton Roads to River Plate, \$4 25 March; grain from Atlantic range to west coast of Italy, 23c. one port, 24c. two, and 25c. if three spot; time charter, one round trip in West Indies, trade \$1 75 prompt; time charter, 2,613 ton steamer, one round trip in West Indies trade, \$1 20 prompt; six months time charter, 780-ton steamer in West Indies trade, \$2 25 April delivery to Mexico; one round trip in South American trade, \$1 35 prompt; 5,912-ton steamer, one round trip in South American trade, 4s. 9d. delivery end of March; supposed relet for coal to Rio Janeiro at \$4 @ \$4 25, trip down; new grain from Atlantic range to Rotterdam, 17c. March; 32,000 quarters grain from Atlantic range to Antwerp-Hamburg range, 17 1/2c. one port, April 15 canceling; coal from Hampton Roads to Neuvitas, \$2 March; sugar from Cuba to United Kingdom, \$5 75 April.

TOBACCO has been for the most part quiet. There may be a gradual improvement in trade; it is certainly gradual. Manufacturers in some cases have cut prices. For instance, the R. J. Reynolds Co., making the Camel cigarettes, reduced its price from \$7 50 to \$6 80 per thousand. This is the second cut by this company. Its previous reduction was from \$8 to \$7 50. Other leading makers met it. Presumably they will meet the latest one. What this presages as to unmanufactured tobacco prices time must determine. If manufacturers are forced to reduce prices under stress of the times they are supposed usually to ask for easier prices for the raw material. It is said that the old crop of Havana has been about sold out this week.

COPPER.—Cheerfulness is the dominant note, and the tendency of prices is stronger. Electrolytic was quoted at 13c. May or June 13 1/2c., and a few sales were reported for June delivery for which premiums were paid. The most significant feature of the market is the broadness of the demand. Both domestic and export demand is said to be good. Germany, France, Great Britain and the Far East have bought. One report on the 8th inst., given for what it is worth, was that 13c. f. a. s. was refused, sellers holding for 13 1/2c. Copper people too are encouraged by some advance latterly in copper shares. Tin easier. A decline on the 7th inst., it is reported, brought out considerable buying late on that day. Trading in the main, however, considered quiet. Spot, 29c. Lead quiet but steady; spot New York, 4.70 @ 4.75c.; St. Louis at one time 4.40 @ 4.50c. Later a few sales were reported on the basis of 4.37 1/2c. for spot St. Louis. Zinc stronger. Export business is very small, owing to the lowness of foreign prices. But Japan has taken small quantities. Spot New York 4.90 @ 4.95c.; St. Louis, 4.60 @ 4.65c.

PIG IRON output has been increasing. And the East continues to buy. Eastern Pennsylvania has maintained prices in many cases, but now and then they have been eased. At Chicago the tone has been somewhat steadier, with less pressure to sell from steel works. But in the South there has been a drop of 50 cents to a basis of \$15 Birmingham. The February production of pig iron was 1,629,991 tons, or 58,214 tons per day, as against January's total for 31 days of 1,644,951 tons, or 53,063 tons daily. In February last year the total was 1,937,257 tons and in February 1920 it reached 2,978,879 tons.

STEEL production in February increased over that of January. But the first week in March showed no general increase in operations. Chicago has reported a good business. A leading company there has increased the ingot production within a week from 55 to 63 1/2%. Efforts are made to maintain prices, but it is no easy matter as competition is very keen. Curiously enough, nobody seems very anxious about the impending coal strike. Washington is trying to avert it. The ingot production increased in February over that of January 148,863 tons, or 9.33%. This is at a yearly rate of 26,814,420 tons. The daily gain was 10,520 tons. At the end of January the steel industry was operating at the rate of 45%. By the end of February this had increased to 55%. There has been of late very little new railroad equipment business. Competition in the fabricated steel line is sharp. In general, it may be said that the tendency of the steel trade is toward betterment, but the demand does not keep pace with the offerings, so that prices, it is understood, are eased from time to time, although the mills are trying to strengthen them. London cabled to-day that Germany has been an remarkably large buyer of tin plates there and that America had sold non-

ferrous metals in London heavily. It was also stated to-day that the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Lackawanna Steel Co. advanced prices on bars, shapes and plates to \$1 50 per 100 lbs., making five companies to advance prices in the past few days.

WOOL has been less active but generally reported steady. Cables from the closing of the East India wool auction on March 3 at Liverpool state that the market closed unchanged at the opening advance of par to 5% above the closing of the previous series. The sale at Geelong, Australia, showed 90% was taken of the offerings; prices firm as compared with the last Geelong sale. There was a good selection of wools suitable for America. Bradford cabled March 5: "In the woolen market last week the general disposition was to await the result of the London wool sales. Tops were quiet and slightly irregular. The India Office states that the new duty on cotton goods will be immediately effective, including goods now in transit at sea. Invercargill, New Zealand, cabled that at the sale there on March 5th, 9,885 bales were offered and 8,900 sold. Competition was brisk. English and Continental buyers took hold on the largest scale. Prices were equal to those paid at Dunedin, Feb. 28.

On Mar. 6 the Perth, West Australia, sale was well attended and competition good. Compared with the Jan. 7 sale greasy super Merinos declined. Merino fleeces, fair to good topmaking, average to good firm comebacks and fine crossbreds, were unchanged, but coarse and seedy crossbreds declined 5 to 10%. Merino lambs both good quality and fine advanced 5 to 10%. London began a wool auction on Mar. 7 to last 19 days. Holders met the market freely and prices were slightly lower. The year's second series of Colonial wool auctions opened with the following approximate quantities on offer: On behalf of the British-Australian Wool Realization Association, 55,000 bales of Australia, 30,000 of New Zealand and 15,000 Cape wools; free wools, 71,000 bales of Australian, 38,500 of New Zealand and 3,000 Cape; also 9,500 bales of South American grades. Attendance was large. Bidding slow. Offerings totaled 11,000 bales, practically all sold. Compared with the January auctions, superior merinos realized par to 5% down. Good to inferior merinos dropped 5 to 10%; greasy crossbreds, fine to medium, 5 to 10%, and coarse, par to 5%.

In London on March 8 the joint offerings of the Realization Association and free wools were 12,500 bales. Attendance large; selection good; prices unchanged to 5% higher, especially in crossbreds. Details: Sydney, 2,429 bales greasy merino, 16 1/2d. to 33 1/2d.; the best lots to the Continent and a few to America. Queensland, 1,885 bales, scoured merino 26 1/2d. to 38 1/2d.; greasy, 19d. to 27d. Victoria, 1,291 bales, chiefly greasy crossbred lambs, 8 1/2d. to 20d. Newland, 6,176 bales, the bulk medium to coarse greasy crossbred, 4 1/2d. to 10 1/2d.; slipe, 6 1/4d. to 16d.; scoured merino, 27 1/2d. to 41d. Cape, 192 bales, mostly withdrawn, owing to high limits. At Sydney, New South Wales, on March 8 the sale series closed with offering including spinning wools of the quality merinos, good and medium and attractive lines of crossbreds. Prices firm. Crossbreds were in better demand except for coarse and burry kinds. The series to begin March 20 will comprise 50,000 bales. In London on March 9 the combined British Australian Wool Realization Association and free wool offering was 13,444 bales. Demand good from home and foreign operators. Withdrawals trifling. Prices of Australian grades were only par to 5% below those of January. Merino crossbreds and Cape wools were dearer. The Realization Association's offerings included 4,850 bales of greasy combings. They were all sold chiefly to the Continent at par to 5% above those of January. Details: Sydney, 2,497 bales greasy merino, 8 1/2d. to 31d. Queensland, 1,323 bales scoured merino, 28 1/2d. to 40 1/2d. Victoria, 628 bales greasy crossbred lambs, 6 1/4d. to 22d. New Zealand, 3,013 bales bulk to Yorkshire; best greasy crossbreds, 15d.; slipe, 17d. scoured quarterbred, 32d.

COTTON

Friday Night, March 10 1922.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 81,833 bales, against 86,817 bales last week and 76,269 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1921, 4,281,766 bales, against 4,567,215 bales for the same period of 1920-21, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1921 of 285,449 bales.

	Sat	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
Galveston	6,189	8,205	9,732	5,541	4,691	1,861	36,219
Texas City						369	369
New Orleans	3,144	2,889	4,137	1,639	1,906	3,651	20,077
Mobile	275	55	389	301	111	481	1,632
Louisville						400	400
Cincinnati	1,193	2,252	2,832	813	2,155	2,031	11,586
Charleston	786	286	179	696	573	119	2,633
Wilmington	229	110	329	41	50	282	1,071
Savannah	701	1,338	1,061	990	782	181	4,762
Boston	278	1,140	2,053	565	115	71	4,272
Baltimore						1,677	1,677
Phil del. bill	82					50	132
Total (tht wk)	11,160	16,299	21,157	12,399	10,012	11,470	81,833

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1921 and stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to March 10.	1921-1922.		1920-1921.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1921.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1920.	1922.	1921.
Galveston.....	36,219	1,955,538	37,234	2,177,723	307,810	319,730
Texas City.....	369	19,821	824	19,117	9,618	4,941
Houston.....	-----	301,954	9,736	306,638	-----	-----
Port Arthur, &c.....	-----	10,305	803	47,153	-----	-----
New Orleans.....	20,077	830,040	26,611	1,068,476	251,785	416,958
Gulfport.....	-----	8,123	-----	4,819	-----	-----
Mobile.....	1,632	102,370	1,171	69,994	15,085	14,184
Pensacola.....	-----	1,070	-----	-----	-----	-----
Jacksonville.....	400	2,982	-----	4,524	1,706	2,058
Savannah.....	11,586	514,337	8,561	456,441	131,408	154,159
Brunswick.....	-----	16,226	95	10,545	635	432
Charleston.....	2,633	60,678	957	55,665	75,049	246,096
Georgetown.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wilmington.....	1,074	76,941	785	61,753	32,643	25,279
Norfolk.....	4,762	264,961	4,836	196,325	131,851	86,752
N'port News, &c.....	-----	583	48	1,485	-----	-----
New York.....	-----	10,768	97	25,136	75,743	125,965
Boston.....	4,277	29,042	1,492	21,937	7,082	10,342
Baltimore.....	1,672	48,322	-----	34,721	1,754	3,592
Philadelphia.....	132	27,705	-----	5,123	5,659	5,166
Totals.....	84,833	4,281,766	92,890	4,567,215	1,017,828	1,415,654

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

Receipts at—	1922.	1921.	1920.	1919.	1918.	1917.
Galveston.....	36,219	37,234	40,361	26,487	29,832	32,223
Texas City, &c.....	369	11,003	18,308	875	298	-----
New Orleans.....	20,077	26,611	30,307	24,579	33,089	15,875
Mobile.....	1,632	1,171	2,550	2,292	813	377
Savannah.....	11,586	8,561	17,621	16,555	27,557	4,237
Brunswick.....	-----	95	2,700	-----	-----	3,500
Charleston, &c.....	2,633	957	2,240	1,511	974	2,730
Wilmington.....	1,074	785	3,384	3,881	2,006	486
Norfolk.....	4,762	4,836	4,179	7,821	6,483	11,276
N'port N., &c.....	-----	48	62	-----	98	217
All others.....	6,481	1,589	1,589	625	3,513	6,037
Total this wk.....	84,833	92,890	122,886	84,626	104,363	74,958
Since Aug. 1.....	4,281,766	4,567,215	5,590,632	3,901,116	4,725,414	5,676,083

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 119,132 bales, of which 26,369 were to Great Britain, 3,856 to France and 88,907 to other destinations. Below exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1921 are as follows:

Exports from—	Week ending Mar. 10 1922. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1921 to Mar. 10 1922. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	4,747	-----	28,621	33,368	444,677	256,094	1,004,629	1,705,400
Houston.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	72,248	53,516	179,190	304,954
Texas City.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,142	5,142
Gulfport.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,534	-----	2,589	8,123
New Orleans.....	6,056	2,574	28,348	36,978	207,920	89,822	488,622	786,364
Mobile.....	-----	-----	150	150	36,830	6,004	30,148	72,982
Jacksonville.....	400	-----	-----	400	400	-----	500	900
Pensacola.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	300	-----	770	1,070
Savannah.....	12,100	-----	19,040	31,140	120,018	45,853	273,366	439,237
Brunswick.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	14,978	-----	-----	14,978
Charleston.....	-----	-----	8,574	8,574	18,643	2,500	67,739	88,882
Wilmington.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	9,000	8,500	46,450	63,950
Norfolk.....	2,540	-----	200	2,740	68,067	4,850	73,247	146,164
New York.....	23	-----	420	443	19,756	4,026	51,337	75,119
Boston.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	494	-----	6,188	6,682
Baltimore.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	59	350	1,000	1,409
Philadelphia.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	424	50	641	1,115
Los Angeles.....	503	1,282	-----	1,785	12,181	1,482	16,893	30,556
San Fran.....	-----	-----	450	450	-----	-----	45,975	45,975
Seattle.....	-----	-----	3,104	3,104	-----	-----	62,124	62,124
Tacoma.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20,605	20,605
Portl'd, Ore.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,150	1,150
Total.....	26,369	3,856	88,907	119,132	1,031,529	473,047	2,378,305	3,882,881
Tot. 1920-21.....	11,005	7,415	68,529	86,949	1,193,173	422,281	1,894,514	3,509,968
Tot. 1919-20.....	90,084	9,169	126,260	225,513	2,460,114	451,457	1,795,018	4,706,589

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. We add similar figures for New York.

Mar. 10 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston.....	8,467	18,100	15,220	22,352	2,500	66,639	241,171
New Orleans.....	4,031	3,216	10,934	8,530	59	26,770	225,015
Savannah.....	-----	5,000	-----	11,200	500	16,700	114,708
Charleston*.....	-----	-----	-----	200	100	300	74,749
Mobile.....	2,150	450	-----	4,860	-----	7,460	7,625
Norfolk.....	200	-----	300	200	-----	700	131,151
Other ports*.....	1,500	500	2,000	2,000	200	6,200	128,640
Total 1922.....	16,318	27,266	28,451	49,312	3,359	124,769	923,059
Total 1921.....	26,356	10,944	24,578	40,095	1,601	106,571	1,309,080
Total 1920.....	103,261	12,080	16,670	86,728	25,295	214,037	1,072,546

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has risen slightly. Yet it has been far from active, as a rule. At best there has been only a fair amount of trading. Early in the week there was some decline. Later came a rally. An outstanding feature of the week is that the price has stood adverse features very well. This circumstance has attracted attention. A salient fact, too, was an increase in Manchester's trade. And curiously enough this increase came largely from India. It had been supposed that the increase in the East Indian tariff of 15% would practically close the door to a market for Lancashire's goods in India. Of course it might have been seen that this was a very sweeping conclusion. It would not be at all surprising if the Oriental demand for the better class of Manchester's goods in particular should increase noticeably during the present year. But

it was also stated that the Continent has at times of late been buying Manchester's goods on a somewhat larger scale. Lancashire's business has increased in both yarns and cloths. As to the New York situation, there have been few March notices issued since the large emission early last week. And the predictions that a large quantity of cotton would be sent to New York for delivery on March contract have not thus far been fulfilled. It is now said that it is likely to be small, rather than large. The March premium over May has ranged during the week from 25 to 28 points. March has at times shown noticeably greater steadiness than other months. But May, on the whole, has attracted more attention. The South and Liverpool have wanted it. It has increased its premium over July somewhat. This demand, it was said, was largely for the purpose of covering hedges. That, in turn, seems to suggest an increase in the trade demand. Trade "calling" here has gone on steadily. And it may be added that spinners' calling in Liverpool has been an almost daily feature there. Statistics tend to grow stronger. From now on it is figured that consumption will encroach upon the reserves. The carry-over on July 31, it is estimated, will not be much over 4,000,000 bales. That means that the South must raise a crop anywhere from 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 bales to keep supplies up to about where they should be. And it is not generally believed that the South can, or at any rate will, perform this feat. In parts of the growing section the season is said to be anywhere from 10 to 20 days late. Recent freezes destroyed most of the cotton that was up in Southern Texas. The latest Government reports seem to confirm this statement. And early in the week there were rains and cloudbursts east of the Mississippi. Macon, Ga., had a rainfall of 6.37 inches, the largest on record at that point. Augusta had 3 1/2 inches, and Montgomery, Ala., 4 1/2 inches. And there were rather heavy rains in other parts of the eastern belt. Some of the rivers of Georgia were said to be out of their banks. The Mississippi River is reported to be rising at New Orleans, Shreveport, Vicksburg, Memphis, and tributaries north and east. The stage is still far below the flood level, but some express fears that after the heavy snows and ice in the North and West of this winter, there may be high water in the Mississippi River and tributaries later on. Texas has had some rain, but not enough in the cotton section, it is stated. Also much of the time it has been too cold west of the Mississippi River. Thursday's prediction was for another spell of low temperatures and freezing. This was certainly not conducive to rapid progress in farm work. East of the Mississippi, as already intimated, there has been too much moisture. And the time is near at hand for planting. Over most of the belt it is apt to begin anywhere from April 1 to April 15. Field work is said to be far behind. Some think there will be very little increase in the acreage east of the Mississippi River. As to the trading here, there has been large buying at times by trade interests of May and July. Japanese concerns are supposed to have done some of this. Wall Street and New Orleans have bought more or less. Texas short interests are said to have covered heavily.

On the other hand, however, there has been no important net advance. A rise one day has been followed by a reaction the next. It has been largely a trading affair. The Rhode Island strike, for one thing, has not yet been settled. It has lasted six or seven weeks in at least some cases. The big mills of New Hampshire are still closed. Picketing of the Rhode Island mills by their employees is persistent. Offers of mediation have thus far been rejected by both sides. And there is said to be a big coal strike ahead in this country. Unless something unforeseen arises, it is supposed that it will be declared in both the anthracite and bituminous regions by April 1. Meanwhile, too, foreign politics are disturbed. Things are unsettled in Ireland. There have been rumors of the retirement of Premier Lloyd George. The South African miners' strike causes uneasiness. Unrest is again noticeable in India. India has demanded of England that Constantinople be evacuated and the Turk placated to the end apparently that the stress of religious fanaticism in India between Mohammendans on the one hand and Hindus on the other may be relieved. At least this is the current idea here. The London press demands the arrest of Ghandi. If this political unsettlement in India persists, it is believed it may yet affect Lancashire's trade again. The strike in South Africa is said to be having a bad effect on revenue and trade. It is true that London has refused to get excited over all this; in fact, stocks there have shown a firm front in spite of it, although they finally eased to-day. Merchants, in some cases, regard the situation as at least suggestive. And latterly Texas has had moderate, and of course, beneficial rains. Reports persist that the acreage in Texas will be considerably increased, especially as the wheat crop has been a partial failure there. Liverpool's spot sales, moreover, which at one time were up to 10,000 bales, have latterly fallen off. Spot markets in this country have not, as a rule, been active; quite the reverse. At times, moreover, they have declined. They do not appear to rise easily. Exports have been moderate. Worth Street has been more or less dull and unsettled. Fall River has sent nothing very cheering. Finally the technical position has been eased more or less by the recent heavy covering of shorts. To-

day prices advanced 20 to 25 points, but lost half of this later on. Yet the Liverpool cables were better, with holders across the water disinclined to sell. Manchester reported a good demand, despite the unrest in India. Gandhi, the East Indian agitator, it is stated to-day, is to be arrested by the British Government. That may go far to squelch the trouble in India. Moreover, there were heavy rains—i.e. 1 to 3 inches—over night in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, with more or less in the Carolinas, considerable in Arkansas, and next to none in Texas, where it is wanted. It is believed that the central and eastern belt would be the better for warm dry weather for a time. It is certainly not getting it. Liverpool bought. The trade was calling on both sides of the water. May was in steady demand, and it ended at 73 points over July, as against 65 recently. The March premium over May held very well. And although spinners' takings this week fell off rather sharply, they are considerably larger than the quantity brought into sight. The total spinners' takings for the season are some 2,000,000 bales larger than for the same time last season. Reserves are being cut into. Spot prices were somewhat higher, though spot trade was not active. Also Worth Street was still rather dull, and the estimated sales of print cloths at Fall River were only 100,000 pieces. Foreign exchange was easier. On the other hand, bulls are encouraged by a rise in stocks and wheat and a steady dwindling of world's supplies of cotton. The closing prices show a rise in futures for the week of 13 to 16 points. Spot cotton ended at 18.65c for middling uplands, a rise for the week of 10 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the March 9 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on March 16.

Table showing differences between grades of cotton: Middling fair, Strict good middling, Good middling, Strict middling, Strict low middling, Low middling, Strict good ordinary, Good ordinary, Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged, Good middling "yellow" tinged, Strict middling "yellow" tinged.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing official quotation for middling upland cotton from March 4 to March 10, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on March 3 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table showing quotations for middling upland at New York from 1922 to 1915, with columns for year and price.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing market conditions and sales for Saturday through Friday, including columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, Spot, Contr'l, and Total.

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

Large table showing futures prices for cotton from March to February, with columns for date, range, and closing price.

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 visible supply of cotton for March 10, 1922, compared with 1921, 1920, and 1919, listing stocks at Liverpool, London, Manchester, and various European ports.

Total visible supply—5,881,321 6,521,531 6,241,486 5,457,313

Table showing American visible supply, including Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, and American afloat for Europe.

Total American—3,811,221 4,632,531 4,648,486 3,811,313

Table showing East Indian, Brazil, &c. visible supply, including Liverpool stock, London stock, Manchester stock, and Continental stock.

Total East India, &c.—2,070,000 1,889,000 1,593,000 1,646,000

Table showing total visible supply for uplands, including Middling uplands, Middling uplands New York, Egypt, Peruvian, and Tinnevely.

Continental imports for past week have been 107,000 bales.

The above figures for 1922 show a decrease from last week of 150,359 bales, a loss of 640,310 bales from 1921, a decline of 360,265 bales from 1920 and a gain of 423,905 bales over 1919.

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

Large table showing movement to March 10 and March 11 1921 for various towns, including Ala., Ark., Cal., Ga., Ill., Ind., Ia., Miss., Mo., N.C., Okla., Tex., and Tenn., with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 40,417 bales and are to-night 382,928 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 39,288 bales less 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 with columns for 1921-22 and 1920-21, comparing weekly and since-Aug-1 movements for various routes like St. Louis, Mounds, Rock Island, etc.

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

Table comparing Cotton Takings Week and Season for 1921-22 and 1920-21, including visible supply, receipts, and deductions.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 24,664 bales, against 37,283 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase from a year ago of 268,655 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings for 1921-22 and 1920-21, including receipts at ports and net overland.

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,245,000 bales in 1921-22 and 1,861,000 bales in 1920-21—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 8,738,081 bales in 1921-22 and 6,882,860 bales in 1920-21, of which 5,782,114 bales and 4,525,860 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table showing India Cotton Movement Receipts at Bombay for 1921-22, 1920-21, and 1919-20.

\* Decrease during week. a These figures are consumption; takings not available.

Table showing Movement into sight in previous years for 1920-21, 1919-20, and 1918-19.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for midding cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on Saturday through Friday for various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton markets for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans Contract Market quotations for Saturday through Friday, including spot and options.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our reports by telegraph from the South this evening indicate that rain has fallen in most vicinities, although the precipitation has been light as a rule. Our Mobile correspondent says heavy rain in the interior is retarding farm work and that the lowlands are flooding. Some re-plowing, according to the same authority, will be necessary. A good demand for fertilizer is reported.

Table of Weather Reports by Telegraph showing Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brownsville, etc.

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:

Table showing river heights at various points like New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc. for Mar. 10 and Mar. 11, 1922.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 53,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a gain of 18,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 456,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for 1921, 1920, and 1919.

Table showing Exports (bales) for 1921, 1920, and 1919, categorized by destination like Liverpool, Manchester, etc.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Mar. 9, were 105,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 13,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both cloths and yarns is steady and that the demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below, and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table showing Manchester Market prices for 1921-22 and 1920-21, including 32s Cop Twist and 8 1/4 lbs. Shrivings.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 119,132 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table showing Shipping News for various destinations like New York, Bremen, Piraeus, etc.

GALVESTON—To Copenhagen—March 3—Natal, 2,000	March 6—Gorm, 300	2,300
To Bremen—March 4—Farnsworth, 13,616	March 6—Atalaya, 3,250	16,866
To Liverpool—March 4—Dakotian, 1,644	Mar Tirreno, 3,103	4,747
To Oporto—March 8—Cardonia, 600		600
To Japan—March 4—Hanover, 3,250	March 8—Kifuku, 1,605	7,855
To China—March 4—Hanover, 500		500
To Lisbon—March 8—Cardonia, 300		300
To Bilbao—March 8—Cardonia, 200		200
MOBILE—To Rotterdam—March 7—Bayou Maru Chico, 150		150
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—March 9—Coldwater, 4,826		4,826
To Hamburg—March 9—Coldwater, 3,548		3,548
To Gothenburg—March 9—Coldwater, 200		200
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—March 4—Candidate, 4,159	March 7—Median, 1,897	6,056
To Havre—March 3—De la Salle, 450	March 4—Nacata, 1,995	2,574
To Antwerp—March 3—Taxandria, 748	March 4—Nacata, 200	2,148
To Rotterdam—March 3—City of Weatherford, 100	March 7—Arna, 200	300
To Barcelona—March 3—Mar Rojo, 1,000	March 7—Ansaldo, 900	1,900
To Japan—March 4—Kifuku Maru, 425	March 9—Borneo Maru, 2,073	2,498
To Genoa—March 7—Ansaldo, 400		400
To Bremen—March 7—La Perouse, 19,751		19,751
To Ghent—March 4—Taxandra, 1,351		1,351
JACKSONVILLE—To Liverpool—(Name unknown), 400		400
NORFOLK—To Antwerp—March 7—Ala, 100		100
To Rotterdam—March 7—Ala, 100		100
To Liverpool—March 9—Hambleton Range, 2,540		2,540
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—March 4—Balto, 12,436		12,436
To Hamburg—March 4—Balto, 99		99
To Christiana—March 4—Balto, 100		100
To Japan—March 9—Shunbo Maru, 6,000		6,000
To Danzig—March 4—Balto, 105		105
To Liverpool—March 4—Kamesit, 4,307	Parthenia, 7,793	12,100
To Warburg—March 9—Uffe, 300		300
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—March 3—Craster Hall, 503		503
To Havre—March 7—City of Lincoln, 1,282		1,282
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—March 5—Hoosier State, 450		450
SEATTLE—To Japan—March 2—Suma Maru, 3,104		3,104
Total		119,132

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.	High Density.	Stand-ard.		
Liverpool	.25c.	.40c.	Stockholm	.57c.	.72c.	Bombay	.50c.	.65c.
Manchester	.25c.	.40c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Vladivostok	.50c.	.65c.
Antwerp	.18c.	.31c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Gothenburg	.47c.	.62c.
Ghent	.21c.	.36c.	Lisbon	.50c.	.75c.	Bremen	.25c.	.40c.
Havre	.35c.	.45c.	Oporto	.50c.	.75c.	Hamburg	.25c.	.40c.
Rotterdam	.22 1/2 c.	.37 1/2 c.	Barcelona	.50c.	.75c.	Piraeus	.60c.	.75c.
Genoa	.47 1/2 c.	.57 1/2 c.	Japan	.50c.	.65c.	Salonica	.60c.	.75c.
Christiania	.45c.	.50c.	Shanghai	.50c.	.65c.			

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Feb. 17.	Feb. 24.	Mar. 3.	Mar. 10.
Sales of the week	45,000	56,000	38,000	37,000
Of which American	25,000	33,000	25,000	26,000
Actual export	7,000	5,000	2,000	4,000
Forwarded	48,000	52,000	47,000	50,000
Total stock	1,009,000	1,024,000	998,000	987,000
Of which American	530,000	594,000	568,000	554,000
Total imports	63,000	71,000	27,000	36,000
Of which American	41,000	37,000	9,000	18,000
Amount afloat	168,000	142,000	130,000	138,000
Of which American	86,000	62,000	62,000	74,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12 15 P. M.		Moderate demand.	Hardening.	Hardening.	Quiet and firm.	Moderate demand.
MIU Up'd		9 99	10 31	10 56	10 62	10 57
Sales	HOLIDAY	7,000	7,000	7,000	6,000	7,000
Futures.		Quiet, 14 1/2 to 16 pts. decline.	Steady, 14 1/2 to 19 pts. advance.	Steady, 2 1/2 to 10 pts. decline.	Quiet, 6 1/2 to 8 pts. advance.	Steady, 1 pt. dec. to 5 pts. adv.
Market opened		Steady, 2 1/2 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 1/2 to 3 pts. advance.	Steady, 1 1/2 to 11 pts. adv. to decline.	Barely st' 4 to 6 pts. decline.	Firm, 18 to 20 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.						

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March 4 to March 10.	12 1/4 to 12 1/2	12 1/4 to 12 1/4	12 1/4 to 12 1/4	12 1/4 to 12 1/4	12 1/4 to 12 1/4	12 1/4 to 12 1/4
March	9 79	9 80	10 06	10 10	10 31	10 30
April	9 78	9 84	10 02	10 16	10 24	10 10
May	9 80	9 86	10 06	10 16	10 24	10 16
June	9 79	9 84	10 02	10 09	10 15	10 20
July	9 79	9 84	10 02	10 09	10 15	10 17
August	9 72	9 77	9 91	9 99	10 02	10 06
September	9 60	9 66	9 80	9 85	9 88	9 86
October	9 52	9 57	9 72	9 76	9 77	9 76
November	9 44	9 49	9 64	9 67	9 66	9 70
December	9 38	9 43	9 58	9 59	9 58	9 61
January	9 32	9 37	9 52	9 52	9 51	9 53
February	9 29	9 34	9 49	9 48	9 42	9 41

COTTON MERCHANTS AND BROKERS—Advertisements of representative houses in New York and other cities will be found on the pages near the inside back cover.

BREADSTUFFS

New York, Friday Night, March 10 1922.

Flour has been rather quiet in the presence of a falling wheat market. Exporters still want low grades and durum clears, but what, with low bids and firm prices at times, little business has been done. They also want first hard clears, but here again a rather wide gap between bids and asking prices has prevented transactions. It is said, indeed, that the fact that the Russian Relief Administration has not been buying of late had tended to weaken the market, but in the main the tone was steady much of the week,

though business has undoubtedly kept within very narrow bounds. Domestic buyers have touched the market very gingerly, indeed. They buy only when they have to. Canadian flour has been firm, and, as a rule, above the American level of prices. It is said that owing to the scarcity of some of the low grades, dark rye flour is coming in for more attention, although actual business thus far is either small or absent. For wheat flour the export demand of late has fallen off somewhat. This has offset the fact that stocks of first clears, durum clears, and low grades, have been considerably reduced by recent sales to Europe. Yet at times of late the tone has been somewhat weaker, in sympathy with a decline in wheat. To-day the market was dull and irregular.

Wheat advanced at one time with foreign prices, i.e. those at Liverpool and Buenos Aires up, but later declined with foreign markets lower and better crop reports from the Southwest. Heavy liquidation has occurred. Chicago traders turned bearish. On the great advance the market had become over-bought. Liverpool on March 7 ended 6 1/2 d to 6 3/4 d lower. The market there had also become over-bought. On the other hand, in the Southwest the movement is decreasing, and there was some buying here on Kansas City orders. Exporters wanted Manitoba in bond in all positions, and were also inquiring for durum at Duluth. Prices by the 10th instant are down about 13c from the recent "high." Greeks on Wednesday, it is understood, bought about 2,000,000 bushels of Manitoba through four export houses. In the main, however, the new export demand of late has not been large. On March 6 the seaboard reported that 750,000 bushels of wheat were taken for Europe, and that further inquiries were in the market. The bulk of wheat taken was American durum for Italy. In addition, an order from Greece for 2,250,000 bushels was then expected to be filled on Tuesday, presumably with Canadian wheat. Also a stimulating factor that day was news that Buenos Aires quotations were up 3c as compared with the opening. It was also said that domestic milling demand had increased. A falling off in the United States visible supply total also counted. On March 7 the Department of Agriculture at Washington said of the last half of February that an increased moisture improved the condition of winter wheat in Kansas, while a lack of it resulted in a poor condition of the crop in parts of Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico. In Illinois, Indiana and Ohio some damage was reported from alternate freezing and thawing. Conditions were said to be favorable in Central Iowa, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Lack of snow cover in Southern Iowa and Wisconsin was reported to be retarding growth. It was recalled as a fact of perhaps some significance that a very large amount of wheat is now moving from the producing to the importing countries. That is clear from the world's exports for the week of 18,272,000 bushels, compared with 10,418,000 last year. Also there are now 65,312,000 bushels of wheat afloat, compared with 42,488,000 a month ago, and 54,344,000 last year. On Thursday wheat broke 3c to 6 1/4 c on heavy liquidation. Sentiment in Chicago was generally bearish, and Kansas reported good snows and a better crop outlook. There was heavy selling of May, despite the fact that Liverpool was up 2 1/2 d and Buenos Aires 2 1/2 c. Premiums at the Gulf were firm.

The yield of wheat in India this year is expected to be nearly normal, compared with the very small crop last year. Its exports of wheat this season have amounted to only 184,000 bushels, compared with 5,501,000 the previous season. To-day at Chicago prices were irregular, but ended a fraction higher. There was a falling off in liquidation. That was an outstanding factor. Naturally it encouraged believers in better prices. It was said that a good export business took place late on Thursday. Gulf premiums were rather stronger. And, although Liverpool to-day dropped 1 d to 5 1/2 d, Chicago has fallen more rapidly than Liverpool, and therefore was not much impressed by the English decline. Yet it is true that the recent rains and snows have greatly improved the crop outlook in our Southwestern States. Chicago traders are rather inclined nowadays to overdo the short side. Probably they would be stampeded by a sudden change in the news to something of a decidedly bullish kind. The net change in prices for the week was a decline at Chicago of 4 1/2 to 8 1/2 cents, the latter on May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	cts 117 1/2	151	149	109 1/2	112 1/2	115 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

May delivery	Sat.	Mon	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	cts 112	113 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	113 1/4	116 7/8
July	120 1/2	121 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
September	113 1/2	115 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2

Indian corn advanced like other grain at one time. Then it declined. But exporters bought rather freely. On the 6th instant 250,000 bushels were taken for foreign markets. Also the Russian Relief Administration was expected to make further purchases this week in the United States. On the 7th instant exporters took 200,000 bushels. New Orleans also made sales. Country offerings of coarse grains to arrive were light. White corn on March 7 in the Chicago staple market sold at 4c to 4 1/2 c under May, and yellow at 4 1/2 c to 5c under May, the bulk being 1/2 c to 1 1/2 c better as compared with the future. On the other hand, the visible

supply in the United States increased last week 3,980,000 bushels. That could not be entirely ignored. On Thursday for a time corn was higher on the bullish Government report, but declined later with wheat. Stop-loss orders were caught. The shipping demand was rather slow. To-day prices advanced. Export sales were reported of 500,000 bushels. The seaboard wanted cash corn. That was very plain. Late cables were said to have brought good buying orders. Moreover, there was covering of hedges at Chicago. That of itself helped the advance not a little. There was good buying on reactions. That was a noticeable feature. Yet closing prices show a decline, as compared with last Saturday, of about 4 cents.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....cts.	76 1/4	76 1/4	75 3/4	76 1/2	74 3/4	75

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....cts.	63 1/8	64 1/4	63 3/4	64 1/8	61	62 1/2
July delivery.....	65 3/4	67 1/8	66 1/2	66 3/4	64 1/8	65 1/2
September delivery.....	68 1/4	69 1/2	68 1/2	69	66 3/8	67 3/8

Oats at times showed independence of other grain. For instance, on March 7, when wheat and corn declined, oats advanced. Half a million bushels, Chicago heard, had been sold for export with indications of further business for foreign markets. Moreover, the visible supply decreased in the United States last week 1,942,000 bushels. On Monday exporters were credited with taking 500,000 bushels since Saturday last. Whether Tuesday's reports of a similar quantity bought for export were a duplication of the same business is not entirely clear. What is clear enough, however, is that exporters, as a rule, have shown no great disposition to buy. The firmness of corn at times helped oats. But on the whole, as already intimated, oats, so to speak, hold their own row. On Thursday prices began higher, but weakened later with those for wheat. Shipping demand was light. Some stop-loss orders were caught on the way down. To-day prices advanced slightly. Export sales were reported of 250,000 bushels, sold at the seaboard, it is stated, for Russia. The net change in prices for the week at Chicago is a decline of 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c. It shows that oats and rye have stood up better than any other grain during the past week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....cts.	49	50	49	49	47 1/2	47 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....cts.	41	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 1/8	39	39 1/2
July.....	42 3/4	43 1/8	43	43	40 7/8	41 1/4
September.....	43 1/4	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 3/8	41 1/8	42

Rye advanced and then reacted. But at times the undertone has seemed unmistakably firm. Export sales reached 250,000 bushels last Monday. The Russian Relief Administration was expected to buy seed rye freely on March 8. Rye, long neglected, is gradually receiving more attention from Europe though the domestic demand is moderate. The condition of winter rye is said to be generally favorable in the Central States. In two days Norway bought 10,000 tons of rye, or 370,000 bushels, and is asking offers on 15,000 tons more, or 550,000 bushels. The Russian Relief is expected to make large purchases. The rye market has more friends. A good demand was reported on Thursday, Norway taking 185,000 bushels over night, in addition to 750,000 bushels sold to the Russian Relief Administration. Norway, it seems, has asked offerings of 370,000 bushels more. The bullish farm reserve report affected the foreign market, but was ignored in Chicago on Thursday. It is estimated that 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bushels of rye have been sold here for export this week, to clear before April 1. The visible supply is now not much over 7,000,000 bushels. That gives the statistics a different look. Cash prices have noticeably strengthened. Premiums, some think, are likely to rise. To-day prices advanced, but they end 3/8c to 5/8c lower for the week, in sympathy with wheat, although rye has shown an unwonted independence, owing to the excellent demand and decrease in its supply.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....cts.	105 3/8	107 3/4	107	109	105 3/8	106 1/2
July delivery.....	91 3/4	96 1/4	96	96 1/2	91 1/2	95

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat—		Oats—	
No. 2 red.....	\$1 45 1/4	No. 2 white.....	47 @ 47 1/2
No. 2 hard winter.....	1 45 1/4	No. 3 white.....	46 @ 46 1/2
Corn—		Barley—	
No. 2 yellow.....	\$0.75	Feeding.....	Nom.
Rye—		Malting.....	76 @ 80
No. 2.....	1 14		

FLOUR.

Spring patents.....	\$7 60@	\$8 00	Barley goods—Portage barley	
Winter straights, soft	6 25@	6 75	No. 1.....	\$6 50
Hard winter straights	7 00@	7 50	Nos. 2, 3 and 4 pearl	6 50
First spring clears.....	5 75@	6 50	Nos. 2-0 and 3-0.....	6 50 @ \$6 65
Rye flour.....	6 00@	6 75	Nos. 4-0 and 5-0.....	6 75
Corn goods, 100 lbs.,			Oats goods—Carload	
Yellow meal.....	1 80@	1 85	spot delivery.....	5 50@ 5 60
Corn flour.....	1 80@	1 85		

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREAL STOCKS.—The Agricultural Department's report on cereal stocks, &c., was issued on March 8 as follows:

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates from reports of correspondents and agents estimates that the amount of corn on farms March 1 1922 was about 1,313,120,000 bushels, or 42.6% of the 1921 crop, against 1,564,832,000 bushels, or 48.4% of the 1920 crop on farms March 1 1921, and 1,045,575,000 bushels, or 37.1% of the 1919 crop on farms March 1 1920; the 10-year average, 1910 to 1919, is 36.7%.

About 19.2% of the crop will be shipped out of the counties when grown, against 22.0% of the 1920 crop and 16.7% of the 1919 crop so shipped; the 10-year average is 19.9%. The proportion of the 1921 crop which is merchantable is about 87.5% (equivalent to 2,695,194,000 bushels), against 86.9% (2,789,720,000 bushels) of the 1920 crop and 87.1% (2,448,204,000 bushels) of the 1919 crop; the 10-year average is 79.6%.

The amount of wheat on farms March 1 1922 was about 131,136,000 bushels, or 16.5% of the 1921 crop, against 217,037,000 bushels, or 26.1% of the 1920 crop on farms March 1 1921, and 169,904,000 bushels, or 20.4% of the 1919 crop on farms March 1 1920; 10-year average of 19.8%.

About 61.6% of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, against 58.9% of the 1920 crop and 61.1% of the 1919 crop so shipped; the 10-year average is 57.7%.

The amount of oats on farms March 1 1922 was about 404,461,000 bushels, or 38.1% of the 1921 crop, against 683,759,000 bushels, or 45.7% of the 1920 crop on farms March 1 1921, and 409,730,000 bushels, or 45.7% of the 1919 crop on farms March 1 1920, and 409,730,000 bushels, or 34.6% of the 1919 crop on farms March 1 1920; the 10-year average is 36.4%.

About 23.8% of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, against 28.9% of the 1920 crop and 26.4% of the 1919 crop so shipped; and a 10-year average of 29.7%.

The amount of barley on farms March 1 1922 was about 40,950,000 bushels, or 27.1% of the 1921 crop, against 65,229,000 bushels, or 34.5% of the 1920 crop on farms March 1 1921, and 33,820,000 bushels, or 22.9% of the 1919 crop on farms March 1 1920; the 10-year average is about 23.0%.

About 36.1% of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, against 36.3% of the 1920 crop and 34.2% of the 1919 crop so shipped; the 10-year average being 47.2%.

United States price comparisons for March 1 are corn, 54.8 this year, 64.5 last year, 148.5 in 1920, average of 107.1 for 1915-19 and 60.5 for 1910-14; wheat, 116.9 this year, 147.2 last year, 226.6 in 1920, average 162.3 for 1915-19 and 89.0 for 1910-14; oats, 36.6 this year, 41.9 last year, 84.5 in 1920, average 60.1 for 1915-19 and 40.1 for 1910-14; barley, 49.6 this year, 56.8 last year, 129.3 in 1920, average 94.1 for 1915-19 and 62.9 for 1910-14.

As of interest in connection with this report, we give below a statement covering the stock of corn on March 1 for a series of years made up by us from the Agricultural Department's figures:

	Product of Previous Year. Bushels.	On Hand March 1. Bushels.	Per Cent.	Consumed or Distributed. Bushels.
Corn—				
March 1908.....	2,592,320,000	962,429,000	37.1	1,629,891,000
" 1909.....	2,668,651,000	1,047,763,000	39.3	1,620,888,000
" 1910.....	3,552,190,000	977,561,000	38.3	1,720,882,000
" 1911.....	2,886,260,000	1,165,378,000	40.4	1,720,882,000
" 1912.....	2,531,488,000	884,059,000	34.9	1,647,419,000
" 1913.....	3,124,746,000	1,289,655,000	41.3	1,835,091,000
" 1914.....	2,446,988,000	866,392,000	35.4	1,580,596,000
" 1915.....	2,672,804,000	910,894,000	34.1	1,716,910,000
" 1916.....	2,994,793,000	1,116,559,000	37.3	1,874,234,000
" 1917.....	2,566,927,000	782,303,000	30.5	1,784,624,000
" 1918.....	3,065,233,000	1,253,290,000	40.9	1,811,933,000
" 1919.....	2,502,665,000	855,269,000	34.2	1,647,360,000
" 1920.....	2,816,318,000	1,045,575,000	37.1	1,770,743,000
" 1921.....	3,230,532,000	1,564,832,000	48.4	1,665,700,000
" 1922.....	3,081,251,000	1,313,120,000	42.6	1,768,131,000

The stock of wheat on March 1 for 14 years is shown in the subjoined table:

	Product of Previous Year. Bushels.	On Hand March 1. Bushels.	Per Cent.	Consumed or Distributed. Bushels.
Wheat—				
March 1908.....	634,087,000	148,721,000	23.5	458,346,000
" 1909.....	664,602,000	143,692,000	21.6	520,910,000
" 1910.....	683,350,000	160,214,000	23.4	523,136,000
" 1911.....	635,121,000	162,705,000	25.6	472,416,000
" 1912.....	621,338,000	122,025,000	19.6	499,313,000
" 1913.....	730,267,000	156,483,000	21.4	573,784,000
" 1914.....	763,380,000	151,809,000	19.9	611,571,000
" 1915.....	891,017,000	152,903,000	17.2	738,114,000
" 1916.....	1,025,801,000	244,801,000	23.8	781,353,000
" 1917.....	636,318,000	100,650,000	15.8	535,668,000
" 1918.....	636,655,000	107,745,000	16.9	528,910,000
" 1919.....	921,438,000	128,703,000	14.0	792,735,000
" 1920.....	968,279,000	169,904,000	20.4	798,375,000
" 1921.....	833,027,000	217,037,000	26.1	615,990,000
" 1922.....	794,893,000	131,136,000	16.5	663,757,000

The statements of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week 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. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56lbs.
Chicago.....	234,000	313,000	4,422,000	1,326,000	113,000	57,000
Minneapolis.....	.....	1,572,000	754,000	550,000	136,000	93,000
Duluth.....	.....	64,000	125,000	18,000	.....	61,000
Millwaukee.....	26,000	14,000	675,000	334,000	151,000	53,000
Toledo.....	.....	59,000	106,000	42,000	.....	10,000
Detroit.....	.....	33,000	66,000	34,000	.....	.....
St. Joseph.....	.....	173,000	310,000	16,000	.....	.....
St. Louis.....	112,000	665,000	680,000	72,000	14,000	18,000
Peoria.....	68,000	59,000	515,000	293,000	7,000	.....
Kansas City.....	.....	1,168,000	602,000	129,000	.....	.....
Omaha.....	.....	257,000	730,000	126,000	.....	.....
Indianapolis.....	.....	30,000	559,000	302,000	.....	.....
Total week '21	440,000	4,407,000	9,554,000	3,890,000	421,000	292,000
Same week '22	371,000	5,745,000	10,687,000	3,779,000	509,000	491,000
Same week '20	396,000	3,466,000	5,462,000	4,347,000	409,000	644,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1921-22.....	13,541,000	253,432,000	272,692,000	141,633,000	19,295,000	13,290,000
1920-21.....	18,873,000	243,821,000	139,474,000	130,549,000	19,239,000	12,074,000
1919-20.....	14,555,000	152,650,000	128,528,000	147,590,000	22,623,000	23,768,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, March 4, 1922, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrcls.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	222,000	1,267,000	1,146,000	438,000	92,000	178,000
Portland, Me.....	45,000	1,089,000	51,000	6,000	68,000	.....
Philadelphia.....	88,000	711,000	962,000	6,000	.....	64,000
Baltimore.....	29,000	538,000	3,456,000	28,000	2,000	16,000
Newport News.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Orleans a.....	100,000	138,000	1,371,000	83,000	.....	.....
Galveston.....	.....	137,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal.....	4,000	418,000	1,000	31,000	13,000	.....
St. John.....	42,000	368,000	539,000	19,000	27,000	.....
Boston.....	17,000	105,000	162,000	63,000	.....	2,000
Total week '22	549,000	4,771,000	7,688,000	674,000	202,000	260,000
Since Jan. 1 '22	4,183,000	34,374,000	45,070,000	5,862,000	1,513,000	2,505,000
Week 1921.....	434,000	3,531,000	2,443,000	291,000	242,000	302,000
Since Jan. 1 '21	4,082,000	40,684,000	13,180,000	4,212,000	2,655,000	6,266,000

a Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, March 4, 1922, are shown in the annexed statement:



Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Pcas.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	940,993	1,169,311	200,694	350,038	42,380	122,634	-----
Portland, Me.	1,089,000	51,000	45,000	6,000	-----	68,000	-----
Boston	150,000	51,000	19,000	39,000	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia	1,058,000	426,000	10,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Baltimore	808,000	2,369,000	3,000	-----	231,000	34,000	-----
Newport News	-----	-----	2,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	508,000	957,000	53,000	-----	17,000	48,000	-----
Galveston	-----	-----	-----	-----	51,000	-----	-----
St. John, N. B.	368,000	539,000	42,000	19,000	-----	27,000	-----
Total week	4,919,993	5,562,311	374,694	414,038	341,380	299,634	-----
Week 1921	4,496,861	2,144,343	284,067	67,000	679,760	163,230	4,840

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1921 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week March 4 1922.	Since July 1 1921.	Week March 4 1922.	Since July 1 1921.	Week March 4 1922.	Since July 1 1921.
United Kingdom	179,369	4,123,484	2,847,041	62,642,872	1,568,141	25,686,008
Continent	185,442	3,777,426	2,029,952	148,931,408	3,973,170	66,961,521
So. & Cent. Amer.	2,000	465,835	43,000	2,706,637	3,000	2,047,416
West Indies	7,000	681,042	-----	5,000	18,000	746,416
Brit. No. Am. Cols.	-----	6,100	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other countries	883	423,726	-----	1,525,500	-----	19,508
Total	374,694	9,477,613	4,919,993	215,811,417	5,562,311	95,460,86
Total 1920-21	284,067	9,351,112	4,496,861	256,255,446	2,144,343	15,535,243

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ending Friday, March 3, and since July 1 1921 and 1920, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1921-1922.		1920-1921.	1921-1922.		1920-1921.
	Week Mar. 3.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Mar. 3.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	8,470,000	309,819,000	312,583,000	7,468,000	98,320,000	19,346,000
Danube	-----	3,096,000	160,000	-----	11,035,000	2,474,000
Argentina	5,850,000	46,884,000	48,041,000	1,160,000	90,911,000	86,966,000
Australia	3,952,000	70,536,000	32,818,000	-----	-----	-----
India	-----	712,000	7,336,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	-----	-----	230,000	300,000	5,657,000	2,279,000
Total	18,272,000	431,047,000	401,168,000	8,928,000	205,923,000	111,065,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, March 4, was as follows:

United States—	Wheat.		Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	1,140,000	1,848,000	1,227,000	277,000	141,000	-----
Boston	40,000	1,102,000	17,000	1,000	1,000	-----
Philadelphia	1,039,000	911,000	215,000	55,000	3,000	-----
Baltimore	822,000	3,906,000	158,000	1,487,000	146,000	-----
Newport News	-----	315,000	17,000	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	2,868,000	1,848,000	198,000	114,000	20,000	-----
Galveston	2,160,000	-----	-----	99,000	-----	-----
Buffalo	2,841,000	2,515,000	2,680,000	741,000	344,000	-----
" afloat	342,000	1,446,000	3,007,000	83,000	-----	-----
Toledo	940,000	199,000	514,000	31,000	1,000	-----
" afloat	114,000	-----	57,000	-----	-----	-----
Detroit	28,000	132,000	173,000	20,000	-----	-----
Chicago	2,575,000	10,771,000	17,781,000	668,000	110,000	-----
" afloat	-----	2,703,000	5,023,000	-----	-----	-----
Millwaukee	112,000	2,234,000	1,316,000	96,000	100,000	-----
" afloat	-----	1,171,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Duluth	2,671,000	4,837,000	5,835,000	1,611,000	106,000	-----
Minneapolis	7,266,000	1,753,000	22,389,000	1,050,000	827,000	-----
Ht. Louis	1,336,000	1,601,000	893,000	83,000	4,000	-----
Kansas City	10,395,000	2,649,000	2,826,000	64,000	-----	-----
Peoria	184,000	213,000	830,000	-----	-----	-----
Indianapolis	221,000	362,000	376,000	-----	-----	-----
Omaha	2,299,000	1,611,000	2,780,000	744,000	16,000	-----
St. Joseph, Mo.	705,000	665,000	217,000	3,000	5,000	-----
Total Mar. 4 1922	40,055,000	44,792,000	68,529,000	7,227,000	1,926,000	-----
Total Feb. 25 1922	41,278,000	49,812,000	70,471,000	7,345,000	2,002,000	-----
Total Mar. 5 1921	27,822,000	23,838,000	34,210,000	1,706,000	2,268,000	-----

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, 315,000 bushels New York 708,000 Buffalo, 83,000 Boston, 87,000 afloat, total, 1,195,000 bushels, against 267,000 in 1921. Barley, New York, 89,000 bushels, Buffalo 87,000, Duluth 10,000, total, 186,000 bushels, against 191,000 bushels in 1921, and wheat, 1,129,000 New York, 292,000 Baltimore, 3,840,000 Buffalo, 781,000 Philadelphia, 387,000 Boston, 16,000 Toledo, 3,840,000 on Lakes, total, 7,460,000 bushels in 1922.

Canadian						
	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley	
Montreal	712,000	1,083,000	448,000	24,000	159,000	-----
Pt. William & Pt. Arthur	25,069,000	-----	3,903,000	-----	1,511,000	-----
" afloat	350,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other Canadian	2,076,000	-----	2,080,000	-----	748,000	-----
Total Mar. 4 1922	28,237,000	1,083,000	6,437,000	24,000	2,418,000	-----
Total Feb. 25 1922	28,779,000	969,000	6,734,000	21,000	2,375,000	-----
Total Mar. 5 1921	21,612,000	193,000	13,388,000	3,000	2,639,000	-----

Summary						
	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley	
American	40,055,000	44,792,000	68,529,000	7,227,000	1,926,000	-----
Canadian	28,237,000	1,083,000	6,437,000	24,000	2,418,000	-----
Total Mar. 4 1922	68,292,000	45,875,000	74,966,000	7,251,000	4,344,000	-----
Total Feb. 25 1922	70,057,000	41,778,000	77,205,000	7,366,000	4,377,000	-----
Total Mar. 5 1921	49,634,000	24,031,000	47,598,000	1,709,000	4,907,000	-----

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, March 10 1922.

The week has been a quiet one throughout every section of the trade. There have been no new developments of consequence, and most of the trading which has been transacted has been of the hand-to-mouth variety. No sections of the trade appear elated with the trading that has been accomplished in the past few days, but, on the other hand, there is an absence of pessimistic talk which eddied about the big offices last week. The textile situation in cottons, however, has shown little or no improvement. The plants of the big concerns which operate in Rhode Island and New Hampshire are still closed. A few of the companies

have attempted to reopen their doors and run with such employees as were willing to return to their places on the basis of a 20% reduction in wages. Generally speaking, these efforts have been in the nature of a test on the part of the manufacturers, who apparently are trying to feel out the strength of the strikers, and it must be admitted that as tests they have been failures. Some of the mills have secured sufficient workers to man a few machines and run one or two departments, but before the mill doors there are hundreds of strikers who are still firm in their original demands of no wage reduction and against a 54-hour week, and these strikers are picketing the workers who would return to work. Police and military authorities are still required in several of the mill towns to preserve order, and there appears little prospect of an early and amicable settlement of the controversy. Mill owners state that they are unable to pay the wages demanded, owing to the competition of Southern mills. But the demand for the past few weeks has been so slack that the curtailment of production will hardly be felt.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Trading has been irregular during the week. Demand has been so slight that several large orders placed during the past few days have had sufficient weight to shift the price basis for a few hours at least. There are buyers in the market in abundance, but they are showing a marked disposition to shop for their requirements, and they are offering their own prices. In many cases there are deals being made when the mill agent feels that he can afford, or rather not afford, to refuse the offers which are being made to him from customers who are well known. The retail trade seems to be going light on commitments with jobbers, and this is having an effect on the trade generally. Observers state that the retailers in all sections have ordered insufficiently, and that a survey of their shelves would see them in no position to start the current retail season. This probably is true, but the retailer, with last year's lesson indelibly impressed on his mind, is disposed to order just as he actually sees the necessity for commitments. This all has a slowing effect on cotton goods tradings. The export business shows some signs of rejuvenation, for renewed inquiries have been received during the week. It is reported that one of the larger mills had a sizeable order offered at 10c for three-yard sheetings, and refused to accept it at that price. There has been increasing trading going on in fine goods, due to the action of converters in buying rather heavily and in the imminent approach of buying in specialties. Just at present print cloths in the 28-inch, 64 x 60's, are listed at 6¼c, with the 27-inch, 64 x 60's, at 6c. Three-yard brown sheetings are held at 10½c, but there have been some transactions at a slightly lower level to known and favored buyers. Thirty-nine-inch gray goods, 68 x 72's, are listed at 8⅞c. Some dealing in ginghams is still being carried on, but most of the mills dealing in gingham constructions have accepted all of the orders that they care to at the present price inducement.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Woolens in both sections continue to be the brightest spot in the market. It appears that the women's section of the trade has a little the better of the trading just at present, being busily engaged in cutting on a wide variety of constructions, tweeds predominating, but including novelties that will feature the season. There is some complaint that dealers are not placing their orders with women's wear houses on account of the fact that prices have not been reduced to the level which they expected to receive. This is not so true with the men's garment manufacturers, who report that those houses which have survived the industrial crisis and the attendant financial loss have sufficient orders to keep them busy for some time to come. The price on woolens, as a rule, is holding steady. The American Woolen Company, which is the criterion for the other mills, has maintained a middle-of-the-road attitude since its openings. The company has withdrawn many lines from the market, owing to their ready acceptance by buyers, and those lines which are still on offer are being accepted at the price originally tagged on them. There has been some clarifying of the raw wool situation, which has had some effect on the price and disposition of the manufacturers. There is little talk now of the scarcity of the raw product, and the price element is adjusting itself.

FOREIGN DRYGOODS.—The burlap market during the week has remained steady. Trading has been broader, and generally there has been more activity than has been the case for some weeks in the past. All advices from Calcutta show that market to be closely in line with the local one. Dealers are steady with their prices, and there are very few concessions being made. At present the spot lightweights are being offered at 4.05c, and the spot heavies at 5.30c, which is a net advance of the price which has been maintained for some time in the past. Linoleum manufacturers have been very active in the market, presumably being attracted by the low price offerings.

Linen have been traded in well during the week, and importers are reporting a good amount of orders placed for future delivery. The current demand for seasonal requirements is strong, and dealers say that there is an increasing evidence through repeat orders that women will feature linen garments this spring.

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## State and City Department

### NEWS ITEMS

**New Jersey.**—*Tax Exemption Law Held Unconstitutional by State Supreme Court.*—The law passed in 1920 exempting from taxes for five years homes erected in New Jersey between Oct. 1 1920 and Oct. 1 1922 was set aside by the State Supreme Court as unconstitutional. Further information concerning this matter may be found in the fore part of this issue in our Department of "Current Events and Discussions."

**New York State.**—*Proposed Amendments to Savings Bank Investment Law.*—Three additional bills proposing to amend the Banking Law in relation to investments by savings banks have been introduced in the New York Legislature. One of these proposes to add a new sub-division (Subdivision 12) to Section 239, which would permit savings banks to invest in bonds, notes or debentures of the Port of New York Authority. Another proposes to amend Subdivision 6 of Section 239, which would require every savings bank to invest at least 60% of all investable funds hereafter invested by a savings bank in bonds and mortgages on unincumbered real property situated in the State of New York until at least 40% of the whole amount of deposits and guaranty fund shall be and remain so loaned or invested. A bill proposing to amend this subdivision by increasing the amount to be loaned from 65% to 70% was introduced on Jan. 23 (see "Chronicle" of Feb. 4, page 540). The third bill would amend Paragraph (b) of Subdivision (5) of Section 239 so that the stocks or bonds of any incorporated city situated in any other of the States of the United States which were admitted to statehood prior to Jan. 1 1908 may become eligible for investment by savings banks instead of Jan. 1 1896, as now. We print the Acts below, showing the new matter in italics and the old, to be omitted, in bold face brackets:

#### AN ACT

To amend the Banking Law, in relation to investments by savings banks.  
*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. Section 239 of Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1914, entitled "An Act in relation to banking corporations, and individuals, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations under the supervision of the Banking Department, constituting Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Laws," is hereby amended by inserting at the end of subdivision 11 a new subdivision, to be Subdivision 12 thereof, to read as follows:

12. Bonds, notes, or debentures of The Port of New York Authority, issued pursuant to the compact or agreement between the States of New York and New Jersey and any amendments thereof, secured either by liens upon specific property or revenues or by the general funds and property held by the said Authority.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

#### AN ACT

To amend the Banking Law, in relation to investments by savings banks.  
*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of Section 239 of Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1914, entitled "An Act in relation to banking corporations, and individuals, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations under the supervision of the Banking Department, constituting Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Laws," as last amended by Chapter 647 of the Laws of 1919, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6. Bonds and mortgages on unincumbered real property situated in this State, to the extent of sixty per centum of the appraised value thereof. Not more than sixty-five per centum of the whole amount of deposits and guaranty fund shall be so loaned or invested. *After this section as amended takes effect every savings bank shall invest at least sixty per centum of all investable funds hereafter invested by such bank in such bonds and mortgages until at least forty per centum of the whole amount of deposits and guaranty fund shall be and remain so loaned or invested.* If the loan is on unimproved and unproductive real property, the amount loaned thereon shall not be more than forty per centum of its appraised value. No investment in any bonds and mortgages shall be made by any savings bank except upon the report of a committee of its trustees charged with the duty of investigating the same, who shall certify to the value of the premises mortgaged or to be mortgaged, according to their judgment, and such report shall be filed and preserved among the records of the corporation. For the purposes of this subdivision real property on which there is a building in process of construction, which when completed will constitute a permanent improvement, shall be considered improved and productive real property.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

#### AN ACT

To amend the Banking Law, in relation to the power of savings banks to invest in the bonds of cities of other States.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of Subdivision 5, Section 239 of Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1914, entitled "An Act in relation to banking corporations, and individuals, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations under the supervision of the Banking Department, constituting Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Laws," as amended by Chapter 96 of the Laws of 1918, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) The stocks or bonds of any incorporated city situated in any other of the States of the United States which was admitted to statehood prior to January first, [eighteen hundred and ninety-six] *nineteen hundred and*

*eight*, and which since January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, has not repudiated or defaulted in the payment of any part of the principal or interest of any debt authorized by the legislature of any such State to be contracted, provided said city has a population, as shown by the Federal census next preceding said investment, of not less than forty-five thousand inhabitants, and was incorporated as a city at least twenty-five years prior to the making of said investment, and has not, since January first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, defaulted for more than ninety days in the payment of any part either of principal or interest of any bond, note or other evidence of indebtedness, or effected any compromise of any kind with the holders thereof. But if, after such default on the part of any such State or city, the debt or security, in the payment of the principal or interest of which such default occurred, has been fully paid, refunded or compromised by the issue of new securities then the date of the first failure to pay principal or interest, when due, upon such debt or security, shall be taken to be the date of such default, within the provisions of this subdivision, and subsequent failures to pay installments of principal or interest upon such debt or security, prior to the refunding or final payment of the same, shall not be held to continue said default or to fix the time thereof, within the meaning of this subdivision, at a date later than the date of said first failure in payment. If at any time the indebtedness of any such city, together with the indebtedness of any district, or other municipal corporation or subdivision except a county, which is wholly or in part included within the bounds or limits of said city, less its water debt and sinking funds, shall exceed seven per centum of the valuation of said city for purposes of taxation, its bonds and stocks shall thereafter, and until such indebtedness shall be reduced to seven per centum of the valuation for the purposes of taxation, cease to be an authorized investment for the moneys of savings banks.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

**River Rouge, Mich.**—*Governor Groesbeck Signs New City Charter.*—The Detroit "Free-Press" in its issue of Feb. 24 says:

Governor Groesbeck signed the proposed new city charter for River Rouge, Thursday, during a visit to Detroit. It will go before the people for affirmation April 3.

Since the first charter attempted by River Rouge officials was voted down in the Sept. 12 elections, the village has been virtually a city governed by a de facto administration.

The April 3 elections will decide two important questions—whether the new charter, signed by the Governor and approved as to its legal phraseology by the Attorney-General, is wanted by the people, and whether there will be a new city administration. Affirmation of the new charter will carry with it a new set of city officials.

River Rouge authorities also have been informed that in spite of other instruction to the contrary, the village will not take part in the township elections April 3.

Oakwood will vote in the township elections, unless a favorable decision is received in the meantime from the Wayne County Court on the question of its annexation to Detroit.

**South Norfolk City, Va.**—*Council Votes Down Resolution to Oppose Assembly Consolidation Measure.*—The "Virginian" under date of Feb. 21 said:

A resolution to send the Legislature notice that the South Norfolk City Council opposed the city consolidation bill before the General Assembly was voted down by the Council last night. It was proposed by Councilman C. L. Stewart after City Attorney Devaney read the bill, which stave off actual consolidation from nine to eleven months after steps toward a merger have been taken.

### BOND CALLS AND REDEMPTIONS

**Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colo.**—*Bonds Called.*—The following 4% refunding bond issues are called for payment at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Chemical National Bank, N. Y., on April 2, interest ceasing after that date: Refunding bonds, dated Oct. 2 1905, Nos. 129, 130, 150, 160, 164 and 165 for \$1,000 each; Refunding bonds dated April 2 1906, Nos. 66 to 69, incl., for \$1,000 each.

**Denver (City and County), Colo.**—*Bond Call.*—Notice has been given that sufficient moneys are in the hands of M. J. McCarthy, Manager of Revenue and ex-officio City Treasurer, to pay the following bonds:

#### Storm Sewer Bonds.

Washington Park Storm Sewer District Bond No. 223.  
Sub-District No. 2 Washington Park Storm Sewer District Bond No. 18.

#### Sanitary Sewer Bonds.

Part of Sub-Dist. No. 6 East Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. No. 1 Bond No. 17.

West & South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. Bonds Nos. 581 to 585 incl.

Part A Sub-Dist. No. 3 West & South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. Bonds Nos. 94 and 95.

Part A Sub-Dist. No. 13 West & South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. Bond No. 11.

Part A Sub-Dist. No. 14 West & South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist. Bonds Nos. 61 to 63 incl.

#### Improvement Bonds.

East Side Improvement District No. 6 Bond No. 49.

North Side Improvement District No. 16 Bond No. 40.

North Side Improvement District No. 17 Bond No. 66.

North Side Improvement District No. 23 Bond No. 79.

North Side Improvement District No. 27 Bond No. 4.

South Denver Improvement District No. 12 Bond No. 28.

#### Park Bonds.

East Denver Park District Bonds Nos. 1986 to 1995 incl.

#### Surfacing Bonds.

North Denver Surfacing District No. 2 Bond No. 15.

North Denver Surfacing District No. 4 Bond No. 7.

South Denver Surfacing District No. 2 Bond No. 35.

#### Paving Bonds.

Alley Paving District No. 50 Bond No. 11.

Alley Paving District No. 52 Bond No. 11.

Alley Paving District No. 55 Bond No. 11.

Alley Paving District No. 59 Bonds Nos. 3 to 9 incl.

Alley Paving District No. 60 Bonds Nos. 2 to 7 incl.

Alley Paving District No. 61 Bonds Nos. 2 to 8 incl.

Alley Paving District No. 62 Bonds Nos. 3 to 12 incl.

Broadway Paving District No. 4 Bond No. 64.

East Denver Paving District No. 2 Bond No. 29.

East Denver Paving District No. 8 Bond No. 35.

All bonds are called in for payment on March 31, interest ceasing on that date. Upon the request of the holders of any of the above bonds received ten days before the expiration of this call the undersigned will arrange for their payment at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City, but not otherwise.

**Portland, Ore.**—*Bond Call.*—Improvement bonds numbered 29,407 to 29,699, dated April 1 1915, are called for payment on April 1 at the office of Wm. Adams, City Treasurer.

**Portland School District No. 1 (P. O. Portland), Multnomah County, Ore.**—*Bond Call.*—School building bonds at 4½%, dated Oct. 1 1910 and numbered 151 to 190, inclusive, for \$1,000 each have been called for payment at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. Interest ceases April 1.

**BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS**

this week have been as follows:

**ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The following four issues of 4½% bonds offered on Feb. 23 (V. 114, p. 758) were sold at par and accrued interest, the first to the Old Adams County Bank, the second and third to the First National Bank and the fourth to the People's Loan & Trust Co.

\$1,960 John Felty macadam road, Wabash Twp., bonds. Denom. \$248.  
 4,480 Z. B. Biberstein macadam road, French Twp., bonds. Denom. \$224.  
 1,160 Harry Ray macadam road, Mary's Twp., bonds. Denom. \$208.  
 5,440 Wm. H. Brodbeck macadam road, Mary's Twp., bonds. Denom. \$272.

Date Feb. 15 1922. Due to an error this sale was erroneously reported under "Adams County (P. O. West Union), Ohio."

**ADAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Java), Walworth County, So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Fred C. Wolff, clerk, will receive bids until March 14 for \$3,000 bonds at not exceeding 7% interest. Cert. check for 3%, required.

**ADDISON, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$15,000 5% road bonds was sold on Feb. 28 to O'Brian, Potter & Co. of Buffalo at 101.85, a basis of about 4.85%. Denom. \$750. Date Mar. 15 1922. Int. annually on July 1. Due 1945.

**ALBANY, Dougherty County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—M. W. Davis & Co. of Macon purchased \$10,000 school and \$12,000 sewer 5% bonds on Nov. 21 at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1920. Int. F. & A. Due Feb. 1 1950.

**ALGOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Algood), Putnam County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 6% school building bonds offered on March 3—V. 114, p. 648—have been awarded to Dr J. A. Butler of Algood at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$100, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 5 7/8%. Date Jan 1 1922. Due in 20 years.

**ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Altoona), Blair County, Pa.—CORRECTION.**—Due to a typographical error, we reported in last week's issue, on page 977, that the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh was offering \$330,000 4¼% coupon (with privilege of registration) building bonds to investors. The correct amount is \$300,000.

**ARDMORE, Carter County, Okla.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.**—The \$300,000 6% water-works extension bonds recently awarded to the American National Bank of Oklahoma City (V. 114, p. 873) are described as follows: Tax-free. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and int. payable at Mechanics & Metals National Bank, New York. Due Feb. 1 1942.

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation.....\$11,904,651  
 Debt.....1,674,600  
 Water-works bonds included.....\$1,015,000  
 Sinking fund.....146,000—1,161,000

Net debt.....\$513,600  
 Population 1920 Census, 14,181.

**ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. Mar. 14 by F. L. Conder, City Secretary—Treasurer for the following bonds not to exceed 6%:

\$200,000 refunding bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1932, incl.; \$6,000 1933 to 1940, incl.; \$8,000 1941 to 1947, incl., and \$16,000 1948 to 1953, incl.

150,000 street improvement bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1924 to 1933, incl., and \$5,000 1934 to 1943, incl.

195,000 public improvement bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1924 to 1937, incl.; \$6,000 1938 to 1949, incl.; \$8,000 1950 to 1924, incl., and \$9,000 1955 to 1957, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-interest (F. & A.) payable in gold in New York City. Cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or cash, for 2% of bid payable to the City of Asheville or the above official, required.

The bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the City officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser will be furnished approving opinion of Chester B. Massleh, Esq., of New York City. Bids are desired on blank forms, which will be furnished by the City or above Trust Company. Bonds will be delivered on or about April 1 1922, at the office of the United States Mortgage and Trust Co., in New York City and must be paid for on delivery.

*Financial Statement.*

Estimated value of taxable property.....\$56,000,000 00  
 Assessed value of taxable property, last assessment, 1921... 55,003,783 00

Value of Municipal property:

School property.....\$1,417,349 26  
 Bonds outstanding.....3,562,000 00  
 Bonds authorized (including bonds now advertised, except Refunding Bonds).....315,000 00  
 Floating debt, not including tax obligations payable from current tax.....15,668 27

3,922,668 27

Sinking funds (except for public utilities bonds deducted below).....\$78,969 79

Uncollected special assessment which when collected will be applicable to and are pledged to the payment of street and sewer improvement bonds included in the above debt actually levied.....186,963 38  
 above debt to be immediately levied.....125,000 00

Water works bonds, included in above outstanding debt.....724,000 00

Water bonds offered herewith.....65,000 00

Market House bonds, included in above outstanding debt.....20,000 00

Net indebtedness.....\$1,199,933 17  
 2,722,735 10

\$3,922,668 27

Note: There is no civil division whose territorial limits are approximately co-terminous with those of the City of Asheville.

The City of Asheville has never defaulted in the payment of any part of either principal or interest of any debt.

The present City tax rate is one dollar per \$100.

Population, 1920 census—28,504.

Estimated population, now—30,000.

**BAKERSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif. BONDS VOTED.**—An issue of \$225,000 school bonds was recently voted by a majority of 12 to 1.

**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BOND SALE.**

—The \$5,600 5% Herman Bergman et al. Jackson Township bonds offered on Feb. 18—V. 114, p. 61—were sold to H. C. Glick at 100.00 a basis of about 1.99%. Date Feb. 18 1922. Due \$280 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

**BASTROP COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller registered \$43,000 5% serial bonds on March 1.

**BASTROP COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Bastrop), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$9,600 and \$33,000 5% serial bonds on March 1.

**BAYFIELD COUNTY (P. O. Washburn), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.**—The Chairman of the County Board, the Chairman of the County State Road and Bridge Committee and J. Vederstad, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids at the court house in Washburn for \$111,000 5% highway impmt. bonds until 2 p. m. March 22. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Prin. payable at the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Due April 1 1941. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and if no satisfactory sealed bid is received reserves the right to proceed thereafter to sell any or all of the bonds at public auction or private sale. Official announcement states that preliminary proceedings have been examined by a reliable bond attorney of Chicago. Present bonded debt, \$122,100. Valuation of all local property as equalized for 1921, \$27,923,407. Estimated true value, \$30,000,000. Population 1920, 17,201.

**BELLEVUE, Clay County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election for the purpose of voting \$4,500 in school bonds will be held on April 1.

**BETHLEHEM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bethlehem), Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$77,000 coupon (opt.) school bonds offered on Jan. 30 (V. 114, p. 326) were sold to Norman W. Cramp of Philadelphia at par and accrued interest. Date Aug. 1 1917. Due Aug. 1 1947, optional Aug. 1 1927. In giving the notice of the offering of these bonds we stated that they bear 5½% interest per annum; this was an error, the correct interest rate being 4%.

**BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A temporary loan of \$200,000 offered on Mar. 8 was sold to Blake Bros. & Co. on a 4.18% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1.25. Denom. 6 for \$25,000. 3 for \$10,000 and 4 for \$5,000. Due Nov. 2 1922.

**BIGSTONE CITY, Grant County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—Schanke & Co. of Mason City have been awarded \$12,000 6% 20-year funding bonds.

**BIG STONE GAP, Wise County, Va.—BOND SALE.**—Caldwell & Co. of Nashville have purchased \$120,000 6% street bonds.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—In connection with the offering to take place on Mar. 21 (V. 114, p. 872), the following financial statement has come to hand:

*Financial Statement.*

Assessed valuation for taxation for the year 1921.....\$140,453,580 00  
 Real valuation, approximately.....250,000,000 00

General city bonds outstanding Feb. 17 1922:

For school houses.....\$3,284,500 00  
 For sewers.....705,000 00  
 For water works.....155,000 00  
 For general purposes.....5,201,100 00—9,345,600 00

Bonds for street improvements, secured by liens on property 1,604,000 00

Properties owned by the city:  
 Real and personal property and equipment.....\$5,409,288 02  
 Pavements, curbing, sewers, viaducts, &c.....5,977,376 17—11,386,664 19

Sinking fund assets: Cash.....\$17,043 43  
 Investments.....417,800 00—434,843 43

Population, U. S. Census 1910, 132,685; 1920, 178,270.

**BLADEN COUNTY (P. O. Elizabethtown), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**

—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased the following 6% coupon bonds offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 649—at 98 a basis of about 6.18%:

\$25,000 Brown Marsh Township School District bonds.  
 15,000 Elizabethtown High School District bonds.

10,000 Frenches Creek Township School District bonds.  
 6,000 White Oak High School District bonds.  
 Date Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1942.

**BLADEN COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Elizabethtown), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**

—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased the following 6% coupon drainage bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 872) have been disposed of. Date Mar. 1 1922. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$3,500 1925 and \$3,500 yearly thereafter for nine years.

**BOULDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.**—On March 17 \$50,000 5% bonds will be offered for sale. These bonds are part of the \$404,000 issue voted at an election last fall—V. 113, p. 2331.

**BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. March 14 for a temporary loan of \$225,000, to be dated March 11 1922 and due \$50,000 on Oct. 21 1922, Oct. 30 1922, Nov. 6 1922, and \$75,000 on Nov. 13 1922.

**BRAZIL, Clay County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—An issue of \$80,000 sewage-disposal-plant bonds offered on Feb. 22 was not sold, as but one bid was received, and this bid was rejected on account of the condition it contained. The proposal was submitted by the Brazil Trust Co. and was for a 5½% bond at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$25 with the condition that the money be kept by the trust company until ready to be paid to the contractor.

**BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 13 for \$200,000 notes. Date March 14 1922. Due Nov. 3 1922.

**BROWNSVILLE, Cameron County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**

—On Feb. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$75,000 sewer and \$100,000 street 6% bonds.

**BUENA VISTA COUNTY (P. O. Storm Lake), Iowa.—BOND SALE.**

—On March 3 \$52,500 Drainage District No. 34 bonds were sold to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at par and accrued interest, less an allowance of \$50 for printing bonds, for 5¼%. Denom. 49 for \$1,000 and 7 for \$500. Date Jan. 2 1922. Int. M. & N. Due \$7,500 yearly from 1926 to 1932 incl.

**BUFFALO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (P. O. Miller), Neb.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until to-day (March 11) for the \$35,000 6% building and equipment bonds voted on Feb. 24 by 82 to 56—V. 114, p. 758. Int. semi-ann.

**BUFFALO LAKE, Renville County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Mar. 14 \$5,000 funding bonds will be voted upon, it is stated.

**BUCYRUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bucyrus), Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**

—The \$13,000 5½% coupon bonds offered on Mar. 2 (V. 114, p. 873) were sold to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at their offer of \$43,919 (102.137), a basis of about 5.25%. Date Mar. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 each six months from April 1 1923 to April 1 1944 incl. The following is a complete list of the bids received:  
 Seasongood & Mayer.....\$43,919 00 Hanchett Bond Co.....\$43,590  
 A. T. Bell & Co.....43,886 23 Sidney Sptizer & Co.....43,507  
 Poor & Co.....43,666 50 Second National Bank.....43,603  
 J. C. Mayer.....43,650 00 Stacy & Braun.....43,460

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Asheville), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**

—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 20 by George A. Digges Jr., Register of Deeds, for \$100,000 road and bridge funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1952 incl. Bids to be submitted for 5%, 5½% or 5¾%. Locality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, Boston. County to furnish blank bonds. The bonds will be delivered between April 1 and April 15 at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City.

**BURLINGTON, Alamance County, No. Caro.—BIDS.**—The following are the bids submitted on Feb. 20 for the \$80,000 street and \$100,000 water and sewer bond:

For 5½% Bond.....

A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. of N. Y. ....\$180,630

For 6% Bonds.....

First N. C. Tr. Co., Durham \$180,050  
 Prudden & Co., Toledo.....180,010  
 Weil, Roth & Co., Chgo.....180,000

\* The bid was successful, for previous reference, see V. 114, p. 873.

**BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Butte), Silver Bow County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election to be held on April 1 for \$350,000 school bonds will be voted upon.

**CACHE COUNTY (P. O. Logan), Utah.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. March 16 by W. H. Chung, County Clerk, for \$400,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at some bank in New York City to be determined by the successful bidder and the County Commissioners. Due \$20,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1927 to 1941 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bids are to be made subject to approval of Jno. C. Thompson of New York as to the validity of all the proceedings involved. These bonds are part of a \$600,000 bond issue, \$300,000 of which were sold as reported in V. 113, p. 872.

**CALEDONIA, Livingston County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**

—P. D. Hall, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. to-day (Mar. 11) for two issues of water bonds at not exceeding 6% interest per annum. One issue is to be for \$3,500 due \$500 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1924 to 1929 incl. the other one which will be for \$1,500 will be due \$500 on Mar. 1 in 1923, 1924 and 1925. Both issues will be dated Mar. 1 1922 and in denom. of \$500. A cert. check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

**CANADIAN, Hemphill County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**

—On Feb. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$5,000 water-works and \$5,000 sewer 6% 20-40-year bonds.

CANE CREEK & OMAHA DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Gallatin and White Counties, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS. —Whitaker & Co. of St. Louis, Mo., are offering \$84,700 5 1/2% bonds to investors at par and accrued interest. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Boatmen's Bank of St. Louis. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,400 1925 to 1929 incl.; \$4,200 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$5,100 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$5,900 in 1939 and 1940, and \$6,800 in 1941 and 1942.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% assessment street improvement bonds offered on Mar. 6 (V. 114, p. 649) were sold to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at their bid of par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$668 68 (102.74), a basis of about 5.22%.

\$2,720 46 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$720 46 and 2 for \$1,000 each. Due \$720.46 March 1, 1924.; \$1,000 March 1, 1925, and \$1,000 on March 1, 1927.

9,994 91 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$994 91 and 9 for \$1,000 each. Due \$2,994 91 March 1 1924, \$3,000 March 1 1925, \$2,000 March 1 1926 and \$2,000 March 1 1927.

11,608 96 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$67 96 and 11 for \$1,000 each. Due \$1,608 96 March 1 1924, \$2,000 March 1 1925, \$2,000 March 1 1926 and \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1927 to 1932 inclusive. Date March 1 1922. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Table with 4 columns: Bidders, Premium, Bidders, Premium. Includes entries for Prov. S. B. & T. Co., Seasongood & M. Co., and Sidney Spitzer & Co.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carrollton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—M. C. Marshall, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. for \$250,000 6% road bonds. Denom. 260 for \$500 each and 120 for \$1,000 each. Date April 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due each six months as follows: \$12,500 from April 1 1923 to Oct. 1 1932 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CASS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dugger), Sullivan County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles Hale, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. March 18 for \$12,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$250. Date July 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & N.) payable at the Dugger State Bank of Dugger. Due \$250 each six months from Jan. 1 1923 to July 1 1936, incl., and \$500 each 6 months from Jan. 1 1937 to July 1 1941, incl. Certified check for \$200 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CATRON COUNTY (P. O. Reserve), New Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$100,000 road bonds was voted on Feb. 14.

CENTERBURG VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Centerburg), Knox County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5 1/2% bonds offered on March 4—V. 114, p. 759—were sold to the Detroit Trust Co. of Detroit at 101.20, a basis of about 5.46%. Date April 1 1922. Due \$2,000 each six months from April 1 1923 to Oct. 1 1947 incl.

CHELSEA, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$750,000 offered on Mar. 8 was sold to Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston on a 4.40% discount basis, plus a premium of \$5. Denom. 10 for \$25,000, 10 for \$20,000, 25 for \$10,000 and 10 for \$5,000. Date Mar. 9 1922. Due Mar. 8 1923.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$200,000 offered on Mar. 6 (V. 114, p. 978) was sold to the Chicopee National Bank of Springfield on a 4.19% discount basis. Date Mar. 6 1922. Due Nov. 13 1922. The following bids were received: Chicopee National Bank, Springfield... 4.19% plus \$3 25 prem. Blake Bros. & Co., Boston... 4.24% plus \$3 25 prem. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston... 4.25% plus \$2 25 prem. Bond & Goodwin... 4.27%

CHINOOK, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION MAY BE HELD.—An issue of \$40,000 sewer bonds may be voted upon at the spring election.

CLARENDON LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Clarendon), Monroe County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 6% levee bonds offered on Feb. 1—V. 114, p. 327—were awarded on that day to M. W. Elkins & Co., Little Rock, at 96.25. Denom. \$500. Int. J. & J. Due in 20 years.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Jeffersonville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of road bonds offered on March 6 (V. 114, p. 978) were sold as stated below:

\$17,000 5% Logan Coombs et al. Charlestown Twp. bonds, sold to the Fletcher American Bank of Indianapolis at par and accrued int. Denom. \$425. Date Feb. 6 1922. Due \$425 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1942 incl.

3,400 6% Wm. W. Woolum et al. Charlestown Twp. bonds, sold to C. D. Nicholson of New Albany at par and accrued int. plus a premium of \$51, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 5.68%. Denom. \$170. Date Sept. 28 1921. Due \$170 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, For \$17,000 Issue, For \$3,400 Issue. Includes entries for C. D. Nicholson, Fletcher-Amer. Bank, Meyer-Kiser Bank, and Sheerin & Co.

CLIFTON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 873) were sold to R. M. Grant & Co. of New York at their bid of \$434,250 for 420 bonds (\$420,000), which is equal to 103.39, a basis of about 4.74%. Date Dec. 1 1921. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000 1922 to 1927 incl.; \$11,000 from 1928 to 1959 incl., and \$8,000 in 1960. The following bids were received: R. M. Grant & Co. 103.39, J. G. White & Co. 102.67, H. L. Allen & Co. 103.38, B. J. Van Ingen & Co. 102.67, Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. 100.77

COIN CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coin), Page County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Mar. 6 the \$75,000 5% school building bonds dated Mar. 1 1922 (V. 114, p. 873) were sold to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport at par and accrued int. Due \$15,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1938 to 1942 incl.

COEUR D'ALENE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Coeur D'Alene), Kootenai County, Ida.—BONDS DEFEATED.—An issue of \$225,000 school bonds was recently voted down. This report corrects the one given in V. 114, p. 759.

COLEMAN, Coleman County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$160,000 6% serial water-works bonds on March 4.

COLORADO, Mitchell County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Houghton-Lumsden & Co. of Dallas have purchased \$85,000 reservoir and water-works bonds and \$35,000 sewer bonds. These bonds were registered with the State Comptroller of Texas on Jan. 9—V. 114, p. 433.

COLTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that \$220,000 high school bonds will be submitted to the voters on Mar. 21. It is further stated that it is likely that the bonds will draw 5 1/2% interest.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP, Ind.—BOND SALE.—Newspapers report the sale of \$90,000 5 1/2% school bonds to the Fletcher-American Co. of Indianapolis at 102.10.

CONWAY COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Morrilton), Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 5% road bonds offered on Jan. 20—V. 114, p. 218—have been awarded to Wm. R. Compton Co.

CORNING, Adams County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$60,000 5 1/2% electric-light bonds has been sold. Denom. \$1,600. Date Aug. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable in Corning. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1926 to 1940 incl.

CORNING, Perry County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 6% special assessment bonds offered on March 2—V. 114, p. 873—were sold to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$61 76, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 5.97%: \$22,000 Adams Street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,100. Due \$1,100 each six months from March 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1932 incl.

8,400 West Main St. improvement bonds. Denom. 18 for \$400 and 2 for \$600 each. Due \$400 each six months from March 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1931 incl. and \$600 on March 1 and Sept. 1 in 1932.

8,200 Washington Street improvement bonds. Denom. 18 for \$400 and 2 for \$600 each. Due \$400 each six months from March 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1931 incl., and \$500 each March 1 and Sept. 1 in 1932. Date Jan. 1 1922.

COVINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Covington), Garfield County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election \$32,000 building bonds carried by a majority of nearly two to one.

COWLITZ COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon school bonds offered on Mar. 4 (V. 114, p. 873) were sold on that day to the State of Washington at par for 5 1/4%.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bucyrus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. G. Flickinger, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 24 for \$135,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due each six months as follows: \$7,000 from April 1 1923 to April 1 1930; \$8,000, Oct. 1 1930, and \$11,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1931. Certified check for \$500, payable to the County Auditor, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

CROMWELL, Middlesex County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 978) were sold to Merrill, Oldham & Co. at 102.19, a basis of about 4.27%. Date Feb. 15 1922. Due yearly on Aug. 15 as follows: \$6,000 1924; \$2,000 from 1925 to 1947 incl., and \$3,000 from 1948. The following is a complete list of the bids received: Merrill, Oldham & Co. 102.19, Thomson, Fenn & Co. 101.15, R. L. Day & Co. 101.54, Eldredge & Co. 100.57

CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 180 (P. O. Callaway), Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. March 23 for the \$45,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) school building bonds. Date March 1 1922. These bonds were voted by 229 to 73 on Feb. 24—V. 114, p. 759.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Heber, Clerk of the Board of Co. Comm'rs will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. to-day (March 11) for \$25,626 6% coupon bonds. Denom. 1 for \$626 and 25 for \$1,000 each. Date March 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$1,626 on Oct. 1 1923; \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1945, incl. and \$2,000 on Oct. 1 1946. Cert. checks for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Adel), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport have purchased \$21,000 bridge funding, \$25,000 county funding and \$60,000 road funding 6% bonds.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Texas.—BOND ORDINANCES PASSED.—The Dallas "News" of March 2 says: "An ordinance authorizing the submission of an additional \$140,000 issue for the Dallas city schools at the general election to be held next month was passed by the City Commission Wednesday morning. This raises the total of the school bond issue to \$700,000 as \$560,000 was authorized at a previous meeting. In order to make the additional issue possible, the city will follow the suggestion of Finance Commissioner Louis Blaylock and sell the \$140,000 in Liberty bonds it now possesses. This money will then be used to retire outstanding city bonds to the same amount. This will make the additional school money possible, where otherwise the limitations of the city charter forbids a further issue under present conditions."

DALLAS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dallas), Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,700,000 5 1/2% 15 1/2-year (average) bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 978—have been awarded to a syndicate composed of Eldredge & Co., Marshall Field, Gore, Ward & Co., and Curtis & Sanger, all of N. Y., and the First National Co. of Detroit, and the Stifel-Nicolaus Investment Co. of St. Louis, at 103.22, a basis of about 5.20%. Date Feb. 10 1922. Due as follows: \$56,000, April 10 1923 to 1951, inclusive, and \$76,000 Feb. 10 1952. The bonds are now being offered by the above syndicate to yield 5%.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Actual valuation, 1921; Assessed valuation, 1921; Total bonded debt (including this issue); Ratio of debt to assessed valuation, about 3%.

DANIELS COUNTY (P. O. Scobey), Mont.—BOND SALE.—We are advised by the County Clerk and Recorder that Jno. E. Price & Co. of Seattle have purchased \$233,572 45 6% bonds (issued to pay indebtedness to parent counties) at par and accrued interest to date of delivery. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922.

DECATUR, Morgan County, Ala.—BONDS VOTED.—BOND OFFERING.—At the election held on Feb. 14—V. 114, p. 433—the \$100,000 6% school bonds were voted by a count of 213 "for" to 4 "against." Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Mar 14 by E. W. Collier, City Clerk, for the \$100,000 6% school mentioned above. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1922. Prin. and annual int. payable in New York. Due Mar. 1 1942. Cert. check for \$1,000 required. The official circular states "There has been no default in payment within the last ten years."

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Total value of all taxable property (estimated); Last assessed valuation of property for taxation, year 1921; Total bonded debt (incl. this issue); Tax rate \$8 00 per M; Population (1920 census) 4,752—now estimated 5,500.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$68,000 5% Helmer-Coxuma, Garrett Pike road bonds, offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 433—were sold to the City National Bank at par and accrued interest.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Media), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 4 1/4% coupon Series No. 1 bonds offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 978—were sold on that date to Reilly, Brock & Co. of Philadelphia at 101.5179, a basis of about 4.16%. Date March 1 1922. Duo March 1 1952. The following is a complete list of the bids received: Reilly, Brock & Co. 101.5179, West & Co. 100.570, Delaware County Trust Co., Chester, Pa. 101.39, Graham, Parsons & Co. 100.567, Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y. 100.464, Redmond & Co. 101.00, Lewis, Snyder & Co. 100.433, Harrison, Smith & Co. 100.81, Girard Trust Co. 100.32. All the above (except as indicated) are located in Philadelphia.

DELTA, Delta County, Colo.—DATE.—The date on which the electors will decide whether they are in favor of authorizing an issue of \$40,000 5 1/2% 10-15-year (opt.) water bonds, which has already been sold to Bosworth, Chanute & Co. of Denver at 102.035, they to furnish blank bonds and provide themselves with legal proceedings at their own expense (V. 114, p. 874), is March 14.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% coupon municipal building furniture bonds offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 649—were sold to the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$35 06, equal to 100.8765, a basis of about 5.78%. Date March 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1930 incl. A bid of par and accrued interest was submitted by Ryan-Howman & Co. of Toledo.

DENVER (CITY AND COUNTY) SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Colo.—SCHOOL BOARD ASKS CITIZENS TO INDORSE \$6,800,000 IN BONDS.—The Denver "Rocky Mountain News" on Mar. 5 with regard to the subject said in part:

"Authorization of \$6,800,000 worth of bonds, payable in three issues, the first, of \$2,400,000, to be voted upon next October, the second, of the same amount, to be voted upon in April 1924, and the third, of \$2,000,000, to be voted upon in October 1925, will be asked by the Denver Board of Education, according to a public statement issued yesterday outlining its policy in regard to new building construction and the financing thereof. "The report states that inasmuch as no large bond issue for school purposes would be authorized by taxpayers in the near future, such a plan as suggested would meet the plainly evident needs of the coming years." The bonds would provide for the erection of new buildings for the East, West and South Denver High Schools, and of additional junior high schools, and would result in steps to consolidate the too numerous small elementary schools into larger administrative units in the interests of economy and more efficient instruction."

**DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The following five issues of bonds, aggregating \$14,500,000, which were offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 978) were sold to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Hallgarten & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co., all of New York, at their joint bid of 102.777, a basis of about 4.525%:

- \$6,000,000 5% 16 1/2-year (aver.) general public improvement (school) bonds. Due \$750,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1935 to 1942 incl.
- 4,000,000 5% 16 1/2-year (aver.) public sewer bonds. Due \$500,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1935 to 1942 incl.
- 2,500,000 4 1/2% 16-year (aver.) general public improvement (park) bonds. Due \$312,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1935 to 1938 incl. and \$313,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1939 to 1942 incl.
- 1,000,000 4 1/2% 16 1/2-year (aver.) general public improvement (police headquarters) bonds. Due \$125,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1935 to 1942 incl.
- 1,000,000 4 1/2% 10-year public utility (street railway) bonds. Due Jan 15 1932.

Date Jan. 15 1922. The bonds are being offered to investors by the above syndicate on a previous page of this issue at the following prices:

Maturity.	5% Bds.	4 1/2% Bds.	Maturity.	5% Bds.	4 1/2% Bds.
1932	105.000	100.750	1939	106.500	101.50
1935	105.000	101.000	1940	106.875	101.625
1936	105.375	101.125	1941	107.250	101.750
1937	105.750	101.250	1942	107.625	101.875
1938	106.125	101.375			

The following is a complete list of the bids received:

- Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Hallgarten & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co. 102.777
- Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co., First Nat. Co. of Detroit, Detroit Trust Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. 100.397
- National City Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Wm. R. Compton Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Stacy & Braun, Lee, Higginson & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Redmond & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Northern Trust Co., Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Illinois Trust Co., Curtis & Sanger and Dominick & Dominick 102.309

**DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dickinson County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until March 14 for \$50,000 6% 20-year bonds. These bonds were voted on March 2 by 106 to 2.

**DODGE COUNTY (P. O. Juneau), Wisc.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Mar. 21 by Emanuel Pfaff, County Clerk, for \$700,500 5% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$200,000 1923, \$86,000 1924, \$94,500 1925, \$200,000 1926 and \$120,000 1927. Cert. check for 2% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bidders will be required to pay accrued interest in addition to the price paid. Bonds to be delivered and paid for as follows: \$200,000 as soon as bonds are printed and signed, \$100,000 June 1 1922, \$200,000 July 1 1922, and \$200,500 Aug. 1 1922.

**DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—R. W. Quimby, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Mar. 17 for \$70,000 water, light and sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 105, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 25 the \$20,000 bonds, offered on that date—V. 114, p. 759—were sold to the State of Washington at par for 5 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Int. annually. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1923 to 1932 incl., optional at any interest paying date.

**EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles Ammerman, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until March 27 for \$150,000 5 1/2% school bonds. These bonds have an average life of about 16 years. These are apparently the same bonds which were offered without success on March 1—V. 114, p. 979.

**EASTHAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Easthampton), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.**—By a vote of 195 "for" to 38 "against" the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds the electors on March 4 decided to bond the district for the purpose of erecting a new school building.

**EAST LIVERPOOL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Liverpool), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—E. J. Gaston, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 28 for \$26,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, from 1923 to 1926 incl., and \$6,000 in 1927. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**ELLERBE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Mineral Springs Township, Richmond County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—The \$10,000 school bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 114, p. 218—have been awarded as 6s. at par and accrued interest, to Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Due \$500 yearly from 1923 to 1943 incl.

**ELMIRA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alamance County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—Prudden & Co. of Toledo, have purchased the \$20,000 6% coupon school building bonds offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 979. Date Feb. 1 1922. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$500 1925 to 1940 and \$1,000 1941 to 1952.

**ENFIELD, Halifax County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed proposals will be received until 12 m. March 21 (date changed from March 14—V. 114, p. 979) by John L. Burrows, Town Clerk, for the following 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds: \$70,000 water bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1962 incl. 70,000 sewer bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1925 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1962 incl. 50,000 electric-light bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, yearly, 1925 to 1930 incl., and \$2,000, 1931 to 1952 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the U. S. Mite & Trust Co., New York, and interest on registered bonds will, at the option of holder, be paid in New York exchange. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or cash, for 2% of bid, payable to the Town of Enfield, required. Purchaser or purchasers will be furnished with the approving opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Enfield. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mite & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest to date of delivery.

**ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—P. Hanson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 p. m. March 21 for \$65,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered atom tunnel and subway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in Erie. Due yearly from 2 to 24 years.

**ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Erie), Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) tax-free bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 760—were sold to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$101 equal to 100.942, a basis of about 4.24%. Date April 1 1922. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1927 to 1931 incl., \$5,000, 1932 to 1941 incl., \$10,000, 1942 to 1946 incl., and \$10,000, 1947 to 1951 incl. A bid was also received from A. A. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia.

**EVERMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Everman), Tarrant County, Texas.—BOND APPROVED.**—The Attorney General of Texas has approved \$30,000 6% school bonds.

**EXETER, Fillmore County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.**—A vote of 108 to 21, it is stated, carried a proposition to issue \$5,000 water bonds.

**FAIRPORT, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frank W. Howard, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 20 for the following two issues of 6% bond: \$53,000 West Avenue paving bonds, series A. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1924 to 1929 incl., and \$4,000, 1930 to 1932 incl. 11,000 West Avenue paving bonds, series B. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1931 incl., and \$2,000 in 1932.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, required. The approving opinion of Clay & Dillon will be furnished to the purchaser free of charge. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

**FAIRVIEW VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rocky River), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$15,000 6% coupon bonds offered on March 2—V. 114, p. 874—were sold to Milliken & York at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$103.50 (100.69), a basis of about 5.90%. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1937, inclusive. A bid of par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$33, was submitted by W. L. Slayton & Co.

**FANNING COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Bonham), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by A. P. Bolding, County Judge, until March 13 for \$10,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 15 1919. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable in Bonham, Austin, or New York City. Due in 40 years, optional after 10 years.

**FARGO, Cass County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. R. Watkins, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 22 for \$75,000 6% coupon paving improvement bonds. Due \$5,000 in 1 to 15 years. Interest payable annually (April 15) at the City Treasurer's office. Bidders, if they prefer, may in lieu of submitting written bids, appear before the Commission at the time above indicated and submit oral bids.

Before a contract will be awarded to any oral bidder he will be required to deposit his certified check for 5% of the amount of his bid, and each written bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid. Bidders may indicate the prices for bonds payable either at the office of the City Treasurer or at the office of the First National Bank, Chicago. The bonds will be dated about May 15 and the bidder may indicate his bid on the basis of a delivery of the entire amount about June 1 as well as delivery of a part of the issue from time to time as the paving work proceeds, but in either event will be required to pay the accrued interest from the date of the warrants to the date of delivery. These bonds are issued under the provisions of Section 3711 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913.

**FARMERSVILLE, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—O. E. Swinehart, Village Clerk and Treasurer, will receive sealed proposals until 12 m. to-day (March 11) for \$1,289.72 6% coupon deficiency bonds. Denom. 1 for \$289.72 and 2 for \$500 each. Date Sept. 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the Citizens Bank, Farmersville. Due \$500 Sept. 1 in 1922 and 1923 and \$289.72 Sept. 1 1924.

**FERNANDINA, Nassau County, Fla.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on April 4 to vote on the question of issuing \$150,000 6% funding, light, water and ice-plant bonds. Date June 1 1922. Denom. \$1,000.

**FLUSHING, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—Pursuant to a resolution of the Council passed on Feb. 17 1922, there will be submitted to the qualified electors at a special election on March 21 the question of issuing bonds in not excess of 1% of the total value of all village property as listed and assessed for taxation; that is, \$55,000 for the purpose of improving numerous village streets.

**FOND DU LAC COUNTY (P. O. Fond du Lac), Wisc.—BOND SALE.** On Mar. 8 the \$26,000 5% county highway bonds (V. 114, p. 874) were sold to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and the William R. Compton Co., both of Chicago, at 102.39, a basis of about 4.695%. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. Due yearly on Apr. 1 as follows: \$225,000 1927, \$200,000 1933, \$158,000 1936 and \$43,000 1941.

**FORT DODGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Dodge), Webster County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. March 20 for \$50,000 4 1/2% 20-year refunding bonds by Paul E. Gustafson, Secretary Board of Education. Date April 1 1922. Int. semi-annually. An alternate bid is desired for bonds which will run for one year, bearing interest at 6% per annum, payable semi-ann. Dated April 1 1922. In each case the cost of the issue shall be considered in submitting the bid. A check in the amount of \$1,000 must accompany the bids.

Financial Statement.

*Actual assessed value of property	\$19,170,668
Taxable value year 1921	4,792,667
Moneys and credits (not incl. in the foregoing figures)	3,075,564
Total bonded indebtedness	895,000
Amount of proposed school bonds (refundng)	50,000
Population 1920, 19,333; present (estimated) population	20,000

\* Assessed actual value of railroad, telegraph and telephone property approximately \$460,000 (to be added to above).

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Franklin), Sussex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. K. Clopper, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 22 for an issue of 5 1/2% coupon or registered bonds not to exceed \$187,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Sussex County Trust Co. in Franklin. Due \$11,000 yearly on April 1 from 1924 to 1940, incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for required. Successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, attorneys, of N. Y. City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mite & Trust Co., N. Y. City, which will certify to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the impress of the seal thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**FREEBORN COUNTY (P. O. Albert Lea), Minn.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SOON.**—An issue of \$100,000 road bonds will be offered for sale soon.

**FREMONT, Dodge County, Neb.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$30,000 6% 5-20-year (opt.) tax-free water works bonds by the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha—V. 114, p. 100—was 102.

**BOND ELECTION.**—On April 4 \$25,000 bonds for the construction of a swimming pool in the city park will be voted on.

**FRIAR'S POINT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clarksdale), Coahoma County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The Clarksdale Savings Bank of Clarksdale has purchased the \$15,000 6% bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 114, p. 328—at par plus a premium of \$105 equal to 100.70. Denom. \$1,000. Int. P. & A. Due as follows: \$2,500 1923 to 1927, incl.; \$10,000 1928 to 1937, incl., and \$2,500 1938 to 1942, incl.

**FRUITA, Mesa County, Colo.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$11,000 6% serial refunding water bonds, offered on March 3—V. 114, p. 874—were not sold.

**FULTON, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$485,000 coupon (with privilege of registration) school bonds offered on March 3—V. 114, p. 760—were sold to Harris, Forbes & Co. and the Bankers Trust Co., both of New York at their joint bid of \$491,537.80 (101.348) for 4 1/2% a basis of about 4.38%. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1923 to 1947 incl., and \$16,000 from 1948 to 1952 incl. The following bids were received:  
Harris, Forbes & Co. \$491,537.80  
Win. R. Compton Co. \$488,797.55  
Bankers Trust Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
Humphill, Noyes & Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
The Wood & Merrillfield 491,111.00  
National City Co. 480,944.85  
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. 490,965.50  
E. H. Rollins & Sons 486,309.50

**GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds offered on Feb. 16—V. 114, p. 512—were sold to White, Weld & Co. of New York at 101.17, a basis of about 4.63%. Date Feb. 1 1922. Due Feb. 1 1937.

**GEORGETOWN, Williamson County, Texas.—BOND ELECTION.**—"The Dallas News" of Feb. 23 had the following to say regarding an election to be held on Mar. 25: "The Georgetown City Council, in session Monday evening (Feb. 20), Mayor John M. Sharpe presiding, voted unanimously to submit to the vote of the people of Georgetown the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$110,000 for paying streets, purchasing a public park location and for the fire department, apportioned as follows: \$85,000 for street paving, \$15,000 for the fire department and \$10,000 for park grounds. At a called meeting Tuesday (Feb. 21), the Council passed the order for the election setting the date for Saturday, Mar. 25."

**GLOVER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,850.00 bonds offered on Feb. 1 (V. 114, p. 328) were sold to the Peoples Bank of Miltonville at par and accrued interest. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due \$350 March 1 1924 and \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1924 to 1942 incl.

**GLOVERSVILLE, Fulton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$196,000 5% refunded local improvement bonds offered on March 9—

V. 114, p. 874—were sold to Charles King of Johnstown, for \$106,950 (100.89), a basis of about 4.69%. Date Jan. 3 1922. Due \$23,000 1923, \$22,000 1924, \$21,000 1925 and \$20,000 in 1926 and 1927. A bid was also submitted by Sherwood & Merrifield of New York City.

**GOLDSBORO, Wayne County, No. Caro.—BIDS.**—The following is a complete list of bids received on Feb. 20 for the \$62,000 6% coupon (with privilege of registration) funding bonds offered on that day (V. 114, p. 875):  
 Hanchett Bond Co., Chic\* \$62,657 00 | Seasongood & Mayer, Cinc. \$61,390  
 Persons, Campbell & Co., Toledo 62,037 20 | Ryan, Bowan & Co., Toledo 62,218  
 Title Guar. & Tr. Co., Cin. 62,093 00 | lotte 62,015  
 A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., New York 62,430 00 | Peoples' Bank, Goldsboro 62,090

\* Notice that this bid had been successful was given in V. 114, p. 875.

**GRAHAM, Nodaway County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.**—An issue of \$20,000 water bonds has been voted, it is reported.

**GREENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greensburg), Kiowa County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The \$85,000 high school building bonds voted during January—V. 114, p. 761—have been sold.

**GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—On Feb. 28 an issue of \$125,000 5% street improvement bonds was sold at 94.40 and accrued interest to Edwin Hobby & Co. of Dallas. There were several other bids received all being over 90.

**GREENVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville), Darke County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$390,000 5% coupon bonds offered on March 2 (V. 114, p. 761) were sold at par and accrued interest to Stacy & Braun of Toledo. Date Feb. 15 1922. Due \$10,000 each six months from Feb. 15 1923 to Feb. 15 1942 incl.

**GROVE CITY, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 6% special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Feb. 28—V. 114, p. 650—were sold to the Ohio National Bank.

**HALL COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Memphis), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Feb. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$5,000 6% 20-40-year school bonds.

**HALLAM, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that \$12,000 6% electric light bonds have been sold.

**HALLETSVILLE, Lavaca County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—H. C. Burt & Co., Houston, have purchased \$20,000 6% electric-light bonds at 96 and accrued int. These bonds were registered with the State Comptroller of Texas on Jan. 12 (V. 114, p. 434).

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The following three issues of bonds aggregating \$18,700 were sold on Feb. 25 at par and accrued interest as stated below:  
 \$10,000 bonds to C. H. Fouch, contractor, for the road which the bonds are issued for.

- 5,300 bonds to J. F. Wild & Co., Indianapolis.
- 3,400 bonds to J. F. Wild & Co., Indianapolis.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Albert Reinhardt, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 28 for \$200,000 5% coupon Longview Hospital Building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable to the County Treasurer's office. Due Mar. 1 1952. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the County Treasurer (Louis J. Huwe), required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**HAMMOND, Tangipahoa Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Mar. 21 by C. C. Carter, Mayor for the following 6% coupon municipal bonds:

- \$55,000 street improvement bonds Denom. \$1,000.
- 40,000 city hall bonds Denom. \$1,000.
- 20,000 paving bonds. Denom. \$500.
- 2,500 light bonds. Denom. \$50.
- 18,000 sewerage bonds Denom. \$500.
- 9,500 water bonds. Denom. \$250.
- Semi-ann int. payable March and September. Due in 25 years. Cert. check for 5% of bid payable to the City of Hammond, required.

The legality of these bonds approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago, Ill., and A. W. Spiller of Hammond, La.

**HARDIN COUNTY (P. O. Eldora), Iowa.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.**—The \$80,000 5½% funding bonds awarded as stated in V. 114, p. 875, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1922. Prin. and semi-ann int (M & N) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 on May 1 and Nov 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl.

**Financial Statement.**  
 Assessed value of taxable property—1921.....\$45,331,112  
 Total indebtedness, including this issue..... 475,100  
 Population, 1920 census, 20,348.

**HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer (P. O. Mosquero) for \$25,000 6% 10-30-year (opt.) school building bonds until March 29. These bonds were voted by 84 to 6 at a recent election—V. 114, p. 761.

**HARPER COUNTY (P. O. Buffalo), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.**—On March 13 the \$100,000 6% court-house bonds—V. 114, p. 542—will be submitted to the voters.

**HASKINS, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,500 6% Inter-County Highway No. 283 special assessment bonds offered unsuccessfully on Feb. 18, as reported in V. 114, p. 979, have been sold to the Farmers' Savings Bank Co. of Haskins at par and accrued interest. Date Oct. 1 1921. Due \$500 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1927 incl.

**HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. to-day (Mar. 11) by the City Treasurer for a temporary loan of \$150,000. Date Mar. 14 1922. Due Oct. 18 1922.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$113,000 6% highway bonds offered on Jan. 27—V. 114, p. 328—have been awarded to I. B. Tigrett & Co. of Jackson.

**HEMINGFORD, Box Butte County, Nebr.—BOND ELECTION.**—An issue of \$12,000 town hall construction bonds is to be voted upon soon.

**HIGHLAND SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT, Pasco County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 5% road and bridge bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 875—have been awarded to J. B. McCrary & Co. of Atlanta at 92.50.

**HILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hill City), Graham County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The \$135,000 high school bldg. bonds recently voted—V. 114, p. 761—have been sold.

**HILLSBORO, Tyler County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—The City Council sold \$60,000 school bonds issued last year, to J. B. Plain, of Dallas.

**HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—T. D. Glasgo, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 18 for \$69,291 91 5% coupon ditch bonds. Denom. 19 for \$3,464 60 and 1 for \$3,464 51. Date March 1 1921. Int. M. & S. Due \$3,464 60 each six months from March 1 1923 to March 1 1932 incl., and \$3,464 51 on Sept. 1 1932. Cert. check for \$3,464 60, payable to the above Auditor, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**BOND SALE.**—The \$14,000 6% coupon special assessment Section D, Killbuck-Glenmont Road Improvement, County Highway No. 5, bonds offered on Mar. 4 (V. 114, p. 875) were sold to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati at 100.214, a basis of about 5.92%. Date Mar. 1 1922. Due \$1,400 each six months from Mar. 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1927 incl. The following is a complete list of the bids received:  
 Seasongood & Mayer, Cinc. \$14,030 | Ryan-Bowman & Co., Tol. \$14,002 20  
 Com'l & S. B., Millersburg 14,000 | Refinancing & Mortgage  
 J. & G. Adams Bk., Mil'b'g. 14,006 | Co., Cleveland 14,011 50

**HOUSTON, Houston County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. March 21 by A. S. Peterson, Village Recorder, for \$14,000 5½% water-works-system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1922. Int. annual. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1929 to 1942, incl. Purchaser to furnish bonds and legal opinion.

**HURON, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$11,000 6% water-works and electric-light-extension bonds offered unsuccessfully on Oct. 3—V. 113, p. 1699—were recently taken by the State Industrial Commission

of Ohio at par and interest. Date Sept 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1922 to 1932, incl.

**HURON COUNTY (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$26,000 6% 5½-year (aver.) Covert Act road bonds offered on Mar. 2 (V. 114, p. 875) were sold on that date to Tucker, Robison & Co. of Toledo for \$26,646 88 (102.488), a basis of about 5.48%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$600. Date May 1 1922. Int. M. & N. Due \$2,600 yearly for ten years.

**INDEPENDENCE COUNTY (P. O. Batesville), Ark.—BOND SALE.**—M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock have purchased \$300,000 road bonds.

**IVERNESS, Citrus County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 6½% water and sewer bonds offered on Feb. 15—V. 114, p. 328—were awarded to D. A. Clark at 95. Due in 20 years.

**ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Islip), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Carl B. Brown, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 15 for \$237,100 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds. Denom. 1 for \$100 and 237 for \$1,000 each. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank in Islip. Due \$1,100 Jan. 1 1923, \$4,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1924 to 1927 incl., \$8,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1947 incl. and \$12,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1948 to 1952 incl. Cert. check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of N. Y. City that the bonds are valid obligations of the Board. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seals on the bonds. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Islip), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$7,500 5% bonds was sold on March 1 to the Oystermen's National Bank of Sayville, N. Y., at par and accrued interest. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1929, incl., and \$500 on March 1 1930.

**JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,000,000 5% coupon improvement bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 980) have been awarded to Kountze Bros. and the National City Co. of New York, Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore and the Florida National Bank, Barnett National Bank and the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$14,200, equal to 100.71, a basis of about 4.92%. Date Apr. 1 1921. Due Apr. 1 1931.

**JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—George H. McLain, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 1 p. m. March 16 for \$18,600 5% George Nannengo road impt. No. 3347 Keener Twp. bonds. Denom. \$930. Date March 15 1922. Int. M. & N. Due \$930 each six months from May 15 1923 to Nov. 15 1932 incl.

**JEFFERSON CITY, Cole County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received by Richard R. Nocy, City Clerk, until 11 p. m. March 20 for the following 6% 10-20-year (opt.) bonds:  
 \$1,000 Elm St. bridge reconstruction bonds. Denom. \$500.  
 21,500 Miller St. tunnel reconstruction bonds. Denom. \$500.  
 11,000 Miller St. tunnel extension bonds. Denom. \$500.  
 2,000 storm sewer construction bonds. Denom. \$500.  
 49,000 bonds for the purpose of discharging and satisfying \$49,000 of valid outstanding judgment indebtedness of the city.

Date March 1 1922. Payable at the City Treasurer's office. Cert. check for 10% of the amount of bid required. The above issues were voted by the people on Feb. 7 1922 and all carried by more than the required two-thirds majority. Authority for these issues will be found (\$49,000 issue) in Sec. 1042, R. S. Mo., 1919, and an Act of the Legislature approved March 31 1919 (Laws of Mo., 1921, pp. 163-165), and the other issues under authority of the R. S. Mo., 1919, and of an election duly called and held Feb. 7 1922. Official announcement says: "There is not now any controversy or litigation pending or threatening the corporate existence or the boundaries of this municipality, or the title of its present officials to their respective offices, or the validity of these bonds or any other bonds, and the proceeds of these issues will be used directly for the purpose for which they are issued. The statutory limitation of debt is 5% of the assessed valuation of the next preceding completed assessment (1919)."

**Financial Statement.**  
 Assessed valuation of all taxable property, 1919.....\$6,103,024  
 Assessed valuation of all taxable property, 1920..... 10,000,000  
 Estimated valuation of all the property, 1922..... 20,000,000  
 Total bonded indebtedness, exclusive of this issue.....\$146,000  
 Total of this issue..... 84,500  
 Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue..... 230,500  
 There are no water or light bonds in the above except to pay judgments held by the water and light companies against the city in the amount of..... 64,000  
 Floating debt..... 1,000  
 Total debt..... 231,000  
 Sinking fund..... 16,000  
 There are no outstanding unpaid warrants

Population, 1920, 14,067; present estimated population..... 15,000  
 Rate of tax for the year of 1921 was \$0.635 on the \$100 valuation.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$12,000 4½% John W. Geyman et al. Shelby Twp. bonds offered on Feb. 23 (V. 114, p. 761) were not sold as no bids were received.

**JONESTOWN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clarksdale), Coahoma County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 6% bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 114, p. 329—have been awarded at par plus a premium of \$905 to the Clarksdale Savings Bank, Clarksdale. Due \$2,000 yearly on Feb. 1 beginning 1923.

**JUAB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nephi), Utah.—ADDITIONAL DATA.**—The \$175,000 5% 1-20-year serial high school building bonds, awarded recently to the Palmer Bond & Mtge. Co. of Salt Lake City, acting for a syndicate of Denver houses, at 94.56—V. 114, p. 875—are in denom. of \$1,000, and are dated March 1 1922. Int. M. & S.

**JUNCTION CITY, Perry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Willis H. Price, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 23 for \$5,409 36 6% coupon street improvement bonds. Denom. \$601 04. Date Mar. 1 1922. Prin. and annual interest payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Due \$601 04 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1923 to 1931 incl. Cert. check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

**JUPITER INLET DISTRICT, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BIDS.**—The following bids were received for the \$100,000 7% inlet bonds on Feb. 14:  
 Bessemer Investment Co., New York.....\$100,325  
 Stiener Bros., Birmingham..... 95,000  
 W. L. Slayton & Co. and Blanchet, Thornburgh & Vandersall, Tol. 95,500  
 First National Bank, West Palm Beach..... 98,500  
 \*Notice that this bid was successful was given in V. 114, p. 875.

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY (P. O. Kalamazoo), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. April 7 by the Board of County Commissioners for about \$249,000 assessment District Nos. 33, 34 and 37 bonds not to exceed 6% interest per annum. Due from 1 to 10 years. Cert. check for \$600, payable to the above mentioned Board of Commissioners, required.

**KEANSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Keansburg), Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$65,000 5% bonds was recently sold to the Keansburg National Bank at 100.54, a basis of about 4.94%.

**KEARNEY, Buffalo County, Neb.—SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD.**—The Omaha "Bee" of Feb. 24 says:  
 "April 4 and 5 are dates set for special elections in Kearney. On April 4 voters will be asked to express their sentiment on issuance of \$50,000 bonds for paving of street intersections. Another bond issue, \$15,000 in amount, for storm sewer extensions, also will be disposed of.  
 "The following day voters will determine if Kearney shall continue under commission form of government or revert back to the councilman plan. The City Attorney ruled both elections could not be disposed of at a special election on the same date."

**KENNETH, Rock County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.**—On March 23 \$10,000 light bonds will be voted upon.

**KENT COUNTY (P. O. Dover), Del.—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 4½% coupon State aid road bonds offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 761—were sold to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York and Laird & Co. of Wil-

nington at their joint bid of 95.61. Date April 1 1922. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1926 to 1930, incl.; \$30,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$40,000, 1936 to 1940, incl., and \$50,000 in 1941. The county reserves the right to redeem this issue on April 1 1927 or on any interest-paying date thereafter at 105 and accrued interest.

KENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kenton), Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—John E. Rubins, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. April 3 for \$25,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. Due \$2,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1933, incl., and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1934. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the District Treasurer, required.

KENTON COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. April 4 by John W. Middendorf, County Clerk, for \$1,000,000 5% 16 1/4-year (aver.) coupon road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A.-O.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$68,000, 1927; \$11,000, 1928; \$12,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$14,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$15,000, 1935; \$16,000, 1936; \$17,000, 1937; \$18,000, 1938; \$19,000, 1939; \$20,000, 1940; \$21,000, 1941 and 1942; \$23,000, 1943; \$24,000, 1944; \$25,000, 1945; \$26,000, 1946; \$28,000, 1947; \$29,000, 1948; \$30,000, 1949, and \$11,000, 1950. Cert. check for 2% of bid, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Bonds will be engraved at the expense of county and signed by the County Judge and countersigned by the County Treasurer.

Sealed bids will also be received at the same time and place for \$150,000 bonds of the first maturing bonds of the above issue.

KENT VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kent), Portage County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 6% bonds offered on Jan. 15—V. 114, p. 101—were sold to Ryan-Bowman & Co. at 100.267, a basis of about 5.93%. Date Jan. 15 1922. Due \$500 on July 15 1922; \$1,000 on Jan. 15 and \$500 on July 15 in each of the years from 1923 to 1928 incl., and \$1,000 on Jan. 15 1929, July 15 1929 and Jan. 15 1930. A bid of 100.016 was submitted by Sidrey Spitzer & Co.

KILLDEER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Killdeer), Dunn County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 15 by C. R. Meredith, Clerk Board of Education, for \$50,000 5% school bonds.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY (P. O. Scranton), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$875,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of registration) court-house and road improvement bonds offered on March 8—V. 114, p. 762—were sold to Biddle & Henry; Harrison, Smith & Co., and Stroud & Co., all of Philadelphia, at their joint bid of 100.33, a basis of about 4.23%. Date April 1 1922. Due April 1 1942.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. J. Spaulding, Secretary of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 21 for the following 5 1/2% coupon improvement bonds:

\$75,000 Painesville-Ravenna Road, I. C. H. No. 324, Section "A" road bonds. Due each six months as follows: \$4,000 from Sept. 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1929 incl.; \$5,000, March 1 1930; \$4,000, Sept. 1 1930; \$5,000, March 1 1931; \$4,000, Sept. 1 1932, and \$5,000, March 1 1932.

15,000 Painesville-Warren Road, I. C. H. No. 153, Section "H" road bonds. Due \$1,000, each six months from Sept. 1 1923 to Sept. 1 1930 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasury. Certified check for \$1,000 for each issue bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Financial Exhibit.

Assessed value for taxation (1921) appraisement.....\$86,277,990
Estimated value of taxable property.....150,000,000
Total bonded debt, including these issues.....1,804,500

Statement of Outstanding Bonds, Including These Issues.

Court house and jail bonds.....\$116,000 00
Bridge bonds.....307,000 00
Agricultural Society bonds.....57,000 00
Grade crossing.....10,000 00
Road improvement bonds, including township and special assessments, authority (Section 6906-6953, G. C. of Ohio).....875,000 00
Inter-county highway, including special assessments—authority (Sections 1223, &c.) including issues herein offered for sale.....439,500 00
Total debt.....1,804,500 00
Debt fund, cash on hand.....7,430 19
Population, 1921, 28,627. County tax rate, \$3 825 per \$1,000.

LANGDOM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Langdom), Cavalier County, No. Dak.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$20,000 5% 20-year coupon refunding bonds—V. 114, p. 762. Thomas Devaney is Clerk Board of Education.

LEESBURG, Lake County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—G. G. Ware, Secretary Board of Bond Trustees, will receive sealed bids until March 22 or \$125,000 5% municipal plant bonds. Date July 1 1922.

LEMHI COUNTY (P. O. Salmon), Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. W. Simmonds, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 10 a. m. April 12 for \$50,000 coupon road and bridge construction bonds at not to exceed 6% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at such banking house in the city and State of New York as may be hereafter designated by the Board of County Commissioners. Due \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. Cert. check for \$5,000, payable to the County Treasurer, required. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$200,000. Bonds to be issued under and by virtue of and in strict compliance with Sections 3519 to 3531 incl. of the Idaho Compiled Statutes, and all Acts and parts of Acts amendatory thereof, or supplemental thereto, and also by virtue of the authority of a vote of the qualified electors of the several voting precincts of Lemhi County, present and voting on the question at an election held for that purpose in the several precincts of the county on Nov. 2 1920, at which election more than two-thirds of the electors voted in favor of the issuance and sale of the bonds. Delivery of the bonds to be made to the purchaser as soon after the award thereof as the same can be properly engraved, printed, executed and registered. No bid will be considered for less than the face or par value of bonds and accrued interest at the time of disposal. Official announcement says: "County has had other bond issues and has always met payments promptly when same were due, and no previous issue has ever been defaulted, neither is there any litigation pending or threatened concerning the validity of these bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of the county."

Financial Statement.

Bond debt (January 1922).....\$178,000 00
Proposed issue.....50,000 00
Floating debt (war, outstanding).....18,147 50
Total debt, including proposed issue.....\$246,147 50
Less cash applicable.....30,862 14

Net debt, including proposed issue.....\$215,285 15
Total assessed valuation (1921).....85,222,853
Actual value (estimated).....85,500,000
Population of county (1920 Census).....5,161

LExINGTON, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. K. Blair, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 18 for \$2,835 6% (village portion) street bonds. Denom. \$315. Date March 25 1922. Int. M. & S. Due \$315 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1941 incl. Certified check for 2% to the amount bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—NOTE SALE.—We are advised by J. L. Arlt, of Austin, that he recently purchased \$1,075,000 5 1/2% coupon notes. They answer to the following description: Denom. \$1,000. Date March 25 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Due yearly on March 25 as follows: \$20,000, 1924 to 1931, inclusive, and \$46,000, 1932.

Financial Statement.

Estimated true valuation.....\$100,000,000
Assessed valuation (1920).....15,133,04
Assessed valuation (1921) will exceed.....48,000,000
Total debt (including this issue).....1,210,280
Real estate (owned by city).....1,618,175
Actual real estate assets in excess of indebtedness.....3,727,775
Population (1910 Census), 45,941; 1920 Census, 65,030.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 149, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The District Bond Co. of Los Angeles has purchased \$226,154 80 6% bonds.

LUIA COUNTY (P. O. Wapello), Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on March 6 for the \$28,800 6% Levee District No. 8 bonds—V. 114, p. 876.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$300,000 was recently sold to Bond & Goodwin of Boston on a 4.19% discount basis. Due Nov. 3 1922. The following bids were received: Bond & Goodwin.....4.19% Estabrook & Co.....4.27%
Blake Bros. & Co.....4.21% \$2 00 Manufacturers National
Old Colony Trust Co.....4.25% 1 75 Bank, Lynn.....4.29%
C. L. Edwards.....4.26% Central Nat. Bk., Lynn.....4.32%

LYON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On March 1 the \$16,396 76 20-year trunk highway reimbursement bonds dated Nov. 1 1921, offered on that date—V. 114, p. 762—were sold to Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., as 4 3/4s.

BOND SALE.—At the same time the following two issues of bonds were also sold to the above firm as 5s:

\$25,000 County Ditch No. 49 bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$5,000, 1931, and \$8,000, 1932.
8,000 County Ditch No. 51 bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1928 to 1931 incl.

McKENZIE COUNTY (P. O. Schafer), No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—This county, according to newspaper reports, has just sold \$150,000 6% 15-year funding bonds.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$34,000 6% bonds was sold on Feb. 23 to A. T. Dye, a local banker, at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$775, equal to 102.279.

BOND SALE.—An issue of \$10,000 6% bonds was also sold to A. T. Dye, this issue being sold at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$115, which is equal to 101.15.

MADISON TOWNSHIP, Jay County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Roush, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 28 for \$48,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 28 1922. Int. J. & J. Due each six months.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 4% bonds offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 981—were sold to the Manchester Safe Deposit & Trust Co. at 97.54, a basis of about 4.27%. Date March 1 1922. Due \$30,000 yearly from 1923 to 1942 incl. Int. M. & S.

The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Manchester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....97.547
Eldredge & Co.....96.25
Watkins & Co.....95.51
Old Colony Trust Co.....96.25
Chas. W. Tobey.....96.519
Harris, Forbes & Co.....96.41
R. L. Day & Co.....95.84
Merrill, Oldham & Co.....95.84

MAPLEWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 28 \$75,000 city-hall and fire-apparatus bonds will be voted upon.

MARIETTA, Washington County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Glendora McCall, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 24 for the following 6% bonds:

\$8,800 culvert bonds. Denom. \$440. Date July 1 1921. Due \$440 yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1941 incl.
5,900 general street improvement bonds. Denom. \$590. Date July 20 1921. Due \$590 yearly on July 1 from 1926 to 1935 incl.

Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—BOND OFFERING.—In a resolution adopted by the County Commissioners on March 4 the county was authorized to issue \$1,250,000 bonds with which to buy what is known as the south block of the World War Memorial Plaza site. The resolution provides for the sale of the bonds April 21 and that they are to be serial bonds, covering a 30-year period, the first bond to be due in 1927. The bonds are to bear 5% interest per annum. This property (the south block), which is to be bought by the county, is bounded by Meridian, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Michigan streets and is adjacent to the property brought by the City of Indianapolis, which is known as the north block of the World War Memorial Plaza site and which is bounded by Meridian, Pennsylvania, Michigan and North streets. The property bought by the city was paid for with the proceeds of the sale of the \$1,600,000 6% bonds awarded to Gavin L. Payne & Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison and the City Trust Co. on Dec. 23—V. 113, p. 2843. Regarding a court controversy over the purchase of the south block which the County Commissioners are expecting, the Indianapolis "News" of March 4 had the following to say: "Members of the Board of Commissioners announced that steps will be taken to acquire the separate pieces of property in the block in the name of the county as soon as the bonds are sold. The Commissioners are expecting a court controversy before some of the property is acquired. They say some of the property owners are dissatisfied with the appraised value of their property."

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. A. O'Leary, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. March 20 for \$28,500 6% coupon Marion-Marysville I. C. H. No. 115, Section "G-3" improvement bonds. Denom. 1 for \$1,500 and 27 for \$1,000 each. Date March 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$1,500 Sept. 1 1922 and \$1,000 on March 1 and \$2,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years from 1923 to 1931, inclusive. Certified check for \$500, payable to the Board of County Commissioners, required. Bonds to be delivered to purchaser on April 1 1922 or as soon thereafter as they can be printed, and a transcript prepared covering the proceedings of the Board in relation to the issuance thereof. The bonds are to be paid for upon delivery, with accrued interest, if any, at the office of the Board of County Commissioners.

MARLBORO, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$100,000 was recently sold to Blake Brothers & Co. on a 4.22% discount basis. Due \$50,000 Oct. 9 1922 and Oct. 23, 1922.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Williamston), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 15 by S. S. Brown, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, for \$300,000 5 1/4% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S.) payable at the National Park Bank, New York City. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1927 to 1932, inclusive; \$10,000, 1933 to 1942, inclusive; \$15,000, 1943 to 1952, inclusive; and \$20,000, 1953. All bids must be on blank forms which will be furnished by the above Clerk, and must be accompanied by a certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company payable to the order of the Treasurer of Martin County for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for. The legality of these bonds will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, Mass., whose approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. The bonds will be delivered to the purchaser wherever the purchaser desires them.

MARTIN'S FERRY, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. H. Rothmiller, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. March 30 for \$250,000 5% bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date day of bid. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at Martin's Ferry. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1925 to 1939 incl., \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1940 to 1950 incl., and \$5,000 each six months from March 1 1951 to Sept. 1 1965 incl. Certified check for \$5,000 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MASON CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mason City), Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The Northern Trust Co. of Chicago was the successful bidder on Mar. 7 for the \$100,000 5% 20-year school building bonds dated Apr. 1 1922 (V. 114, p. 981) at 104.765, and interest a basis of about 4.63%.

The following are the bids received: Northern Trust Co., Chic. \$104,765 Second Ward Securities Co., Holman & Co., Mason City 104.760 Milwaukee \$104,375 Taylor Ewart & Co., Chic. 104.750 White Phillips Co., Davenport, 103,930 Klinghelm, Wheelock & Co., 104,750 First Nat. Co., Mason City 103,885 Drake-Ballard Co., Minn. 104,435 Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chic. 103,710

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) bridge bonds offered on March 5—V. 114, p. 762—were awarded as 5s to the Union National Bank of Charlotte at par plus a premium of \$50, equal

to 100.06, a basis of about 4.99%. Date March 1 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1937, incl.

The following bids were received:

For 5% Bonds.	
Union National Bank, Charlotte	\$75,050 00
For 5 1/2% Bonds	
Paine, Webber & Co., Chi.	\$75,532 00
W.A. Harriman & Co., N.Y.	75,471 67
Detroit Trust Co., Detroit	75,461 00
Nat. Bk. of Comm., St. L.	76,026 00
Amer. Tr. Co., Charlotte	75,891 75
Claiborne, Royall & Co., Goldsboro, N. C.	75,835 00
Prov. S.B. & Tr. Co., Cinc.	75,202 50
N. S. Hill & Co., Cinc.	75,375 00
A. E. Aub & Co., Cinc.	75,200 00
Stacy & Braun, Toledo	75,217 50
For 5 1/4% Bonds.	
J. B. Walker & Co., New York	\$75,210 00
Merchants & Farmers Bank, Charlotte	75,052 50
For 6% Bonds.	
W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.	\$76,582 50
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol.	\$77,061 00

**MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—Edward A. Badger, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. Mar. 14 for a temporary loan of \$150,000. Denom. 1 for \$25,000, 3 for \$10,000 and 4 for \$5,000 each. Due \$75,000 on Nov. 24 and Dec. 11 in the year 1922. These notes are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, Mass. This trust company will further certify that the legality of this issue has been approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, Mass., a copy of whose opinion will accompany the notes when delivered, without charge to the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue, together with an affidavit certifying to the proper execution of the notes, are filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they can be inspected at any time.

**MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A temporary loan of \$100,000 offered on March 9 was sold to Goldman, Sachs & Co. on a 4.17% discount basis. Denom. 1 for \$25,000; 6 for \$10,000 and 3 for \$5,000. Due \$25,000 Sept. 14 1922 and \$75,000 Oct. 18 1922.

**MERCEDES, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$100,000 6% street improvement bonds on Feb. 27.

**MERNA, Custer County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—It is reported that Schanke & Co. of Mason City have been awarded \$10,000 6% electric-transmission bonds.

**MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 6% bonds, offered on Jan. 25—V. 114, p. 221—have been awarded to the Bank of Bay Biscayne of Miami: \$50,000 water bonds at \$48,554 (97.10), a basis of about 6.35%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1937 incl., and \$5,000, 1938 to 1941, incl. 25,000 fire department bonds at \$24,275 25 (97.10), a basis of about 6.341%. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1923 to 1935 incl., and \$2,000, 1936 to 1941 incl. Date Jan. 1 1921.

**MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$10,077 6% special assessment sewer bonds offered on Feb. 24—V. 114, p. 651—were sold to Seasongood & Mayer for 102.01, a basis of about 5.67%. Date Feb. 1 1922. Due \$1,007 10 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.

**BOND SALE.**—The \$10,000 6% street improvement bonds offered on March 8—V. 114, p. 762—were sold to A. E. Aub & Co. for 102.38, a basis of about 5.50%. Date Dec. 1 1921. Due \$1,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1922 to 1931, inclusive.

**MILES CITY, Custer County, Mont.—PRICE PAID.**—The price paid for the \$153,500 6% 10-20-year (opt.) funding bonds on Feb. 27 by the Bankers Trust Co., of Denver (V. 114, p. 981), was 100.54 and interest.

**MILFORD, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sanford Hawkins, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Mar. 29 for \$223,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds. Date April 15 1922. Prin. and int. payable at the Milford Trust Co. in Milford. Due \$23,000 April 15 1923 and \$20,000 yearly on April 15 from 1924 to 1933, incl.

**MILLE LACS COUNTY (P. O. Milacs), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$55,000 12 1-6 year (aver.) trunk highway reimbursement bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 113, p. 543—have been sold to the Merchants' Trust & Savings Bank of St. Paul at 100.50, and to furnish blank bonds and attorney's opinion without charge, for 5s. Date Feb. 7 1922. Due yearly on Feb. 7 as follows: \$10,000 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$15,000 1936.

**MINOT SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Minot), Ward County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. J. Byerly, Clerk, will receive bids on or before March 24 for \$135,000 5% 20-year building bonds recently voted by 4 to 142.

**MISSOURI (State of).—ADDITIONAL DATA REGARDING SALE OF \$15,000,000 BONDS.**—A special dispatch from Jefferson City to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" dated Mar. 2 had the following to say with regard to the sale on Mar. 1 of the \$15,000,000 5% tax-free gold coupon (with privilege of registration as to interest only or as to both principal and interest) World War Soldier Bonus bonds to a syndicate led by Estabrook & Co. of New York at 103.77 and interest, a basis of about 4.55%, notice of which was given in last week's issue, on page 982:

"The \$15,000,000 of bonds to be issued by the State for the payment of bonuses to Missouri soldiers, sailors, and marines who served their Government and State in the war with Germany, were sold to day at what financiers from a number of large cities consider a most excellent price, the premium being \$565,500. A syndicate in which St. Louis and Kansas City financiers, particularly St. Louisans, have a large interest, took over the entire issue of bonds on a bid of 103.77. In all seven bids were received. The syndicate winning the contest is composed of the following firms: National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis; Kauffman-Smith-Emert & Co., Inc., St. Louis; Estabrook & Co., New York City; Prescott & Snider, Kansas City.

"The firm that was awarded the entire issue of bonds submitted two bids, each to take over the entire issue. The first bid proposed to take over the entire issue April 1 and pay 103.72; the second proposed to take the entire issue in batches of \$3,000,000, commencing April 1 and ending Aug. 1, at 103.77. This latter bid is the one accepted. It will net the State a premium of \$565,500. The first bid of the winning firm would have netted the State a premium of \$558,500.

*Four Bid for Entire Issue.*

"The second best bid was submitted by William R. Compton Co., St. Louis, and the National City Company, of New York City. This bid was for 103.29, and would have paid a premium of \$493,500, or \$65,500 less than the premium to be paid by the successful bidders.

"Of the seven bids received, four bid for the entire issue of bonds. Mark C. Steinberg & Co. of St. Louis bid for \$1,500,000 in batches of \$150,000 and ranging in price from 104.42 down to 100.76.

"The First National Bank of Jefferson City bid for \$100,000 at 101.052. The National City Company of New York, Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, Bankers Trust Co. of New York, Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston, W. H. Thompson & Co. of St. Louis and the First National Bank of St. Louis bid for all the bonds at a premium to the State of \$493,500.

*Many Bids Received.*

"The Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis and Equitable Trust Co. of New York bid for all the bonds at a premium of \$358,500.

"The Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, Guaranty Company of New York, W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., of New York, Marshal Field, Gloré, Ward & Co. of New York, First National Company of Detroit, Barr & Schmelzter of New York, Stacy & Braun & Chicago, Ames, Emerieh & Co. of Chicago and Brown Bros. & Co. of New York bid 102 for the entire issue.

"The Empire Trust Co. of St. Joseph submitted a bid for \$10,000 of the bonds, but did not enclose a certified check to back up its bid. The bid offered was 100.15.

"Under the terms of the contract awarded, the first delivery of bonds of \$3,000,000 will be made April 1, and the same amount will be delivered the first of each month until the entire issue has been delivered Aug. 1. The bonds bear 5% interest.

*Steinberg Firm Sought \$300,000.*

"Bids were received up to noon, when the fund commissioners retired to consider fractional bids as compared with bids for the entire issue. It was decided that the best interests of the State would be served by awarding all the bonds to some firm that would bid an advantageous price. In fact, but four firms bid for all the bonds, and each bid contained a reservation that only the full issue would be accepted. As it developed later, the big bidders asked for all the bonds or none, and not enough fractional bids were received to dispose of the first \$2,000,000 of the issue of \$15,000,000.

"Paul E. Peltason of St. Louis, representing the firm of Mark C. Steinberg & Co. of St. Louis, protested after the award had been made that on \$300,000 of the bonds his firm had bid the highest and that at least his firm was entitled to this amount of the bonds. One of his bids on \$150,000 was 104.42 and the other on \$150,000 was 104.01. He said that he would consult the Attorney-General when the latter returns to the city and ascertain if there is not some way of having his firm awarded at least \$300,000 of the bonds. Under the terms of the call for bids, the fund commissioners reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

*Gov. Hyde Away.*

"Gov. Hyde and Attorney-General Barrett were both away from the city when the bids were opened. Lieut.-Gov. Lloyd was the acting Governor, as Gov. Hyde was in Chicago, and he presided over the deliberations of the commission. The other members present were State Treasurer L. D. Thompson and State Auditor Geo. E. Hackmann. They were a unit on every proposition.

"The commissioners and State officials generally think that the State effected a good sale of the bonds. The premium is more than many predicted, indicating that the credit of the State is excellent in New York, Boston, Chicago and other cities, as well as among home financiers. It was stated by representatives of the syndicate purchasing the bonds that they will presently be scattered all over the country. The validity of the bonds has been affirmed by the Supreme Court. They will be dated Mar. 1 1922 and the last of them will mature Mar. 1 1937.

"Principal and interest are payable at the State Treasury, Jefferson City. "The payments of bonuses to Missouri soldiers, sailors and marines will probably commence early in May."

**MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issue of 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on Mar. 8 (V. 114, p. 982) were sold to the Chase Securities Corp., Barr & Schmelzter, Hornblower & Weeks and Bond & Goodwin, all of New York, at their joint bid of 102.44 (a basis of about 4.46%) for the first issue, and 101.58 (a basis of about 4.56%) for the second. \$422,000 road bonds (\$432,000 bonds offered). Due yearly on Mar. 15 as follows: \$18,000 from 1924 to 1932 incl., \$27,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl. and \$17,000 in 1942.

20,000 bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 15 from 1924 to 1943 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 15 1922.

**MONTEREY PARK, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids or proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. March 27 by Arthur W. Langley, City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk Board of Trustees, for \$225,000 6% water-works bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Int. M. & S. Prin. payable at office of City Treasurer. Due \$6,500 yearly on March 1 from 1927 to 1970, incl., and \$4,000, 1961. Cert. Check for 5% of total amount bid, payable to City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The bonds will be ready for delivery on or after Apr. 1 1922 and will be delivered at the City Treasurer's office or at any designated place upon the payment by the purchaser of all expenses incurred for delivery of the bonds and transfer of the money necessary to make delivery and payment equivalent to the transfer at the office of the City Treasurer.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$10,800 4 1/2% Marion A. Davis et al. Sugar Creek and Franklin Twps. bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 982) were not sold, as no bids were received.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Troy), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.**—Seasongood & Mayer of New York recently purchased the following 6% bonds: \$17,000 court-house bonds. Due Feb. 1 1952. 100,000 road bonds. Due \$25,000 yearly on Feb. 1 in each of the years 1941, 1946, 1947 and 1952. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**MONTICELLO, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD—BONDS TO BE RE-OFFERED.**—The \$8,000 6% coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on March 4—V. 114, p. 652—were not sold on that date and will be re-offered.

**MORRILTON, Conway County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 6% paving bonds mentioned in V. 114, p. 102, have been sold.

**MORRIS COUNTY (P. O. Morristown), N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on Mar. 8 (V. 114, p. 982) were sold to Bond & Goodwin, Hornblower & Weeks and Barr & Schmelzter, all of New York, at their joint bids as given below: \$1,122,000 improvement bonds (\$1,126,000 offered) sold for \$1,126,130 63, which is equal to 100.368, a basis of about 4.46%. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$62,000 from 1923 to 1930 incl.; \$63,000 from 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$59,000 in 1940. 258,000 road bonds sold for \$258,102 78, which is equal to 100.039, a basis of about 4.49%. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$28,000 from 1923 to 1925 incl. and \$29,000 from 1926 to 1931 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1922. The following is a complete list of the bids received:

	<i>Bid on First Issue.</i>
Bond & Goodwin, Hornblower & Weeks and Barr & Schmelzter	\$1,126,130 63 for 1,122 bonds (\$1,122,000)
Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co. and Coggeshall & Hicks	\$1,126,578 00 for 1,126 bonds (\$1,126,000)
M. M. Freeman & Co., Coal & Iron Nat. Bank and Madison Trust Co., Madison, N. J.	\$1,126,111 11 for 1,123 bonds (\$1,123,000)
National Iron Bank, Morristown	\$1,126,799 46 for 1,126 bonds (\$1,126,000)
	<i>Bid on Second Issue.</i>
Bond & Goodwin, Hornblower & Weeks and Barr & Schmelzter	\$258,102 78 for 258 bonds (\$258,000)
*Eldredge & Co., New York	\$258,079 for 258 bonds (\$258,000)

\*This company's bid was conditional and was therefor not considered.

**NASHVILLE, Davidson County, Tenn.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The following financial statement has come to hand in connection with the offering on March 14 (V. 114, p. 982):

<i>Financial Statement (as of Jan. 1 1922).</i>	
Real and personal property owned by city	\$19,986,800 00
True value of real & personal property in municipality (est.)	130,000,000 00
Assessed valuation of property for 1920 (biennial assessment of 1920)	114,827,810 33
Total bonded indebtedness, including these \$478,000 bonds offered for sale on March 14 1922	11,032,000 00
Water works bonds, included above	\$1,337,000 00
Electric light debt, included above	307,000 00
Street improvement and sidewalk included above, for which adequate special assessments have been levied	315,000 00
Total	\$1,959,000 00
Net bonded debt	9,073,000 00
Floating debt, consisting of bills, &c. (est.)	75,000 00
Sinking fund (ordinary) Jan. 1 1922 (cash)	\$172,845 40
Sinking fund investments	181,621 35
Amount loaned to other bond redemption funds from sinking fund (ordinary)	73,000 00
	427,466 75

Special interest and redemption funds created by special assessments or tax levies, aggregating (includes \$73,000 to be repaid sinking fund, ordinary) 270,943 71  
Uncollected taxes (estimated) 500,000 00  
Population, Government Census 1920, 118,342. Tax rate, 17 mills (includes 1 mill special levy).

**NASHUA, Hillsboro County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—A temporary loan of \$30,000 was sold on March 4 to the Old Colony Trust Co.



of Boston on a 4.34% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1 75. Date March 6 1922. Due Dec. 8, 1922. The following bids were received: Old Colony Trust Co.—4.34%, plus \$1 75. Bond & Goodwin—4.40%. F. S. Mosley & Co.—4.46%, plus \$1 00. Blake Brothers & Co.—4.50%, plus \$0 50.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—We are advised by the Chief Clerk that the \$500,000 4 1/2% tax anticipation bonds reported by us in V. 114, p. 763, as being sold to four local banks, are described as follows: Date Feb. 15 1922. Prin. and int. due Aug. 15 1922. Denom. \$25,000 to \$200,000.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A temporary loan of \$350,000 was recently sold to the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on a 4.21% discount basis. Date March 10 1922. Due Nov. 10 1922.

NEW BOSTON (P. O. Portsmouth R. D.), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Russell Middaugh, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 18 for \$2,000 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Due July 1 1934. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

NEW MEXICO (State of).—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on March 3 for the \$1,000,000 5% 10-30-year (opt.) state highway bonds, dated Jan. 1 1922:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes Keane, Higbie & Co., Barr & Schmeltzer, Stern Bros. & Co., R. M. Grant & Co., Equitable Tr. Co., Milliken & York Co., National City Co., Bankers Tr. Co., Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk., Grau, Todd & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., Otis & Co., Northern Tr. Co., Chic.

\* Notice that this bid had been successful in obtaining the bonds was given in V. 114, p. 982.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The temporary loan of \$100,000 offered on March 7—V. 114, p. 982—was sold to Blake Brothers & Co. of Boston on a 4.25% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1 25. Date March 9 1922. Due Sept. 6 1922.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. March 17 by Edwin J. Fort, City Manager, for \$925,000 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% coupon school bonds. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1941; \$30,000, 1942; \$10,000, 1943; \$30,000 from 1944 to 1947 incl.; \$40,000, 1948; \$30,000, from 1949 to 1951 incl.; \$225,000, 1952; \$200,000, 1953 and \$200,000 in 1954. Certified check on a solvent bank or trust company for \$20,000, payable to the City Clerk, is required. The favorable opinion of Clay & Dillon of New York, covering the legality of these bonds, will be furnished to the successful bidder. Bidder is to specify which one of the two interest rates, given above, he desires.

NOGALES, Santa Cruz County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. March 18 by F. E. Cole, City Clerk, for the \$30,000 5 1/2% city hall and fire department bonds—V. 114, p. 541. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 15 1920. Interest semi-annually, payable at the Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago. Due \$1,000 yearly on Feb. 15 1921 to 1950, inclusive. Certified check for 5%, payable to the city of Nogales required. The successful bidder will be furnished without charge with the opinion of Wood & Oakley, bond attorneys of Chicago, approving the validity of these bonds. The bonds are ready for immediate delivery, and all bids for the purchase thereof must be without condition as to the legality of the bonds. Although the first two maturity dates of this issue seem to be wrong as they are both passed due the notice of this offering has come to hand from official sources.

NORBORNE LAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Carroll and Ray Counties, Mo.—SUIT FILED.—The Kansas City "Journal" on Feb. 16 said:

"A suit involving the \$515,000 bond issue voted in Carroll and Ray counties to form the Norborne Land Drainage District was filed in the Supreme Court Friday morning by Newlan Conkling and Jack Jones of Carrollton.

"It is an application for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Ralph Hughes of the Ray County Circuit Court from considering a suit filed at Richmond for dissolution of the drainage district and to declare the bonds illegal.

"The suit at Richmond was filed by Perry S. Rader of Jefferson City as attorney for certain owners of land in the district."

The bond issue was sold during the latter part of last year to Stix & Co., of St. Louis—V. 113, p. 2845.

NORFOLK, Madison County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$10,000 water-works bonds will be voted upon on April 4. S. R. McFarland is City Clerk.

NORMAN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 77 (P. O. Twin Valley), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 5 1/2% 15 year bonds, to erect a new school house, dated Feb. 1 1922, offered on Feb. 27—V. 114, p. 763—have been sold to the Merchants' National Bank of Crookston at par.

NORWALK, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. April 20 by Phoebe L. Volk, Secretary of the Bridge Construction Committee of the City of Norwalk at the city court room in South Norwalk for \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon (with privilege of redemption) improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in N. Y. City. Due \$30,000, April 1 1932; \$30,000, April 1 1942, and \$40,000 on April 1 1952. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City, and their validity will be approved by John H. Light, Ex Attorney General of the State of Connecticut, and a duplicate of the original of his opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

The official advertisement of this bond offering will be found among the municipal advertisements of this week's issue.

NORTH DAKOTA (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph A. Kitchen, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor (P. O. Bismarck), will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 13 for the following 6% seed and feed bonds: \$100,000 5-year Adams County bonds. 125,000 5-year Emmons County bonds. 100,000 3-year McLean County bonds.

ODessa COUNTY (P. O. Union City), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—An issue of \$45,000 5% highway bonds will be offered for sale on March 30. J. B. Waddell, County Judge.

ODESSA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Lake Odessa), Ionia County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Geo. J. Kent, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 16 for \$51,000 5 1/2% coupon tax-free school building bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Apr. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Lake Odessa State Savings Bank. Due yearly on Apr. 1, beginning 1927. Cert. check payable to the above Clerk for \$510 required. Assessed valuation for 1921 was \$9,110.

ODESSA, Lafayette County, Mo.—BOND VOTED.—Reports state that \$100,000 water and light bonds have been voted.

OKFUSKEE COUNTY (P. O. Okemah), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 21 the voters will decide whether they are in favor of issuing the \$500,000 6% 25 year road bonds—V. 114, p. 447.

OLIVER TOWNSHIP, Adams County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Mary C. Skadon, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. March 21 for \$5,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$500. Date day of sale. Due \$500 yearly in 1 to 11 years from date. Certified check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the above-mentioned board, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

ORLEANS, Harlan County, Neb.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$25,000 6% 1-20 year (opt.) electric light bonds, recently voted—V. 114, p. 652—were offered as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due 1942, optional after five

years. Bonded debt (excluding this issue) all water, Feb. 29 1922, \$20,000 Assessed value 1921 \$929,890.

PAGE COUNTY (P. O. Clarinda), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Victor Freed, County Auditor, until 3 p. m. Mar. 16 for \$125,000 5% funding bonds. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due yearly on Aug. 1 as follows: \$13,000 1927 to 1931 incl. and \$12,000 1932 to 1936 incl. Bidders will be required to deposit a certified check on a state or national bank for \$5,000. The bonds and opinion of Chapman, Cutler & Parker, Chicago, will be furnished by the county, and the bonds must be paid for at Clarinda within five days from the date of sale. The opinion of the foregoing attorneys must be accepted as conclusive evidence as to the legality of the bonds. After sealed bids are opened and announced, open bids on the bonds will be received.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 12, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers' Bank & Trust Co. has purchased the \$75,000 7% road and bridge bonds offered on Mar. 7 (V. 114, p. 877).

PALO PINTO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 28 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$41,000 5% 10-20-year bonds.

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—PRICE PAID.—The price paid by the California Co. of Los Angeles for the \$40,000 5% 1-20-year serial, tax-free fire department bonds, dated Feb. 1 1922—V. 114, p. 983—was 101.20 and interest, a basis of about 4.84%.

PASCO COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32 (P. O. Dade City), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 27 by the Board of Public Instruction for \$50,000 6% 20-year coupon bonds.

PASSAIC COUNTY (P. O. Paterson), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by John M. Morrison, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, until 2 p. m. March 22 for the purchase of an issue of 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) road and bridge improvement bonds not to exceed \$425,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank of Paterson. Due \$22,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1934 incl., and \$23,000 yearly on April 1 from 1935 to 1941 incl. Certified check for 2% of amount bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the County of Passaic, required. The opinion of Messrs. Hawkins Delafield & Longfellow of New York that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the village will be furnished the purchaser. The bonds will be prepared and executed under the supervision of the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., who will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PAWHUSKA, Osage County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$65,000 hospital bonds, recently voted (V. 114, p. 763), has been sold.

PENN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morgan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Penrose, Clerk-Treasurer of the District, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 18 for \$35,000 6% bonds. Denom. \$700. Date March 15 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$700 each six months from Sept. 15 1922 to March 15 1947. Certified check for 1% of the amount bid, payable to the above Clerk-Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

PERRY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Perryopolis), Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5% bonds offered on Jan. 21 (V. 114, p. 331) were not sold on that date, but on Feb. 10 they were awarded to the First National Bank of Perryopolis. Int. annually (July). The bonds are issued for road improvements.

PETERSBURG, Lincoln County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 8% Morgan school bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 652—have been awarded to W. B. Moore of Petersburg at 107.125. Date Dec. 15 1921. Due Dec. 15 1941, redeemable at the pleasure of the corporate authorities at any time after ten years from date. The following bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes W. B. Moore, Petersburg (as above), Citizens Bk. & Tr. Co., Decherd 101.25, W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo 102.00, W. J. Hures, Decherd 103.25, L. J. Mills, Petersburg 107.00.

\* For \$1,000 bonds only. PETERSBURG, Grant County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—H. F. Baker, Town Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. March 13 for \$12,000 6% (opt.) water, sewer, drainage and street-impt. bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Date Sept 1 1921. Due in 21 years, optional in 10 years. Certified check for 5% of bid required.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—CITY CONTEMPLATES THE PURCHASE OF THREE WATER COMPANIES.—In connection with the proposed purchase of three water companies by the City of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 3 had the following to say:

"Purchase by the city of property now owned by private water companies which supply the northeast section of the city, is contemplated in an ordinance sent to the Council by Mayor Moore yesterday. The idea is to buy the rights and holdings of the Holmesburg, the Disston and the Philadelphia and Bristol companies for \$850,000. Mr. Moore, in urging passage of the ordinance said industries were hampered by the comparative inadequate water supply and that the fire risk in the territory supplied by the private companies would be much less with city service. The ordinance provides for the payment of \$300,000 at the time of the purchase and annual payment of \$100,000 until the entire sum has been paid. Even the city owned and operated institutions at Holmesburg have to pay an annual rent of \$35,000 to the private concern, as the city is prevented from running a city water pipe under the terms of the exclusive territory franchise granted the companies. Councilman von Tagen said that other sections were similarly affected. He criticized City Solicitor Smyth for failing to reply to the Councilmanic request in October last for an opinion as to whether the city had a right to supply water to the sections. He presented a resolution requiring the City Solicitor to make answer to the ignored resolution and said the supplying of water was a municipal function. His resolution was adopted unanimously. The ordinance providing for the purchase of the property of the northeast water companies was referred to the Public Works Committee."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Government of).—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Hallgarten & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co. and Hornblower & Weeks, of New York, has purchased the \$5,000,000 5% coupon bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 877—at 101.50 and accrued interest, a basis of about 1.90%. Date Feb. 1 1922. Due Feb. 1 1952. The following bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes Successful syndicate as above 101.50, Riggs Nat. Bk., Wash., D.C. 100.600, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Lee, Wm. R. Compton Co., N.Y. 98.58, Hallgarten & Co., Dillon, Speyer & Co., Equitable, Bond & Co., New York 101.07, Trust Co., New York 98.30.

The bonds which were offered at prices to yield 1.78% have all been sold.

PICKAWAY COUNTY (P. O. Circleville), Ohio.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on Feb. 27 for the two issues of 6% coupon special assessment bonds aggregating \$100,000:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Amount for \$100,000 Issue, and Amount for \$40,000 Issue. Includes Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, O. \$582.00, Bond Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati, Ohio 1,110.00, Security & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio 1,692.00, A. F. Hill Co., Toledo, Ohio 1,218.60, etc.

\* This was the successful bid for previous reference to same, see the "Chronicle" of March 4, page 941.

PINE BLUFF, Jefferson County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 24 for \$110,000 street bonds by the City Clerk.

PIONEER IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Caldwell), Canyon County, Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. April 4 by Fred L. Evans, Secretary, for \$38,600 6% bonds. "Fourth Series." Date Jan. 1, 1917. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931; \$4,500, 1932; \$5,000, 1933; \$4,600, 1934; \$8,300, 1935, and \$13,200, 1936. Cert. check for 5% of bid required. Bonds to be delivered as follows: \$18,000, May 1 1922; \$1,600, May 15 1922, and \$19,000, July 1 1922.

PIPE CREEK SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Elwood), Madison County, Ind.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$6,000 6% refunding warrants offered on Jan. 26 (V. 114, p. 331) were sold at par and accrued interest to the Elwood State Bank. Date Jan. 15 1922. Due July 15 1923.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. Mar. 14 for a temporary loan of \$200,000. Date Mar. 14 1922. Due Nov. 14 1922.

POLLOCKVILLE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jones County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 6% school bonds offered on Jan. 24—V. 114, p. 331—have been awarded to Prudden & Co., Toledo, at par. Date May 1 1921. Due \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1922 to 1951, inclusive.

POLSON, Flathead County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 20—V. 114, p. 764—the \$45,000 water-works bonds carried by 182 to 30.

POPLAR, Roosevelt County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred Kapinos, Town Clerk, will sell at public auction at 2 p. m. April 3 for \$11,000 6% funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.), payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y., at option of holder. Due Jan. 1 1942, optional Jan. 1 1937. A deposit of \$1,100 is required.

PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following three issues of 5% gold bonds, offered on March 9 (V. 114, p. 983) were sold to Farson, Son & Co. of New York City at the prices given below:

- \$50,000 registered incinerator bonds, sold at 105.26, a basis of about 4.47%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1947 incl.
- 25,000 1921-22 tax relief bonds, sold at 101.01, a basis of about 4.63%. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1925.
- 8,000 refunding bonds, sold at 100.73, a basis of about 4.73%. Due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1926 incl. Date April 1 1922.

PORT CLINTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Clinton), Ottawa County, Ohio.—BIDS.—The following is a complete list of the bids received on Mar. 1 for the \$125,000 6% coupon bonds:

*Sidney Spitzer & Co.	\$6,532	Stacy & Braun	\$5,775
Richards, Parish & Lamson	6,387	Prudden & Co.	5,725
A. T. Bell & Co.	6,350	Fifth-Third Nat. Bank	4,280
Detroit Trust Co.	6,206	Weil, Roth & Co.	4,100

\* This was the successful bid; for previous reference to same see "Chronicle" of Mar. 4, page 983.

PORT HURON, Saint Clair County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—O. J. Rathfon, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 15 for approximately \$116,000 5% paving bonds, \$26,000 5% sewer bonds and \$14,000 5% sidewalk bonds.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Oeo R. Funk, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. March 21 for the whole or any part of \$500,000 4% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office or in New York City. Due March 1 1947. All bidders are requested to submit separate and alternate proposals based upon the place of payment. Bidders will be required to submit unconditional bids except as to the legality of the bonds, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on some responsible bank of the City of Portland, Ore., for an amount equal to 5% of the face value of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City of Portland.

POTTOWATTAMIE COUNTIE (P. O. Council Bluffs), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On March 7 \$20,507.94 6% Nishnabotna Drainage District No. 10 bonds were sold to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport.

PULASKI-LONOKE DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Little Rock), Pulaski and Lonoke Counties, Ark.—BONDS TO BE ISSUED.—The "Gazette" of Little Rock under date of Feb. 22 says: "Commissioners of the Pulaski-Lonoke Drainage District yesterday (Feb. 21) were given authority to issue \$121,000 worth of 6% bonds by an order granted by Judge Wade in First Division Circuit Court. The Commissioners are E. E. Condrey, William G. Garlington and H. W. Clapham. The bonds are dated Jan. 2 1922, with interest payable semi-annually over 20 years."

RADFORD, Montgomery County, Va.—BOND SALE.—Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati have purchased the \$150,000 coupon or registered municipal improvement bonds offered on Mar. 7—V. 114, p. 653—as 5½% at par plus a premium of \$315, equal to 100.21, a basis of about 5.49%. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1952.

RANGER, Eastland County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Mar. 3 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$35,000 6% serial hospital bonds.

RED LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Red Lake Falls), Minn.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$41,800 road and bridge funding bonds, awarded on Feb. 3 to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 100.25 for 5½%—V. 114, p. 764—are described as follows: Date Feb. 1 1922. Int. F. & A. Date of maturity "three to fifteen years."

RED LODGE, Carbon County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—C. D. Grafft, City Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. April 4 the 6% water works extension bonds, not to exceed \$75,000, voted on Feb. 6 by 151 to 59—V. 114, p. 104. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Int. M. & S. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due March 1 1942, optional March 1 1933, or any interest payment date thereafter. Certified check for \$500, payable to the City Treasurer, required. The bonds will be accompanied by the approving opinion of Wood & Oakley, Chicago. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The notice of this offering was given in V. 114, p. 878. It is given again because of the additional information available.

ROBERTSON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$5,400 5% 5-20-year bonds on Feb. 28.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$55,000 Brown Street subway notes offered on Mar. 3 was sold to Schoonopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., of Buffalo on a 4.30% discount basis, plus a premium of \$1. Due in eight months from Mar. 7 1922 at the Central Union Trust Co. in New York. The following bids were received:

	Interest.	Premium.
Schoonkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., Buffalo	4.30%	\$1.00
Saiaon Bros. & Hutzler, New York	4.30%	---
F. S. Moseley & Co., New York	4.45%	1.00
Robert Winthrop & Co., New York	4.50%	7.00
Lincoln-Alliance Bank, Rochester, N. Y.	5%	10.00

NOTE SALE.—The \$400,000 revenue notes offered on March 9—V. 114, p. 983—were sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York at 4¼% interest. The notes are due in three months from March 14 1920. The following bids were received:

J. P. Morgan & Co., New York	4.25%	
Robt. Winthrop & Co., New York	4.30%	\$17.00
Schoonkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Buffalo	4.32%	1.00
Lincoln-Alliance Bank, Rochester (on \$200,000)	4.35%	
Bankers Trust Co., New York	4.39%	3.00
S. N. Bond & Co., New York	4.40%	16.00
F. S. Moseley & Co., New York	4.61%	

ROCKINGHAM GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rockingham), Richmond County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. March 24 by L. J. Bell, Secretary, for the \$100,000 coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal) school bonds not to exceed 6% interest, mentioned in V. 114, p. 983. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$2,000,

1924 to 1932, inclusive; \$3,000, 1933 to 1941, inclusive; and \$5,000, 1942 to 1952, inclusive. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company (or cash) for \$2,000, payable to the Town Treasurer, required. These bonds are to be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing same and the seal impressed thereon. Legality will be approved by Chester B. Masslich, of New York City, and J. L. Morehead, of Durham, N. C., whose approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser at the office of the United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York City, on or about April 7 1922, and must then be paid for in New York funds, or if purchaser desired delivery elsewhere, bonds will be delivered at such place at purchaser's expense, including New York exchange.

ROCKY MOUNT, Edgecombe County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. Mar. 23 by C. H. Harris, City Clerk, for the following coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds not to exceed 6%:

- \$325,000 paving, sewerage and water supply bonds. Due yearly on April 1 as follows: \$23,000, 1923 to 1935, incl., and \$26,000, 1936.
  - 150,000 funding bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1937, incl.
- Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or cash, for 2% of bid, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest to date of delivery. Purchaser or purchasers will be furnished with the approving opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City of Rocky Mount. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon.

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Roosevelt), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received by George W. Morgan, Clerk of the Board of Education, until 8 p. m. March 14 for an issue of 5% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds not to exceed \$261,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank in Roosevelt, if in coupon form and if in registered form, the interest will be remitted by mail in New York exchange at the request of the holder. Due yearly on Jan. 2 as follows: \$8,000 from 1924 to 1935 incl.; \$9,000, 1936 to 1940 incl., and \$10,000 from 1941 to 1952 incl. The bonds will, unless all bids are rejected, be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale and offering to pay not less than \$251,000 and to take therefor the least amount of bonds, commencing with the first maturity and stated in a multiple of \$1,000, and if two or more bidders offer to take the same amount of bonds they will be sold to the bidder or bidders offering to pay therefor the highest additional price. 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 hereof will be rejected. Bids are desired on forms which will be furnished by the above clerk or the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York, and each bidder must deposit a certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company to the order of the Custodian of School Moneys to secure the school district against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with his bid. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the school district officials signing the bonds and the seal impressed thereon, and their legality will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York City, whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. The bonds will be delivered at the First National Bank of Roosevelt, N. J., or such other bank in the State of New Jersey, as may be mutually agreed upon, on March 21 1922, or as soon thereafter as the bonds can be prepared.

Assessed valuation, taxable property, 1921	\$10,195,927
Bonded debt, exclusive of this issue	130,000
Population, census of 1920	11,047

ROSSFORD RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Mar. 21 to decide whether or not the district shall issue \$220,000 bonds for the purpose of purchasing a site, and erecting and furnishing a school house as provided in Section 7625 of the General Code of Ohio.

ROSWELL, Chaves County, N. Mex.—DATE.—We are advised that April 4 is date set for the voters to decide whether they are in favor of issuing the following bonds—V. 114, p. 764:

- \$10,000 sewer disposal bonds.
- 15,000 fire department bonds.
- 10,000 bridge bonds.
- 10,000 drainage bonds.

ST. CHARLES, St. Charles County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 25 \$175,000 electric and \$75,000 water bonds will be voted upon. It is stated.

ST. FRANCIS LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Bridge Junction), Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. April 1 by John R. West, Secretary-Treasurer Board of Directors, for \$121,000 6% coupon levee bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) payable at First National Bank of New York City. Due \$13,000 Jan. 1 1952 and the same each year thereafter until all mature. Certified check for 2% required. Legality to be approved by Wood & Oakley, Chicago.

ST. FRANCIS LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Caruthersville), Pemiscot County, Mo.—BIDS DECLINED—BOND SALE.—This district rejected all the bids received on March 6 for the \$125,000 6% 20-year bonds—V. 114, p. 878—and sold on the same day 5% 20-year bonds of the same amount to the Liberty-Central Trust Co., and Whitaker & Co., both of St. Louis, at 95, a basis of about 5.41%. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due April 1 1942.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. St. John), Rolette County, No. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul B. Ramser, Clerk Board of Education, will receive bids at any time for \$19,000 school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest. These bonds were voted on Feb. 25—V. 114, p. 878. Int. J. & J. Certified check for \$500 required. Bids may be made either on a 6% interest basis or an interest bid or both.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Wm. H. Rollins, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 14 for a temporary loan of \$800,000. Denom. 26 for \$25,000; 10 for \$10,000, and 10 for \$5,000 each. Due Nov. 6 1922. These notes are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, Mass. This trust company will further certify that the legality of this issue has been approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, Mass., a copy of whose opinion will accompany the notes when delivered, without charge to the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue, together with an affidavit certifying to the proper execution of the notes, are filed with the Old Colony Trust Co., where they can be inspected at any time.

SALT FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, Saline County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—George H. Burr & Co. of St. Louis have purchased \$151,000 6% tax-free bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 10 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (Jan. 10 & July 10) payable at the State National Bank, St. Louis. Due yearly on Jan. 10 as follows: \$9,000, 1927 and 1928; \$10,000, 1929; \$9,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1931; \$9,000, 1932; \$10,000, 1933; \$9,000, 1934; \$10,000, 1935; \$9,000, 1936; \$10,000, 1937; \$9,000, 1938; \$10,000, 1939; \$9,000, 1940, and 1941, and \$10,000, 1942.

SANDUSKY, Erie County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. D. Kunz, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 23 for \$75,000 5% coupon water-works filtration plant refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1923 to 1937 incl. Certified check for 10% of the amount bid for, payable to the City, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds to be delivered at Sandusky. This item was incorrectly given under the caption of "Sandusky, Erie County, Pa." in last week's issue on page 984.

SEBRING SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sebring), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 5½% school bonds offered on Mar. 8 (V. 114, p. 764) were sold to A. S. Bell & Co. of Toledo at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$1,936 (101.613), a basis of about 5.32%. Date Mar. 8 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 8 from 1923 to 1946 incl.

SEYMOUR, New Haven, Conn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration) high school bonds was recently sold to Watkins & Co. at 103.02, a basis of about 4.22%. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Due \$5,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1952, inclusive. These bonds are being offered to investors at prices to yield from 4.40% to 4.05%, according to maturities.

SEYMOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Seymour), Webster County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$22,600 6% school bonds has been sold to the William R. Compton Co. of St. Louis.

SHAKER HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shaker Heights), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On March 3 \$300,000 of the \$600,000 5 1/4% coupon school house bonds (V. 114, p. 764) were purchased by Richards, Parish & Lamson of Cleveland at par and accrued interest, with a 30-day option on the remainder at the same price. Date March 1 1922. Due \$30,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl. We are officially advised that if the option is not exercised within the 30 days, the bonds can be sold at par and accrued interest at a private sale.

SHELBY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Shelby), Oceana County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% road bonds offered on March 1—V. 114, p. 764—were sold to Bolker, Mosser & Williams of Chicago at 97.025, a basis of about 5.37%. Due \$2,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1942 incl.

SHELBYVILLE, Shelby County, Ind.—BONDS REFUSED.—The Indianapolis "News" of March 6 said:

"Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Indianapolis bond dealers, who two weeks ago submitted the highest bid on an issue of refunding bonds, valued at \$25,000, issued by the city of Shelbyville, have refused to take the bonds, city officials have been informed. Waiter Myers, local City Attorney, was notified that the bonding company had suggested that a technical point of law prevented the sale, the bond company contending that the city has no right to issue the bonds at this time, but must wait until it is shown that the current revenue of the city will not be sufficient to take care of the city debt. The Breed, Elliott & Harrison bid was par, accrued interest and a premium of \$555, which was approximately \$200 higher than the best highest bid."

The report of this sale was given in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 25 on page 878.

SHOALS SCHOOL TOWN (P. O. Shoals), Martin County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5 1/4% bonds offered on Feb. 25—V. 114, p. 764—were sold to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at 101.0625, a basis of about 5.30%. Date Feb. 25 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 15 from 1923 to 1934 incl.

SHOREWOOD, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—A \$55,000 bond issue was voted by Village Board at a meeting on March 2.

SIGOURNEY, Keokuk County, Iowa.—PRICE.—The price at which the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago acquired the \$31,000 liberty memorial and \$24,000 city hall 5% bonds on March 1—V. 114, p. 984—was 100.01 and int., a basis of about 4.99%. The two issues are described as follows: \$31,000 liberty memorial bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1926; \$1,000, 1928 to 1938 incl.; \$2,000, 1939; \$1,000, 1940; \$2,000, 1941; \$1,000, 1942; \$2,000, 1943; \$1,000, 1944, and \$2,000, 1945 to 1949 incl.

24,000 city hall bonds. Due yearly on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1926 and 1927; \$1,000, 1928 to 1930 incl.; \$2,000, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933 and 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1939 incl., and \$1,000, 1940.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1921. Int. M. & N.

SNYDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Snyder), Scurry County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Breg, Garrett & Co. of Dallas have purchased \$75,000 school bldg. bonds.

These bonds were registered with the State Comptroller of Texas on March 2.

SOUTH FORK UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kern County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Smith, County Clerk and Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Bakersfield), will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. March 20 for one or any number of \$20,000 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and ann. int. (Feb. 27) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$2,000 yearly on Feb. 27 from 1923 to 1932 incl. Cert. check or cash for 10% of the amount of bid, payable to Stanley Abel, Chairman Board of County Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonded debt, none. Assessed value 1921, \$559,400.

SOUTH PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$300,000 3 1/4% serial bond on Feb. 27.

SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Manteca), San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 28 the \$60,000 5 1/4% 35-year (aver.) bonds, dated Sept. 1 1919—V. 114, p. 879—were sold to the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles at 101.50 and interest, a basis of about 5.405%. Date Sept. 1 1919. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 1926, \$35,000 1927 and \$20,000 1928. Other bidders were: Drake, Riley & Thomas, Los Angeles \$60,636 Wm. Cavaller & Co., Oakland \$60,615

SPENCER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spencer), Clay County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank A. Cook, Secretary Board of Directors, will sell at 8 p. m. March 17 \$55,000 refunding bonds. After the sealed bids shall have been announced open bids will be called for. Bids will be received upon the following bases:

For the entire issue to mature May 1 1942, without option of pre-payment; For the entire issue to mature May 1 1942, with option of paying all or any part thereof in even thousands on May 1 1932, or on any May 1 thereafter.

For the entire issue to mature May 1 1942, with option of paying all or any part of \$30,000 in even thousands on May 1 1932, or on any May 1 thereafter, remainder of issue without privilege of pre-payment.

STAMFORD, Jones County, Texas.—PRICE—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$80,000 high-school-building bonds awarded, as stated in V. 114, p. 879, were sold at par and accrued interest. They answer to the following description: Denom. \$2,000. Interest rate 6%, payable March and September. Due \$2,000 yearly for 40 years. The official name of the place which issued these bonds is "Stamford Independent School District, Texas."

STAR COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller of Texas registered \$15,000 6% 10-10-year school bonds on Feb. 27.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$195,000 6% coupon road bonds was recently sold to Stacy & Braun of Toledo. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 15 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.), payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due yearly on March 15 as follows: \$19,000 1923 and 1924; \$18,000 1925 and 1926; \$20,000 1927 and 1928; \$22,000 1929; \$21,000 1930 and \$19,000 in 1931 and 1932.

STEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William T. Kindvatter, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 20 for \$35,000 6% fire apparatus and improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Due yearly on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1923 to 1930, incl. and \$3,000 in 1931. Cert. check for 3% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vaughnsville), Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 6% bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 113, p. 2612—were sold on that date to a local investor at par and accrued interest. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due Jan. 1 1933.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Scott Porter, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 23 for \$105,000 5 1/4% coupon bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1922. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$25,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1923 to 1931, inclusive, and \$27,000 on Oct. 1 1932. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the Board of County Commissioners required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The notice of this offering was already given in V. 114, p. 934. It is given again because of the additional information available. In giving the notice of this offering in last week's issue of the "Chronicle," we stated that J. M. Kauffman was Clerk; this was unofficial, and since then we are officially advised that the office is occupied by Scott Porter, as given above.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Coalville), Utah.—BOND ELECTION MAY BE HELD.—An election to vote on \$100,000 road bonds is being urged.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of coupon gold bonds offered on Mar. 10 (V. 114, p. 984) were sold as stated below:

\$25,000 4 1/2% grade crossing commission bonds, sold to Sherwood & Merrillfield and the First Trust & Deposit Co. at their joint bid of \$25,586.50, equal to 102.346, a basis of about 5.27%. Due serially 1 to 25 years.

940,000 municipal improvement 1922 bonds, sold to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. at their bid of \$943,860 for 4 1/4s, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.21%. Due serially 1 to 20 years.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Amite), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$99,000 5% road bonds offered on Feb. 22—V. 114, p. 545—have been awarded to Caldwell & Co., Nashville, at 91.14. Due yearly on July 1 from 1922 to 1946 incl. The following bids were received:

Successful bid (as above) 91.14 W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo. 90.00 Prudden & Co., Toledo. 89.398 Amite Bank & Trust Co., Am-90.00

All the above bidders offered accrued interest.

TAYLOR, Williamson County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—A. V. Hyde, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Mar. 28 for \$150,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1921. Prin. and semi-ann. interest payable at the State Treasurer's office or at the National Bank of Commerce, N. Y. City. Due serially 13 to 30 years. Legality approved by the Attorney-General. Certified check for \$2,500, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

These bonds were registered by the State Comptroller of Texas on Feb. 27.

TEANECK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Englewood), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John H. Ranges, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 20 for an issue of 5 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds not to exceed \$45,000. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (A. & O.) payable at the Palisades Trust & Guaranty Co. of Englewood. Due \$2,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1922 to 1936, incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Custodian of School Moneys, required. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. Validity to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

TERRE HAUTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Terre Haute), Vigo County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$400,000 5% bonds was recently sold to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 101.65.

TEXAS (State of)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following school bonds have been registered with the State Comptroller of Texas:

Table with columns: Amount, Place, Int. Rate, Due, Reg. Includes entries for Van Zandt County S. D. No. 17, Midway Ind. Sch. Dist., Coleman County Com. S. D. No. 22, and Palo Pinto County Com. S. D. No. 22.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 14 by Juan C. Souchez, County Treasurer (P. O. Estancia) for \$16,000 6% school building bonds voted on Aug. 15 1921 by 32 to 24. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. (J. & J.) payable at a place to be named by the purchaser in bid or at the option of holder at the office of County Treasurer. Due in 30 years, optional in 10 years. Certified check for \$200 required. Purchaser's offer must include the printing of the bonds.

TRACY GRAMMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On March 6 the \$750,000 5 1/4% school building bonds offered on that date—V. 114, p. 879—were sold to Stephens & Co. of San Francisco at 100.55.

TROY, Montgomery County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Bruce Craven of Trinity has purchased at par and interest the \$125,000 water and sewer bonds offered on Mar. 2 (V. 114, p. 654). They answer to the following description: Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1922. Int. rate, 6%, payable semi-annually.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank F. Musser, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. March 14 for \$71,000 5 1/4% Bailey-Leavittsburg-Johnson Road Warren Twp. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$7,000 Sept. 1 1923 and \$8,000 yrly. on Sept. 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl. Cert. check for \$500, payable to A. B. Coatsley, County Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

TULAROSA, Otero County, N. Mex.—BOND ELECTION.—This place will vote on \$50,000 water bonds at an election in April.

UNION, Hudson County, N. J.—NOTE OFFERING.—Edward Meyer, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. March 20 for \$100,000 tax-anticipation notes. Due Dec. 31 1922. Notes will be sold at par and bidders will be required to state the amount of interest they are willing to take for the loan about to be made and the bidder offering the least interest rate expressed in multiples of one-one hundredth of 1% will be awarded the notes; if, however, two or more bidders offer the same interest rate the notes will be awarded to the bidder offering the largest additional premium. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

UNION, Union County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Feb. 25 the \$40,000 street lmpt. and \$25,000 water-works lmpt. 6% bonds—V. 114, p. 765—were sold to the Western Bond & Mtge. Co. of Portland at 100.50 and int. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly from 1928 to 1942 incl. Other bidders were:

Morris Bros. Corporation \$63,050 Blyth, Witter & Co. \$62,590 Ralph Schneeloch Co. 63,050

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—M. C. Long, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until March 17 for \$250,000 6% road and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold coin at the National Park Bank, N. Y. C. Due yearly on Mar. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1925 to 1936, incl.; \$8,000, 1937; \$10,000, 1938 to 1948, incl.; and \$15,000, 1949 to 1952, incl. Cert. check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, (or cash) for 2% of bid, required. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, of New York City, that the bonds are valid obligations of Union County. The bonds will be printed under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of New York City, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and seal on the bonds. The bonds are to be issued under a special act which authorizes an unlimited tax to pay the bonds. Notice of this offering was already given in V. 114, p. 879—it is given again as additional data have come to hand.

Financial Statement table showing assessed valuation of taxable property (1921) at \$25,921,615.00 and bonded debt (including present issue) at 981,000.00.

VANCEBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, Craven County, No. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—The "Virginian Pilot" of Norfolk, under date of Feb. 28 says:

"By a substantial majority the tax-payers of the Vanceboro school district, of Craven County, No. Caro., Saturday (Feb. 25) passed a bond issue for \$30,000 to be used in erecting and equipping at Vanceboro a modern graded school building. With \$10,000 which the district hopes to get from the State, and \$5,000 for the sale of the present wooden building to the Negroes, Vanceboro expects to have a total of \$45,000 for the school project.

"By voting in favor of the bond issue the Vanceboro district went on record as the first district outside of the New Han school district, No. Caro., to vote a local bond issue and school authorities, city and county in this section, are offering congratulations on the forward step Vanceboro people have taken.

"Work on the new building will start about April 15, according to R. S. Proctor, superintendent of County Schools, who has already been at work with the School Committee of the Vanceboro district drawing up plans. It will be a 12 room building, with auditorium and balcony to seat 500 people, and will be steam heated, electrically lighted and equipped with running water. It will be erected on the present school site a acre plot in the heart of Vanceboro.

"A local tax of 30 cents plus a recently voted additional eight cents will take care of the bonds along with the usual maintenance expense, Mr. Proctor said."

VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$22,320 5% William E. Schweikhart et al., New Harmony Road bonds offered on March 3—V. 114, p. 879—were not sold.

VARINA, Pocahontas County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 80 to 15 \$9,500 transmission line bonds carried, it is stated, at a recent election.

VENTNOR CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—James T. G. Hand, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 for an issue of 6% water bonds not to exceed \$48,000. Denom. \$1000. Date Sept. 1 1919. Int. M. & S. Due \$3,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1944 to 1959 incl. Cert. check drawn upon a national or State bank or trust company in New Jersey, for 2% of the bid, payable to Enoch S. Turner, City Treasurer, required. The bonds are to be delivered with the opinion of Geo. S. Clay of New York as to their validity.

VERMILLION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$8,800 5% E. H. Spellman et al., Vermillion Township bonds offered on Mar. 1 (V. 114, p. 879) were not sold, as no bids were received.

VERSAILLES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Versailles), Morgan County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—On March 5 \$8,000 school building bonds were voted.

WABASH, Wabash County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. Georgia Alber, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. March 13 for \$1,000 5 1/2% bonds. Denom. \$50. Date Feb. 15 1922. Int. F. & A. Due \$100 Feb. 15 1929 and \$150 yearly on Feb. 15 from 1930 to 1935 incl. Certified check for \$200, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WAITE PARK, Stearns County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$20,000 impt. bonds will be submitted to the voters on March 14, it is reported.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY (P. O. Walla Walla), Wash.—BONDS DEFEATED.—An issue of \$125,000 road bonds was voted down.

WALNUT SPRINGS, Bosque County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a substantial majority the citizens of Walnut Springs recently voted to issue \$50,000 bonds for the purpose of installing a first-class water-works system.

WARSAW, Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$19,000 5% bridge bonds was recently sold to Sherwood & Merrifield at 100.656, a basis of about 4.87%. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000 1923, and \$2,000 from 1924 to 1932, incl.

WASHINGTON, Fayette County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. H. Hitchcock, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 20 for the following 6% bonds aggregating \$77,037.75.

- \$7,287.75 bonds. Denom. 10 for \$700 and 1 for \$287.75. Date Dec. 1 1921. Due yearly on March 1.
5,400 00 bonds. Denom. 10 for \$500 and 1 for \$400. Date March 1 1922. Due one bond each year on March 1 from 1923 until all paid off.
11,500 00 bonds. Denom. 23 for \$500. Date March 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl. and \$1,500 on March 1 1933.
4,750 00 Temple St. special assessment bonds. Denom. 9 for \$500 each and 1 for \$250. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on March 1 beginning 1923.
6,000 00 Water St. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on March 1, as follows: \$500 1923 to 1930, incl. and \$1,000 in 1931 and 1932.
5,000 00 Cherry St. special assessment bonds. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1932, incl.
30,700 00 Dayton Ave. special assessment bonds. Denom. 61 for \$500 and 1 for \$200. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on March 1 beginning with 1923.
4,200 00 special assessment bonds. Denom. 8 for \$500 and 1 for \$200. Date March 1 1922. Due yearly on March 1 beginning 1923.
2,200 00 special assessment bonds. Denom. \$200. Date March 1 1922. Due \$200 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1931, incl. and \$2,000 on March 1 1932.

Bidders submitting a proposal on the first three issues are required to send a cert. check for 1-10 of 1% of the amount bid for and those bidding on the last six issues a cert. check of \$300. All checks are to be payable to the County Treasurer. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT, Lake County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$70,000 5% bonds was recently sold to Halsey, Stuart & Co., nc. I

WAUPACA, Waupaca County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Houseman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 25 for \$30,000 city bonds, it is stated.

WAUWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$25,000 6% sewer bonds has been sold to the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Goldsboro), No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—Keane, Higbie & Co. of Detroit have purchased the \$200,000 5 1/2% coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal or principal and interest) funding bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 879—at par plus a premium of \$5.600, equal to 102.80, a basis of about 5.23%. Date March 1 1922. Due March 1 1937.

The following bids were received: Successful bid (as above) \$205,600 | Well, Roth & Co., Cincl.---\$204,000 W. R. Compton Co., N. Y 204,660 | Seasongood & Mayer, Cinci.--- 204,410 Old Colony Tr. Co., Boston 204,060 | Clairborne Royal & Co Goldsboro 204,875

WESLACO, Hidalgo County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$50,000 water-works and \$10,000 street impt. 6% 10-40-year bonds.

WEST PALM BEACH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Detroit, Prudden & Co., Toledo, and H. D. Fellows Co. of Chicago have purchased \$117,000 6% municipal bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City. Due yearly on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1927, \$3,000 1928 to 1930, incl., \$4,000 1931, and \$5,000 1932 to 1951, incl.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation, 1921 \$14,325,726 Total bonded debt (including this issue) \$1,045,500 Sinking fund 49,029 Net bonded debt 996,471 Population (1920 Census), 8,659; estimated, 10,000.

WEST PARK, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred Feuchter, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 28 (not Mar. 21 as reported in V. 114, p. 985) for \$50,000 6% coupon water main bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1922. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 on Jan. 1 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942 and 1947. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WEST POINT, Cuming County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$17,000 water works extension bonds will be submitted to the voters on April 1.

WHITEHOUSE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Whitehouse) Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Clara Garber, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Apr. 1 for \$4,293 18 6% bonds. Denom. 4 for \$1,000 each and 1 for \$293 18. Date Apr. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on Apr. 1 from 1923 to 1926 incl. and \$293 18 on Apr. 1 1927. A deposit of \$200 in cash or a certified check for that amount, drawn upon a bank doing regular banking business, together with an agreement in writing that if the bid is accepted the bonds will be taken and paid for according to the bid, together with accrued interest, must accompany each bid. Bonds to be delivered on Apr. 1 at the office of the above Clerk.

WHITEVILLE, Columbus County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—M. T. Moyers, Clerk, Board of Commissioners, will receive bids until 12 m. Mar. 14 for the following 6% impt. bonds. \$7,500 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1922. Due \$500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1925 to 1939, incl.

75,000 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1920. Due yearly on July 1, as follows: \$3,000 1923 to 1927, incl. and \$5,000 1928 to 1939, incl.

20,000 sidewalk bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1921. Due yearly on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000 1923 to 1938, incl. and \$2,000 1939 and 1940.

Principal and semi-ann. int. payable at the National City Bank, N. Y. C. Cert. check for \$2,050 payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

WILLACY COUNTY (P. O. Sareta), Texas.—BOND SALE.—Elston & Allyn Co., of Chicago, have purchased \$75,000 court-house and jail bonds.

WILLINGTON, Collingsworth County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Feb. 27 the State Comptroller of Texas registered \$50,000 6% serial electric-light bonds.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Nicholas A. Kalck, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until March 25 for the following assessment bonds: \$20,000 jail bonds.

13,500 Wright Street improvement bonds. 14,000 Eldo and Arthur streets bonds. 1,300 Clark Court sewer bonds.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are advised by N. A. Kalck, Village Clerk, that the two issues of 6% coupon special assessment bonds offered on Jan. 29 (V. 114, p. 332) were not sold as they were declared illegal on account of the new Griswold Bill.

WILLS POINT, Van Zandt County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION ORDERED.—The Dallas "News" of March 4 had the following to say with regard to a special election to be called: "The City Council has ordered a special election in connection with the city election April 4 to vote on a \$30,000 bond issue for paving and graveling the streets of Wills Point. The bond issue was unanimously indorsed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night (Feb. 27), and it is proposed to pave the main streets in the business section."

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. March 20 by Samuel J. White, City Treasurer, for \$517,000 4 1/2% sinking fund bonds. Denom. \$50 or multiples. Date April 1 1922. Due \$44,250 Oct. 1 1953; \$185,500 April 1 1954; \$189,200 Oct. 1 1954, and \$98,050 April 1 1955. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Mayor and Council of Wilmington, required. These bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Reed, Dougherty & Hoyt, New York. The purchaser will be required to settle for bonds on April 20 at 12 m. at the City Treasurer's office and is also to pay accrued int. from April 1 1922.

WILMINGTON, Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry A. Metzger, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 18 for the following 6% street bonds: \$19,000 Xenia Ave bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1922 to 1939 incl., and \$500 in 1940 and 1941.

11,000 North South Street assessment bonds. Due yearly on Dec. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1922 to 1939 incl., and \$1,000 in 1940 and 1941.

8,000 North South Street city's portion bonds. Due Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1921. Certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, required.

WILSON, Wilson County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The following two issues of bonds offered on Feb. 21—V. 114, p. 439—have been awarded as 5/8s at par plus a premium of \$1.068 equal to 100.89.

\$70,000 water, light and sewer bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1923 to 1942, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1943 to 1952, inclusive.

50,000 street-improvement bonds. Due yearly on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1923 to 1932, inclusive, and \$2,000, 1933 to 1937, inclusive. Date Feb. 1 1922.

WINDSOR, Windsor County, Vt.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—We are advised by Frank B. Tracy, Village Treasurer, that the \$10,000 5% bonds reported sold to Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston at 101.19, a basis of about 4.76%, in our issue of Mar. 4, page 985, are described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1922. Int. A. & O. Due \$5,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1924 to 1931 incl. Purpose, highway improvement.

WINTON, Hertford County, No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—P. S. Jordan, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 12 m. Mar. 16 for \$12,000 6% electric light and power system bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. interest payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. Due yearly on Mar. 1, as follows: \$500, 1924 to 1935, incl. and \$1,000, 1936 to 1944, incl. Cert. check for \$240 payable to the Town Treasurer, required.

WOODBURY, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% registered school bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 879—were sold to the First National Bank of Woodbury at 101. Date March 1 1922. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1923 to 1943 incl. The following bids were received: First National Bank, Woodbury—101.0000. F. & M. National Bank, Woodbury—100.1250. New Jersey Fidelity & Plate Glass Insurance Co.—100.0625.

WOOD LAKE, Cherry County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the following bond issues were voted: \$19,800 water works system bonds—V. 114, p. 765. Vote 106 to 42. 9,900 electric light plant bonds. Vote 136 to 12.

WOOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wooster), Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. A. Woodard, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 30 for \$105,000 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1922. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Commission in Wooster. Due \$5,000 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1923 to 1943, incl. Certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the Board of Education, required. No bid will be considered unless made upon the blank forms prescribed therefor, a copy of which may be obtained by application to the above Clerk. The proceedings for the issuance of these bonds have been taken under the direction of Messrs. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, bond attorneys of Cleveland, O., and their approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without additional cost. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—This district has voted \$3,000 school bonds, it is reported.

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY (P. O. Granite Falls), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—G. H. Wilson, County Auditor, will receive bids at 2 p. m. Mar. 21 for the following drainage bonds: \$400,000 County Ditch No. 9 bonds. 82,636 County Ditch No. 25 bonds.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ARNPRIOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,862 6% 20-year bonds was recently sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. at 103.58, a basis of about 5.70%. The following bids were received: Wood, Gundy & Co. 103.58 | A. E. Ames & Co. 102.36 Municipal Bankers' Corp. 103.55 | C. H. Burgess & Co. 102.31 Canada Bond Corp. 103.44 | Mackay-Mackay 100.94 Dominion Securities Corp. 103.27 | Wm. C. Brent & Co. 100.50 R. C. Matthews & Co. 103.11

CALGARY, Alta.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$240,334 6% 29-year (serial) bonds was recently sold to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. and Aemilius Jarvis & Co.

DRYDEN, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$12,500 6% bonds has been acquired by Greenshields & Co. at 95.125, a basis of about 6.77%. The following bids were received: Greenshields & Co. 95.125 | Canada Bond Corporation 94.50 MacNeill, Graham & Co. 95.000 | Brent, Noxon & Co. 90.00

DUFFERIN R. M., Man.—BOND SALE.—During February an issue of \$60,000 6% bonds was sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. at 101.30.

GILBERT PLAIN, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$43,000 6% debentures was recently sold to the Sterling Bank at 102.75, a basis of about 5.75%.

HUDSON, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$33,700 6% 30-year debentures was sold to Mackenzie & Kingman at 96.72, a basis of about 6.24%.

**HULL, Que.—BOND SALE.**—The \$130,700 6% improvement bonds offered on March 6—V. 114, p. 880—were sold to H. C. Monk & Co. and Greenshields & Co. at their joint bid of 102.05 for \$107,000 bonds; 104 for \$21,500 bonds, and 99 for \$2,200 bonds. Date May 1 1921. Due yearly on May 1 as follows: \$2,200 in 1928; \$107,000 in 1941 and \$21,500 in 1951. The following bids were received:

Versailles, Vidrecaire & Bou-	C. H. Burgess & Co.	101.33
lais, Ltee.	Wood, Gundy & Co.	99.08
Hanson Bros.	Newman, Swezey & Co.	
Provincial Bank of Canada	For \$107,000	101.141
Greenshields & Co. and H. C.	For \$21,500	101.382
Monk & Co.:	For \$2,200	100.25
For \$107,000	Royal Securities Corp.	98.477
For \$21,500	Rene T. Leclere	98.38
For \$2,200	R. C. Matthews & Co.	102.91
* Houser, Wood & Co.	* A. E. Ames & Co. and	
Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	McKenzie & Kingman	99.53

\* These bids were not considered, as they lacked the required certified check.

**KITCHENER, Ont.—BIDS.**—The following is a complete list of the bids received on a recent date for the \$248,000 6% municipal bonds:

*A. Jarvis & Co.	103.41	Canada Bond Corporation	102.162
R. C. Matthews & Co., Ltd.	102.82	Stewart, McNair, Reid & Co.	101.932
National City Co.	102.79	Harris, Forbes & Co.	101.89
A. E. Ames & Co.	102.76	Edward Cronyn & Co.	101.876
Gairdner, Clark & Co.	102.689	C. H. Burgess & Co.	101.42
Wood, Gundy & Co.	102.69	Continental Bond Corp.	101.12
McLeod, Young & Weir	102.597	United Financial Corp.	101.1
Dominion Bank	102.37	W. A. MacKenzie & Co.	101.07
Dominion Securities Corp.	102.302	Dymont, Anderson & Co.	101.07

\* This was the successful bid; for previous reference to same see "Chronicle" of March 4, page 985.

**LUNENBURG, N. S.—BOND SALE.**—Two issues of 5½% bonds, aggregating \$65,000, were sold to W. F. Mahan & Co. and J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

**MANITOBA (Province of), BOND SALE.**—A syndicate composed of Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; Blair & Co., Inc., both of New York, and Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Ltd., of Toronto was the successful bidder for the \$2,250,000 refunding bonds offered on March 8—V. 114, p. 935. The price paid was 100.28 (U. S. Funds) (or about 104.53 in Canadian Funds) for 5½s, a basis of about 5.48%. These bonds will be dated March 1 1922 and due March 1 1942. The principal and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) is payable

in gold coin of the United States in New York, or at the option of the holder in Canadian Funds in Toronto, Montreal or Winnipeg. In giving the notice of the offering of these bonds we incorrectly stated that the amount would be \$2,500,000 instead of \$2,250,000. These bonds, which were offered by the syndicate at 102.50, to yield about 5.30%, were quickly disposed of. The bonds are issued to refund an issue floated five years ago and which will be due in New York on April 1.

The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Bidders—	20-yr. 5½% Payable New York.	20-yr. 5½% Payable Canada.	5-yr. 6% Payable New York.
Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., and Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	104.54		103.72
Dominion Securities Corp., Harris, Forbes & Co.	103.77	98.928	104.391
Wood, Gundy & Co., Guaranty Trust Co., Blyth, Witter & Co.	104.43	99.06	104.33
Canada Bond Co., Hayden, Stone & Co., White, Weld & Co., Equitable Trust Co., W. R. Compton Co.	103.364		104.396
A. E. Ames & Co., National City Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Bankers' Trust Corp.	103.17		103.98
A. E. Ames & Co., Aemilius Jarvis & Co., National City Co.		99.569	
R. A. Daly & Co., R. C. Matthews & Co., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Hanson Bros., Gairdner, Clarke & Co.		98.877	
R. A. Daly & Co., Lec, Higginson & Co., Spencer Trask & Co.	103.50		103.17
R. C. Matthews & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., First National Co.	102.68		103.35

**MEAFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—Newspapers state that \$15,000 6½% debentures have been locally sold.

**MORTON R. M., Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$58,300 6% 30 year road debentures offered on Feb. 28—V. 114, p. 440—were sold to Garidner, Clarke & Co. at 103.51, a basis of about 5.67%.

**PENETANGUISHENE, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. H. Hewson, Town Clerk, will receive tenders until 3 p. m. March 15 for \$45,000 6% bonds. Date Dec. 1 1921. Payable in 20 installments at the Standard Bank in Penetanguishene.

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All proposals should be addressed to Phoebe L. Volk, Secretary of the Bridge Construction Committee, South Norwalk, Connecticut, and must be accompanied by a certified check to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Norwalk for 1% of the par value of the bonds bid for, and the check of the successful bidder to be retained by the committee and credited upon the purchase price of the bonds, and the checks of all unsuccessful bidders to be forthwith returned.

Said bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

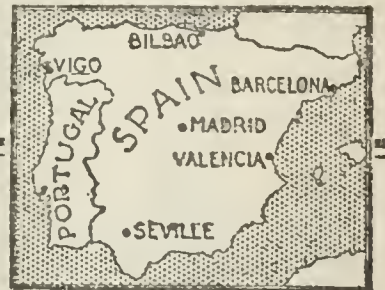
The Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The bonds shall be certified as to genuineness by The Hanover National Bank, New York City, N. Y., and their validity will be approved by John H. Light, ex-Attorney-General of the State of Connecticut, and a duplicate original of his opinion will be furnished to the purchaser.

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**ROCKWOOD, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—An issue of \$42,228 6% debentures was sold during February to Wood, Gundy & Co. at 103.

**ST. ANDREWS, Man.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$85,751 5½% bonds was recently sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. at 98.61, a basis of about 5.60%. Due from 1911 to 1949.

**SARNIA, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—The Municipal Bankers' Corporation was the successful bidder on a recent date for two issues of bonds, one for \$31,000, bearing 6% interest per annum, and the other for \$50,600, bearing 6½% interest per annum. The prices paid were 102.09 and 106.56, respectively. The following bids were received:

Municipal Bankers' Corporation	\$50,000	\$31,000
National City Company	106.56	102.09
Gairdner, Clarke & Co. (for all)	106.79	101.09
R. C. Matthews & Co. (for all)		104.37
Dymont, Anderson & Co.	106.18	101.22
C. H. Burgess & Co.	106.11	101.06
Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	105.33	99.03
Win. C. Brent & Co. (for all)		101

**SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.**—The following, according to the "Financial Post" of Toronto, is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from Feb. 4 to Feb. 11:

Stanley, \$4,000; Bright Side, \$4,200; Louisa, \$9,700; Wigginsdale, \$2,200; Two Tree Point, \$1,000; Hampton, \$1,000; Prairie, \$1,000; Roia Dene, \$1,200; Fitzgerald, \$2,500; Dahinda, \$900.

**DEBENTURE SALES.**—The following, we learn from the same source, is a list of debentures amounting to \$61,402 reported sold in the same period.

**Schools.**—Debden, \$5,000 15-year 8%, Geo. Moorhouse, Regina. Prairie Grove, \$5,400 15-year 7¾%, Regina P. S. Sinking Fund. Lake Burg, \$500 10-year 7¾%, Regina P. S. Sinking Fund. Longridge, \$3,900 10-year 8%, Geo. Moorhouse, Regina. Kelvingrove, \$2,000 10-year 8%, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina. Gottlob, \$1,000 10-year 8%, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina. Lily Vale, \$1,600 10-year 7¾%, Regina P. S. Sinking Fund. Jasmin, \$750 10-year 8%, Geo. Moorhouse, Regina. Black Poplar, \$1,500 10-year 7¾%, Regina P. S. Sinking Fund. Briar Mound, \$1,500 10-year 8%, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina.

**Rural Telephones.**—Naisby, \$700 15-year 8%, T. W. Brown, Saskatoon. Last Chance, \$1,200 15-year 8%, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina. Allan East, \$600 15-year 8%, C. C. Cross & Co., Regina. Lintlaw, \$14,500 15-year 8%, F. Somerville, Regina.

**Cities.**—Saskatoon, \$20,000 30-year 5½%, Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto.

**Villages.**—North Regina, \$3,252 10-year 8%, various, North Regina. Leslie, \$1,000 10-year 8%, North American Lumber & Supply Co., Winnipeg, Man.

**SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Birch Cliff), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$196,288 58 6½% coupon debentures offered on March 1—V. 114, p. 881—were sold to C. H. Burgess & Co. at 105.782, a basis of about 6.12%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1921. Int. payable annually (Dec. 15). Due in 30 years.

**TORONTO SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD (P. O. Toronto), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The \$500,000 5½% debentures offered on March 2—V. 114, p. 881—were sold to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at 97.578 and interest. Due in 20 years from date. The following bids were received:

Wood, Gundy & Co.	97.578	Dominion Securities Corp.	96.81
A. E. Ames & Co.	96.699	National City Co.	97.29
Gairdner, Clark & Co.	96.881	for \$100,000 debentures and a 14-day option on the remainder at 97.466.	

**TORONTO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dixie), Ont.—BOND SALE.**—The following two issues of bonds, offered on March 4—V. 114, p. 881—were sold on that date—the first to Zimmerman & Malloch of Hamilton, and the second to J. M. MacRay. The prices paid were 103.05 and par and accrued interest, respectively.

\$67,000 6% hydro-electric bonds. Due yearly up to 1942.

6,000 6% school bonds. Due 1932.

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**WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.**—The following four issues of coupon debentures offered on Feb. 27—V. 114, p. 881—were sold to Wood, Gundy & Co., who bid 102.38 for 6s, a basis of about 5.71% on the first issue and 102.29, a basis of about 5.92% on the last three issues.

\$400,000 00 municipal housing debentures which are guaranteed by the Province.

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25,000 00 6% 20-year comfort station debentures.

23,000 00 6% 20-year public works site debentures.

**YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$141,355 6% bonds was sold on March 6 to Aemilius Jarvis & Co. of Toronto at 100.53, a basis of about 5.78%. The following bids were received:

Aemilius Jarvis & Co.	100.53	R. C. Matthews & Co.	99.76
C. R. Clapp & Co.	100.44	McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	99.67
Wood, Gundy & Co.	100.129	C. H. Burgess & Co.	99.662
Dominion Securities Corp.	100.171		

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Notice is hereby given, as provided in Article 4 of the Agreement dated May 1, 1920, between the Norfolk & Western Railway Company and the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, that the Norfolk & Western Railway Company has elected to redeem and pay on May 1, 1922, all of its outstanding Four-Year 6% Secured Gold Notes issued thereunder, to wit: notes bearing numbers 1 to 2500 inclusive, at 101% of par and accrued interest.

Holders of the above notes are requested to present them for payment on or after May 1, 1922, at the Trust Department of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 140 Broadway, New York City.

After May 1, 1922, interest on the notes will cease and the coupons maturing after said date will become null and void. Coupons due May 1, 1922, should be detached and presented for payment in the usual manner.

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