

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

A favorable feature of the situation which is not receiving the attention which it merits is the rapid progress just now being made in removing the wrecks in the railroad world—in reorganizing and restoring to solvency the numerous bankrupt railroads which had become so prominent in affairs. As is well known, one of the developments of the exceedingly trying times through which the railroads of the United States have recently passed has been the large aggregate of roads which could not meet their obligations and which were therefore obliged to seek refuge in the hands of the courts as a preliminary to a complete reorganization on a lower basis of fixed charges. A statement prepared by the "Railway Age Gazette" in October of last year showed 42,000 miles of railroad (41,998 miles in exact figures) then operated by receivers. This meant that roughly one-sixth of the entire railroad mileage of the country was insolvent. By the end of 1915 this had been reduced to 38,661 miles through the taking of the Wabash Railroad out of the hands of receivers and some other adjustments, but in 1916 some more roads succumbed. The magnitude of the security issues involved in these financial difficulties may be judged from the fact that the capitalization of the 38,666 miles aggregated no less than \$2,354,900,301, consisting of \$1,607,895,500 bonds and \$774,004,801 stock.

Even before prospects for the railroads so decidedly improved, as a result of the business activity engendered by the European war, energetic efforts were made to bring about a readjustment of the affairs of these embarrassed railroads; and the present year, aided by the wonderful expansion in the traffic and revenues of all railroads on this Continent, the work of reorganization has been greatly facilitated, and in many instances has either already been carried to a successful conclusion or is presently to be completed. It is safe to say that the end of 1916 will see the bulk of the 42,000 miles of road, which twelve months ago were in the hands of receivers, prepared to resume their independent existence free from the trammels of the courts and out of the toils of creditors. The receiverships may not be entirely wound up by the close of the year, owing to the necessity of complying with legal formalities, but at the most it will only be a matter of a short while before the properties will be definitely out of the hands of the courts.

As evidence of what has been achieved in that respect, there is, besides the Wabash reorganization of last year, first of all the present reorganization of the St. Louis & San Francisco RR. This has been practically completed. The road is out of the hands of receivers, with the new company organized and in actual control of the property. It only remains to issue the securities of the new company in exchange for those of the old. The remaining \$45 of the \$50 assessment on the shares of the old company was paid in on Wednesday of last week, and this week a syndicate, headed by Lee, Higginson & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co., is offering for sale \$8,516,000 of the prior lien 5%, Series "B" bonds, due in 1950. The New Orleans Texas & Mexico, originally part of the St. Louis & San Francisco, completed its reorganization as an independent company early in the year, and last month William Salomon & Co. offered a block of the 1st mortgage, 6% bonds of the new company, due Oct. 1925, being part of the total issue of \$5,870,000. The Western Pacific Railroad, another of

the unfortunates, is also on its feet again. The new company was formed in June 1916, and possession taken July;] towards the close of last month it was announced that Hayden, Stone & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, had purchased \$2,500,000 of the new 1st mortgage 5% bonds of that company.

Rehabilitation of the Missouri Pacific will also be an accomplished fact within a short time. The reorganization plan was declared operative some weeks ago and the present month the Missouri Public Service Commission gave its approval to the plan. The securities of the new company "when issued" are already being traded in on the Stock Exchange. This week there has been submitted the reorganization plan of another large railroad system, namely the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. Differences among the various interests in the property which had long delayed reorganization have been harmonized and it is the intention to carry the scheme to early completion. There have been previous plans for the rehabilitation of this important company, but they have been lacking in substantiality, while the present one carries within it the seeds of success, having been definitely underwritten.

Two other Southwestern properties, namely the Missouri Kansas & Texas and the Texas & Pacific, have also passed into the hands of receivers, the latter only quite recently, and its mileage (1,852 miles) is additional to the 42,000 miles operated by receivers last year; reorganization plans for both these companies are expected in the early future. Then, also, the foreclosure sale of the New Orleans Mobile & Chicago Railroad, which is to be succeeded by the Gulf Mobile & Northern, has just been confirmed by the U. S. Circuit Court at Mobile.

A lengthy plan for the reorganization of the Pere Marquette Railroad, which has long been in the custody of the courts, was submitted two weeks ago. The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad was sold at foreclosure on Oct. 30 and purchased by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Blair & Co., as reorganization managers; they are now calling for the payment of the assessment levied on the shares of the old company. The Minneapolis & St. Louis luckily was able to readjust its finances without a receivership, and the Western Maryland is now also being helped out of its difficulties by amicable arrangement. Other and less prominent companies might likewise be mentioned in enumerating the embarrassed companies whose affairs are now in process of adjustment, or have already been adjusted. On the other side of the account, to be sure, we have the recent placing in the hands of receivers of the Boston & Maine Railroad, comprising about 2,500 miles, which also is additional to the 42,000 miles of road alluded to as having been operated by receivers a year ago, but this step, too, was taken to facilitate reorganization (which in this instance is handicapped by the existence of a multiplicity of conflicting interests all reluctant to make concessions) and brings nearer definite readjustment of the company's affairs.

This restoring to solvency of embarrassed railroad properties is a vital and an encouraging and assuring fact in the situation. The resumption of their functions by companies operating such a large proportion of the railroad mileage of the country means much for the security holders in the properties concerned and much for the communities which these important railroad systems serve. Value is given to great masses of securities and a new future is

opened up to railroad properties whose unfortunate plight served to impair railroad credit generally.

As far as the larger of these renovated systems are concerned, it can be said that reorganization has been on a sound and conservative basis. Fixed charges have been reduced so as to place them well within the minimum of earnings, large amounts of cash have been provided for the physical and financial improvement of the properties, and reasonable provision made in the new schemes of capital arrangement for the needs of the future.

Added strength is given to the railroad system of the whole country by the restoration to health of these ailing members. As convalescence of the embarrassed companies is, one after another, assured, the railroad prospect should steadily brighten; and with present traffic and revenues expanding it should be possible soon to advance railroad credit again to a point where the investment capital needed for the proper development of United States railroads will be readily obtainable.

There is, however, unfortunately, one dark cloud that mars the otherwise brilliant prospect. It is the attitude of that certain class of railroad employees which has recently compelled the abject surrender of Congress to its demands and secured the enactment of a statute which, if sustained by the courts, will enormously increase the expenses of the railroads at a time when prices for railway material and supplies are rising to prohibitive figures. That statute is now to be tested in the courts. Upon the result of this litigation and the action of the railway unions with regard to it, will depend the immediate future of the roads. That issue will decide whether railroad securities are again to command the favor of investors as of old. All other obstacles are out of the way. Inflated prices for material will disappear with the end of the war, but the burden of wages kept unreasonably high by statute, in response to the clamor of a class, cannot be shifted and will remain to permanently cripple unless the courts defeat the attempt.

Transvaal gold mining operations, although quite recently below previous high records of monthly output, continue of satisfactory volume and assure for the full year 1916 a total production the greatest in the history of the world's premier field. During October the result, as now cabled, was an aggregate yield of 792,339 fine ounces, this being a decrease from the high mark set a year ago of 5,392 fine ounces, but a gain of 58,593 fine ounces over 1914. For the year to date, however, there is a substantial increase as contrasted with 1915—7,738,010 fine ounces comparing with 7,531,547 fine ounces—which should be quite fully maintained, and a gain of 147,454 fine ounces over the previous banner year (1912), which November and December results are most apt to increase. With the returns from the remainder of Africa furnishing no tangible indications of more than a nominal change in production this year as compared with last, it would seem therefore that for the whole of the country the 200,000 fine-ounce excess in the Transvaal would about mark the increase in production to be looked for in 1916 in that quarter.

Building construction operations in the United States in October 1916 reflected in marked degree the comparatively excellent commercial and indus-

trial situation of the country, of which there has been no lack of evidence for quite an extended period. In fact, in rather sharp contrast with the usual trend of construction work to gradual contraction at this time of the year, October operations showed considerable expansion as compared with the previous month and a very appreciable gain over the same period of 1915, notwithstanding the current high cost of material and labor. It does not follow, of course, that activity has been universal; it has, however, been near enough so as to indicate that the country as a whole continues to feel the stimulus of the phenomenal volume of business passing, and is taking steps to facilitate the handling of it. In some leading centres of trade—Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Pittsburgh, for example—the latest month's operations fall behind those of a year ago, but in each instance construction work for the year to date runs well ahead of 1915. On the other hand, at many points, more particularly localities where war orders have been a decided impelling cause, the volume of building operations very largely exceeds all records. This is especially true of Detroit, Akron, Hartford, Worcester and Springfield, Mass. Finally, a large number of other cities report notable increases thus far this year, among them those of such prominence as St. Louis, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Denver, Washington, Richmond, Toledo, Norfolk, Seattle, Duluth, Los Angeles, Nashville, Columbus, Canton, Indianapolis and New Bedford.

Our returns for October 1916 from 163 cities furnish a total of projected outlay for building operations in the United States of \$88,239,015, or \$16,607,285 (23.2%) more than for the month of 1915 and 33 millions, or 60%, above the 1914 aggregate. The operations contracted for in Greater New York covered a contemplated expenditure of \$14,413,510, against \$10,672,677 in 1915 and \$8,863,278 in 1914, the Borough of Manhattan being the scene of most of the increase. For the country outside of this city the estimated outlay under the permits issued totals \$73,825,505, against \$60,959,053 in 1915 and exceeds 1914 by 28 millions. The Middle West division (28 cities) reports an aggregate of \$31,161,533, against \$25,305,506 last year, and the Pacific Coast section (14 municipalities) a total better by 3 millions than in 1915. The amount for 38 cities in the Middle Atlantic region (not including this city) at \$14,357,920 is 1½ millions above a year ago; New England cities to the number of 24 give an aggregate of 2 millions over, and the South a total more than a million greater than last year. The "Other West," however, falls behind ¾ of a million.

For the calendar year 1916 to date our compilation, embracing the identical 163 cities, makes a very favorable exhibit, showing as it does an aggregate in excess of any heretofore reported for the period and greater than in some recent 12 month periods. The figures for the whole country for the ten months of the last four years are 872 millions, 696 millions, 714 millions and 772 millions, respectively. Greater New York's operations at 202 millions exceed those of 1915 by 57 millions, and for the outside cities the comparison is between 670 millions and 551 millions. Analysis of the returns by sections shows gains over 1915 to have been general, reaching 6½ million dollars in New England, 14¼ millions in the Middle section (New York City excluded), over 56

millions in the Middle West, $11\frac{1}{2}$ millions on the Pacific Coast, nearly 20 millions at "Other Western" points and 11 millions at the South.

Returns for the Dominion of Canada, while showing recently some revival in building operations, nevertheless make a rather poor or indifferent exhibit as compared with years prior to 1915. The war, of course, continues an adverse influence with our neighbor to the North, but it is also to be remembered that in the Western provinces for several years prior to 1914 there was a tremendous boom in building operations, and in that way the future was considerably discounted. Reports from 49 cities for October indicate a projected expenditure of only \$3,357,617 in 1916 and \$2,640,462 in 1915, against some 14 millions in 1913, and for the same cities the contemplated outlay for the ten months totals but \$31,986,016 this year and \$27,564,732 last year, against 91 millions in 1914 and about 135 millions in 1913.

Uncertainty as regards the labor situation at Fall River has seemingly been removed by the action of the Manufacturers' Association on the 10th in according the 10% increase in wages requested by the operatives through the Textile Council on Oct. 19. At that time a practical ultimatum was delivered threatening a strike on Nov. 6 unless the advance was immediately granted; but eventually the request of the manufacturers' committee that action be delayed until after a conference to be held Nov. 10 was acceded to. On that date a general advance of 10% was offered, to go into effect Dec. 4, and presumably all danger of friction is removed. To insure the stability of wages for at least six months the Cotton Manufacturers' Association included the following clause in the wage advance proposition:

"An advance in wages to go into effect Monday, Dec. 4, and to continue in effect six months from that date, no change in the schedule to be made during the time. At least one month prior to the expiration of the six months' period a conference shall be held between the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Association and the executive committee of the Textile Council to discuss business conditions."

The Fall River cotton mills dividend compilation for the final quarter of 1916 clearly indicates that stockholders in the corporations, as a whole, are benefiting from the improved conditions that have prevailed for some little time, and bid fair to continue in the immediate future in New England's leading cotton-manufacturing centre. The mere declaration of dividends is not a conclusive proof of prosperity, of course, but evidence to that effect is to be found in the recently issued annual statements of practically all the corporations, which show a very much better financial condition than a year ago. Companies whose statements for 1915 exhibited a balance on the debit side, in almost all cases now report substantial surpluses, while those more favorably situated have further improved their situation. It is to be noted, too, that the demand for goods at this time is rather beyond the ability of manufacturers to meet, production in some lines—fine goods more particularly—having been sold up for three or four months ahead. A factor working adversely to the manufacturing interests is the inability to secure a sufficient force of operatives to man all the machinery, the shortage of weavers

especially being complained of, and this serves to restrict output. Night work is being resorted to in a few of the mills in an effort to keep up with orders. It would seem that the shortage of cotton mill operatives is to be explained, in part, at least, by the opportunities offered for employment in other directions—presumably on war munitions, &c., and with greater pay.

Analysis of the statement of dividends for the fourth quarter of 1916 indicates that three mills made no distribution, earnings having been applied instead to the reduction of the debts of the corporations. On the other hand, a number of establishments increased the regular rate of distribution and in several instances there were appreciable amounts passed to stockholders in the form of extra dividends, these ranging from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 8% and serving materially to swell the quarter's total. In one case—the Stevens Manufacturing Co.—moreover, a stock dividend of over 70% was declared Nov. 1, the capitalization of the corporation being raised from \$700,000 to \$1,200,000 without the passing of additional funds. The aggregate amount actually distributed, or to be paid out, but not including, of course, the stock dividend referred to, reaches \$799,475, or an average of 2.64% on the invested capital, this contrasting with \$348,417, or 1.15%, a year ago, \$283,292, or 0.96%, in 1914, and \$1,028,675, or $3\frac{1}{2}$ %, in 1913—extra dividends accounting for much of the last-stated total. For the full twelve months of 1916 the shareholders in the 38 corporations our compilation covers have had on the average a greater return on their investment than for several years previously, receiving on a capital of \$30,331,670 dividends aggregating \$2,349,992, or 7.75%, whereas in 1915 the amount paid out was only \$1,131,133, or 3.73%; in 1914 reached \$1,243,792, or 4.21%, and in 1913 summed up \$2,075,450, or 7.07%. The greatest annual return in our record is 11.09%, in 1907, and the smallest 2.41%, in 1898.

Needless to say, the comparatively favorable showing for the full year is due to the very satisfactory outcome of the last half of it, for notwithstanding the decided advance in the value of the raw material, prices for finished products have risen in greater ratio, thus increasing the margin of profit. Take 28-inch 64x64 printing cloths as an example: one year ago they were quoted $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. per yard; now the quotation is 6¢.—the highest in over 40 years.

There certainly is no indication in the reports received this week of any immediate cessation of the 1916 campaign in the European War. Major General F. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the British War Office, in an interview with the Associated Press in London on Thursday made the prediction that British gains in the Ancre Valley were only a forerunner of further equally important advances which will be made on the Western front during the winter months. The success on the Ancre meant, he said, that the Allies were not going to give the enemy much rest this winter. It meant too that whenever weather conditions permitted they were going to attack and subject the enemy to unceasing pressure during the coming months so as to prevent as far as possible the Germans from establishing themselves in new positions. A new British drive began early on Monday amid fog and rain. Thus far it has netted three villages, namely Beaucourt and Beau-

mont-Hamel and St. Pierre Divion. In it the British have thus far taken more than 5,000 prisoners. In addition they have made an advance to the East of the Butte de Warlencourt about three miles Southeast of the important town of Bapaume.

The French also have made progress. The village of Saillisel lying to the East of the Peronne-Bapaume in the Somme region of France on Sunday fell into their hands. The Germans responded by severe counter attacks against both the British and French Lines. The former as a rule maintained their gains, but the French positions were forced back slightly both north and south of the Somme, the Germans making gains in the western outskirts of the St. Pierre Vaast Wood, north of the river and of the eastern part of the village of Pressoire, south of the river. Later in the week the Germans, after recapturing the village of Saillisel, were again driven out. A German attack on Ablaincourt and Pressoire was an attempt to break through the French lines on a front of two and a half miles. The attacking forces consisted of a division and a half in the morning and a similar force in the afternoon, the whole strength being directed against the two villages. Six successive waves struck down upon these places between 7.30 and 10.45 on Wednesday morning and before the afternoon had ended Pressoire had been attacked twelve times. In no case was there any piercing of the French lines and it is reported that some of the German regiments lost 60% of their effectives.

The Serbs, in connection with other Entente troops, have been making distinct headway in Macedonia, having seriously broken the Teutonic lines both east and west of the Cerna, southeast of Monastir and have captured four additional villages east of the river. A battle that will decide the fate of Monastir now is in progress. The great Balkan scarp east of the fortress is in possession of the Allies and a frontal attack on the city is a comparatively simple task. The fall of Monastir would be a distinct blow at Bulgarian pride. London military authorities predict that there will soon be another appeal from Sofia for German assistance in retaking the fortress. Considerable activity coincident with the Monastir advance also is reported by the British force operating to the east of the Struma River.

In the Transylvania district a further retirement on the part of the Rumanians has been forced in the Alt and Jiel valleys, and the Teutonic forces also have made progress in the Rothenthurm and Szurdok Pass regions, taking 1,200 prisoners. On the West Moldavia front Russian attacks east of the Putna Valley were repulsed by the Teutonic allies, as also was an offensive in the vicinity of Oituz Pass. As to the situation in the Dobrudja, considerable differences appear in the reports from Petrograd and Berlin. The former claim that the Russians have made further progress southward and that the Teuton allies continue to retreat, burning villages behind them. Berlin denies that the Rumanians have captured the town of Bonasolo on the Danube.

Bombardments are taking place along the Entente eastern front in Russia and Galicia, according to the Petrograd War Office. Berlin reports a repulse of a Russian attack southeast of Riga. As to the work of the Italian troops the situation east of Gorizia is obscured by the varying reports from the Vienna and Rome war offices, both which record successes for

their respective armies. The Austrians report that they have captured another Italian trench in this district, together with 60 prisoners and two machine guns, while Rome records the re-occupation of trenches evacuated by the Italians on Tuesday. In Galicia, according to the Petrograd War Office, the Russians have driven Austro-Germans from former Russian trenches in the Narayuvka River region. Berlin asserts, however, that attacks by the Russians in this vicinity were repulsed. The Greek insurgents have completed the evacuation of Kiterina, leaving the town in the hands of a few French guards. The Greek Government troops have recommenced their withdrawal southward to take up quarters at Peloponessus on the Isthmus of Corinth in compliance with the agreement between the Entente commanders and the Royalists. Assurances that King Constantine has pledged his word that he will not in any circumstances attack the Entente Powers' armies have been made on high authority, according to dispatches from Athens, and great hopes are based in court circles on the sojourn at Athens of General Roques, the French Minister of War, and M. Benazet, Member of the French Chamber of Deputies.

England seems to be realizing with a greater degree of seriousness than has heretofore been the case, the sacrifices that will be necessary to carry on a still further protracted war. This is a quite natural development, in view of the hard fighting that the British troops now are engaged in after nearly two years of active military preparations. King George on Thursday signed a bill that imposes most severe regulations upon the nation's food supply. It will place the entire supply under control of a Food Dictator, who may be either Lord Milner, former High Commissioner for South Africa, or Lord Devonport. This action follows the same lines as that undertaken by Germany some months ago. There does not appear any eager competition for the new post, the experience of General Batoeki, of Germany, probably deterring many men who would be fitted for the work from aspiring to it. During the debates on the bill earlier in the week in Parliament, most of the speakers approved the proposals of Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, for dealing with food problems, and only criticised the Government for having failed to take steps in this direction long ago. Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill said the only surprising thing was that it had taken twenty-seven months of Armageddon to convince the Government that these simple remedies were necessary. No new circumstances had arisen. The submarine menace has been exaggerated; it was a grave menace, but the speaker doubted whether it had played so great a part in affecting the food supply as Mr. Runciman had suggested. Mr. Runciman announced in conclusion that he did not approve of handing over the country's whole merchant tonnage to a Government department, as high freights were only an infinitesimal factor in the prices of food. He said he was grateful for the cordial reception of his proposals and did not envy the task of the food controller. This official would only succeed provided he had the support of public opinion, and if everybody was prepared to sacrifice private interests to the public good.

In France a National Board of Supervision is to be appointed to institute rigid economies, while in

Germany, which was the first of the belligerent countries to put in force a system of food dictatorship, it is now proposed to mobilize for Government service persons who are unemployed or are doing work that can be dispensed with during the war. The Bundesrath discussed on Thursday a Government bill to put this plan into operation. The scheme contemplates the utilization of the entire available population for the purpose of fighting the war to a successful issue without disturbing the work in any necessary industry. It is contemplated in the first instance, it is stated, to ask for volunteers for the home army and not to resort to compulsory steps at present, although this may be done later in the case of persons who are unable to show that they are engaged in some useful occupation. In order to obtain a trustworthy basis for the home army the Government has ordered a census of the entire home population of Dec. 1, with occupations. From the lists the organizers of the new industrial army will be able to select persons available as workers.

The food situation and the problems of reorganizing the present supply channels, which have proven inadequate to meet the needs of the population, are the principal questions before the Russian Duma, which resumed its sessions on Thursday, after four months adjournment. The Duma is expected to express itself at an early date on the advisability of transferring management of supplies from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Ministry of the Interior. The Russian press and public are said to be unanimously demanding immediate action which will allow the people to benefit from the ample resources of the country. These, if properly handled, it is contended, will be sufficient to provide for the entire population at prices not exceeding those of the other countries at war.

The British Foreign Secretary, Viscount Grey, has replied under date of Oct. 12 to the protest of the United States against the British blacklisting of firms domiciled within the United States. The text of the reply was made public by our State Department on Tuesday. The British Secretary defends the blacklisting on the legal ground that its sole purpose and effect is to restrict the action of British subjects within British territory, and that it thus is strictly local legislation not subject to protest by the United States. We print the reply in full on a subsequent page.

In view of reports that have reached the State Department at Washington, especially of protests by the Belgian Government, that Belgian civilians were being deported into Germany for forced labor, the American Charge at Berlin, Mr. J. C. Grew, has been directed by the State Department to discuss the matter personally with the German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. Mr. Grew has been instructed to say that such deportations could not but have a most unfortunate effect on neutral opinion, particularly in the United States, which has the welfare of the Belgian civilian population very much at heart. No accurate information has been received either as to how many have been deported or where. The work to which they have been sent is designated as "industrial." The instructions to Mr. Grew followed a long report from that official, in which he stated that he had discussed the situation

informally and unofficially with the Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Herr Zimmerman. The latter admitted that a definite policy had been adopted to enforce the labor of Belgians in cases where they would not work voluntarily, on the ground that so many refused to work as to make the strain on public charity intolerable.

The London Stock Exchange is not to observe Saturday as a holiday during the remainder of the fiscal year which ends in March, notwithstanding that there has been presented to the Exchange Committee what is believed to be the most widely signed petition in favor of such action ever presented by members. The Committee itself was divided so equally on the question that it took the casting vote of the chairman to decide. This decision will not prevent special Saturday holidays. Keen interest has been taken in the result. The petition being so liberally signed may be considered significant of the expectation, which is so general in London financial circles, that business during the next half-year is to continue on very moderate proportions. No change was made in the Bank of England rate on Thursday, but there is an appreciably easier tone in money circles—a situation that is expected to continue and still further increase as the end of the year approaches. Active purchases of Treasury bills have been reported this week, the demand in this respect reflecting a belief that present rates of these bills soon will be reduced. London correspondents suggest that the minimum discount in Threadneedle Street will be reduced before the close of the year and that the general money situation will develop corresponding ease, in order that a favoring atmosphere may be prepared for the new long-term war loan, which is expected to be offered early in the new year, after the Jan. 1 payments have been completed and the usual January ease in the English money situation ensues.

It is also of interest to refer to reports that are current in usually well-informed circles in New York that a renewal of importations of gold to this centre is to begin soon after Dec. 1. This movement would not be surprising in view of the necessity that will be present for maintaining the relative ease in the money position in New York to that to be created in London. Any other result if permitted to continue for a protracted period would make the task of maintaining the English and French exchanges in New York on their current basis a particularly difficult one, as higher rates at home than abroad would afford encouragement to draw American funds back from London. The disposition in London is to regard reports from New York as to our bankers' dislike of the deluge of gold and their fears of inflation as exaggerated. "Both are, however, admittedly present dangers," says the London correspondent of the "Evening Post"; "yet you are in a curious position. Assuming that the war continues twelve months longer, your power over the resources of the Allies will be enormous. Your bankers' counsel as to receiving payment for war orders, not in gold but in credits, without collateral, is on sound lines, because that is the only possible means of consolidating your position after war, and making New York the great monetary centre. That argument, in fact, receives indirect confirmation from the fact that, however much of temporary inconvenience your insistence on gold or on loans secured by collat-

eral might occasion, it is to us almost a relief when you prefer such methods. They are, however, quite unfitting to a great banking centre. For ourselves, we not only recognize the genuineness of your suddenly acquired wealth, but are even more impressed by speeches of Mr. Loree and others, showing your financial leaders as sternly determined not to lose their heads over war prosperity, but rather resolved to take every precaution to avoid the dangers of inflation, and consolidate prosperity."

Still another feature that is likely to result from a large gold influx in New York during the closing month of the year is its effect on current sentiment as to the desirability of arranging a new British or Anglo-French loan here based entirely on credit—i.e., without the deposit of collateral security. That such a loan should be placed and that it would be successful seems the opinion of a number of financial people who should be qualified to judge matters of this character in a practical way. An experiment which will indicate to some extent the attitude of American investors to unsecured foreign loans is to be tried in a short time by an offering of \$50,000,000 five-year $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ gold bonds of the Imperial Russian Government. If this should prove successful, a British loan, in view of the higher credit concerned, could well be undertaken if the amount is not too large. The offering price of the Russian bond will be $94\frac{3}{4}$ and interest, making the yield on the investment approximately $6\frac{3}{4}\%$. There has, as we have shown in recent issues of the "Chronicle," been more or less of a propaganda designed to encourage public sentiment in favor of such an unsecured British loan. The bankers who have spoken so freely in favor of an experiment of this character have laid especial stress upon the danger that may be expected to accrue from credit inflation based upon an excessive supply of the precious metal. They argue that a large bond issue could readily be placed and that this, more than any other method available, would operate against any such danger.

Bankers in London are reported by cable to be discussing the American gold surfeit, which it is feared, to quote one correspondent, may cause dangerous inflation, or "an outburst of speculation like that now proceeding in Japan. Satisfaction is felt that the new Japanese Government, though suspected of aggressive militarism, is continuing the prudent course and canceling its debt in London. Japan has announced the cancellation of a further £500,000 $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ loan, making a total of £2,500,000 redeemed since April last. The revenues of the United Kingdom last week amounted to £7,427,000 and the expenditure £36,438,000. The amount of Treasury bills outstanding was increased by £12,676,000. Sales of Exchequer bonds amounted to £12,726,000 and of other war securities £1,647,000. British home rails were inclined to sag because of unsettlement among the employees of the London & Southwestern Line. An instance of the prosperity that exists in the shipping circles is contained in the statement that the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co. declared 25% for the year to June 30. British Consols closed at 56, which compares with $56\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago. Money on call in London has declined to $4\frac{3}{4}\%$, against 5% last week. As to the new war loan, London opinion as to the probability of further long borrowing and the terms and time of issue still differs widely, but an increased number credit the

Chancellor with the intention of making an offer at no distant date. Some are in favor of two kinds of securities, one subject to and one free of the income tax, but it is believed that Mr. McKenna does not favor the latter proposition. An outstanding feature of the money market was the strong demand from banks in neutral countries for commercial bills of three months' currency.

How severe are the measures that are being taken in the interest of national economy in France may be judged from the fact that notice has been given of the introduction of a bill in the House of Deputies compelling the newspapers to cut their issues down to 2 pages, twice a week, in order to save print paper. A decree, too, has been issued that all stores throughout France except those of food supplies shall after Nov. 15 close at 6 o'clock p. m., the purpose being to economize fuel and light. A tax on meals in restaurants which exceed 5 francs has also been ordered. Restaurants and cafes are to close at 9:30 p. m., instead 10:30 p. m. Theatres will be closed on Mondays, moving picture houses on Tuesdays and cafes, concert and music halls on Wednesdays. Parisians have been startled to hear that the elevators of many buildings will be stopped for the same purpose. The coal supply of the Western Allies is drawn from England, which must partition the fuel for Italy and France, and, to some extent, for Switzerland and Spain. The lack of both sea and railway transportation facilities limits deliveries. A National Board of Supervision, presided over by ex-President Armand Fallieres, will be invested with large powers in an effort to stop waste and to compel savings in the use of coal, light and provisions. Little business has been reported in financial circles at the French centre. In view of the increased expenditures the railroads in France have asked permission to raise rates, both freight and passenger. Since the beginning of the war the losses of the State railroads are stated to have been 370,000,000 francs, while the other roads have lost 790,000,000, and all indications are that next year they will be nearly double the losses of last year. While receipts are contracting, expenses are increasing. Coal, rails, oil, grease and wood all are much higher, and the roads see no hope unless they are allowed to increase their rates. Coal, for example, is said to be up 300 to 400%, steel is up 200 to 300 and certain structural shapes 1,000%. Arrangements have been completed in New York for three loans of \$20,000,000 each to three French cities—Marseilles, Lyons and Bordeaux—converged by three-year 6% bonds. Details are given on a subsequent page.

News by cable of a financial character from Germany or its allies is very scarce at the moment. Even the German Bank statement is coming with considerable irregularity. The amount paid on subscriptions to the fifth German war loan up to Nov. 7 is reported at 8,924,000,000 marks (\$2,123,912,000), or 83.8% of the total. The forthcoming Austro-Hungarian 6% war loan, according to the Overseas News Agency, will be issued at 97.70. The $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ loan, redeemable at 105 in two years, will, it is stated, be issued at 96. The subscriptions for these loans will run from Nov. 23 until Dec. 27.

Official bank rates at the leading European centres continue to be quoted at 5% in Paris, Vienna and

Copenhagen; 5½% in Italy, Sweden and Portugal; 6% in London and Petrograd, and 4½% in Switzerland, Holland, Spain and Norway. In London the private bank rate has not been changed from 5½% to 5⅝% for sixty-day and ninety-day bills. Cables from Berlin give 4⅝%—an advance for the week of ⅛%—as the nominal private bank rate at that centre. No reports have been received by cable of open market rates at other European centres, as far as we have been able to learn. Money on call in London is ¼% lower at 4¾%.

The Bank of England in its weekly statement disclosed a small loss in its gold item this week, as against the substantial increases recorded the two previous weeks. The decline was £18,810, while note circulation again decreased—£277,000—in consequence of which the total reserve increased £258,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities, however, declined to 22.55%, against 23.20% last week and 27.49% a year ago. Public deposits expanded £2,141,000 and other deposits £3,673,000, while Government securities continue without change. Loans (other securities) this week registered an increase of £5,551,000. The Bank's holdings of the precious metal aggregate £56,476,421, which compares with £53,569,667 in 1915 and £72,570,142 the year preceding. Reserves amount to £38,031,000, against £39,005,747 and £55,706,732 one and two years ago, respectively. Loans now stand at £106,233,000, comparing with £101,761,023 last year and £107,103,443 in 1914. The Bank reports as of Nov. 12 the amount of currency notes outstanding as £124,861,885, against £123,718,199 a week ago. The amount of gold held for the redemption of such notes remains at £28,500,000. Our special correspondent is no longer able to give details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week, inasmuch as the Bank has discontinued such reports. We append a tabular statement of comparisons:

	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.
	Nov. 15.	Nov. 17.	Nov. 18.	Nov. 19.	Nov. 20.
Circulation	36,894,000	33,013,920	35,313,410	28,402,960	28,277,095
Public deposits	53,738,000	50,181,683	16,286,301	10,611,297	13,883,639
Other deposits	114,924,000	91,676,189	147,334,725	38,248,144	40,835,313
Govt. securities	42,188,000	18,895,068	18,000,753	11,784,772	13,034,576
Other securities	106,233,000	101,761,023	107,103,443	27,987,325	31,670,772
Reserve notes and coin	38,031,000	39,005,747	55,706,732	6,867,522	27,638,059
Gold and bullion	56,476,421	53,569,667	72,570,142	36,820,482	37,465,154
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	22.55%	27.49%	34.04%	55.00%	50.07%
Bank rate	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%

The Bank of France reports a further increase this week in its total gold holdings, the amount of the addition being 13,604,650 francs. The gain this time, however, a cablegram from our special correspondent informs us, is wholly in the balance held abroad, the amount of gold in the vaults of the Bank itself having been correspondingly reduced. In other words, the amount of gold standing to the credit of the institution abroad has risen from 876,219,700 francs to 1,078,038,650 francs, an increase of 201,818,950 francs, while the amount of the precious metal held by the Bank itself has been reduced from 4,133,179,575 francs to 3,944,965,575 francs, or 188,214,300 francs. The total at home and abroad increased during the week from 5,009,399,575 francs to 5,023,004,225 francs. At the corresponding date last year the total gold held (all in vault) aggregated 4,807,117,230 francs, and in 1914 the aggregate was 4,141,350,000 francs.

The gold holdings abroad, which are understood to represent contributions by France to the Allied gold pool for the common use of all the Allies in the purchase of munitions, have been repeatedly increased since June 8 1916, when the Bank of France first began to show amounts so held, the increase since that date being from 69,182,975 francs to 1,078,038,650 francs, a gain of 1,008,855,675 francs.

The amount of gold held by the Bank itself has been reduced since June 8 1916 from 4,676,061,938 francs to 3,944,965,575 francs, a decrease of 731,096,363 francs. Combining the gold at home with the gold abroad, there has been a net gain in the grand total for the period from June 8 1916 to Nov. 16 1916 of 277,759,312 francs, or from 4,745,244,913 francs to 5,023,004,225 francs. In the following table we show the changes week by week in the gold reserve of the Bank from June 8 1916 to date:

Week ending—	In Bank.		Total.
	Francs.	Francs.	
June 8	4,676,061,938	69,182,975	4,745,244,913
15	4,580,401,022	170,107,636	4,750,508,658
22	4,586,811,159	170,107,636	4,756,918,795
29	4,492,201,097	271,055,668	4,763,256,765
July 6	4,498,645,443	271,055,668	4,769,701,111
13	4,504,487,355	271,055,668	4,775,543,023
20	4,509,222,283	271,055,668	4,780,277,951
27	4,515,457,548	271,055,668	4,786,513,216
Aug. 3	4,522,135,934	271,055,668	4,793,191,602
10	4,426,380,856	371,965,271	4,798,346,127
17	4,430,175,672	371,965,271	4,802,140,943
24	4,335,172,029	472,885,788	4,808,057,817
31	4,238,958,193	573,773,871	4,812,732,064
Sept. 7	4,243,545,828	573,773,871	4,817,319,699
14	4,247,825,666	573,773,871	4,821,599,537
21	4,152,170,201	674,553,075	4,826,723,276
28	4,158,198,210	674,553,075	4,832,751,285
Oct. 5	4,165,888,287	674,558,075	4,840,446,362
12	4,181,975,850	674,558,075	4,856,533,925
19	4,211,226,617	674,558,075	4,885,784,692
26	4,247,421,247	674,558,075	4,921,979,322
Nov. 2	4,115,807,300	876,212,950	4,992,020,250
9	4,133,179,875	876,219,700	5,009,399,575
16	3,944,965,575	1,078,038,650	5,023,004,225

The silver item showed a reduction for the week of 6,611,000 francs. Total silver on hand now amounts to 319,189,000 francs, which compares with 362,231,353 francs in 1915 and 625,325,000 francs in 1914. Note circulation registered a further decrease of 78,259,000 francs, reflecting repayments by the Government to the Bank and the consequent ability of the latter to call in its notes. General deposits, which showed a substantial increase last week, declined 67,703,000 francs; bills discounted decreased 13,695,000 francs, and Treasury deposits 49,661,000 francs, while the Bank's advances declined 7,997,000 francs. Note circulation is now 15,894,263,000 francs. Last year it amounted to 14,210,787,610 francs, and in 1914 to 6,683,175,000 francs. General deposits aggregate 1,730,120,000 francs, against 2,616,912,381 francs and 947,575,000 francs one and two years ago, respectively. Bills discounted amount to 618,356,000 francs, as compared with 282,303,156 last year, and advances total 1,366,986,000 francs, against 567,972,911 francs in 1915. In 1914 bills discounted and advances combined aggregated 3,202,975,000 francs. Treasury deposits are 72,392,000 francs. A year ago they stood at 56,265,799 francs and in 1914 at 382,575,000 francs. The figures here given for 1914 are those for the week ending July 30, the Bank having discontinued the publication of weekly returns with the outbreak of the war.

The Imperial Bank of Germany in its statement issued November 7 shows the following changes: Total coin and bullion increased 5,629,000 marks. Gold increased 5,805,000 marks; Treasury notes increased 23,497,000 marks; notes of other banks increased 2,632,000 marks; bills discounted decreased 82,216,000 marks; advances increased 845,000 marks; investments decreased 11,064,000 marks; other securities were reduced 25,739,000 marks; notes in circulation showed a reduction of 14,113,000 marks; deposits decreased 54,695,000 marks, while other liabilities were decreased 17,608,000 marks. Total gold holdings now stand at 2,511,880,000 marks, which compares with 2,432,490,000 marks in 1915 and 1,885,416,000 marks the year previous.

In local money circles lenders have been demanding a shade higher rates for loans secured by "all industrial" Stock Exchange collateral. But funds are still readily available for all legitimate purposes, and the incident is of interest solely from the fact that it marks the first reaction in the steady trend towards easier conditions that has been so obvious during the last few months. We discuss in a preceding paragraph a report that gold importations soon are to be resumed and that the British Treasury in view of the necessity of providing a favoring financial atmosphere for the distribution of its new long-term war loan early in the new year will take steps to provide an easier money situation at home there. This we show will entail provision for a comfortable situation in money circles in New York. Otherwise it would be an exceedingly difficult matter to retain control of the sterling and French exchanges. Official announcement has been promulgated of the completion of negotiations for a \$50,000,000 Russian loan with a local syndicate of bankers who are expected to offer this amount in whole or in part for public subscription next week. The loan is unsecured and will run for 5 years. The issue bears interest at 5½%, but will, it is understood, be offered at 94¾ and interest on about a 6¾% basis. Three loans of \$20,000,000 each have been arranged by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. for the French cities of Marseilles, Lyons and Bordeaux. Bonds covering these transactions are to be offered for public subscription in the near future. The bonds will carry 6% and have a 3-year maturity. Fuller details of the transaction appear on a subsequent page of this issue.

The weekly statement of New York Clearing House banks and trust companies, issued last Saturday, proved disappointing, showing—as a result of payments in connection with the new British loan—the unusually heavy increase in the loan item of \$97,776,000, while net demand deposits were expanded \$87,867,000 and net time deposits \$3,775,000. In consequence of these changes, the surplus reserves suffered a loss of \$25,238,790, which brought the total excess reserve down to \$98,868,250 as compared with \$193,845,370 at the corresponding date a year ago. Reserves in "own vaults" decreased \$7,951,000 to \$466,724,000, of which \$399,963,000 is specie. A year ago the total in own vaults was \$533,078,000, including \$478,354,000 in specie. Reserves in Federal Reserve banks were also decreased \$5,217,000 to \$170,870,000, against \$169,031,000 last year. Reserves in other depositories, however, increased \$2,403,000 to \$55,613,000, which compares with \$48,541,000 in 1915. Note circula-

tion is now \$31,067,000, a decline of \$310,000. Aggregate reserves sustained a reduction of \$10,765,000, to \$693,207,000, as against \$750,650,000 the preceding year. The reserve required registered an increase of \$14,473,790. The bank statement is given in fuller detail in a subsequent section of this issue.

Referring to money rates in detail, loans on call continued to range at 2@2½%. On Monday 2¼% was the minimum, with 2½% the high and renewal rate. Tuesday the range was 2@2½% and 2¼% the basis for renewals. On Wednesday and Thursday 2¼% proved the low and ruling quotation and 2½% the maximum. Friday's range continued at 2¼@2½%, with the ruling rate 2¼%. Time money continues easy, but quotations for some maturities, notably the longest and shortest periods, did not again go as low as at the close of last week. Sixty-day money was advanced to 3%, against 2¾@3%; ninety days at 3@3¼% (unchanged); four months 3¼%, against 3@3¼%, and five and six months at 3¼@3½%, against 3¼% a week ago. The volume of business transacted was not large. Last year sixty days was quoted at 2¼@2½%, ninety days at 2¾%, four months at 2¾@3%, five months at 3%, and six months at 3@3¼%. Commercial paper rates were not changed during the week from 3¼@3½% for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and six months' names of choice character. Names less well known still require 3¾@4%. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as also the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, this week marked up its rates for bankers' acceptances ¼@¼% all around, and quotations at this centre for banks' and bankers' acceptances are now as follows:

	Spot	Deliver	Delivery
	Ninety	Sixty	Thirty
	Days	Days	Days
Eligible member banks	2¼@2½	2¼@2½	2¼@2½
Eligible non-member bills	2¾@2½	2¾@2½	2¾@2½
Ineligible bills	3¼@3	3¼@2½	3¼@2½

The discount rates at the different Reserve banks throughout the country are shown in the following:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

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

OPEN MARKET DISCOUNT AND PURCHASE RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

Bankers' Acceptances.—Authorized discount rate for all Federal Reserve banks; minimum, 2%; maximum, 4%.
Trade Acceptances.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less, purchased in open market without member bank endorsement, by New Orleans branch of Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank: 3½ to 4%.
Commercial Paper.—Bills purchased in open market by Dallas Federal Reserve Bank: 3 to 5%.
Bills of Exchange.—Bills purchased in open market by Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank: 3½ to 5½%.
Bills With or Without Member Bank Endorsement.—Bills with maturities of 90 days or less purchased in open market by St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank: 2 to 4%.

In the absence of really new developments sterling exchange continues to furnish an uninviting subject

for discussion. There is no market in the sense that transactions are on the basis of rates subject to negotiation. Quotations virtually are pegged and represent an arbitrary level at which bills are available for purchase and sale. There has as yet been no renewal of importations of gold though the precious metal is expected in important banking circles to begin to come in again toward the close of the month or during the early days of December. Meanwhile some small amounts of the precious metal have been taken for export, a local financial institution having engaged \$90,000 for London while \$4,900,000 has gone to Argentina, \$100,000 to Montevideo and \$800,000 to Cuba. It is understood that the demand for Argentina is quite heavy and that additional amounts would have gone forward except for the handicap of heavy insurance rates.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday was not quotably changed and demand bills continued to rule at 4 75⁵/₈@4 75 11-16, cable transfers at 4 76 7-16 and sixty days at 4 71¹/₄. On Monday dealings were still marked by a lack of animation, although rates were steady and again quoted at 4 75⁵/₈@4 75 11-16 for demand, 4 76 7-16 for cable transfers and 4 71¹/₄ for sixty days. Very little of interest transpired on Tuesday and sterling remained at the levels of the previous day. Wednesday's market was quiet but steady and demand was not changed from 4 75⁵/₈@4 75 11-16, cable transfers from 4 76 7-16 and sixty days from 4 71¹/₄; a renewal of buying of cable transfers by an international banking house represented the most active feature of the day's operations. As is often the case, Thursday's dealings were dull and featureless; demand advanced fractionally to 4 75.65@4 75 11-16, although cable transfers and sixty days were still quoted at 4 76 7-16 and 4 71¹/₄, respectively. On Friday the market was quiet but steady and in instances fractionally higher. Closing quotations were 4 71³/₈@4 71¹/₂ for sixty days, 4 75.65@4 75 11-16 for demand, and 4 76 7-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight finished at 4 75¹/₂, sixty days at 4 70⁷/₈@4 71, ninety days at 4 68³/₄, documents for payment (sixty days) at 4 70³/₄@4 71, and seven-day grain bills at 4 74 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4 75¹/₂.

In the Continental exchanges this week movements as a rule were uninteresting and transactions were again light. The most noteworthy feature proved to be the rally in rubles, which went up to 30.85—after a decline to 29.40—presumably on the successful completion of arrangements for the new Russian loan to be placed here. Lire continue to move irregularly, an upward reaction during the opening days of the week having been followed by another decline to as low as 6.71³/₈, due mainly to moderate offerings coming upon an extremely narrow market. Reichsmarks developed renewed weakness and sight bills at one time broke to 69 5-16 minus 1-16, the lowest point touched in some time. The recent reverses experienced by German troops on the Western battle front were held responsible for the depression. Kronen, moving in sympathy with exchange at Berlin, again reached a new low record, viz., 11.84, and closed weak. Francs ruled steady and showed but slight net changes. The sterling check rate on Paris closed at 27.81¹/₂ (unchanged). In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 5 84¹/₂, un-

changed; cables at 5 83¹/₂, also unchanged; commercial sight at 5 85, against 5 85⁷/₈, and commercial sixty days at 5 89¹/₂, against 5 89³/₄ last week. Demand bills on Berlin closed at 69 5-16 minus 1-16, and cables at 69³/₈ plus 1-16, compared with 69³/₄ and 69 13-16 a week ago. Kronen finished at 11.84, against 11.86 the week preceding. Rubles closed at 30.85, against 29.65 Friday last. Lire finished at 6 71³/₈ for bankers' sight and 6 70¹/₄ for cables. A week ago the close was 6 65 and 6 64¹/₄, respectively.

In the neutral exchanges the trend has been towards slightly easier levels, although net changes were for the most part unimportant. Swiss exchange was steady, Scandinavian rates were fractionally easier, while guilders remain pegged at the figures prevailing a week ago. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam closed at 40⁷/₈ (unchanged); cables at 40 15-16 (unchanged); commercial sight at 40⁵/₈ (unchanged), and commercial sixty days at 40⁵/₈ (unchanged). Swiss exchange finished at 5 20 for bankers' sight and 5 19 for cables, against 5 23 and 5 22¹/₄ last Friday. Greek exchange (which is still regarded as neutral) has remained at 5 14. Copenhagen checks closed at 27.00, compared with 27.10. Checks on Norway finished at 27.70, against 27.74, and checks on Sweden closed at 28.32, against 28.40 the previous week. Spanish pesetas were again strong and finished at 20.35, comparing with 20.36 at the close on Friday last.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$436,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Nov. 17. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$7,384,000, while the shipments have reached \$6,948,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury and Federal Reserve operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$18,196,000, the combined result of the flow of money into and out of New York banks for the week appears to have been a loss of \$17,760,000, as follows:

Week ending Nov. 17.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks Interior movement	\$7,384,000	\$6,948,000	Gain \$436,000
Sub-Treasury and Fed. Reserve operations and gold exports	31,882,000	50,078,000	Loss 18,196,000
Total	\$39,266,000	\$57,026,000	Loss \$17,760,000

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

Banks of	Nov. 16 1916.			Nov. 18 1915.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	56,477,421	—	56,477,421	53,569,667	—	53,569,667
France..	157,798,623	12,767,480	170,566,103	192,284,680	14,489,240	206,773,920
Germany	125,594,000	799,700	126,393,700	121,660,100	1,820,250	123,480,350
Russia ..	155,877,000	10,599,000	166,476,000	150,367,000	1,939,000	152,306,000
Aus-Hun.c	51,578,000	12,140,000	63,718,000	51,578,000	12,140,000	63,718,000
Spain ..	47,532,000	29,649,000	77,181,000	32,566,000	29,547,000	62,113,000
Italy ..	37,082,000	3,072,000	40,154,000	45,990,000	4,445,000	50,435,000
Netherl'ds	48,637,000	544,300	49,181,300	33,345,000	206,500	33,551,500
Nat. Bel. B	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000
Switz'land	11,435,500	—	11,435,500	9,807,600	—	9,807,600
Sweden ..	9,886,000	—	9,886,000	6,298,000	—	6,298,000
Denmark..	8,340,000	168,000	8,508,000	5,917,000	247,000	6,164,000
Norway ..	8,127,000	—	8,127,000	3,760,000	—	3,760,000
Tot. week	731,743,544	70,439,480	802,183,024	732,523,047	65,433,990	797,957,037
Prev. week	739,050,566	70,758,770	809,809,336	731,503,474	65,106,430	796,609,904

* Gold holdings of the Bank of France this year are exclusive of £43,121,546 held abroad.
 * The gold holdings of the Bank of Russia for both years in the above statement have been revised by eliminating the so-called gold balances held abroad.
 c July 30 1914 in both years. h Aug. 6 1914 in both years.

AFTER-ELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.

It is usually the rule, in the American community, that discussion of electoral results almost vanishes as a leading topic of conversation within a few days of actual announcement of the result. For this habit there are two obvious reasons. One is that our present campaigns are conducted under such circumstances of excited controversy—often prolonged

for a period of months and ordinarily culminating in a high tension of personal feeling at the last—that the public mind is satiated, and turns with relief to other topics when the matter is settled. If a Presidential election meant the prompt installing of a newly-elected President and Congress in office, with whatever change in personnel and policies were involved, public interest would doubtless shift to such considerations. But even that kind of interest is suspended by the curious and largely accidental fact in our political system, whereby the President elected in November is not inaugurated until March, and the Congress chosen with him usually does not convene until December of the following year unless called in extra session after the 4th of March.

While for these reasons discussion of issues and personalities in a Presidential campaign does not continue many days after election, public interest nevertheless continues to converge on certain more general considerations to which attention is attracted by the nature of the vote. Almost invariably, discussion is revived as to the defects in our system of electing Presidents. But curious questions are also bound to arise in connection with the popular vote and popular pluralities. Regarding the last-named consideration, there is food for curious conjecture in the results of 1916. This is especially so in the immense increase of the total vote. It is impossible as yet to obtain exact figures from all the States; especially in the Southern section. But it is possible to state roughly the actual results, and in last week's election the preliminary and partly estimated figures show the extraordinary increase of 2,300,000 votes for the Republican and Democratic parties combined, over the combined vote of 1912 for Republicans, Democrats and Progressives.

It is true, however, that the total vote of 1912 showed a slight decrease—about 177,000—from that of 1908, and this despite the great increase in population during the four intervening years. Yet even so, the increase shown in last week's vote is almost unprecedented. The nearest parallel occurred at the election of 1896, when the vote cast for the Republican and Democratic parties combined increased 2,888,000 over the vote for the same two parties in 1892. That increase was partly due to the intense excitement of the free coinage campaign of the later year; but it was also largely explained by the fact that the Populist Party in 1892 polled something over a million votes. If that vote were included in the combined figures for 1892, the increase in the vote of 1896 would be much reduced, even allowing for the 357,000 votes cast in 1896 by the Populist Party and the Gold Democracy.

One important reason for last week's very large increase in the vote was undoubtedly woman suffrage. In Illinois, for instance, where women voted for President for the first time last Tuesday, the State's total vote was apparently increased more than 500,000 over 1912. There seems to have been a largely increased feminine vote in many other Western States where woman suffrage already prevailed. For the rest, it is probable that the increase in last week's total vote reflects the increase of the country's population during the past eight years; the vote of 1912, as we have already explained, having wholly failed to reflect the increase in the electorate during the previous four years.

As is always the case in a close election—especially when the result hinges on the block of electoral votes

to be cast by one State, like the thirteen votes of California—discussion recurs over the disadvantages in our system of choosing the President. It generally takes the form, as it has been done in this week's newspaper discussions, of an argument for reversion to decision by the direct popular vote of the United States as a whole, the choice of President to be made by the majority or plurality in that vote. Now our existing system is quite generally recognized as cumbersome. It has in fact ceased for a century past to carry out the original purposes of the Constitution—which, as every one knows, was for the States to choose wise public men who, in the so-called Electoral College, should select the President and Vice-President in the light of their larger knowledge.

While this function has wholly disappeared, retention of the machinery whereby voters choose the State's electors, and the electors fulfill the mandate of party nominations, has certainly some objectionable aspects. Sometimes it confuses the vote of a State through failure, intentional or accidental, of part of the electorate to vote for all of the electors of a given party. Electors are sometimes disqualified; they may die; and these risks of defeating the general purpose of the electorate are now taken without the slightest remaining compensatory advantage. It may also possibly be contended that the system of allowing each State a vote in the Electoral College, equal to that State's Senators and Representatives, gives undue relative power in a Presidential election to the small States, which will always have as many Senators as the most populous States in the country. On the whole, there is much to be said for determining the result in a given State by direct vote of the people of that State for President.

But to argue for removal of all voting by States, and for submission of the question to direct vote of the people of the United States as a whole, is to propose a very different kind of change. The result would inevitably be very great political confusion. The uncertainty which existed last week regarding the vote of California, Minnesota and a few other States would, under such a system, apply to the whole Union. In a close contest it might be weeks before the actual results could be determined. Temptation to fraudulent practices, which now arises only in close States, would then exist throughout the country, with greatly increased difficulty in detecting and checking such practices. Furthermore, the facility offered for tyranny by a majority would be very greatly increased. No other great country in the world votes for its chief executive on any such basis; the reason being that the teaching of experience and history has led all such countries to distrust the committing of this kind of political decision to the unchecked and unlimited vote of a popular majority.

The probability is that the present electoral system of this country will continue wholly or practically unchanged, for at least more than another generation. With all our tendency to political excitement, and with all our occasional political vagaries (like those of the Populist platform of 1892 and the Progressive platform of 1912), the Americans are at heart a conservative people. They are especially disinclined to change any Constitutional provision which, despite possible awkwardness in the machinery of operation, has in the long run worked as well as any other system could be expected to do.

MODERNIZING THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

In a recently published book under the above title, Mr. Charles H. Sherrill, late U. S. Minister to Argentina, has made a valuable contribution to the general understanding of the Monroe Doctrine and has indicated with much clearness the direction in which it can be applied to secure a thoroughly defensible and effective position at this time when the European war makes it possible. This last, which lies in its application to ourselves in our relations to Eastern Asia, if it is not entirely new, is enforced out of his official experience and is made reasonable and convincing. It bears directly upon America's position after the war.

Writing from the standpoint of South America, he is impressed with the magnitude of those countries, the broad intelligence and high character of their leading men and the immense importance of our relations to them. Argentina, for example, has nine millions of population with a billion dollars of annual foreign trade; Brazil twenty-one millions of population and five hundred millions of foreign business, with the vast interior of the continent as yet untouched. Buenos Aires is a beautiful European capital, with two million people, 40,000 of them English residents, 35,000 German, 30,000 French and 400 American. In the epoch-making A. B. C. conference at Niagara Falls, the South American representatives not only showed themselves statesmen of the first rank, but they carried the support of the entire continent. The conference laid the bogey of the "Big Brother" and his big stick, and has led also to the assumption by South America of her share in the responsibilities and development of the Monroe Doctrine, lifting it from being a scheme of not altogether welcomed outside protection to a position of prime importance in the assurance of their own independent future.

He points out that the Monroe Doctrine really originated with Henry Clay and President Monroe and the public discussions between 1816 and 1820 in this country, and, as proved by Canning's recently unearthed and published letters to Bagot, was only taken up by Canning for his own purposes. He agrees with John Bassett Moore that the doctrine "has in reality become a convenient title by which is denoted a principle that would doubtless have been wrought out if the message of 1823 had never been written, the principle of the limitation of European power and influence in the Western Hemisphere."

Its development is quickly sketched. It started with the declaration that the American continents are henceforth not to be considered subjects for future colonization by any European Power, and that any intervention for the purpose of controlling in any other manner the destiny of the Governments in South America who have declared their independence would be viewed as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States. In 1870 Gen. Grant went further, and announced as "an equally important principle," that "hereafter no territory in all this continent shall be regarded as subject to transfer to a European Power"; a position which Mr. Roosevelt when President sharply enforced against Germany concerning even a "temporary" occupation. In 1895 President Cleveland, in the Venezuela affair, said to Lord Salisbury that the doctrine "was intended to apply to every stage of our national life, and cannot become obsolete while our Republic

endures." The official adoption of the Monroe Doctrine at that time by the Congress of the United States, and its explicit acceptance by the principal maritime power, Professor Moore says, was "the most important political result of the Venezuela incident." In 1905 President Roosevelt announced that "it must be understood that under no circumstances will the United States use the Monroe Doctrine as a cloak for territorial aggression." President Wilson confirmed this in 1913. The Senate by the Lodge amendment in 1912 applies the doctrine to the taking up by a commercial company of any territory which may be useful to its Government, by giving it power of practical control for national purposes.

Though the latest German authority (1913) contends that no State has recognized it, this is the Monroe Doctrine as it now stands with us, and which is generally recognized; and at last South America realizes the altruism of our point of view in connection with it; which is the important fact.

Mr. Sherrill would now have the doctrine turned about and frankly applied on the further shore of the Pacific. We should take official hands off, altogether, from the States over there, allowing them the same freedom from our outside interference that we demand here. We have claimed and always shall claim, the same rights in China, for instance, for trading or otherwise, which inure to all nations, under the "most favored nation" clause of treaties, but Mr. Sherrill insists that we should never claim more than that, and that Mr. Hay's "bluff," as he himself called it, was a bad precedent and assumed for us a protectorate position to which we have no claim, and which is "dangerous nonsense." The sooner we take our proper stand frankly and officially, the sooner will there be dissipated all war clouds over the Pacific Ocean. He would have our position scrupulously restricted to that expressed in the exchange of notes Nov. 30 1908 between Mr. Root, Secretary of State, and the Japanese Ambassador. "They are also determined to preserve the common interests of all Powers in China in supporting by all pacific means at their disposal the independence and integrity of China, and the principal of equal opportunity for commerce and industry of all nations in that Empire."

When the question arises of what is involved in taking this position in regard to the Monroe Doctrine, and how it is to be done, Mr. Sherrill proposes the release of all foreign colonies* on this continent by buying them, and using the Philippine Islands in the exchange. He points out the present generally unhappy and retrograde condition of these colonies under their foreign control. As compared with their neighbors, the condition of French, Dutch and British Guiana and Honduras is unfavorable and in the main retrograde, of which he gives abundant evidence. The Danish West Indian Islands fell off in population from 43,000 in 1835 to less than 31,000 in 1901. In the Dutch islands business is on the decrease, and in 1910 a deficit of 922,586 guilders had to be made up by the Dutch Government at home. The French islands have a constant deficit which France has to meet; in 1908 that of Martinique was 140,000 francs and that of Guadeloupe 400,000 francs. The foreign trade of the two islands shrank from 126 million francs in 1882 to 65 millions in 1907. He would com-

* The Dominion of Canada lies, of course, entirely outside the range of his proposal and thought as in no sense a "colony," and as unaffected by the Monroe Doctrine.

pare this with the great advance Porto Rico is making under our charge.

He advocates some arrangement by which these colonies should be freed from European ownership as chiefly important to deliver us from the risk of future embroilment, which in all the years since 1823 was never so imminent as in very recent times. It would go far to clear the atmosphere for all time in that direction.

If in the Pacific it should eventually result in our withdrawing from the Philippines, it would have a similar effect. This does not mean abandoning the islands or even necessarily making them at once self-governing. It may well be claimed that they are far from ready for that. If, however, by mutual agreement, the three nations who would withdraw from the Caribbean, England, France and Holland, who also happen to be the chief European States with great colonies in the Far East, should have turned over to them in the exchange different islands in the Philippines, and should accept our responsibilities toward the islands, we should at once be set right there and our status under the Monroe Doctrine would be cleared up for all the world and for all time. We would be in no true sense a "hermit nation," but on the contrary we should be established in that disinterested position which we have always claimed and have somewhat vainly tried to justify. If it could not be written over us, *Securus orbem terrarum judicat*, at least we could be a mediator among the nations whose influence would be as welcome as it would be unselfish. The thought also of Washington and of Monroe would be completed and this hemisphere would be effectually delimited from outside encroachment.

Mr. Sherrill closes his book with this appeal: "Out of the melting pot of the great European war blessings have already come, and more will follow. Already France and Russia are regenerated throughout every fibre of the body politic. During the last months British patriotism has flamed up as never before in the memory of living men. Before peace comes none will benefit more than the fine German people by freeing their individual and personal rights from the control of officialdom. Shall we content ourselves with mere material gain from this dreadful crisis? Should we not also take thought for the spirit of our nation, and collectively consider how our destinies should be shaped so that our children and their children shall enjoy the land that has been given to us?"

We imagine our people and our statesmen will want to think long and seriously over the radical propositions embodied in Mr. Sherrill's suggestion, but they are provocative of thought.

SENTIMENT IN CANADA REGARDING AFTER-WAR TRADE DISCRIMINATION.

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Gradually the post-bellum tariff attitude of Canada assumes more definite shape. While the business of the country is to help win the war, political parties and economists generally are attempting to draft from evidence at hand the probable trend of Canadian conduct on tariff questions.

Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, acting as this country's representative at the recent Paris conference of the Entente Powers, has endorsed in a score of speeches, given since his return to Canada, the principle of hostile tariffs

against the Teutonic group and the extension of preferential arrangements between the units of the Entente group. Logically, this would imply some further discrimination by Canada against the United States and lessened taxation on imports from Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy. The intense passions of war time make any such tentative scheme acceptable to many Canadians, and it enjoys the substantial organized support of many of the Canadian manufacturers. The Minister of Trade and Commerce, like his confreres in the Paris Conference, assumes that trade can be pressed into the mould of diplomatic convenience, that the individual will consent to artificial channels of trade in place of the age-old rule of buying cheapest and selling dearest.

High tariff sentiment in Canada was probably never so weak as in these days of advancing costs of living. A well-defined belief is manifested that the price advances of food commodities justified arbitrary regulations of home prices long since by the Federal Government, that high export prices on wheat, for instance, should not apply to Canadian requirements in times of war. No Government interference with food trading has occurred. Then, too, the writer is aware that the majority of members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association desire very little if any change in the present tariff scale, which averages between 25 and 30% on manufactured articles.

Probably the most potent antidote for the high-protection propogandum is the fast-growing free-trade or near-free-trade organizations, political and commercial, in the prairie provinces. These bodies boast anything but amicable relations towards the Eastern manufacturers and have stated frequently the right of the agriculturist to sell in the United States market and buy manufactured goods regardless of the "Made in Canada" stamp, the latter being, in their view, not infrequently the shield for exaction.

How dubious are some Canadian leaders as to the feasibility of the Paris Conference idea, so far as Canada is concerned, appears in the following important statement of Lord Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.:

"To me the interests of Canada must come first. And I am not at all convinced that the best interests of our country would be served by a policy of close protection within the Empire or with the Allies. At any rate I cannot be convinced of this without a further opportunity to study events.

"It does not seem reasonable that any unit of the Empire can be benefited by buying certain goods from another unit if the class of goods in question can be purchased outside the Imperial Alliance at a lower figure."

Of equal interest are the assertions of Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, that "immigration and salvation" are synonymous terms for Canada and that "immigration will flow to that country which possesses the most democratic form of government." Will the Canadian grain growers and their "wider market" gospel dictate the tariff basis of the Canadian democracy to which immigrants will be attracted? Or will the theory of tightly-drawn markets between Canada and far-distant units of the Entente group persuade the poor man of cheap manufactures and fat agricultural profits?

One genuine economic gain brought by the war to Canada is the speeding up of agricultural production, thereby giving farm products a saner relation to railroading and manufacturing. Automatically this increases the capacity of the home market to absorb Canadian manufactures. It is upon the extension of home consumption that Canada's ability to export her manufactures depends. That is the only possible starting point. So that the future position of Canada in taking profits from the world's industrial demands becomes a question of building up the home consumption through heavy additions of agricultural population. To get this population after the war, the present high prices for produce might be sufficient lure, but such prices are bound to fall. In their absence the Government must provide concessions in wider markets, or invite keener competition with many lines of manufactures now in the hands of virtual combines. It will be seen, therefore, that the predilections of Western Canada and much of the agricultural East are in directions exactly opposite to restraint of trade. If the Paris Conference or other deliberative body can apply the scheme of hostile tariffs so as actually to untie the hands of the Canadian agriculturist, the doctrine of the "trade war" may appeal.

THE CASE OF THE RAILROADS AGAINST THE RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS.

Even while the result of the election was in dispute there came a report that unless the Adamson law is interpreted and obeyed by the roads according to its spirit (that is, its spirit according to the Brotherhood idea) the strike will be called forthwith. Last week nearly a dozen roads moved by filing suits attacking the law, and the most important Eastern roads have done the same this week.

In substance, the twelve allegations of their complaint reduce to this: that the law is in conflict with the Fifth Constitutional Amendment in taking the property of the roads without just compensation and in arbitrarily interfering with their rights of contract; that it imposes cruel and unusual punishments, in violation of the Eighth Amendment; that it is not in any sense or respect a regulation of inter-State commerce or a means related to such regulation; that it is discriminatory by not applying to all roads and also by favoring certain classes of employees. Further, while the law makes "the present standard day's wage" the basic minimum for wages, there is no such thing existing as a standard daily wage; therefore, and perhaps for other reasons, it is impossible for the managers of the roads to tell with reasonable certainty what will constitute a violation of the law. A further complaint is that the law merely creates a commission for an experiment, to be tried out within nine months' time, whose results are to be reported and used as a basis for possible further legislation on the subject of labor; moreover, that there is no provision for reimbursing the roads in case the result of this study should be in their favor in respect to the need and justice of any wage increase.

Separated from the amplification and detail customary and necessary when one seeks relief by an action before the courts, the law is accused of unconstitutionality, indefiniteness of meaning, and impossibility and injustice in its mandates. When men are commanded to do something, on penalty of

conviction for misdemeanor and subjection to fine and imprisonment, they are clearly entitled to such definiteness of statement that they can know when they are disobeying. It is an old rule that ignorance of the law (that is, of the existence of the law) is no excuse for a violator; but vagueness in the law must needs be a full excuse, for no man can obey the law until it makes itself reasonably clear. It is enacted that wages shall not be below "the present standard day's wage," but there is no such wage; if the word "handbreadth" or "pace" were used as the measure of determining obedience to some mandate, a similar case would be presented.

Great weight reasonably attaches to the complaint that while this law orders a wage increase pending an investigation (covering a term of seven to ten months) there is no provision for possible reimbursement in any event. We suppose it can hardly be forgotten yet that the railway executives offered, in August, to put the amount in dispute into a trust, under control of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, pending the decision of arbitrators to be named by Mr. Wilson himself. In life insurance experience it frequently happens that several persons claim the proceeds of a policy, and then the company customarily pays the money into court, to be held thus until the rightful claimant is ascertained by legal trial; imagine the company compelled, by some statute, to pay at once to some of the claimants and face the possibility of being forced to pay to another one who might be found, by the subsequent trial of the issue, to be the one legally entitled to it. In this instance, the Brotherhoods refused alike arbitration and delay; they would not hear to having the money put into a trust, pending decision by arbitrators to be appointed by their own partisan; they demanded the money now, or the strike could not be averted by any human power. The probability that arbitrators thus designated would have decided, or that the investigators already designated under the Adamson law will decide, for the roads and against the Brotherhoods need not be discussed, whatever private opinion may be held about that. When two men come into court, the one demanding money which the other denies is legally or morally due, the trial does not begin by the court's directing the defendant to hand the money to the plaintiff and then proceed to try the case; the money awaits the trial. Could anything be more contrary to all customs in civilized countries, and more abhorrent to all ideas of fair play, than to decide an issue by first awarding the substance in dispute to the plaintiff and then proceeding to try out in court the question whether he was entitled to it? Let us refer this dispute to arbitration, meanwhile putting and holding the money in trust, said the railway executives; not at all, replied the Brotherhoods, we demand the money now, and then you can arbitrate if you want to. This position was put into the Adamson law, and upon that, with other points, the roads now go to the courts.

In reply to those who denounce what they miscall "nullification" by the courts and assert that legislative action should be deemed final, the "Chronicle" has repeatedly pointed out that if a statute is found by the final court to be in conflict with the prior and fundamental law of the people as expressed in a constitution it is mere waste paper and never had validity; also, that interpretation must needs precede enforcement. The roads now ask the final court

to pass upon the constitutionality of this Adamson law, and, if it is held valid, to interpret it for them, that they may obey it. What less, and what else, could they possibly do? If they must obey, must they not be authoritatively informed *what* they must obey?

Because they are entitled to know this, and because they would have no available means of reimbursement for any wage increase paid in the interim in the event that the law is decided invalid, the roads rightfully seek to have it passed upon before the date of taking effect, and it is suggested that this decision may be a possibility before January. At least, would it not be an anomaly and a gross injustice (even if the question of validity were waived) if a penal statute which nobody understands should go into effect without an interpretation? On the eve of the election, Chief Stone had to say to many inquirers that he could not give any definite information, "for we do not know yet just what the Adamson law means." On Sept. 1 Senator Underwood told the Senate that "we are going to legislate an increase of wages, without knowing what we are voting on." The railway executives now say *they* do not know, and they ask to be informed so that they may be protected against unwittingly becoming liable to imprisonment.

The vice and mischief of the whole thing have been clear from the start, but not as to the details; for those we must wait. Since the law was meant only to put the case along until after election and was therefore as truly a mere campaign measure as any speech or public advertisement, one might suppose that Mr. Wilson would now have no further interest in the subject. Yet we have been told that he is concerned over the prospect of an unmanageable Congress and is planning to finish his "program" while the compliant body remains, that is, before March. We are also told that the Brotherhoods plan to get the campaign law fixed to suit them, during the coming short session, and that the Administration (of course meaning Mr. Wilson) has a scheme for additional legislation while the legislative process remains direct and simple, this to be "framed to meet constitutional objections and be a revision of the Adamson law." Still further, we are told that, in the failure of other measures, the Brotherhoods will play their "final ace" by demanding, on Jan. 1, an increase of pay which will amount at least to all the Adamson law was believed to promise them. And behind all is the familiar strike threat.

We are to see what we shall see. But election had not been a week past before we had light upon the character of the peace and prosperity which we were entreated to secure by continuing Mr. Wilson in power. At Shadow Lawn in September the surrender was a surrender to justice, being not because the men demanded it "but because it was right." In Washington in August Mr. Wilson urged Congress to do this thing to avert the strike which would otherwise come on Labor Day and would entail starvation. The strike was deferred, as it had been deferred many times. After sidestepping before the issue and taking the apparent line of least resistance, the question of the final stand against the steadily pressing force of organized labor remained, as one of the matters to be decided on the 7th. The exemplar and leader in placid temporizing was re-elected, and the ugly issue comes up anew, with renewed fierceness, and with weakened powers of

resistance, according to an immutable law in human nature.

Shall we find strength now to make the stand, or shall we continue retreating until (as the New York "Times" predicted, on Sept. 2, may come) we have "lost our democratic form of government?"

BANKING AS A CAREER.

Magazine writers delight to picture the dazzling careers of some of our captains of industry, particularly those who have risen to high and profitable positions in the steel trade. No doubt such examples of success in the industrial world have a beneficial effect upon young men, as they are impressed by the rewards which come to industry, loyalty to an employing corporation and the exercise of sound judgment. But the expansion of the United States is opening up other fields which invite the attention of young men who are seeking a career. Notably is this the case in banking.

Conditions have been thrust suddenly upon the United States which have put it forward in the world of finance. Had it grown to this position gradually, there would have developed generation by generation and step by step a race of financiers in America who would be without superiors in the world. But there has not been this gradual development among men in the financial world, as our relations with foreign nations before the beginning of the great European war were all handled by comparatively few. Suddenly the United States has become a world banker and young men are needed to handle complicated situations at home and to go to foreign countries to represent powerful American institutions.

One institution in this city anticipates the need of men who are educated along international lines and it conducts a school which is very generally attended by employees from the office boys up. This institution has sought in various parts of the country college-educated men who are willing to make international banking their calling, and no effort is spared to fit these men for the duties and responsibilities which will fall to the lot of the United States when peace is restored.

One trust company in a neighboring city in paying the expenses of eighteen of its younger employees at a business college, a good beginning which may be followed with advanced work as the pupils display interest and capacity.

An excellent institution which is doing splendid work all over the country is the American Institute of Banking. It now has eighty chapters. This is largely supported by the bankers in the communities where chapters are located and the Institute has 18,000 members, most of whom are students at night and are employed in banks and trust companies during the day time. At least three men who are now highly regarded in the financial world are products of the Institute. One is a vice-president of a leading trust company of this city, a second is Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and a third is a prominent and successful banker of Minneapolis.

These are times when it will pay well the employees of the financial institutions to study and fit themselves for higher positions. Perhaps their advancement will not be so spectacular as has been that of some of the men in the steel industry, nor may it bring such great reward in money, but a good banker

is a most useful citizen, and as the field of American banking expands to other countries, the American banker is destined to become a man of more importance than ever before and his success is sure to bring the highest respect and a substantial reward.

DISORGANIZING EFFECT ON INDUSTRY OF WAR.

Certainly it is trite to say we are living in extraordinary, in unprecedented, times. And just as surely, our thought and toil are subject to the environs in which we live. When the flood-gates of endeavor are open the benefits of human effort enrich all peoples. In normal times, production seeks its level as inevitably as does water. Again, when the storm winds of trade blow shoreward, the waves roll high, but they must recede. And when the seas of exchange are becalmed, the sails of prosperity droop.

War is abnormal, therefore war is a disturbing factor in all industrial and investment values. The world's work is forward-moving; the world's hope is forward-looking. Therefore, all "business" has an expectancy of life. Even if it depend upon the utilization of an invention in manufacture, which may be improved upon and superseded by another, getting into the market first with a useful product assures a certain run of custom, a certain profitable existence. As any useful thing goes to the masses of men, it gathers momentum—we have a way of saying it advertises itself. But this natural expectancy of the business life requires freedom of endeavor and exchange. Therefore the operation of an industry, under normal conditions, must always be a controlling factor in the establishment of its real value.

Again, the very intellectual processes of business gain strength by exercise. We attain, by orderly and uninterrupted procedure, to a given possession of skill in production and exchange which is an important part of our "stock in trade." In a word the real "going value" of a plant depends upon its normal operation under normal conditions.

In the midst of full-speed-ahead, on a clear track, production, exchange and consumption are suddenly checked and disordered by a world-wide disaster, a cataclysm unheralded and unmeasureable. The world is poorer thereby. For the world is a unit in human endeavor. What is lost in time, waste and disorder must be regained.

But in the United States we are prevented from perceiving this by the feverish activity to repair the damages, to renew the activity and output. There is a sudden rush of labor in one direction, a sudden acceleration of production in one or more industries, a sudden stirring to endeavor in one locality because of a frenzied demand from another. Values suddenly become disproportionate. A factory in beleaguered Germany stops running and one in the United States has the other world marts for its output to itself. A factory in England turns its plow-shares into swords and the United States has the world to itself in plow shares. Then since these two factories in the United States have less competition than before, other factories that have been pressed by the endeavor of these fortunate ones have greater leeway. Add to this the demands of the war for its own use; add the exhilaration and enthusiasm of renewed effort, and there results a condition which some call "good times" and prosperity." Labor is over-employed, wages

unduly rise, and prices of products go rapidly upward. And since profits are measured by these prices, and profits indicate earnings that give value to properties, the prices of stocks soar far beyond the intrinsic and going values of the concerns which they represent.

What, in brief, has happened? England and the European States, comprising the most highly industrialized countries of the earth, become suddenly the seat of war. Vast marches of men, appalling battles, ensue. In a short time the entire energies of these countries are put forth to win victory in the gigantic struggle. In addition to the regular standing armies, twenty to twenty-five millions of men are taken from orderly and beneficial pursuits to engage in the business of killing each other. Vast properties are destroyed. Huge loans for equipment and maintenance, entailing fixed charges over necessarily long periods, are contracted. Those left at home are chiefly engaged in supplying munitions, food and engineering of war, to those in the field. Thousands upon thousands of small businesses are ruined. The earth is ransacked to obtain the necessary agencies of battle. The prices of steel and iron suddenly bound upward, and copper, leather and cotton goods and raw cotton quickly follow. Foodstuffs take on famine prices.

Removed by the width of the Atlantic, the United States is at peace with all the world. It is the most highly developed industrial nation left upon the globe. Thither all come that can—for food to eat, and clothes to wear, for the raw materials that sustain armies, for munitions, and all the accessories that minister to the power to destroy. What results? The metal trades receive an unnatural impulse. Old mines are reopened, the output of all increased, and the price advanced. Allied products are in demand following their relation to pig iron. The increasing cry is for more munitions and arms. Farmers, selling produce and stock faster than they can grow them, enjoy easy and extensive profits. Factories that were hard pressed by an overproduction in their own lines are turned to munition-making at enormous gains in income and profits. Railroads transport more materials to the seaboard and increase their earnings, receiving additional benefits through favorable crops. Production and transportation, accelerated by this inordinate demand, this unparalleled necessity, draw other industries with them into unwonted activity, and the general level of "business" in this quarter of the world rises.

Those who sell abroad are able to fix their own price and get it. Prices rise; wages rise. The corporations affected by this world-change enter for the first time into international trade. Their plants are enlarged to meet the new demand, but they are essentially the same industrial integers they were before the war. Their stocks naturally become more active on the exchanges. This dealing, beginning at first in a legitimate way, tends toward speculation, and soon there is witnessed phenomenal advances in price, fostered illegitimately by the fever that comes from watching large sales. Two years witnesses a rise in prices measured by the hundreds per cent. Fortunes are made quickly. The domestic demand is enhanced by the foreign, there is more money to spend among the people, the deposits in the banks, fed by this and by the activity of trade, are greater than ever before. The balance of trade growing out of these conditions, expressed in dollars, is measured

by billions, the largest ever known; and as a result—gold floods us with its yellow stream. And we seem to be prosperous.

But are we not parting with our best goods and our highest energies, without, as a commercial nation, receiving a proper equivalent? Already the gold worries the credit-makers of the country. We are getting heavy boot for what we trade, but we are depriving the people of low-priced bread by the operation.

Will we not, when the war ceases, have a legacy of high prices, of highly paid labor, of inflated industrial values, that cannot be maintained? "The world is out of joint; oh, woe is me, that ever I was born to set it right!" Will we not pay, when the pendulum swings to the other extreme, all the more heavily because of the nature of this access in oversea trade—because to feed the needs of those in distress we have deprived ourselves of the necessities of life and because we have sacrificed our production on the bloody altar of destruction. We shall never be able to enter the marts of the world as international traders on the basis brought about by this war; in fact, it is so disorganizing as to become the means of retarding our legitimate hoped-for foreign trade.

Other parts of the world, that should be buyers, are being retarded in their development. If we do become a factor in general world trade we must become a great merchant nation, buying what we do not need in order to sell what we do not want, re-selling again. All these are vital conditions of the future of "business," and all enter in, to make the values, compounded of intrinsic and going, of the investment shares of to-day. Can it be possible that we shall not in our investments allow for the unnatural influence on activity and price by the pressure of war demand? Is it not true that the normal level is reached by the mutual sustaining power of all industries in all countries under normal conditions everywhere?

RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR SEPTEMBER.

There is no general or very great modification as yet in the character of the returns of the gross and net earnings of the railways of the United States. It is natural that the aggregate increase in the case of both gross and net should no longer be so large as it was a short time ago, for comparison is now being made with steadily improving returns last year, and it is also natural to find rising expenses becoming a more prominent feature of the returns to the extent that some companies are obliged to report losses in net notwithstanding substantial gains in gross, for the railroads have used up their supplies of materials purchased when prices were much lower and are now obliged to pay the prevalent higher prices, while cost of operating is also increasing in other directions, more particularly in the matter of wages. In other respects returns of both gross and net earnings continue as before, and, speaking of them as a whole, they continue quite satisfactory.

Our tabulations this time cover the month of September and comprise, as heretofore, all but a very small percentage of the entire railroad mileage of the country. As compared with the same month last year the increase in the gross reaches \$38,555,541 and in the net \$12,572,543. These are substantial amounts of gain, coming on top of the gains registered in September of last year, even though the

ratio of further improvement is only 13.10% in the gross and 11.24% in the net. The general aggregates for the month are shown in the following:

September (408 roads)—	1916.	1915.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
			Amount.	%
Miles of road.....	248,156	247,466	+690	0.28
Gross earnings.....	\$332,888,990	\$294,333,440	+\$38,555,541	13.10
Operating expenses.....	208,441,151	182,358,153	+25,982,998	14.24
Net earnings.....	\$124,447,839	\$111,875,296	+\$12,572,543	11.24

In judging of the significance of the further improvement the present year it deserves to be recalled that September last year was the first month that revealed marked manifestations of the great improvement in results which was to become the feature of the returns to an increasing degree in subsequent months, and which indeed has continued the dominant characteristic up to the present time. In commenting on the figures for September 1915 we stated that the general result was the very best which it had been our privilege to submit in a long time. Gross receipts were beginning to increase heavily as a consequence of the sudden development of trade activity on an exceptional scale, while at the same time expenses were still much curtailed in pursuance of the policy forced upon the roads during the many months of shrinking traffic and poor outlook. The increase in the gross then reached \$17,783,141. In ratio the improvement was not so very striking, it being only 6.43%, but the significant fact was that it inaugurated a great change and, furthermore, it was attended by an actual reduction in expenditures, so that in the net the gain amounted to \$18,546,361, or only a trifle less than 20%—in exact figures, 19.90%. Immediately prior to 1915, however, the returns had been poor or indifferent for several successive years. It happened that in September 1914, though gross earnings were reduced by \$12,857,844, or 4.50%, this was met by shortening of expenses in amount of \$13,606,758, thus yielding \$748,914 gain in net. On the other hand, the year before (1913) there was an actual decrease in net, notwithstanding a moderate gain in gross. That is to say, for September 1913 our compilations registered \$9,805,231 increase in gross but attended by an augmentation in expenses of \$14,958,298, or 8.44%, causing, therefore, a loss in net of \$5,153,067, or 5.26%.

In September 1912 the gain in gross revenues was of more satisfactory extent, but the net even then failed to keep pace with the rise in gross receipts; \$19,891,032 increase in gross, or 7.88%, was attended by an addition to expenses of \$13,855,420, or 8.58%, leaving, therefore, only \$6,035,612 increase in net, or 6.64%. Extending the comparisons further back, we find that in September 1911 our compilations showed only minor changes in the totals, namely \$39,801 increase in gross and \$1,321,815 increase in net. In September 1910 there was a gain of \$10,312,116 in gross revenues, but a loss of \$3,869,083 in net earnings. In the year preceding, results for this month were much more encouraging—that is, in September 1909 there was \$27,052,253 gain in gross and \$13,585,396 gain in net. In September 1908 there was \$15,299,397 loss in gross, with \$4,083,435 gain in net. In September 1907 the returns were very incomplete, they coming to hand when the panic of that year was at its height. The significant feature was that at that time, also, net earnings were falling behind, though gross were still expanding; stated in brief, for September 1907 our compilation, though incomplete, registered

\$13,172,222 increase in gross with \$3,594,503 decrease in net. In the following we furnish the September comparisons back to 1896.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
Sept.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1896	57,053,112	58,277,749	-1,224,637	10,889,887	20,478,809	-888,922
1897	72,371,090	62,806,514	+9,704,576	27,538,974	21,860,419	+5,678,555
1898	81,574,080	79,290,848	+2,283,232	31,820,183	30,252,809	+1,567,374
1899	88,160,145	77,606,660	+10,553,485	33,488,813	29,398,146	+4,090,667
1900	92,274,231	90,380,548	+1,893,683	34,073,853	34,790,545	-716,692
1901	106,840,715	96,359,674	+10,481,041	39,663,622	35,270,411	+4,393,211
1902	108,277,736	99,662,819	+8,614,917	37,336,306	36,435,214	+901,152
1903	121,941,303	108,568,340	+13,372,963	41,781,513	37,410,861	+4,370,652
1904	124,045,376	120,717,276	+3,328,100	45,628,707	41,023,532	+4,605,175
1905	129,482,517	118,616,511	+10,866,006	46,650,014	43,719,446	+2,930,568
1906	136,839,986	126,782,987	+10,056,999	48,341,798	45,653,884	+2,687,914
1907	141,230,009	128,047,787	+13,172,222	41,818,855	45,413,358	-3,594,503
1908	218,929,381	224,328,778	-5,399,397	81,615,213	77,531,878	+4,083,335
1909	246,065,356	219,013,703	+27,051,653	95,443,956	81,858,560	+13,585,396
1910	256,647,702	246,335,586	+10,312,116	91,580,434	95,449,517	-3,869,083
1911	249,054,036	249,014,235	+39,801	90,720,548	89,398,733	+1,321,815
1912	273,209,629	262,318,597	+10,891,032	96,878,558	90,842,946	+6,035,612
1913	285,050,042	275,244,811	+9,805,231	92,847,193	98,000,260	-5,153,067
1914	272,992,901	285,850,745	-12,857,844	92,022,947	91,274,033	+748,914
1915	294,241,340	276,458,199	+17,783,141	111,728,276	93,181,915	+18,546,361
1916	332,888,900	294,333,449	+38,555,451	124,447,839	111,875,296	+12,572,543

Note.—In 1896 the number of roads included for the month of September was 156; in 1897, 131; in 1898, 128; in 1899, 123; in 1900, 128; in 1901, 113; in 1902, 108; in 1903, 112; in 1904, 102; in 1905, 98; in 1906, 95; in 1907, 84; in 1908 the returns were based on 231,367 miles; in 1909 on 236,545 miles; in 1910 on 240,678 miles; in 1911 on 230,918 miles; in 1912, 237,591 miles; in 1913, 242,097 miles; in 1914, 242,386 miles; in 1915, 245,132 miles; in 1916, 248,156 miles. We no longer include the Mexican roads nor the coal-mining operations of the anthracite coal roads in our total.

The Pennsylvania RR. is one of the great railroad systems which this time report a loss in net notwithstanding large expansion in the gross, but this follows noteworthy improvement in the year preceding. On the lines directly operated east and west of Pittsburgh there is \$3,047,674 increase in gross with \$313,039 decrease in net. In September 1915 these lines showed \$2,615,027 increase in gross and \$2,306,312 increase in net following \$1,436,466 loss in gross and \$255,473 gain in net in September 1914. Including all lines owned and controlled which make monthly reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the result for the Pennsylvania for the present year is a gain of \$3,907,091 in gross but a loss of \$94,298 in the net. Last year on the same basis the result was \$2,944,103 gain in gross and \$2,684,515 gain in net.

The New York Central this time has \$2,793,056 gain in gross and \$719,185 gain in net. This is for the Central itself, including the Lake Shore and the other lines merged in it within recent periods. Adding the various auxiliary and controlled roads like the Michigan Central, the Big Four, the Nickel Plate, &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$4,622,652 in gross and of \$1,287,178 in net. This is in addition to \$2,629,591 expansion in gross and \$2,967,388 expansion in net in September 1915, following \$2,111,773 loss in gross and \$710,333 gain in net in September 1914. The Erie the present time has no less than \$838,712 loss in net on a gain of \$141,345 in gross, but in this case the explanation seems to be found in considerable part in a different distribution of repair and renewal work among the different months of the year. In September 1915 the Erie showed \$747,308 addition to gross and \$1,003,474 addition to net.

Two other large systems which suffered heavy reductions of their net are the Great Northern and the Milwaukee & St. Paul. The former with gross enlarged by \$210,224 falls \$580,267 behind in the net and the Milwaukee & St. Paul, though having expanded its gross \$885,841, nevertheless loses \$205,629 in net owing to an augmentation of over a million dollars in expenses. The Great Northern, as it happens, had decreases in both gross and net in September 1915—\$218,996 in gross and \$274,686 in the net. In the case of the Milwaukee & St. Paul, on the other hand, September last year showed

\$21,231 increase in gross and \$214,130 increase in net. In the great majority of cases, however, the result the present year is large gains in gross and net, in addition to equally striking gains in September 1914. One illustration will suffice. Thus the Southern Pacific last year was greatly advantaged by the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and added \$1,208,729 to its gross and \$826,893 to its net. The present year that favoring feature was lacking, and yet there is a further expansion of \$1,904,257 in gross and of \$1,045,799 in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net alike:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

Increases.		Increases.	
Pennsylvania	\$3,907,091	Pitts & Lake Erie	\$249,491
New York Central	2,793,056	New Orl Tex & Mexico	235,973
Atch Topeka & Santa Fe	1,973,567	Yazoo & Miss Valley	233,273
Southern Pacific	1,904,257	Chicago & Alton	224,178
Union Pacific	1,832,127	Western Maryland	220,236
Chicago Burl & Quincy	1,467,104	Great Northern	210,224
Missouri Pacific	970,846	Internat & Great Nor.	208,551
Chic Rock Isl & Pac lines	938,429	Wichita & Lake Erie	183,135
Chic & North Western	908,753	Chicago Great Western	176,882
Baltimore & Ohio	898,026	Delaware & Hudson	174,071
Chicago Milw & St P	885,841	Elgin Joliet & East	172,271
Northern Pacific	808,288	Buffalo & Susquehanna	168,349
Southern Railway	796,295	Cinc New Orl & Tex Pac	161,609
N Y New Hav & Hartf.	792,474	Maine Central	153,610
St Louis & San Fran	781,495	Western Pacific	152,764
Missouri Kansas & Texas	776,256	Chesapeake & Ohio	152,155
Michigan Central	754,550	N Y Chicago & St Louis	149,307
Philadelphia & Reading	741,650	Virginian	149,183
Illinois Central	704,421	Central of Georgia	147,951
Boston & Maine	592,749	Erie	141,345
Duluth Missaba & No.	591,967	Long Island	138,349
Louisville & Nashville	528,370	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	137,408
Cleve Cine Chic & St L.	522,611	Hocking Valley	132,014
Wabash	433,920	Toledo & Ohio Central	128,530
Atlantic Coast Line	383,607	Bingham & Garfield	114,427
Lehigh Valley	365,324	Nashv Chatt & St Louis	111,913
Delaware Lack & West	363,383	Colorado & Southern	109,622
El Paso Southwestern	357,096	Kansas City Southern	104,061
Chic R P Minn & O	349,923	Representing 65 roads in our compilation	\$35,184,576
Norfolk & Western	332,555	Decreases.	
Phila Balt & Wash	305,638	Cinc Ham & Dayton	\$111,238
Cent of New Jersey	297,801	Grand Canyon	100,482
Pere Marquette	288,718	Representing 2 roads in our compilation	\$211,720
St Louis Southwestern	283,779		
Texas & Pacific	265,215		
Florida East Coast	257,745		
Seaboard Air Line	257,074		

Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate roads, so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR. together with the Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$1,817,976 increase, the Pennsylvania Company \$617,183 gain and the P. C. C. & St. L. \$612,515 gain. Including all lines owned and controlled which make monthly returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the result is a gain of \$3,907,091.

b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself, including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$4,622,652.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS IN SEPTEMBER.

Increases.		Increases.	
Atch Topeka & Santa Fe	\$1,240,453	Los Ang & Salt Lake	\$157,423
Union Pacific	1,196,711	Western Maryland	136,551
Southern Pacific	1,045,799	St Louis Southwestern	136,212
Chicago Burl & Quincy	999,004	Yazoo & Miss Valley	134,266
Chic Rock Isl & Pac lines	979,141	Cinc New Orl & Tex Pac	124,322
New York Central	8719,185	Baltimore & Ohio	119,120
St Louis & San Fran	535,073	Western Pacific	110,408
Philadelphia & Reading	451,865	Maine Central	109,060
Duluth Missaba & Nor.	453,050	Louisville & Nashville	108,388
Missouri Pacific	434,752	Chicago & Alton	103,414
Northern Pacific	419,693	Colorado & Southern	101,360
Chic & North Western	348,368	Representing 36 roads in our compilation	\$13,250,455
El Paso & Southwestern	339,821	Decreases.	
Illinois Central	335,729	Erie	\$838,712
Wabash	297,175	Great Northern	580,267
Michigan Central	260,459	Pennsylvania	\$313,039
Florida East Coast	243,349	N Y Chic & St Louis	235,623
Texas & Pacific	233,857	Chicago Milw & St Paul	205,629
Chic St P Minn & O	233,514	Delaware & Hudson	150,807
Southern Railway	205,545	Representing 6 roads in our compilation	\$2,324,077
Atlantic Coast Line	203,966		
New Orl Tex & Mexico	201,755		
Cleve Cine Chic & St L.	194,462		
Norfolk & Western	176,955		
Missouri Kansas & Tex.	166,250		

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR., together with the Pennsylvania Company, and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$290,647 decrease, the Pennsylvania Company \$209,637 loss and the P. C. C. & St. L. \$187,245 gain. Including all lines owned and controlled which make monthly returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the result is a loss of \$94,298.

b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself, including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a gain of \$1,287,178.

The generally favorable character of the results, notwithstanding isolated instances to the contrary, is well illustrated when the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions according to their locations. In that case we find that every division registers an improvement in gross and net alike. A particularly significant fact is that this is a duplication and continuation of the showing in September of the previous year when every geographical division likewise recorded an increase in gross and net alike. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group.	Gross Earnings			
	1916.		1915.	
September—			Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
Group 1 (18 roads), New England....	14,807,937	13,073,015	+1,734,922	13.27
Group 2 (30 roads), East & Middle....	88,182,249	79,224,215	+8,958,034	11.31
Group 3 (34 roads), Middle West....	40,991,755	36,130,070	+4,861,685	13.46
Groups 4 & 5 (93 roads), Southern....	38,842,091	34,518,684	+4,323,407	12.52
Groups 6 & 7 (74 roads), Northwest....	76,894,523	68,686,752	+8,177,771	11.91
Groups 8 & 9 (95 roads), Southwest....	51,532,475	44,102,398	+7,430,077	17.75
Group 10 (44 roads), Pacific Coast....	21,267,957	18,598,315	+2,669,642	14.35
Total (468 roads).....	332,888,090	294,333,449	+38,555,541	13.10

	Mileage		Net Earnings			
	1916.	1915.	1916.		1915.	
					Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
Group No. 1.....	7,828	7,833	4,926,384	4,620,482	+305,902	6.62
Group No. 2.....	29,511	29,466	30,049,643	29,701,040	+348,603	1.17
Group No. 3.....	23,338	23,705	14,445,990	13,706,886	+739,104	5.40
Groups Nos. 4 & 5.....	41,874	41,621	13,600,937	11,806,058	+1,794,879	15.20
Groups Nos. 6 & 7.....	68,520	68,143	32,406,561	29,638,725	+2,767,836	9.34
Groups Nos. 8 & 9.....	58,394	58,130	19,455,331	14,409,890	+5,045,435	35.01
Group No. 10.....	18,691	18,568	9,562,993	7,992,509	+1,570,484	19.65
Total.....	248,156	247,466	124,447,839	111,875,296	+12,572,543	11.24

NOTE.—Group I. includes all of the New England States.
 Group II. includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo; also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.
 Group III. includes all of Ohio and Indiana; all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.
 Groups IV. and V. combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.
 Groups VI. and VII. combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois; all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City; also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.
 Groups VIII. and IX. combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City; Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana; and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.
 Group X. includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona and the western part of New Mexico.

NEW RUSSIAN UNSECURED LOAN OF \$50,000,000.

Announcement was formally made on the 16th inst. of the proposed offering early next week by a syndicate to be composed of J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Co., the Guaranty Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., of a new \$50,000,000 5½% unsecured loan, a direct obligation of the Imperial Russian Government, and maturing in five years. The loan, which will be exempt from all present or future Russian taxes will be offered to the public at 94¼ and interest, yielding the investor about 6¾%.

The bonds are to be dated Dec. 1 1916 and interest will be payable June 1 and Dec. 1 in gold coin, at the National City Bank, New York City. The terms of the agreement provide that the principal is payable at maturity, at the option of the holder, in rubles, at the offices of the Imperial State Bank of Russia at the current commercial rate of exchange of Petrograd at sight on New York. The bonds and coupons, when due and payable, will be accepted in payment for all Russian custom house dues at the value of gold dollars at the current commercial rate of exchange. The bonds are also eligible as security for Russian Government contracts. The option of payment at maturity at the Imperial State Bank of Russia at the full face value of the bonds in rubles, at the exchange rates then prevailing, is declared to be a very valuable privilege, one possessed by no other issue of Russia's external or internal debt.

According to the descriptive circular issued by the bankers, it is stated that the customs revenues of Russia in 1913, the last normal year, were \$194,200,000, which compares with \$160,680,000, the average from 1908 to 1912, inclusive.

The bankers go on to say that the volume of American exports to Russia has been steadily increasing, and that the essential object of the loan is to facilitate the continuation of this growing export trade. The exports for the eight months ended Aug. 31 1916 are given as \$300,362,626, compared with \$169,099,931 for the entire year of 1915.

While it is the intention of the syndicate to offer the whole issue of \$50,000,000, only \$25,000,000 will be taken by the bankers at first, they having an option on the remaining \$25,000,000.

This will be the first attempt by Russia to float a loan of this sort in the United States, unsecured by anything save its general credit. In June of this year a \$50,000,000 credit was arranged for by the syndicate handling the present loan (the members of the syndicate on that occasion being the same as on the present occasion, except that the National City Bank and Kidder, Peabody & Co. then held the places now filled by the National City Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., respectively), but in that instance the loan was secured by the establishment of a credit in Petrograd of 150,000,000 rubles in favor of the American group, or at a fixed ratio of 3 rubles to the \$1. For the particulars concerning this credit see our issue of June 17, pages 2211 and 2212.

THREE FRENCH CITIES OBTAIN LOANS FROM NEW YORK BANKERS.

Following the loan completed in October between the city of Paris, France, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York City, for \$50,000,000, maturing in five years and bearing 5% interest, three others French cities (Bordeaux, Lyon and Marseilles) have closed negotiations with the same bankers, each for a loan of \$20,000,000, at 6%, and maturing in three years. The facts concerning these loans, as given out yesterday, are set forth in the following statement. In our issue of Oct. 7, page 1260, we gave the particulars of the City of Paris \$50,000,000 loan.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. announce that they have closed negotiations with the Cities of Bordeaux, Lyon and Marseilles for \$20,000,000 3-year 6% bonds of each one of these three cities.

The purpose of the loans is to provide for expenditures for the alleviation of suffering caused by the war and for other municipal purposes.

The principal and interest of the bonds are payable at the option of the holder, either in United States gold coin in New York, or in francs at the fixed rate of 5.60 per dollar, and there is therefore, the possibility of a very substantial profit in exchange, inasmuch as the normal rate of exchange before the war was about 5.18 francs per dollar.

The Government of the French Republic is to undertake to furnish, if necessary, to the three cities, gold to the amount needed to enable the payment of the principal and interest of the loan in New York.

We are advised that—

Bordeaux, one of the three leading French seaports, has, according to the last enumeration, a population of 261,678 and a funded debt of francs, 48,500,000 (approximately \$9,600,000).

Lyon, next to Paris the leading trade centre of France, has, according to the last enumeration, a population of 523,796 and a funded debt of francs, 97,000,000 (approximately \$18,000,000).

Marseilles, the foremost seaport of France, has, according to the last enumeration, a population of 550,619 and a funded debt of francs, 122,800,000 (approximately \$23,000,000).

REPUBLIC OF CHINA BORROWS \$5,000,000 FROM CHICAGO BANKERS.

The Republic of China, through its Minister at Washington, Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, has concluded a 6% gold loan of \$5,000,000 with the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago. Associated with the Chicago bankers is Chandler & Co., Inc., of New York City, who will have charge of the distribution of the loan in the East. The Chinese Government was represented in the negotiations by Levi Mayer of Chicago. The loan, which is a direct obligation of the Republic, matures in three years and is secured by a first charge on the entire revenues derived by the Government from the Chinese tobacco and wines public sales tax, which, we are advised, amounts to \$5,840,000 a year. It is said that those concerned feel that they have made a distinct gain in obtaining from Secretary Lansing a formal approval of the action of the Chicago bank in furnishing the loan to the Chinese Government. Coincidentally with the arrangement of the loan, Mr. Lansing handed to the officials of the bank the following letter:

Gentlemen—I have read the contract between yourselves and the Republic of China with reference to a loan of \$5,000,000 for a period of three years, and I have to say in reply to your oral request for a statement of the policy of this Department respecting such loans that the Department of State is always gratified to see the Republic of China receive financial assistance from the citizens of the United States, and that it is the policy of the Department, now as in the past, to give all proper diplomatic support and protection to the legitimate enterprises abroad of American citizens. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

ROBERT LANSING.

The loan will be offered for public subscription on Nov. 22 at 97½, netting the investor about 6.90%.

AMERICAN SECURITIES SERVING AS COLLATERAL FOR NEW BRITISH LOAN OF \$300,000,000.

J. P. Morgan & Co. made public on the 14th the list of American securities serving as collateral for the \$300,000,000 5½% British Government gold loan for which subscriptions were received so freely that the books were closed on Nov. 4 instead of the 8th, the date originally set by the syndicate managers. There are two distinct groups of securities aggregating in value \$180,000,000 each. The first group of \$180,000,000, consists of American securities and securities of the Canadian Pacific Ry., and bonds and other obligations of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the colony of Newfoundland, Provinces of the Dominion of Canada and Canadian municipalities, of which at least \$100,000,000 will be American and Canadian Pacific securities. The second group of securities, totaling \$180,000,000, is made up of bonds and other obligations of the Governments of Australia, Union of South Africa, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Japan, Egypt and India, including approximately \$25,000,000 in bonds and other obligations of dividend paying British railway companies. The particulars of the new loan were given by us on Oct. 28, pages 1550 & 1551. One-half of the loan matures in three years and

the other in five years. The three-year notes were offered at 99 1/4 and interest, yielding about 5 3/4 %, while the five-year obligations were offered at 98 1/2 and interest, netting about 5.85%. The loan of \$250,000,000, placed in August and bearing 5% interest and maturing in two years, was put out at 99 and interest, the yield to the investor being a little over 5 1/2%. The complete list of the American securities back of the present \$300,000,000 loan is as follows. The list consists of 54 railroad stock issues, 73 issues of shares of industrial and miscellaneous companies and 615 railroad and industrial bonds. The total number for the \$250,000,000 loan of last August was 503—442 bonds and 61 stocks. That list was published in these columns Aug. 26, pages 704 and 705.

- Railroad Shares**—
 Ala. Great Southern RR., original.
 Atl., Topeka & S. Fe. Ry., common.
 Preferred.
 Balt. & Ohio RR., common.
 Preferred.
 Beech Creek RR., common.
 Boston & Albany RR.
 Central RR. of New Jersey.
 Chesapeake & Ohio RR.
 Chicago & North Western Ry., common.
 Preferred.
 Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.
 Chicago Milw. & St. Paul Ry., common.
 Preferred.
 Cleveland & Pittsburgh RR., 7% guar.
 Connecticut River RR.
 Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.
 Detroit Hilldale & S. W. RR., common.
 Erie & Pittsburgh RR.
 Erie RR., first preferred.
 Great Northern Ry., preferred.
 Illinois Central RR.
 Leased lines.
 Kansas City Southern Ry., preferred.
 Lehigh Valley RR.
 Little Miami RR.
 Louisville & Nashville RR.
 Minn. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry., common.
 Preferred.
 Leased lines.
 Mobile & Birmingham RR., preferred.
 Morris & Essex RR.
 New York Central RR.
 N. Y. Lackawanna & Western Ry.
 Norfolk & Western Ry., common.
 Adjustment preferred.
 Northern Central Ry.
 Northern Pacific Ry.
 North Pennsylvania RR.
 Pennsylvania RR.
 Pittsburgh B. & W. & Chic. Ry., guar.
 Spec. dividend.
 Reading, common.
 1st preferred.
 2d preferred.
 St. Louis Bridge, 1st preferred.
 2d preferred.
 Southern Pacific.
 Certificates of interest.
 Southern Ry., preferred.
 Tunnel RR. of St. Louis.
 Union Pacific RR., common.
 Preferred.
 United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co.
Industrial & Miscellaneous Shares.
 American Agricultural Chemical, pref.
 American Beet Sugar, preferred.
 American Can, preferred.
 American Car & Foundry, preferred.
 American Light & Traction, preferred.
 American Locomotive, preferred.
 American Smelting & Refining, common.
 Preferred.
 American Smelters Securities, "A" pref.
 "B" preferred.
 American Sugar Refining, common.
 Preferred.
 American Telephone & Telegraph stock.
 American Tobacco, preferred.
 American Tobacco, common.
 Preferred.
 Anaconda Mining.
 Baldwin Locomotive Works, preferred.
 California Ry. & Power, prior preference.
 Central Leather, preferred.
 Chicago Jct. Rys. & Un. Stkys., pref.
 Cities Service, preferred.
 Consol. Gas, El. Lt. & P. of Balt., com.
 Preferred.
 Continental Can, preferred.
 Cullert, Peabody & Co., preferred.
 Deere & Co., preferred.
 Detroit United Ry.
 Eastman Kodak, common.
 Preferred.
 General Chemical, preferred.
 General Electric.
 General Motors, preferred.
 Goodrich & Co. (B. F.), preferred.
 Ingersoll-Rand, common.
 Preferred.
 Int. Harvester Co. of N. J., common.
 Preferred.
 Int. Harvester Corporation, preferred.
 International Nickel, preferred.
 Lehigh Coal & Navigation.
 Lehigh Valley Coal Sales, common.
 Liggett & Myers Tobacco, preferred.
 Lorillard (P.), preferred.
 Mackay Companies, common.
 Preferred.
 Massachusetts Gas, preferred.
 Moline Plow, 1st preferred.
 Montfau Power, com. preferred.
 Montgomery Ward Co., Inc., preferred.
 National Biscuit, preferred.
 National Lead, preferred.
 National Sugar Refining Co. of N. J.
 Pacific Gas & Electric, original preferred.
 1st preferred.
 Philadelphia Co., preferred.
 Pittsburgh Steel, preferred.
 Pressed Steel Car, preferred.
 Providence Gas.
 Pullman Co. common.
 Sears, Roebuck & Co., preferred.
 Studebaker Corporation, preferred.
 Swift & Co.
 Twin City Rapid Transit, common.
 Preferred.
 United States Rubber, 1st preferred.

- Industrial & Misc. Shares (Con.)**—
 U. S. Smelt., Refining & Mining, com.
 Preferred.
 U. S. Steel Corporation, common.
 Preferred.
 Utah Copper, common.
 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, preferred.
 Western Union Telegraph.

- Railroad Bonds**—
 Ala. Grt. So. RR. 1st M. ext. g. 5s, 1927.
 General M. sterling 6s, 1927.
 1st consol. M. 5s, "A," 1943.
 Ala. Mid. Ry. 1st M. g. 4s, 1925.
 Allegheny Val. Ry. gen. M. g. 4s, 1942.
 American Doek & Impt., 1st g. 5s, 1921.
 Atch. Top. & S. Fe. Ry. conv. g. 5s, 1917.
 Convertible gold 4s, 1955.
 Convertible gold 4s, 1960.
 Cal-Aria lines 1st & ref. M. 4 1/2s, 1922.
 1st & ref. M. 4 1/2s, 1922, sterling.
 Adjust. M. g. 4s, 1925, stamped.
 Adjust. M. 4s, 1925, stamped, reg.
 Adjust. M. gold 4s, 1925, unstamped.
 Adjustment M. 4s, 1925, unstampd., reg.
 General M. g. 4s, 1925.
 General M. 4s, 1925, registered.
 East. Okla. Div. M. g. 4s, 1928.
 East. Okla. Div. M. g. 4s, 1928, reg.
 Transcontinental Short Line 4s, 1958.
 Atlantic & Danv. Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1948.
 Second M. 4s, 1948.
 Atl. Co. I. R. 1st cons. M. g. 4s, 1952.
 General unified M. 4 1/2s, 1964.
 Lou. & Nash. coll. tr. g. 4s, 1952.
 Balt. & Ohio RR. pr. lien g. 3 1/2s, 1925.
 Prior lien 3 1/2s, 1925, registered.
 Convertible 4 1/2s, 1933.
 First M. 50-year g. 4s, 1948.
First M. 50-year g. 4s, 1948, reg.
 Southwest. Div. 1st M. g. 3 1/2s, 1925.
 Southwest. Div. 1st M. 3 1/2s, 1925, reg.
 P. L. E. & W. Va. Ry. ref. g. 4s, 1941.
 P. L. E. & W. Va. Rys. r.f. g. 4s, '41, reg.
 Beech Creek RR. 1st M. g. 4s, 1936.
 Belvidere Delaware RR. consol. M. sink.
 fund 3 1/2s, 1943.
 Birmingham Term. 1st M. g. 4s, 1957.
 Buff. & Susq. RR. Corp. 1st M. 4s, 1963.
 Buff. Roch. & Pitts. Ry. gen. M. g.
 5s, 1937, registered.
 Consolidated 4 1/2s, 1957, registered.
 Burlington Cedar Rapids & Northern Ry.
 consol. 1st M. g. 5s, 1954.
 Car. Cl. & O. Ry. 1st M. g. 5s, 1938.
 5s, 10-year gold notes, July 1 1919.
 Carthage & Adir. Ry. 1st M. g. 4s, 1981.
 Cent. New Eng. Ry. 1st M. g. 4s, 1961.
 Cent. of Ga. Ry. cons. M. g. 5s, 1945.
 Cent. Pac. Ry. 30-yr. stnk. fd. 3 1/2s, 1929.
 First refunding M. g. 4s, 1949.
 Third Short L. 1st M. g. 4s, 1954.
 Central RR. & Panking Co. of Ga. 50-
 year collateral trust 5s, 1937.
 Cent. RR. of N. J. gen. M. g. 5s, 1987.
 Gen. M. 5s, 1987, registered.
 Central Vermont Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1920.
 Ches. & O. Ry. 1st cons. M. g. 5s, 1930.
 1st cons. M. g. 5s, 1939, reg.
 General M. g. 4 1/2s, 1992.
 General M. g. 4 1/2s, 1992, reg.
 Convertible 20-year g. 4 1/2s, 1930.
 Craig Valley Br. 1st M. g. 5s, 1940.
 Rich. & Allegh. Div. 1st cons. 4s, 1989.
 Chic. & Alton RR. 1st lien 3 1/2s, 1950.
 Chic. & Erie RR. 1st M. g. 5s, 1982.
 Chic. & N. W. Ry. gen. M. g. 4s, 1987.
 General M. g. 3 1/2s, 1987.
 Debenture 5s, 1921.
 Sinking fund debenture 5s, 1933.
 Sinking fund debenture 5s, 1933, reg.
 Chic. & W. Ind. RR. cons. M. g. 4s, 1952.
 General M. 6s, 1932.
 Chic. Burl. & Q. III. Div. 3 1/2s, 1949.
 Illinois Division 4s, 1949.
 Nebraska ext. M. sink. fd. 4s, 1927.
 Nebraska ext. M. sink. fd. 4s, 1927, reg.
 Iowa Division stnk. fund 5s, 1919.
 Iowa Division stnk. fund 4s, 1919.
 General M. 4s, 1958.
 Chic. Great West. RR. 1st M. g. 4s, 1950.
 1st M. g. 4s, 1950, registered.
 Chic. Ham. & W. Ry. 1st M. 6s, 1927.
 Chic. Ind. & So. RR. 1st M. 4s, 1956.
 Chic. L. S. & E. Ry. 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1969.
 Chic. Miss. & Puget Sound Ry. 1st M. g.
 4s, 1949.
 Chicago Milw. & St. Paul Ry.
 Dubuque Div. 1st M. sin. fd. 6s, 1920.
 Wis. Val. Div. 1st M. s. f. 6s, 1920.
 Chic. & L. S. Div. 1st M. g. 5s, 1921.
 Chicago & Pacific Western Div. 1st
 M. g. 5s, 1921.
 Wisconsin & Minnesota Div. 1st M.
 g. 5s, 1921.
 General M. g. 4s, 1939, "A" reg.
 General M. g. 4s, 1939, "A" reg.
 General M. 3 1/2s, 1989, "B." reg.
 General M. 3 1/2s, 1989, "B." reg.
 General M. g. 4 1/2s, 1989, "C." reg.
 Gen. & ref. M. 4 1/2s, 2014, "A" reg.
 Gen. & ref. M. 5s, 2014, "B." reg.
 Cold debenture 4s, 1934.
 Convertible g. 4 1/2s, 1932.
Chic. R. I. & Pacific Ry.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, series "C," 1017.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, series "C," 1018.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, series "C," 1019.
 First M. 6s, 1917, registered.
 First & ref. M. g. 4s, 1934.
 First & ref. M. 4s, 1934, ofts. of dep.
 General M. g. 4s, 1988, registered.

- Railroad Bonds (Continued)**—
 Chic. St. Louis & New Orleans RR.—
 Consol. M. g. 5s, 1951.
 Consolidated M. g. 5s, 1951.
 Consolidated M. g. 5s, 1951, reg.
 Memphis Div. 1st M. g. 4s, 1951.
 C. St. L. & P. RR. 1st cons. M. 5s, 1932.
 C. St. P. M. & O. Ry. cons. 6s, 1930.
 C. H. & D. Ry. 1st & ref. M. g. 4s, 1959.
 1st & ref. M. g. 4s, 1959, ofts. of dep.
 Second (now 1st) M. 4 1/2s, 1937.
 General M. 5s, 1942.
 Cle. & Mar. Ry. 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1935.
 Cle. & Mich. Val. Ry. cons. 5s, 1938.
 Cle. & Pitts. RR. gen. M. 4 1/2s, '42, ser. A.
 C. C. C. & St. Louis Ry.—
 Cairo Vib. & Chi. Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1939.
 General M. 4s, 1993.
 St. Louis Div. 1st coll. tr. M. 4s, 1990.
 Gold debenture 4 1/2s, 1931.
 C. C. C. & St. Louis RR.—
 General M. 4s, 1993, registered.
 Cin. Wab. & Mich. Div. 4s, 1991.
 Cle. & Ind. Ry. & Ind. Ry. 6s, 1934.
 General consolidated M. 6s, 1934, reg.
 Cle. Sh. L. Ry. 1st M. guar. 4 1/2s, 1961.
 1st M. guar. 4 1/2s, 1961, registered.
 Colo. & So. Ry. 1st M. g. 4s, 1929.
 Refund. & ext. M. g. 4 1/2s, 1935.
 Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek Dis-
 trict Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1930.
 Dela. & Hud. Canal 1st M. 7s, 1917.
 First & refunding M. 4s, 1943.
 Denver & Rio Grande RR.—
 Improvement M. g. 5s, 1928.
 First consolidated M. g. 4s, 1936.
 First consol. M. 4s, 1936, registered.
 First consolidated M. g. 4 1/2s, 1936.
 Det. & Mack Ry. 1st lien g. 4s, 1995.
 Mortgage g. 4s, 1995.
 Detroit Grand Haven & Milw. Ry.—
 First equipment M. 6s, 1918.
 Consolidated 6s, 1918.
 Dubuque & Iron Range RR. 1st M. 5s, 1937.
 Dul. St. & Ad. Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1937.
 E. Tenn. Va. & Ga. Ry. 1st M. g. 5s, 1930.
 Consolidated M. g. 5s, 1956.
 Eign Joliet & East. Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1941.
 Erie Ry. 1st consol. M. g. 7s, 1920.
 Erie RR. Penna. collateral g. 4s, 1951.
 General M. conv. 4s, series A, 1953.
 General M. conv. 4s, series B, 1953.
 First consol. M. prior lien 4s, 1996.
 First consol. M. g. gen. lien 4s, 1996.
 Florida Central & Pensular RR. 1st M.
 land trust extension 5s, 1930.
 Fla. East Coast Ry. 1st M. g. 4 1/2s, 1959.
 Ft. Worth & D. C. Ry. 1st M. 6s, 1921.
 Fremont Elkhorn & Mo. Valley RR.
 consolidated M. 6s, 1933.
 Ga. & Ala. Ry. 1st cons. M. 5s, 1945.
 Gila Valley Globe & Northern Ry. 1st
 M. g. 5s, 1924.
 Ga. Caro. & No. Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1929.
 Gadsden & Osgatchie RR. 1st M.
 5s, 1942.
 Gr. Rap. & Ind. Ry. 1st M. g. 4 1/2s, 1941.
 Hook. Val. Ry. 1st cons. M. g. 4 1/2s, 1999.
 Houston RR. consol. M. 5s, 1937.
 Houston & Texas Central RR. 1st M.
 g. 5s, 1937.
 Houston East & West Texas Ry. 1st M.
 5s, 1933.
Illinois Central RR.
 Trust 3 1/2s, 1950, sterling.
 Trust 3 1/2s, 1951, sterling.
 1st M. 4s, 1951, sterling.
 1st M. g. 3 1/2s, 1951.
 1st M. 3 1/2s, 1951, registered.
 1st M. extension 3 1/2s, 1951.
 1st M. extension g. 4s, 1951.
 1st M. extension g. 4s, 1951, reg.
 Gold 4s, 1952.
 Gold 4s, 1952, registered.
 Gold 4s, 1953.
 Gold 4s, 1953, registered.
 1st refunding M. g. 4s, 1955.
 Cairo Bridge g. 4s, 1950.
 Cairo Bridge g. 4s, 1950, registered.
 Louisville Division & Terminal.
 1st M. g. 3 1/2s, 1953.
 1st M. g. 3 1/2s, 1953, registered.
 C. St. L. & N. O. J. 5s, 1963, ser. A.
 Joint 5s, 1963, series B, sterling.
 St. I. Div. & Term. 1st M. g. 3s, 1951.
 1st M. 3 1/2s, 1951, registered.
International, Har. & Tra.
 1st M. 5s, 1960, registered.
International & Great Northern Ry.
 purchase money 6s, 1919.
Iowa Central Ry.
 1st M. 5s, 1938.
Jamestown Franklin & Clearfield RR.
 1st M. 4s, 1959, registered.
K. C. Ft. S. & M. RR. cons. M. 6s, 1928.
 Refunding M. 4s, 1936.
Kan. City So. Ry.
 1st M. 3s, 1950.
 Refund. & Impt. g. 5s, 1950, registered.
Kan. City Term. Ry.
 1st M. g. 4s, 1960.
 1st M. g. 4s, 1960, registered.
Ky. & Ind. Term. RR.
 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1961.
Lake Erie & West. RR.
 1st M. g. 5s, 1937.
Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.
 First M. g. 3 1/2s, 1997.
 First M. g. 3 1/2s, 1997, registered.
 Debenture g. 4s, 1925.
 Debenture g. 4s, 1931.
 Debenture g. 4s, 1931, registered.
Lehigh & Hudson River Ry.
 general M.
 5s, 1920.
Lehigh Valley Ry.
 1st M. g. 4 1/2s, 1940.
 First M. 4 1/2s, 1940, registered.
Lehigh Val. Term. Ry.
 1st M. 5s, 1941.
 First M. 5s, 1941, registered.
Lehigh Valley RR. general consolidated
 M. g. 4s, 2003.
 Consolidated M. 6s, 1923.
Long Island RR. cons. M. g. 5s, 1931.
 General M. g. 4s, 1938.
 Refunding M. g. 4s, 1949.
 Refunding 4s, 1949, registered.
 Debenture g. 5s, 1934.
 Ferry 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1932.
 North Shore Branch 1st M. 5s, 1932.
 Louisv. & Jeffer. Bldg. 1st M. 4s, 1943.
Louisville & Nashville RR.
 General M. sinking fund g. 6s, 1930.
 First M. trust 5s, 1937.
 First M. 50-year 5s, 1937.
 Unified M. 4s, 1940.
 Unified M. 4s, 1940, registered.
 Atl. Knox & Cin. Div. M. 4s, 1955.
 Mobile & Mont. Div. 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1945.
 N. O. & Mobile Div. 1st M. g. 6s, 1930.
 S. E. & St. L. Div. 2d M. 3s, 1980.

- Railroad Bonds (Continued)**—
Long Dock cons. M. 6s, 1935.
Loiz. Hend. & St. L. Ry.
 1st M. 5s, 1946.
 Macon Dublin & Sav. RR. 1st M. 5s, 1947.
 Manhattan Ry. consolidated 4s, 1990.
 Md. & Penna. RR. 1st M. 4s, 1951.
 Michigan Central RR. debenture 4s, 1929.
 4s, 1957, 1st M. on Jol. & No. Ind. RR.
Milwaukee Lake Shore & West. Ry.
 Consolidated 1st M. 6s, 1921.
 Ashland Division 6s, 1925.
 Michigan Division 1st M. 6s, 1924.
 M. S. M. & A. Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1926.
 First M. 4s, 1926, restated.
 Minn. St. P. & S. S. M. Ry.—
 First consolidated M. g. 4s, 1938.
 First consol. M. 4s, 1938 registered.
 Second M. g. 4s, 1949.
Minneapolis & Pac. Ry.
 1st M. 4s, 1936.
 Mo. Kan. & Texas Ry. 1st M. g. 4s, 1990.
 Mo. Pacific Ry. 1st consol. M. 6s, 1920.
 1st consol. M. 6s, 1920, ofts. of dep.
 Mobile & Birml. RR. prior lien 5s, 1945.
 First M. 4s, 1945.
Mobile & Ohio RR.
 1st M. 6s, 1927.
 First M. extended 6s, 1927.
Mohawk & Mal Ry.
 1st M. 4s, 1991.
Minneapolis Union Ry.
 1st M. 6s, 1922.
Minn. & St. Louis Ry. Pac. ext. 6s, 1921.
 First M. 7s, 1927.
 First consol. M. g. 5s, 1934.
Montana Cent. Ry.
 1st M. 6s, 1937.
 First M. 6s, 1937.
Morris & Essex RR.
 1st & refunding
 M. 3 1/2s, 2000.
Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.
 1st consolidated M. 5s, 1923.
Naahv. Flor. & Sher. Ry.
 1st M. 5s, 1937.
New Eng. RR. consol. M. 4s, 1945.
New Jersey Jct. RR.
 1st M. 4s, 1986.
 N. O. & N. E. RR. pr. lien ext. 5s, 1940.
 N. O. Term. Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1953, ser. A.
 N. Y. & Gr. Lake Ry. pr. lien 5s, 1946.
 N. Y. & Jersey RR. 1st M. 5s, 1932.
 N. Y. & Putnam RR. cons. M. 4s, 1993.
 N. Y. Central RR. consolidated M. 4s,
 series A, 1998.
N. Y. Central Lines—
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1910, due 1920.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1910, due 1921.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1910, due 1922.
 Equip. tr. 4 1/2s, ser. 1912, due 1918, reg.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1912, due 1921.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1912, due 1923.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1913, due 1919.
 Equip. trust 4 1/2s, ser. 1913, due 1925.
 Equip. trust of 1917, ser. 1917.
N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR.—
 Boston & Albany equip. tr. 4 1/2s, 1919.
 Debenture 4s, 1942, registered.
 First M. 3 1/2s, 1997.
 First M. 3 1/2s, 1997, registered.
 Debenture 4s, 1934, registered.
 Lake Shore collateral 3 1/2s, 1998,
 assenting bonds.
 Lake Shore collateral 3 1/2s, 1998,
 assenting bonds.
 Lake Shore collateral 3 1/2s, 1998,
 non-assenting bonds.
 Lake Shore collateral 3 1/2s, 1998,
 non-assenting registered.
 Ref. & Impt. 4 1/2s, 2013, "A."
 Ref. & Impt. M. 4 1/2s, 2013, "A," reg.
 Michigan Central collat. 3 1/2s, 1998.
 Mich. Cent. collat. 3 1/2s, 1998, reg.
 N. Y. C. & St. L. RR. 1st M. 4s, 1937.
 Debenture 4s, 1931.
 N. Y. Connecting RR. 1st M. 4 1/2s,
 1953, "A."
N. Y. Lackawanna & Western RR. Terminal
 & improvement 4s, 1923.
N. Y. Lake Erie & Western RR.
 1st consolidated M. 7s, 1920.
N. Y. New Haven & Hartford RR. con-
 vertible debenture 6s, 1948.
 Convertible debenture 6s, 1948, reg.
N. Y. Ont. & W. Ry. ref. M. 4s, 1992.
N. Y. Susquehanna & Western RR.—
 First refunding M. 5s, 1937.
 Terminal 1st 5s, 1943.
N. Y. Westchester & Boston Ry.
 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1946.
Norfolk & Western Ry.—
 10-20-year convertible 4s, 1932.
 10-25-year convertible 4s, 1932.
 10-25-year convertible 4s, 1938.
 First consolidated M. 4s, 1996.
 First consolidated M. 4s, 1996, reg.
 Divisional 1st lien & gen. M. 4s, 1944,
 registered.
 New River Division 1st M. 6s, 1932.
Norfolk & Western R.R. gen. M. 6s, 1931.
 Improvement & extension 6s, 1934.
Norfolk & West. Ry. and Poca. C. & C.—
 Purchase money 1st M. 4s, 1941.
 Purchase money 1st M. 4s, 1941, reg.
Norfolk & Southern RR.
 1st M. 5s, 1941.
Northern Pacific-Great Northern joint
 gold bonds, C. B. & Q. collat. 4s, 1921.
Northern Pacific Ry. pr. lien 4s, 1997.
 Prior lien 4s, 1997, registered.
 General lien 3s, 2047.
 General lien 3s, 2047, registered.
St. Paul & Duluth Division 4s, 1996.
 St. Paul & Duluth Div. 4s, 1996, reg.
N. Y. & Erie RR. 4th M. 5s, 1920.
 First M. extended 4s, 1947.
N. Y. & North Ry.
 1st M. 5s, 1927.
Ohio River RR.
 1st M. 5s, 1930.
Oregon & Cal. RR.
 1st M. 5s, 1927.
Oregon RR. & Nav. consol. M. 4s, 1946.
Oregon Short Line Ry.
 1st M. 6s, 1922.
 Refunding M. 4s, 1929.
Oregon-Washington RR. & Nav. Co.—
 First & ref. M. 4s, 1961, series A.
 First & ref. M. 4s, 1961, ser. B, serial g.
Pacific RR. of Mo.
 1st M. ext. 4s, 1938.
 2d M. extended stnk. fund 5s, 1938.
 1st M. 4 1/2s, 1921, registered.
 Guar. 3 1/2% g. tr. ofts., 1942, ser. C.
 Guar. 3 1/2% g. tr. ofts., 1944, ser. D.
 15-25-year 4% loan ofts., 1931.
Pennsylvania RR. consol. M. 4s, 1943.
Consolidated M. 3 1/2s, 1945, sterling.
 Consolidated M. 4s, 1948.
 Consolidated M. 4s, 1948, sterling.
 General M. 4 1/2s, 1948.
Pennsola & Atlantic RR.
 6s, 1921.
Pennsylvania General Freight—
 Equipment 4 1/2s, 1917-23, registered.
 Equipment 4s, 1920, registered.
Perkinton RR.
 2d series M. 5s, 1918.
 Philadelphia & Erie RR. 6s, 1920.

Railroad Bonds (Concluded)—

Philadelphian & Reading RR.—
Improvement M. 4s, 1947.
Extended 5s, 1935.
Pittsb. Clin. Chic. & St. Louis Ry.—
Consolidated 4½s, 1940, series A.
Consolidated 4½s, 1942, series B.
Consolidated 4s, 1945, series D.
Pittsb. Cleve. & Toledo RR. 1st 6s, 1922.
Portland Terminal 1st M. 4s, 1901.
Reading and Philadelphia & Reading
Coal & Iron general M. 4s, 1907.
Reading, Jersey Central coll. tr. 4s, 1951.
Richmond-Washington guaranteed collat-
eral trust 4s "B," 1943.
Guar. collateral trust 4s "C," 1943.
Rio Grande Jet. Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1939.
Rio Grande West. 1st trust M. 4s, 1939.
Rio Grande West. Ry. cons. M. 4s, 1949.
Roeh. & Pitta. RR. cons. M. 6s, 1923.
St. Lawrence & Adir. Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1906.
2d M. 6s, 1906.
St. L. & San Fran. Ry. gen. M. 5s, 1931.
General M. 6s, 1931.
St. Louis Bridge 1st M. 7s, 1929.
St. L. Iron Min. & S. Ry.—
Gen. cons. ry. & ind. gr. M. 5s, 1931.
Unifying & refunding M. 4s, 1929.
River & Gulf Div. 1st M. 4s, 1933.
St. L. Merch. Bdge. Term. 1st M. 5s, 1930.
St. L. Southwestern Ry. 1st 4s, 1989.
Consolidated M. 4s, 1932.
Terminal & unifying 5s, 1952.
St. Paul & Dul. RR. 2d M. 4s, 1917.
First consolidated M. 4s, 1908.
St. Paul & Sioux City RR. 1st M. 6s, 1919.
St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR.
1st M. 4½s, 1941.
St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba Ry.—
Consolidated 4½s, 1933.
Consolidated 4s, 1933.
Consolidated 6s, 1933.
Montana extension 1st M. 4s, 1937.
St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba Ry. Pacific
extension 1st M. 4s, 1940, sterling.
San Antonio & Aransas Pass Ry. 1st M.
4s, 1943.
Savannah Florida & Western Ry. 1st M.
6s, 1934, registered.
Seloto Valley & New England RR.
1st M. 4s, 1989.
Seaboard Air Line Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1950.
A.H. & Birm. Div. 1st M. 4s, 1935.
Adjustment M. 5s, 1949.
Refunding M. 4s, 1939.
Shamokin Sunbury & Lewisburg RR.
2d M. 6s, 1925.
Sioux C. & Pac. RR. 1st M. 3½s, 1936.
So. & No. Ala. RR. cons. M. 5s, 1936.
So. Caro. & Ga. RR. 1st M. 5s, 1919.
Southern Pacific RR. 1st ref. M. 4s, 1955.
Southern Pacific convertible 5s, 1934.
Central Pacific stock collat. 4s, 1949.
San Francisco Terminal 4s, 1950.
Convertible 4s, 1929.
Southern Ry. 1st consol. 5s, 1904.
Devel. & gen. M. 4s, 1956, "A."
East Tenn. reorg. 1st 5s, 1938.
Terminal RR. Assoc. of St. L. 4½s, 1939.
First consolidated M. 6s, 1944.
General M. 4s, 1953.
Texas & Pacific Ry. 1st M. 5s, 2000.
Louisiana Div. Br. L. 1st M. 5s, 1931.
Tol. & Ohio Cent. Ry. West. L. 5s, 1935.
Tol. St. L. & W. Ry. pr. Hon 3½s, 1925.
Tol. Wauhindon Valley & Ohio RR.—
First M. 4½s, 1931, series A.
First M. 4½s, 1933, series B.
Tol. Terminal RR. 1st M. 4½s, 1957.
Union Pacific RR. conv. 4s, 1927.
First M. land grant 4s, 1947.
First lien & refunding 4s, 2008.
First lien & ref. 4s, 2008, sterling.
United New Jersey RR. & Canal general
M. 4s, 1944.
General M. 4s, 1929.
Vandalia RR. cons. M. 4s, 1957, ser. B.
Virginia Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1962, "A."
Wabash RR. 1st M. 5s, 1930.
2d M. 5s, 1939.
Equip. trust sinking fund 5s, 1921.
Washington Central Ry. 1st M. 4s, 1948.
Washington Terminal 1st M. 4s, 1945.
West Shore RR. 1st M. 4s, 2361.
W. Va. & Pitts. RR. 1st M. 4s, 1990.
Western N. Y. & Pennsylvania RR.—
First M. 5s, 1937.
General M. 4s, 1943.
Western Penna. RR. 4s, 1928.
West. Maryland RR. 1st M. 4s, 1952.
Wheeling & Lake Erie RR., Wheeling
Division, 1st M. 5s, 1928.
Wilkes-Barre & East. RR. 1st M. 5s, 1942.
Wilmar & Slous Falls Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1938.
Wisconsin Cent. Ry. 1st gen. M. 4s, 1949.
First refunding M. 4s, 1959.

Industrial & Miscell. Bonds—

Adirondack Electric Power Corporation
1st M. 5s, 1962.
Albany Ry. general M. 5s, 1947.
American Agricultural Chemical 1st M.
convertible 5s, 1928.
American Cities 8-year 5-6-5s. col tr. 1919.
American Power & Light 10-yr. 6s, 1921.
American Smelters Securities 6s, 1925.
American Telephone & Telegraph—
Collateral trust 4s, 1929.
Convertible 4½s, 1933.
Convertible 4s, 1936.
American Thread 1st M. 4s, 919.
1st M. 4s, 1919, registered.
Armour & Co. real est. 1st M. 4½s, 1939.
Atlantic City Electric 1st & refunding
M. sinking fund 5s, 1938.
Auburn & Syracuse Electric RR. 1st &
refund. M. 5s, 1942.
Baldwin Locomotive Works 1st M. sinking
fund 5s, 1940.
Beech Creek Coal & Coke 1st M. sinking
fund 5s, 1944.
Bethlehem Steel 1st lien & ref. 5s, 1942, "A."
Broadway & Seventh Ave. R.R. 1st con-
solidated M. 5s, 1943.
Brooklyn Rapid Transit—
Secured 3½ notes, 1915.
First & refunding M. 4s, 2002.
5s, 1945.
Brooklyn Union Elevated 1st M. 5s, 1950.
Blyden. Un. Gas 1st consol. M. 5s, 1945.
Buff. & Susq. Iron deb. 5s, 1926, reg.
Bush Terminal consolidated 5s, 1955.
Butte Electric & Power 1st M. 5s, 1951.
California Gas & Electric Corp. unifying
& refunding sinking fund 5s, 1937.
Calif. Elec. Generating 1st 6s, 1948, "A."

Industrial & Misc. Bonds (Con.)—

Central Illinois Public Service 1st & re-
funding M. 5s, 1952.
Central Leather 1st lien 5s, 1925.
First lien 6s, 1925, registered.
Chicago City Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1927.
Chicago Gas Lt. & Coke 1st M. 5s, 1947.
Chicago Railways 1st M. 5s, 1927.
Chicago Telephone RR. M. 5s, 1923.
Cin. Gas Transp. 1st M. 5s, 1933.
City Electric 1st M. sink. fund 5s, 1937.
Commonwealth Electric 1st M. 5s, 1943.
Connecticut Ry. & Lighting 1st refund-
ing M. 4½s, 1951.
Colorado Fuel & Iron gen. M. s. f. 5s, 1943.
Consolidated Coal 1st ref. s. f. 5s, 1950.
Convertible 6s, 1923.
Consolidated Gas, Elec. Lt. & Power of
Baltimore general 4½s, 1935.
Consolidated Tobacco 4s, 1951.
Consumers' Power 1st lien & refunding
M. 5s, 1936.
Corn Products Refining—
25-year debenture s. f. 5s, 1931.
First M. sinking fund 5s, 1934.
Dallas Electric 1st M. collat. tr. 5s, 1922.
Dayton Electric Light 1st M. 5s, 1921.
Detroit City Gas 5s, 1923.
Detroit Edison 1st M. 5s, 1933.
Detroit United Rys. 1st cons. 4½s, 1932.
Duluth Edison Electric 1st M. 5s, 1931.
Duluth Street Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1930.
General M. 5s, 1930.
Eastern Penna. Rys. 1st M. 5s, 1936.
Eastern Power & Light Corporation
convertible 5s, 1918.
Edison Electric of Los Angeles 1st & re-
funding M. 5s, 1922.
Equitable Gas & Electric of Utica 1st
M. 5s, 1942.
Federal Light & Traction 1st lien sink-
ing fund 5s, 1942.
General Electric debenture 3½s, 1942.
Debenture 5s, 1952, registered.
Georgia Lt. Pow. & Rys. 1st lien 5s, 1941.
Great Falls Power 1st M. s. f. 5s, 1940.
Great Northern Power 1st M. 5s, 1935.
Houston Electric 1st M. 5s, 1925.
Hudson & Manhattan RR. 1st lien & re-
funding M. 5s, "A," 1957.
Hudson County Gas 1st M. 5s, 1949.
Hutchinson Water, Light & Power 1st
M. 4s, 1928.
Illinois Steel debenture 4½s, 1940.
Indiana Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1930.
Indiana Steel 1st M. 5s, 1952.
Ingersoll-Rand 1st M. 5s, 1935.
1st M. 5s, 1935, registered.
Inter-Met. collateral trust 4½s, 1956.
Internat. Mercantile Marine 1st M. col-
lateral trust 6s, 1941.
Kings County Elev. RR. 1st M. 4s, 1949.
Lackawanna Steel conv. 5s, 1950, "A."
First convertible 5s, 1923.
Laclede Gas Light 1st M. 5s, 1919.
Lehigh Valley Coal 1st M. 5s, 1933.
1st M. 5s, 1933, registered.
Lexington Ave. & Pavonia Ferry 1st
M. 5s, 1993.
Liggett & Myers Tobacco 7s, 1944.
7s, 1944, registered.
5s, 1951, registered.
Lorillard (P.) 5s, 1951.
5s, 1951, registered.
7s, 1944.
7s, 1944, registered.
Lynn & Boston RR. 1st M. 5s, 1924.
Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Light consol-
idated M. 5s, 1926.
Minneapolis General Electric 5s, 1934.
Minneapolis St. Ry. & St. Paul City Ry.
consolidated M. 5s, 1928.
Minnesota & Ontario Power—
1st M. 6s, 1917.
1st M. 6s, 1923.
1st M. 6s, 1923.
1st M. 6s, 1928.
Montana Power 1st ref. M. 5s, 1943, "A."
Morris & Co. 1st M. s. f. 4½s, 1939.
Mutual Fuel Gas 1st M. 5s, 1947.
Nashville Ry. & Lt. ref. s. f. 5s, 1958.
Nassau Electric RR. 1st cons. M. 4s, 1951.
Newark Gas 1st M. 6s, 1944.
New Eng. Tele. & Teleg. 5s, 1932.
N. O. Ry. & Lt. general 4½s, 1935.
Newport News & Hampton Ry., Gas &
Electric 1st & ref. M. 5s, 1944.
N. Y. Gas, Electric Lt. H. & Power—
First M. 5s, 1948.
Purchase money 4s, 1949.
N. Y. Telephone 1st & gen. M. 4½s, 1939.
First & general M. 4½s, 1939, reg.
First & gen. M. 4½s, 1939, sterling.
N. Y. & Westch. Lighting deb. 5s, 1954.
Niagara Falls Power 1st M. 5s, 1932.
Refunding & general M. 6s, 1932.
Northwestern Lighting 1st consolidated
M. 5s, 1955.
Northwestern Elev. Ry. 1st M. 5s, 1941.
Pacific Coast 1st M. 5s, 1946.
Pacific Gas & Electric general & refund-
ing 5s, 1942, series A.
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph 1st collat-
eral trust 5s, 1937.
Pennsylvania & Mahoning Valley Ry.
First & refunding M. 5s, 1923.
Peoples Gas Light & Coke of Chicago
1st consolidated 6s, 1941.
Philadelphia Co. conv. deb. 5s, 1919.
Convertible debenture 5s, 1927.
Consolidated collateral trust 5s, 1951.
Peachontas Consolidated Collieries 1st
M. sinking fund 5s, 1957.
Portland Ry. 1st & refunding M. 5s, 1930.
Portland Ry. Light & Power 1st refund-
ing 5s, 1943, series A.
Prov. Loan Society of N. Y. 4½s, 1921.
Puget Sound Power 1st M. 5s, 1933.
Puget Sound Trae. Lt. & Pow. 6s, 1919.
Rochester Ry. M. 5s, 1930.
St. Louis Springfield & Peoria RR. 1st
& refunding 5s, 1939.
St. Paul City Ry. cons. cable 5s, 1937.
St. Joaquin Light & Power Corporation
1st & refunding 5s, 1950, "B."
Seattle Electric consol. & refund. 5s, 1929.
First M. 5s, 1920.
Seattle-Everett 1st M. 5s, 1939.
Shawmigan Water & Power consolidated
M. 5s, 1934.
Spokane & Inland Empire RR. 1st re-
funding M. 5s, 1926.
Standard Gas & Electric convertible
sinking fund 6s, 1926.

Industrial & Misc. Bonds (Con.)—

Swift & Co. 1st sinking fund 5s, 1944.
Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR.—
Consol. 1st "Birmingham Div." 6s, 1917.
Tennessee Div. 1st consol. 6s, 1917.
Texas Co. convertible deb. 6s, 1931.
Third Ave. RR. 1st M. 5s, 1937.
First refunding 4s, 1960.
Adjustment M. 5s, 1960.
Tri-City Ry. & Lt. 1st refund. 5s, 1930.
Union Oil of Cal. 1st lien s. f. 5s, "A," 1931.
Utah Light & Power consol. 4s, 1930.
Utah Securities Corporation 6s, 1932.
United Electric Securities collateral trust
sinking fund 5s, 1936.
United Fruit 5% notes, 1918.
Sinking fund 4½s, 1923.
Sinking fund 4½s, 1925.
United Light & Railways 1st & refund-
ing M. 5s, 1932.
United Ry. & Electric of Baltimore 1st
consolidated 4s, 1949.
United Rys. Investment 1st lien collat-
eral trust 5s, 1925.
United States Steel Corporation—
50-year 5s, 1951, series F, registered.
10-60-year sinking fund 5s, 1903.

Industrial & Misc. Bonds (Con.)—

U. S. Rubber coll. trust 6s, 1918.
United Utilities 1st M. coll. tr. 6s, 1943.
Utica Electric Light & Power 1st M.
sinking fund 5s, 1950.
Virginia-Carolina Chem. 1st M. 5s, 1923.
Convertible debenture 6s, 1924.
Western Electric 1st M. 5s, 1922.
Western States Gas & Electric 1st & re-
funding M. 5s, 1941.
Western Transit 1st M. 3½s, 1925.
Western Union Telegraph—
Collateral trust 5s, 1938.
Funding & real estate 4½s, 1950.
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. collat-
eral trust 5s, 1917.
Washington Water Power 1st refunding
M. 5s, 1939.
Westchester Lighting 1st M. 5s, 1950.
Canadian Pacific Ry. Obligations—
Canadian Pacific Ry. 4% perpetual con-
solidated debenture stock.
4% perpetual consol. debenture stock.
4% non-negotiable preference stock.
6% note certificates 1924.
Common stock.

J. P. Morgan & Co. have announced this week that the temporary notes for the \$250,000,000 loan put out in August may now be exchanged for definitive notes of authorized denominations at the office of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y. City; not exceeding 100 schedules per day will be received.

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF FRANCE DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1916.

(From "L'Economiste Francais," Oct. 21 1916.)

Imports—	First Nine Months 1916.	First Nine Months 1915.	Difference in 1916.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Articles of food.....	2,152,793,000	1,793,735,000	+359,058,000
Material needed for manu- facture	2,987,813,000	2,280,538,000	+707,275,000
Manufactured articles.....	2,241,002,000	1,733,118,000	+507,884,000
Total.....	7,381,408,000	5,807,391,000	+1,574,017,000
Exports—			
Articles of food.....	311,772,000	405,400,000	-93,628,000
Material needed for manu- facture	505,881,000	470,032,000	+35,849,000
Manufactured articles.....	1,519,438,000	1,184,171,000	+335,267,000
Parcels post*.....	178,972,000	119,828,000	+59,144,000
Total.....	2,516,063,000	2,179,431,000	+336,632,000

* Or which 6,840,000 francs were for parcels post containing silk fabric and silk floss. The corresponding figure for 1915 was 4,884,000 francs.

CARTER GLASS DENIES THAT HE WAS ASKED TO BECOME SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Reports that Carter Glass had been offered the post of Secretary of the Treasury were denied by him this week in the following communication to the "Wall Street Journal":
To the Editor of the "Wall Street Journal":
Please state in your next issue that there is no foundation for the report printed in your paper to-day that President Wilson, two months ago or at any other time, offered me the position of Secretary of the Treasury. The assertion is utterly without excuse, and I regret very much that it should have been made.

Lynchburg, Va. CARTER GLASS.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ON EUROPEAN PAYMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

As an illustration of the altered position of the United States in international finance the Federal Reserve Board calls attention to the amount of foreign loans and credits arranged in the United States; according to the Board the obligations of foreign governments, bankers and merchants now held here are estimated at \$1,931,000,000. Much interest, says the Board, is now centered on the question of how the United States will meet foreign demands for gold, should such demands arise after the close of the European war; as bearing on the subject it points out that the maturities of the European obligations held here are of distinct importance, and it presents a table showing the yearly maturities of European obligations aggregating \$1,627,000,000. The Board's statement in the matter is published in the November issue of its "Bulletin", from which we publish its observations in full below:

EUROPEAN PAYMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

During the two fiscal years ending June 30 1916, which cover most of the period since the outbreak of the European war, the United States exported merchandise to the amount of over \$7,000,000,000, and imported less than \$3,900,000,000, an excess of exports of over \$3,100,000,000, to which should also be added further shipments made since June 30, the amounts of which are not yet available. To pay for this large quantity of goods European and other countries have been obliged to send us gold, American securities, and also to establish credits here by floating heavy issues of bonds. The Federal Reserve Board's statistical division has recently prepared some estimates of the magnitude of these various operations, and while many of the figures obtained are necessarily only approximate, it is believed that they are of sufficient interest to justify publication.

Gold Exports and Imports, Aug. 1 1914 to Oct. 13 1916 (in Thousands of Dollars).

	Exports.	Imports.	Net Exports.	Net Imports.
Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 1914	104,072	23,252	81,720	-----
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 1915	30,889	450,211	-----	419,322
Jan. 1 to Oct. 13 1916	95,961	390,010	-----	294,049
Total	231,822	863,473	-----	631,651

The amount of American securities returned by Europe can only be estimated very roughly, but indication of the extent of the movement may be had from the estimate prepared by L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson Co., who places the amount of railroad securities returned between Jan. 31 1915 and July 31 1916 at almost \$1,300,000,000. Figures have also been published showing the return of 748,547 shares of United States Steel Corporation common stock between March 31 1914 and Sept. 30 1916 and of 141,736 shares of preferred stock of the same company between June 30 1914 and Sept. 30 1916. At market price of June 30 1914 this stock would have represented a value of over \$60,000,000, while at the market price of Sept. 30 1916 its value would be over \$100,000,000.

Even more striking, because of the indication they give of the altered position of the United States in international finance, are figures showing the amount of foreign loans and credits arranged in the United States. The obligations of foreign Governments, bankers and merchants now held here are estimated to amount to \$1,931,000,000, distributed as follows:

British America	\$212,000,000
Europe	1,627,000,000
Latin America	88,000,000
China	4,000,000

Much interest is now centred on the question of how the United States will meet foreign demands for gold should such demands arise after the close of the European war, and in this connection the maturities of the European obligations held here are of distinct importance.

Maturities of European Obligations Held in the United States.

1916	\$30,000,000
1917	103,000,000
1918	260,000,000
1919	300,000,000
1920	500,000,000
1921	200,000,000
1923	5,000,000
Information lacking	229,000,000
Total	\$1,627,000,000

WM. McC. MARTIN ON THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

In reviewing the period since the inauguration of the Federal Reserve banks, William McChesney Martin, Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis stated this week that these banks have accomplished more in the first two years of their existence than any other of the world's great banking systems can boast of in a similar period. Even from an earning viewpoint, said Mr. Martin, they are, to use a common phrase, "making good." His remarks on the subject were addressed to the Memphis Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at Memphis on the 14th inst. We quote the following from his speech:

To-day is the fourteenth of November, and on Thursday of this week, Nov. 16 1916, the twelve Federal Reserve banks will have been open for business exactly two years. We are, therefore, in a position to see what the system has accomplished in this short time, and on some things, at least, to speak from the viewpoint of practical experience rather than from the viewpoint of theory.

Two years is an extremely short time to give any bank, let alone a great banking system, an opportunity to demonstrate itself. Should we examine the first two years of the operation of any of the great world banks, such as the Bank of France, the Bank of England, or the Imperial Bank of Germany, we would be unable to find that any one of these three institutions made much progress in so short a time. In fact, if I have read correctly, the impression would be gained that in the first two years they stood still. If there are any of you present here to-night who were with your banks when they first opened their doors, you can doubtless testify that even an individual bank was not able to show much in the way of results at the end of the first two years, and if you had been criticized on your bank showing for such a time, you would have considered, and rightly so, that it was unjust.

We, however, are living in an age when things move rapidly, and to-night I think I can state to you without fear of contradiction that the Federal Reserve system and the Federal Reserve banks have accomplished more in the first two years of their existence than any other of the world's great banking systems can boast of from the history of their two first years. Even from an earning viewpoint, and this, while not unimportant, in my judgment is perhaps the last viewpoint from which the Federal Reserve banks should be judged, they are, to use a common phrase, "making good." All of the twelve banks are earning something on their paid-in capital. In September of this year six of the banks earned net in excess of 6% on their paid-in capital, while the other six earned less than 6% but in excess of 4%.

Perhaps we can get a better idea of what the Federal Reserve Act has accomplished by very briefly stating the things it was intended to accomplish. Its purpose was to correct certain defects in our financial system which had long been recognized, but which it took the panic of 1907 to so impress on the minds of business men and bankers of the United States that they considered them of enough seriousness to realize that they must be corrected if this country's future was to be assured. To do this, the Federal Reserve Act was passed, its chief object being to furnish banks with a medium through which they could benefit the public to a greater extent than ever before by giving it increased facilities, greater stability in the interest rate, and the creation of the confidence that comes from knowing that they are members of a great system whose purpose is their protection. Now, at the end of two years, it seems to me that any bank which owns stock in a Federal Reserve bank can go to its customers able to offer them the assurance that never again will they have trouble that was once experienced in getting money to meet pay-rolls. A member bank can also assure its customer that, if he has the proper credit standing and is conducting his business in the proper way, he is now under no danger of having his loan called during a time like 1907, when such a call in many cases meant the shutting down of the business, but that, instead, the bank, through the instrumentality of the Federal Reserve system, is in position to extend such accommodation as is legitimate for sound business and the good of the entire community.

The four great defects in our old system of banking, agreed upon by banker, business man and economist, were: (1) Lack of co-operation between the banks; (2) diversion and immobility of bank reserves; (3) an unscientific, inelastic bond-secured currency, and (4) an actual hoarding of money by the Government.

In the early history of our country, it was learned through bitter experience that banking is a paradox. It is not only a most selfish business, but at the same time, if it wishes to exist, must be altruistic. It is organized for the purpose of making dividends for its stockholders, but at the same time it must think of, and help wherever possible, its neighbors in the same business. The reason is that it is based on confidence. Whenever any bank in a community fails, every other bank in that community, whether it deserves it or not, is under more or less suspicion. A run on any bank is more or less a dangerous thing for all banks. New York learned this lesson during a panic in the early history of our country, and it resulted in the formation of a clearing house, the chief purpose of which was not so much the clearing of checks as the pooling of reserves, so that help could be extended to the smallest deserving bank. This principle of combination of reserves has justified itself throughout all of our country, and all of our large cities have clearing house associations. However, though the banks in the cities could combine their reserves, there was no medium by which banks located outside of cities could effectually pool their reserves. They were dependent on their correspondents in the centres, and though the correspondents in time of trouble did the very best they could for their friends in the country districts, as you gentlemen know, there were times when you could not be furnished the money you needed, and even times when you were charged for your own money when it was sent to you. The principle of combination was all right, but there was no effective means of carrying it out. The Federal Reserve bank furnishes this means. The country is divided into twelve districts; each district has a Federal Reserve bank.

All national banks in a district, and such of the State banks as desire, are joined together through the medium of stock ownership in the Federal Reserve bank. In it the member banks also deposit a certain portion of their reserves, and, in fact, since the recent amendment to the Federal Reserve Act, they can keep all of their reserves in the Federal Reserve bank of their district if they so desire, even that part which heretofore the law compelled them to keep in their own vaults. Thus, as it were, the Federal Reserve bank becomes a gold reservoir, able through its rediscounting operations to send a stream of money to any bank that enjoys its privileges which has a legitimate need for it. It is because the public has realized this fact, and because the merchant has felt that he is not under the cloud of the possibility of having his loans called on the happening of any unusual event, that, in great measure, at least, it has been possible for business in this country, in the face of the greatest European war in history, and in an atmosphere charged with the possibility of the impossible, to reach the unprecedented high tide that it now enjoys. It is perfectly true that there has been brought in from Europe some six hundred or seven hundred millions of dollars of gold, which, to some degree, acting as a basis of credit, has resulted in lower interest rates, and it is also true that some sections of our country have enjoyed good crops and high prices; but I submit to you that it is entirely possible, with even these conditions, if the people did not have the confidence in our financial system that they have gained through the establishment of the Federal Reserve banks, business would have gone forward with a much more halting step than it has. In fact, I was told by one of the largest wholesalers in this country that he did not believe merchants would think of ordering the supplies they are, unless they felt that there was a Federal Reserve system to stabilize conditions. We are really too close to events to be able to see clearly how much the present volume of business of this country is due to the Federal Reserve system, but we do know that it has helped a great deal, and perhaps when we are further away from these stirring times and history is written, we will be astonished to find out approximately how much.

In the period of readjustment that must follow the war, it is to the Federal Reserve system that this country must look for the protection of its gold supply. The gold that we have will naturally be desired by the nations from which it came, because it is the basis of credit. Under our old system, we would have had to stand helpless and see the gold go out. However, with the Federal Reserve System in effect, there is every reason to believe that we will be given effective protection. The system, under this strain, is yet to be tried, but those in charge are anticipating the situation and are waiting the outcome with confidence. We read of the "trade war" that is to be made upon this country. We are becoming familiar with such phrases as "the scramble for gold." There are those who predict a dark outlook ahead. Personally, however, I cannot be pessimist enough to find these "Jeremiahs" good company. Europe undoubtedly will want our gold, but how is she going to get it? Many of her men are dead, many more have been rendered inefficient through wounds. Such machinery as she had has been turned into munition plants, and it takes time to change the sword into a plow-share. Gold will leave us, of course, but not as the result of a sudden raid. Europe cannot, as heretofore, establish artificial interest rates which we are helpless to check.

Now the Federal Reserve banks will be able to meet such a move by a raise in rates. The movement will be slow, due to natural and normal economic conditions, and through the Federal Reserve banks we have an instrument by which it can be safeguarded.

It is a pity that those State institutions which are hesitating about coming into the system cannot get this world vision of the situation. Now that our country is brought so close together through the medium of the railroad, telegraph and telephone, no longer can any bank, however small, insist that it is not interested in the affairs of the world. An uncontrolled withdrawal of gold out of the United States will affect every bank in it, whether the bank is able to recognize it or not. It will know the result, even though it may not be conscious of the cause. The Federal Reserve system can be made a success without the State institutions, but it is unquestionably true that every State institution that joins the system adds strength, not only to itself, but to the system. It is bound to benefit, whenever a strain comes, by having access, as a matter of right, to the gold reservoir in the Federal Reserve bank, and the Federal Reserve bank is stronger and more able to help all banks by reason of the reserve which the State bank will keep with it. In a majority of cities, State banks and trust companies have found it to their advantage to be members of the local clearing house association. Such membership was a material aid to them in the different panics. At the outbreak of the war, when it was necessary to establish the so-called "gold pool" to protect American industry, many State institutions realized the situation and contributed to that pool. In such cases, State institutions have found it greatly to their benefit, and in some instances they have found it even necessary to their life, to combine their reserves and pool their gold. Having had to do this heretofore, why is it not plain to them that it is not only for their benefit, but for the benefit of the country as a whole for them to pool their gold through the medium of the Federal Reserve bank, when in so doing, through the medium of rediscount, they are certain of protection for themselves and their customers during any emergency?

There was a time, under the old system, when a merchant might come into a bank and apply for, say, a \$10,000 loan. The cashier of the bank would

say: "Mr. Brown, you are a most excellent credit risk; we have the money, and will be glad to lend it to you at 6%, provided you will make your note on demand." Mr. Brown's answer would be: "Such a loan will do me no good, for I expect to buy leather with the money borrowed from you, turn it into shoes, sell the shoes, make enough on them to pay off the loan, and have sufficient profit to increase my deposit with you, but it will take me at least ninety days to do this." The banker would reply: "I am sorry, but when checks are presented at the counter of this bank, we must pay them in money. We cannot pay a \$1,000 check with an undivided one-tenth interest in a \$10,000 loan, even though the loan is as good as your loan would be. If I cannot pay the check in cash, I have broken my contract with the depositor, and I might as well close my doors, and you know that world conditions are such that at any time I may be called upon to cash an unusual number of checks." The results, under the old system, was that Mr. Brown did not get his loan; he could not spend the money for the leather, and the dealer in the leather lost a profit. Mr. Brown could not make the shoes and make a profit. Perhaps he had to put his help on half time or discharge some of them, and as a community suffers when its units suffer, so the refusal of that loan to Mr. Brown discouraged the whole community. On the other hand, the bank which perhaps could have loaned the money to Mr. Brown at 6% could not make that much, and as a rule, sent the money it might have loaned to Mr. Brown to a central reserve city, where it did not receive more than 2% on daily balances. It did this because it felt that money so deposited it could get on demand, but even this was not certain in unusual emergencies like 1907 and the first weeks of August, 1914, when the great war commenced.

Now that the Federal Reserve banks are open for business, if Mr. Brown wants \$10,000 for a legitimate commercial transaction for ninety days, the banker can let him have it, for no longer is that \$10,000 of necessity tied up for ninety days. If Mr. Brown's loan is based on a legitimate liquid commercial transaction, the banker knows that, by endorsing Mr. Brown's note and sending it to the Federal Reserve bank of his district, with a statement of Mr. Brown's financial affairs, he can get cash for the note, less the discount, in any form that he desires it. The amount will be put to his credit on the books of the Federal Reserve bank, or he will be sent any kind of money in the denominations that he desires. This means that business men can be taken care of for their legitimate needs by their local banks, and in this way the whole community helped.

Sometimes I fear that many of our member banks do not thoroughly appreciate the facilities which the Federal Reserve bank of their district can offer them. It has been astonishing to all of us that our member banks have not made more requests of us for small bills. I know that many of our banks have needed this kind of money during the crop-moving season. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis wishes to do everything in its power to be of assistance to its member banks, and always tries to answer requests for different kinds of money promptly.

There has always existed a prejudice against a bank borrowing money, and in my judgment such a prejudice has not been well founded, provided the borrowing was for legitimate needs. Banks were timid about showing the item "bills payable" in their statements, for they were afraid of criticism. Under the National Bank Act banks could not have bills payable in excess of the amount of their capital stock, but this provision of the National Bank Act has been so amended by the Federal Reserve Act that there is now no fixed limit covering the amount a member bank may rediscount with its Federal Reserve bank. This means that the amount any member bank may rediscount is left to the discretion of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve bank, with the result that legitimate needs of any bank may be cared for. This, of course, does not mean that a bank may borrow all it desires without hindrance, but it does mean that the board of directors of the Federal Reserve bank can give all the help that it thinks the bank needs.

The item "Bills rediscounted with the Federal Reserve bank" on a bank's statement, I have every reason to believe, is viewed by the general public in an entirely different light from the old item "Bills payable."

There was a time when a man in Memphis who wished to buy coffee in Brazil had to arrange to have a London, French or German bank accept a draft drawn on it. We could not do an international business without paying tribute to foreign banks. All that is past now. Under the Federal Reserve Act, national banks may now make both foreign and domestic acceptances, and there are now in the foreign trade approximately \$175,000,000 of drafts accepted by American banks and bankers. A market is created for this type of paper, since it can be purchased by the Federal Reserve banks. Up to Oct. 1 the amount of acceptance bought by Federal Reserve banks was approximately \$300,000,000. It is through this means that the American dollar is attaining its place in the sun. It has now displaced the pound, the franc and the mark in the international trade of the world, and it is believed that it will be able to maintain its position even when the war is over.

Two years of operation of the Federal Reserve system proves that it is sound, and not only sound, but thoroughly practical. It has already brought about a feeling of confidence, a standardization of commercial paper, a definition of credit terms, the establishment of the American dollar in international trade, a Federal Reserve note currency fitted to varying needs, and a check clearing system of great benefit to the country as a whole, even though certain individual banks may have to forego the profit of charging exchange.

The statement is sometimes made that the Federal Reserve system does away with hard times. This, of course, is not true. As long as we have war and famine, drought, disease and death, there will be hard times. However, the Federal Reserve banks can help the country go through hard times with a minimum of distress and save it from having hard times become panics.

FARM LOAN HEARINGS AND SECRETARY McADOO'S CLAIMS FOR RESERVE SYSTEM.

The Farm Loan Board, which since August has been holding hearings throughout the country for the purpose of securing at first hand information for its guidance in dividing the country into twelve farm loan districts and deciding upon the location of the farm loan banks to be created under the Farm Loan act, held a hearing at St. Louis on the 13th inst. Arguments in favor of the city for the location of one of the farm-loan banks were presented by a committee, headed by Walker Hill, President of the Mechanics-American National Bank of St. Louis and the St. Louis Clearing House Association. A gathering of farmers was also present at the hearing, and with the declaration by the latter that the ordinary rate charged them

for agricultural paper was 8%, even for six months' maturity Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, who presided at the hearing, took occasion to state that:

The farmers don't even know that agricultural paper of 90 days' security or less is on a preferred basis for rediscounting under the Federal Reserve Act, like commercial paper. It is evident that the benefits of the Act are not known to farmers. If a farmer pays 8% for cattle paper, it is his own fault.

Why is it that such a rate is charged on paper the character of which makes it the best for rediscount? The rates seem to me to be abnormally high. I must confess I don't see the reason for such high rates.

In response to a query put to Mr. Hill as to the rediscount rate for such paper the latter stated that it was 5% on agricultural paper, while on 30 to 90 day commercial paper it was 4% and on commodity paper it was 3%. In the argument on behalf of St. Louis that the city be made the site of one of the farm loan banks, the committee, according to the St. Louis Republic, cited not only the needs of agricultural financing such as the new law provides, but pointed out also that St. Louis is the largest bond market west of Chicago, and therefore a bank here sells its bonds to advantage. In addition, St. Louis already has a Federal Reserve Bank and is recognized as the financial centre of the surrounding territory, while for many years prior to the Federal reserve act the business men and farmers of Missouri, Arkansas and the Southwest generally had looked to St. Louis for financial help. Mr. McAdoo during the hearing dilated upon the accomplishments of the Federal Reserve system, the "Globe Democrat" giving the following account of what he had to say:

"A little more than two years ago, you did not have a Federal Reserve system," Mr. McAdoo said. "You will remember the successive staking spells which took place in all lines of business. These stringencies were due to an inelastic and limited financial system, which placed control of a large percentage of the country's currency in the hands of a comparatively few men.

"Under the old system, credit was crippled the minute the first signs of a stringency manifested themselves. The small business men were the first whose loans were called, and they were the ones who were first to suffer.

"The Federal Reserve system has changed all this and has strengthened the entire fabric of business. To-day the supply of currency increases or diminishes in response to the wholesome demands of business."

Mr. McAdoo then declared that the country's industrial development is at the highest point that has ever been known. He declared that the United States has redeemed \$2,000,000,000 worth of securities, had loaned upwards of \$2,000,000,000 to European countries and is still able to lend.

"Credit must be democratized so that every one can take advantage of it on terms of absolute equality. This is the aim and object of the Federal Farm Loan Act. With the aid of the Federal Reserve Bank Act, approximately \$500,000,000 was placed at the disposal of American farmers by the national banks.

"What the farmer needs, however, and what he must have before the thousands upon thousands of untilled acres of land in the United States are placed under cultivation, are loans which can be had for long terms of years at very low rates of interest. We aim to place money at the disposal of the farmers at not more than 6% interest for as much as forty years, and will arrange to allow some of the interest paid to apply on the principal.

"The wonderful work that can be done in the way of agricultural development has never been demonstrated more clearly than it was recently at Springfield, Hampton County, Mass. There the merchants decided to spend \$25,000 a year to teach the farmers how to produce greater crops. This was done with the result that the value of the crops raised in Hampton County was increased more than \$2,500,000 in two years."

The initial tour of the Board covered the New England, Middle Western and Western States. The Board has since held hearings (last month) at Trenton, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Richmond, Raleigh, N. C.; Columbia, S. C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Macon, Ga.; Birmingham, New Orleans, Jackson, Miss., and Memphis. A tour of the Southwest and the Gulf States will wind up the Board's itinerary.

The following warning to farmers against those seeking to profit by organization of land banks was issued by the Farm Loan Board on October 14:

Farmers who borrow through the National Farm Loan Associations are not required to pay any advance commissions. So all of these enterprises requiring payments from farmers are declared by the Board to be fraudulent, and the attention of the Department of Justice has been called to the matter and an attempt will be made to bring the offenders to justice.

Indications that an effort will be made at the forthcoming session of Congress to extend the Federal Farm Loan Act to the Island Possession of the United States and to Alaska were given in a petition filed on October 6 with the Federal Farm Loan Board by Edwin C. Moore of Hawaii. The petition declared that the need for the law is greater in Hawaii than in the United States, that the Hawaiian farmers are suffering from excessive interest rates, short-time loans, and a disinclination of the banks to make farm loans at all. It is also stated that as the island is almost wholly agricultural, an extension of the Act to it would aid greatly in its Americanization "through the success of the citizen farmers."

In answer to misleading reports, Herbert Quick, member of the new Federal Farm Loan Board, on Oct. 21, announced that absolutely no loans can be made under the Act on second

mortgages. "The Farm Loan Act specifically provides," said Mr. Quick, "against second mortgage loans. Only first mortgages can be accepted, and then only to the amount of 50% of the value of the land and 20% of the permanent insured improvements on the land."

EUGENE LAMB RICHARDS CAUTIONS AGAINST EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES ON DEPOSITS.

"Safety First in Banking," was the key-note of an address delivered by Hon. Eugene Lamb Richards, State Superintendent of Banks, before Group IV of New York State Bankers' Association at its meeting at Rome, N. Y., on the 12th inst. This Association consists of State and national bankers of Central New York. Mr. Richards said in part:

The new banking law has unquestionably improved New York's banking system. It has given banking progress a start, but that impetus is apt to weaken and may be lost without something more. Legislation unaided cannot force improvement in anything. Effective laws must not only be mothered by genuine public demand, but must also get life and strength at the breast of enlightened civic sentiment.

Therefore, any further progress towards higher standards and more efficient methods among our bankers must rest mainly with the bankers themselves, and upon their willingness not merely to lend themselves to improvements, but also to co-operate in initiating them. That is why I do not content myself with sitting in my office—that is why I am here—to do my part in suggesting things which ought to be done, but which without your help and support will never be done.

In the first place, a bank is not an eleemosynary institution. It is organized and operated as a business proposition pure and simple, and the State authorizes it upon that basis alone. And there is no difference in this aspect between a commercial bank and a savings bank. Banking is a business charged with a great public interest, and for that reason the State insists that the banks shall be safe, honest and fair and legislates accordingly. So we have two major essentials to a successful and useful banking institution—safety and profit—safety and profit to the depositors in a savings bank, and safety to the depositors and profit to the stockholders in commercial institutions. The crux of the whole problem of management, supervision and legislation is to keep these two factors in the right balance, so that profit shall not impair safety, and that safety shall not unfairly injure profit.

Of course, the ideal system is one which makes commercial banks remain in their proper sphere, and makes savings banks keep in theirs. But I realize that in many smaller communities this ideal is impracticable, because hundreds of localities in this State cannot support a savings bank as well as a commercial bank. If they can have only one, necessity demands a business bank and not a savings bank. However, in any event, we should separate these two forms of banking wherever possible, and if, by reason of local conditions we must have mixed banking, let each department in such an institution be separate, with special separate provisions as to investments, reserve and management. Certainly savings accounts should not be invested in unsecured loans or fluctuating securities; or if they are, the savings department should be compelled to keep a substantial reserve. One thing is certain: excessive interest should not be paid on checking accounts, no matter what the competition. Both interest and dividends should be consistent with safety and no more.

There is in the City of New York a commercial bank whose stock is worth more than that of any banking corporation in the world. It pays no interest on deposits, but it gives such complete and adequate service to its depositors in the way of collections, advice, information and courtesies that they are more than satisfied to remain with the bank. The result is that, even in the face of keen competition for deposits by paying interest, the deposits of this bank have practically kept pace with the times. Its depositors are content with safety and service; for the bank's surplus renders it as safe as the Bank of England and possibly a little safer.

How much better this system, how much safer for the public and the depositors than straining every nerve to get deposits at high prices at a time when easy money may make large interest to depositors a menace to safety. Large deposits, with added expense and little profit, are worse than mere window-dressing in the front of a store. They are more than a costly form of advertising. They are dangerous.

It is doubly important that we should face these problems here and now, and not to put off the day of solution. With the constantly increasing wealth of this country, and with the continuing importance of its banking position in the world, faced as we are with the temptations of extravagance and expansion, we should take stock now of our banking conditions and methods, and prepare to meet the responsibilities, which both the present continuance and the future discontinuance of the war will necessarily involve.

MEMBER BANKS AUTHORIZED TO KEEP ALL THEIR RESERVES WITH FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

The Federal Reserve Board in advertising in the November number of its "Bulletin" to the fact that country banks and banks in Reserve cities would be required to pay their Federal Reserve Bank an additional instalment of reserves on Nov 16 makes mention of a letter which it directed to be transmitted for the purpose of securing uniform action with reference to such payments. In this letter it is suggested that attention be called to the fact that under the amendment to section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, approved Sept 7 1916 the Federal Reserve Board is authorized to permit member banks to carry in the Federal Reserve Banks of their respective districts any portion of their reserves now required by section 19 to be held in their own vaults; and to the further fact that the Board, under authority of this amendment, has already issued a ruling to the effect that such member banks may carry all or any part of such reserves in their respective Federal Reserve Banks.

The ruling referred to above was published in the October issue of the "Bulletin," as follows:

One of the amendments to the Act provides that the Board may, by general ruling affecting all districts alike, permit member banks to carry in Federal Reserve bank any portion of their reserves now required to be held in their own vaults. Acting upon this authority, the Board on Sept. 11 took action, notice of which was sent to Federal Reserve banks in the following letter:

"The recent amendments to the Federal Reserve Act provide in part that the Federal Reserve Board shall have power, 'by general ruling covering all districts alike, to permit member banks to carry in the Federal Reserve banks of their respective districts any portion of their reserves now required by Section 19 of this Act to be held in their own vaults.'

"In pursuance of the authority vested in it by this section, the Board hereby rules that, effective Sept. 18 1916, and until further notice, any member bank so desiring shall be permitted to carry in the Federal Reserve bank of its district any portion of its reserves now required by law to be held in its own vaults.

"Please inform the officers of your bank that they may advise the member banks of your district."

PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL INSTALLMENT OF RESERVES TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

The additional installment of reserves was paid in on Thursday, the 16th, to the Federal Reserve Banks by member banks outside of central reserve cities. Extended reference to this call for reserves was made in these columns Nov. 4, wherein we indicated the amount of reserve required thereunder to be maintained with the Federal Reserve banks. A. C. Miller of the Federal Reserve Board recently estimated that a total of \$60,000,000 would be deposited by member banks under the call. The reserve deposits received by the New York Reserve Bank on Thursday amounted, it is said, to only about \$1,250,000. It had been figured that the payment of the installment would total about \$3,000,000; the smaller amount realized is accounted for by reason of the fact that many of the member banks had on deposit funds in excess of the reserve requirements and the change did not necessitate any further transfers or shipments of currency.

GROUP INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.

The Federal Reserve "Bulletin" reports that several Federal Reserve banks have developed plans of group insurance for their employees, a blanket policy covering each such employee up to the amount of his annual salary, not to exceed a specified figure, having been obtained from reliable insurance companies. The Board has approved such plans in the case of three banks, and is developing a similar plan for insurance of its own employees. The policies are in force only during the period for which the employee in question holds his position.

OPERATION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE CLEARING PLAN.

The following table showing briefly the clearing operations of the Federal Reserve system from Sept. 16 to Oct. 15, with comparative figures for each of the two preceding months, is taken from the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for November: OPERATIONS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE INTER-DISTRICT CLEARING SYSTEM, SEPT. 16 TO OCT. 15 1916.

Bank—	Average Number of Items Handled Daily.	Average Amount of Daily Clearing.	Member Banks in the Reuniting District.	State Banks at Par.
Boston	34,328	\$9,583,898 26	402	241
New York	35,574	21,771,197 98	626	31
Philadelphia	25,089	12,648,696 00	630	137
Cleveland	14,072	6,929,805 09	756	490
Richmond	14,521	6,649,364 00	520	254
Atlanta (including New Orleans branch)	11,661	3,668,870 04	391	460
Chicago	621,322	10,705,835 14	994	1,287
St. Louis	8,814	5,677,716 85	468	805
Minneapolis	12,236	6,333,496 11	753	1,100
Kansas City	10,956	5,729,296 78	937	1,388
Dallas	11,539	6,747,754 00	621	206
San Francisco	4,779	1,220,171 00	520	1,060
Totals—				
Sept. 16 to Oct. 15	204,591	\$97,666,107 25	7,618	7,459
Aug. 16 to Sept. 15	177,397	78,559,703 82	7,618	7,449
July 15 to Aug. 15	133,113	59,301,695 94	7,624	7,032

^a All State banks in district.

^b Does not include Government checks averaging 3,166.

According to the "Bulletin" "expansion and extension of the system has gone on during the month with very satisfactory results." Continuing it says:

Continuuous gains in the daily number of items and amounts cleared are indicated by the reports of clearing operations received from the Federal Reserve banks for the period Sept. 16 to Oct. 15 1916, the third month during which the new clearing system has been in operation.

The average number of items handled was in excess of 200,000 and shows an increase of 54% over the total handled during the first month, and of 15% over the number handled during the second month. The daily average amount cleared by the banks was not much below 100 millions, and shows an increase of about 85% over the first month's total, and of about 25% over the second month's total.

As a result of the larger number of items handled and the greater experience gained in the operation of the system, the cost per item handled is constantly decreasing. Some of the banks, accordingly, have been able to reduce the service charge per item from 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 cents.

A number of important clearing houses have informed the Board of their intention to introduce changes in their rules in order to bring about closer co-operation and harmony in the work of the Federal Reserve banks under the clearing regulation as at present applied. This, with the increase in the number of items handled at the several banks, affords satisfactory evidence of the gradual growth of the clearing and collection system in public favor.

CLAYTON ACT DECISIONS OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

Out of a total of 1,335 applications for permission, under the Kern amendment to the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, to serve on the board of more than one bank the Federal Reserve Board refused but 140 requests. The number granted and refused, so far as each district is concerned, is indicated in the Reserve "Bulletin" for November, from which we take the following:

CLAYTON ACT DECISIONS.

The Federal Reserve Board has taken action on 1,335 applications for permission under the Kern amendment, granting 1,195 and refusing 140. No records exist to show the number of directors who have surrendered bank directorates in accord with the provisions of the Act without filing any application. The sub-totals of the districts are as follows:

District—	Granted.	Refused
No. 1—Boston	66	23
No. 2—New York	265	54
No. 3—Philadelphia	133	13
No. 4—Cleveland	179	6
No. 5—Richmond	107	24
No. 6—Atlanta	229	0
No. 7—Chicago	122	13
No. 8—St. Louis	51	5
No. 9—Minneapolis	27	0
No. 10—Kansas City	56	0
No. 11—Dallas	3	0
No. 12—San Francisco	154	2

a One of which was refused in part.

b Four of which were disapproved in part.

In another part of the "Bulletin" the Board has the following to say on the subject:

Consideration and final disposal of appeals under the Clayton Act, which became effective on Oct. 15, has occupied a considerable part of the attention of the Federal Reserve Board during the month of October. All pending appeals have been disposed of and notice conveyed to the individuals and banks affected by the Board's previous orders. In all 1,195 appeals have been granted and 140 declined. In a few cases where doubt existed the Board has granted temporary permission to continue directorates as at present up to Jan. 1 1917, with the understanding that further hearings and investigations shall be had in the meantime with a view to determining definitely what action shall be taken with respect to the cases thus held open. Inasmuch as the operation of the Clayton Act was in large part automatic, individuals withdrawing from directorates, retention of which would be in violation of the Act, a mere analysis of the Board's action does not afford an adequate idea of the actual operation of the law. Probably in a majority of cases the changes resulting from the law have been brought about without any appeal to the Board.

CONVERSION OF U. S. BONDS.

A total of \$30,000,000 of 2% bonds of the United States has been converted during the present year into \$15,761,000 of 30-year 3% bonds, and \$14,239,000 of 1-year 3% Treasury notes, according to the Federal Reserve "Bulletin" for November. The total given, says the "Bulletin," represents the full amount available for conversion under Section 18 of the Federal Reserve Act. The "Bulletin" adds:

Conversion operations were conducted by the Treasury on April 1, when a total of \$10,290,600 was converted; on July 1, when a total of \$9,574,200 was converted, and on Oct. 1, when the available balance of \$10,135,200 was converted. Not all the Federal Reserve banks applied for the conversion of their allotted quota of bonds. The difference between the full allotments and the amounts applied for were distributed among those Federal Reserve banks which desired to convert bonds in excess of their allotment.

REMOVAL OF WIRELESS CENSOR—CIPHER MESSAGES OF BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

Charles S. Clarke, wireless censor of the Sayville station, and H. S. Keep, censor of the station at Seasconset, were relieved from duty and re-assigned it was learned on Oct. 29. It was reported that they were removed upon charges that they had permitted the transmission of unneutral messages relating to the U-53. On Oct. 30 Rear Admiral Benson denied the reports that the transfer of the two lieutenants was due to a protest by Great Britain. He said that only questions of administrative detail had been involved and that no foreign nation had asked for the transfer of these officers.

The difficulty in fulfilling the requirements of the new order of the censors of the Naval Department whereby American banking institutions were called upon to file a copy of the secret cipher with which wireless messages to correspondents are authenticated was adjusted at a meeting of representatives of several New York banks at the National Bank of Commerce on Oct. 30, to protest against the order,

a satisfactory arrangement, it is stated, having been completed by long distance telephone with the Navy Department. It is explained that the ciphers are quite apart from the usual code arrangement by which messages are condensed, no objection being made by the banks to filing copies of their "codes" which enable the censors to ascertain the contents of the message, but their opposition being directed against the filing of copies of the cipher which, in effect, constitute the signature to the message. As a result of the bankers' representations, it is understood, the Navy Department ordered that an affidavit sworn to by an officer of the bank remitting the message, as to the genuineness of the test cipher, would be sufficient. In that case wireless messages in code can be sent as usual. One banker, after the meeting, was quoted in the "Journal of Commerce" as saying:

No protest was made. The matter was simply called to the attention of the Department and the justice of the banks' claims was recognized. We have agreed to file an affidavit with the Department that in transmitting money via the wireless stations at Sayville or Tuckerton we will prefix the word "testword" or "test-number" in English to a cipher which has no other use or meaning than to authenticate the amount of money transmitted and to prevent fraud. The adjustment is entirely satisfactory and the private codes of the banks will be protected.

Representatives of the banks present at the meeting were from the Guaranty Trust Co., Equitable Trust Co., Bankers Trust Co., U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co., National City Bank, National Park Bank, Chase National Bank, Mechanics & Metals National Bank and many other leading banks.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ON GROWTH OF ACCEPTANCE BUSINESS.

In an article dealing with the growth of acceptances published in its "Bulletin" for November, the Federal Reserve Board states that the amount of acceptances bought by the Reserve banks up to Oct. 1 is nearly 300 million dollars, the monthly purchases for the past quarter averaging about 35 million dollars. "It is clear," says the Board, "that the rapid growth of the American acceptance business is due largely to the fact that the Federal Reserve banks have provided a market for the purchase and sale of acceptances." We reprint below what the Board has to say on the acceptance business and its growth:

GROWTH OF THE ACCEPTANCE BUSINESS.

The growth of the acceptance business of the national banks appears from the following exhibit, which shows the aggregate liabilities on drafts accepted by national banks in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and San Francisco, and by all national banks since Sept. 2 1915, when, for the first time, information regarding this new class of business was reported by national banks:

Drafts Based on Imports and Exports Accepted by National Banks (in Thousands of Dollars).

	New York.	Boston.	Phila- delphia.	Balti- more.	San Francisco.	Other.	Total.
Sept. 2 1915..	6,903	3,449	965	---	135	1,625	13,077
Nov. 10 1915..	16,182	5,189	1,973	527	343	2,594	26,808
Dec. 31 1915..	17,501	7,374	2,809	1,063	492	2,746	31,985
Mar. 7 1916..	21,429	10,878	5,751	895	1,095	2,629	42,677
May 1 1916..	33,055	13,056	6,217	2,096	2,221	3,191	59,836
June 30 1916..	40,852	14,858	5,234	788	2,673	4,898	69,303
Sept. 12 1916..	44,229	18,057	5,084	1,616	2,484	6,409	77,879

In addition to the acceptance business reported by the national banks, the large trust companies in the Eastern seaboard cities, since accepting was authorized by State laws, have been engaging in the new business. On June 30 1916 the following New York City trust companies report acceptance liabilities of the following amounts:

Bankers Trust Co.	\$9,333,800
Guaranty Trust Co.	31,083,700
Columbia Trust Co.	1,007,100
Broadway Trust Co.	1,054,300
Central Trust Co.	1,000,000
Equitable Trust Co.	6,930,800
Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.	4,728,800
Total New York trust companies	\$55,138,500
Corn Exchange Bank	1,538,100

Total \$56,676,600

It is probable that the aggregate of drafts in the foreign trade accepted by American banks and bankers is at present not much below 175 millions, of which about 100 millions represent the share of the New York banks. A considerable portion of these acceptances has been bought by the Federal Reserve banks at rates as low as 2%, compared with rates in excess of 5% ruling in the London market. (See Table A.) The total of acceptances held on Oct. 20 by Federal Reserve banks—\$3 million dollars—constitutes 43.5% of their aggregate earning assets, as against 11.3% represented by paper rediscounted for member banks.

As may be seen from the attached Table B the Federal Reserve banks began the purchase of acceptances based upon imports and exports at the end of February 1915. During the year 1915 the largest amount invested in this class of paper was in the neighborhood of 18 millions. The present year witnesses the steady growth of this class of investments from 23.8 millions in the beginning of the year to 78.6 millions in the beginning of September. The largest holdings—over 85 millions—were recorded at about the end of July.

The amount of acceptances bought by Federal Reserve banks up to Oct. 1 is nearly 300 million dollars, the monthly purchases for the past quarter averaging about 35 million dollars. It is clear that the rapid growth of the American acceptance business is due largely to the fact that the Federal Reserve banks have provided a market for the purchase and sale of acceptances. From the attached Table B it may further be seen that, for the present year at least, the increase in the amount of non-member bank

acceptances held by the Federal Reserve banks has been greater than in the amount of member bank acceptances so held.

There can be but little doubt that the law permitting national banks to accept drafts based upon foreign-trade transactions has been a most helpful factor in the recent movement of our foreign trade. Dollar acceptances are now becoming known in almost all parts of the world, and are bound to prove a most powerful instrument in promoting and facilitating the commercial relations between this country and our foreign markets, where commercial credit has to be extended by our exporters desirous to enter these markets in competition with European houses. It may be further expected that the opening of foreign branches of strong American banks, in combination with dollar exchange, will before long free American commerce from dependence on foreign bankers and make unnecessary to a large extent foreign aid and intervention in the settlement of our foreign trade balances.

Table A—Rates for Three Months' Bank Bills in London and New York on Dates Specified.

Date, 1915.	London, Per Cent.	New York, Per Cent.	Date, 1916.	London, Per Cent.	New York, Per Cent.
Jan. 27	1 1/2 to 1 3/4	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	Jan. 28	5 1/2 to 5 3/4	2
Feb. 24	1 3/4	2 3/4 to 2 1/2	Feb. 25	5 1/2 to 5 3/4	2
Mar. 31	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	Mar. 31	4 1/2 to 4 3/4	2 to 2 1/4
Apr. 18	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	2 1/4 to 2 1/2	Apr. 28	4 1/2	2 to 2 1/4
May 25	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	2 1/4 to 2 1/2	May 26	4 1/2	2 to 2 1/4
June 30	4 1/4	2 1/4 to 2 1/2	June 30	5 1/2	2 to 2 1/4
July 28	5 to 5 1/2	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	July 28	5 1/2	2 1/4
Aug. 25	4 1/2 to 5	2 1/2 to 2 3/4	Aug. 25	4 1/2 to 5 1/2	2 1/4 to 2 1/2
Sept. 29	4 1/2 to 4 3/4	2 1/4	Sept. 29	5 1/2 to 5 3/4	2 1/4 to 2 1/2
Oct. 27	4 1/2 to 4 3/4	2 1/4			
Nov. 24	5 1/4	2 1/4			
Dec. 29	5 1/2 to 5 1/4	2 to 2 1/2			

Table B—Acceptances Held by the Federal Reserve Banks as Shown by Schedules on File on Dates Specified (in Thousands of Dollars).

Dates, 1915.	Member Non-Member Trade		Total.
	Banks.	Banks.	
Feb. 22	93	—	93
Mar. 31	3,075	7,831	10,906
April 5	3,653	7,940	11,593
May 3	5,038	8,309	13,347
June 7	5,242	4,718	9,960
July 3	4,342	5,428	9,770
Aug. 2	5,350	5,779	11,129
Sept. 6	6,087	6,797	12,884
Oct. 4	9,000	5,373	14,373
Nov. 1	8,477	4,788	13,265
Dec. 6	12,311	5,843	18,154
1916.			
Jan. 3	15,494	8,344	23,838
Feb. 7	15,681	9,668	25,349
Mar. 6	17,182	10,859	28,041
April 3	21,000	17,308	38,308
May 1	24,875	19,415	44,290
June 5	24,680	24,680	49,360
July 3	32,989	31,222	64,211
Aug. 7	39,695	33,738	73,433
Sept. 4	41,413	33,573	74,986
Oct. 2	37,798	32,438	70,236

Table C—Imports and Exports Into and From the United States During Fiscal Years 1912 to 1916, inclusive, by Large Geographic Divisions (in Millions of Dollars).

Year end, June 30—	Imports—					Total.
	Europe.	North America.	South America.	Asia and Oceania.	Africa.	
1912	819.6	334.1	215.1	261.9	22.6	1,653.3
1913	892.9	362.0	217.7	314.0	26.4	1,813.0
1914	895.6	427.4	222.7	329.1	19.1	1,893.9
1915	614.3	473.1	261.5	300.3	25.0	1,674.2
1916	616.2	591.9	391.6	533.4	61.8	2,197.9
Exports—						
1912	1,341.7	516.8	132.3	189.4	24.1	2,204.3
1913	1,479.1	617.4	146.1	194.2	29.1	2,465.9
1914	1,486.5	528.6	124.5	197.0	27.9	2,364.5
1915	1,971.4	477.1	99.3	192.2	28.5	2,768.5
1916	2,999.2	732.9	180.3	377.7	43.5	4,333.6

THE PRESIDENT ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Responsibility for the high cost of foodstuffs was laid to the middlemen by President Wilson in a speech delivered at Washington on the 14th inst. in welcoming the convention of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. Urging that farmers increase their output so as to prevent the middlemen from charging what he pleased, the President said:

We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make it appear as if the supply was so short that the middleman could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the rest of the world in respect to its food supply.

No reference was made by the President in his remarks to recent petitions to him to declare an embargo on the exportation of food from the United States, nor did he advert, even indirectly to the outcome of the Presidential election. In part he said:

It goes without saying that the physical life of the nation has always depended upon the farm. It goes without saying, also, that to a large extent the physical life of the world has drawn its sustenance from the great areas of farm land in the United States. We have sent food to all parts of the world, and the American farmer has contributed to the life of all the countries of the world. But you know that as our own population has increased the proportion in which we could help foreign countries as contrasted with our own has decreased and there are problems that are comparable with the problems of statesmanship lying ahead of the farmers of the United States.

I have been very much interested in conferring with the Secretary of Agriculture to find that although the laboratory and the investigations of the man of science who was not directly concerned with the farm have had a great deal to do with the promotion of agriculture in the United States, as elsewhere, what has had still more to do with it has been the intelligent farming of the individual farmer. Most of the methods which the demonstrators of the Department of Agriculture have been busy to spread as far and wide as possible have been methods which they have learned from the most accomplished and best instructed farmers in the United States.

In other words, the Department of Agriculture has had, as one of its most important duties, to put all the farmers of the United States, so far as possible, where the best of the farmers of the United States had got of their own initiative and of their own intelligence. That, after all, is the business of education anyhow—to spread the product of the best minds far and wide, so that they may be accessible to everybody.

But in the future we have got to bring more of the area of the United States under cultivation than is under cultivation now. We have got to increase the product at every point where it is susceptible of being increased. We have got to study the variation of crops. We have got to study how to assist nature, or at any rate understand nature, by making the most suitable use of our several and varied soils. One of the things that has interested me most, for example, is that what we have called the pine barrens of our Southern coast need not be barrens at all; that if we add a single additional chemical element we can make the sand blossom and bloom and produce crops, and that if nature is only questioned closely enough she will yield us her richest products for our own assistance and for the assistance of the rest of the world.

We have got to look closely into these secrets, and we have got to realize that there must go forth from the United States the best agricultural intelligence of all the world. We have got the means. We have got the purpose. We have started along the right lines.

One of the things that has most interested me about what has been done recently by legislation for the benefit of the farmer is the question why it was not done long before. It is astonishing that the assets—the valuable available assets, the visible assets—of the farm should not have been available as a basis of credit in the banks on the same terms as the assets of commercial undertaking and manufacturing industry. Cattle are just as visible and tangible as goods in warehouses and goods on trains.

Credit based on cattle is as good as credit based on bills of lading, and the astonishing thing is not that it has been done now, but that it took so long to do it. And when you add to that what has been done by the Rural Credits Bill in the way of long-extended credits you will see that we have, so to say, got ready for the first time to use the capital of this country to push forward the agricultural industry of this country. We have liberated the credits of the banks and we have mobilized, through the Department of Agriculture, the scientific intelligence of the world.

With that combination, every nation in the world ought to come to us to learn how to raise big crops.

We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as if the supply was so short that the middleman could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the world in respect of its food supply.

I wish that all problems of Government were displayed in as clear lines of duty as this problem of Government with regard to how the farmer ought to be treated is displayed. I wish, for example, that foreign affairs were as simple as agriculture. The great satisfaction about what you have to discuss is that when once our duty is determined, we have got a great force of intelligence to go forward in the line of duty.

I did not intend when I came here to say as much as I have, or to discourse in the least about agriculture, but I did want to congratulate you upon the opportunity now to study upon a scale as wide as the world the great business in which you are engaged, and to express my very profound interest in the more recent developments of agriculture in the United States which have been converting it from an occupation into a systematic business; which have been introducing the things which make a free country—counsel and co-operation.

The thing that makes a free country vital is the large number of people who get together to do important things without asking the leave of the Government to do them. The striking thing about a great country like the United States is that if the Government neglected everything, the people would do it; that you do not hearken to the people of the United States. They command you to go on, and things that are neglected they have got plenty of brains to get together and do for themselves.

All these organizations of business men and manufacturers and advertising men and farmers, and everybody else that has the same occupation, are just a great combination of brains to keep alive the whole vital intelligence of the nation. They do not wait on anybody's invitation to do things unpremeditated for them. They illustrate at every turn of what they do the extraordinary vitality of this nation. The farmers have got together long enough, and it is only recently that the country has appreciated just how much it has left to the farmer to do what the Government ought to have done for him. I am very proud to have lived in a time and be affiliated with the Government at a time when these things were becoming manifest, and the duty of the Government toward the farmer was partially performed.

In answer to President Wilson's contentions, with regard to the blame for the high cost of living, George W. Perkins, Chairman of Mayor Mitchel's Commission on Food Supply, issued a statement on Wednesday in which he charged that "the fundamental trouble is that we have not at Washington, or Albany or New York City or anywhere else, the right kind of market departments whose business it is to study the question of food supply, food distribution and food consumption, in an intelligent, business-like manner, and bring about such reforms in the methods of food distribution as would bring about beneficial results to both the producer and consumer." Mr. Perkin's statement follows:

I see by the morning papers that President Wilson, in speaking to the convention of the National Grange in Washington yesterday puts the high cost of living up to the farmers and rather blames them for not producing larger crops, saying that the way to bring down the cost of living is to increase the products of the farms.

Mr. Wilson's way of meeting the high cost of living is quite in keeping with the way he meets every issue, viz.: by side-stepping it or shifting the responsibility to some one else.

The cost of living has been steadily increasing for a number of years. Of course to increase our output and the quality of it is very desirable, and I know of no class of citizens who have tried harder to do this than the farmers themselves, but both farmers and consumers know that the high cost of living is not entirely due to the fact that we have failed to raise enough food. The fundamental trouble is that we have not at Washington or Albany or New York City, or anywhere else, the right kind of market departments, whose business it is to study the question of food supply, food distribution, and food consumption in an intelligent, business-like manner, and bring about such reforms in the methods of food distribution as would bring about beneficial results to both the producer and consumer. Until such market departments are established the high cost of living is going to be an ever-burning question.

The cost of table living is reaching a point where it is almost unbearable. This is particularly true in the case of the people who work on salaries—such people as teachers, professors, and clerks in stores, banks, corporations, &c., for the income of these people has increased very little, if any, while their outgo for the actual necessities of life has increased very much.

From time to time the State and city have created departments whose business it is to look after the people's interests in the matter of transportation, education, health, &c. All these departments, to a greater or lesser degree, head up to one centralized board or commission, whose sole responsibility it is to look after the particular activities entrusted to its care. But in the matter of markets and all that has to do with supplying us with our foods, chaos reigns. Here in New York City this market business is split up into almost as many parts as there are city departments. The Comptroller, the Dock Commissioner, the Board of Aldermen, the Borough President, the Superintendent of Markets, the Department of Health, the Bureau of Weights and Measures—each has a finger in it, with no one wholly responsible or knowing what the other department is doing. The result is the usual one, viz., what is everybody's business is nobody's business.

We have in this State two Public Service Commissions to look after the public's interests in the matter of transportation, and yet statistics show that only about 10% of the average man's income goes for transportation, while something like 40% of his income goes for food.

Until we change all this, until we secure from the Federal Government, the State and the city, market departments in a real potential sense, we will never be able, no matter what the size of our crops or how hard the farmers work, to substantially change the present extremely unsatisfactory condition and give to the people the quantity and quality of food they should have at prices that are proper.

As the Chairman of Mayor Mitchell's Food Supply Committee, I have given this matter a great deal of study and sincerely believe there is no question that demands more immediate and intelligent attention. Cannot the great State of New York be the pioneer in this matter, and afford to the people of this State the relief that will come from prompt and intelligent action along the lines indicated?

An inquiry into the increased cost of living is being made by the Government in order to ascertain whether the rising prices are being brought about by unlawful means. Evidence of unlawful price increases through conspiracy or other means is being sought by agents of the Department of Justice. At present investigations are being carried on in Chicago and Philadelphia and by different bureaus of the Government throughout the country. The following statement of his activities in this direction was authorized by Attorney-General Gregory at Washington on the 5th inst.:

The Department of Justice is investigating the recent abnormal and suspicious increases in the prices of various necessities of life, especially coal. Wherever any such increase is found to have been due to conspiracy or other unlawful action the Department will invoke against the offenders the severest penalties which the law prescribes.

MORTIMER L. SCHIFF ON NEED OF EDUCATIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

The subject of "Educational Preparedness" from the viewpoint of a business man was discussed by Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., on the 15th inst. before the Association of Urban Universities at the College of the City of New York. "It is," said Mr. Schiff, "perhaps particularly appropriate at the present time in this crisis of the affairs of the world, when the future, yes even the present is shrouded in so much uncertainty and doubt, for men holding different callings but pursuing the same ideals, to take counsel together as to how the growing generation may best be trained to cope with the serious problems which it will have to face and the situations which it will have to meet." We quote further from his remarks as follows:

In speaking of educational preparedness, I refer as much to training for public service, as for business. We need trained workers and intelligent citizens and these our educational system must provide. There are various kinds of national preparedness and educational preparedness is by no means the least of these. Discipline, thoroughness and efficiency are not only military virtues, but also requisites for industrial, commercial and civic success. The survival of the fittest still holds true and just as Rome fell because its people became decadent, so to-day, no nation can live whose citizenship is shiftless, inefficient and inadequately trained and educated.

The example of European nations has shown us how important it is that an educational policy should be adopted to train young men and women in thoroughness, efficiency and breadth of vision. It is, for instance, quite hopeless for us to consider a real expansion of our foreign trade and international relations, unless we have available a body of young men whom we can send abroad well equipped to meet the competition of other nations and trained to market our products. Our commercial education has been lamentably deficient in this respect, and it is a well known fact that we have been dependent almost entirely upon the foreign trained and the foreign born whenever we wished to find representatives for service in foreign countries. Indeed, we have found that even for clerical positions, those coming from abroad are, as a rule, better trained and more efficient. It, therefore, behooves us to consider what improvements or changes should be made in our present educational system and what, if any, additional facilities should be provided to meet this situation. These are questions, the answering of which requires most careful study and thought, particularly at the present juncture in the affairs of the world. There is no doubt that after the titanic struggle, in which the European nations are so unhappily engaged, there will come a struggle of almost equal intensity for industrial supremacy, in which all countries will strain every effort to be victorious. The present world war is, as it is, a battle between school-masters, as the questions at issue are those arising from different schools of culture, thought and philosophy. This will be no less the case in the competition for the markets of the world and much will, therefore, depend upon the training given by the different nations to their growing generations. That sober-minded and far-seeing men in Europe realize this is very apparent from many recent utterances. The discipline and training, which the war has given and is giving to foreign young men, is bound to be a tremendous

asset to these countries, when they can utilize these forces for peaceful pursuits.

We must also consider whether our present educational system makes adequate provision for the preparation of young men for public life, and, if not, what we should do to so shape it as to enable it to do so. At the present time those who wish to devote themselves to public affairs, whether Federal, State, or municipal, almost invariably study law and become admitted to the bar as a step towards this end. The legal profession has thus become practically our only gate-way to public life. I think we all realize that this has its disadvantages, and that other courses of training should be provided. The conception of citizenship has grown very materially among our people during the past years and we are gradually developing a body of young men, who are in a position to and who desire to educate themselves towards contributing their share of public service. Facilities for training towards this end are, however, sadly lacking and provision should be made that courses of instruction be available for those planning such a career, just as they now are for the learned professions. We cannot depend, however, on collegiate education alone for accomplishing this and elementary and secondary schools must do their share by providing proper preparation. Whether they are now doing so appears very doubtful. There seems to be in our elementary and secondary education a lack of thoroughness, which, coming as it does in the formative period of a child's life, is apt to have very far-reaching effects. They seem to be lacking in teaching fundamentals and the old-fashioned three R's no longer seem to be receiving the attention which they should. I think you will bear me out that the handwriting alone of the average High School graduate is enough to disqualify him for any position in the business world. I do not wish to criticize our educational system, but I think that you, gentlemen, dealing as you do with higher education, will agree that in many instances the material with which you have to deal is unsatisfactory in many respects, and that a very large number of young men and young women come to college improperly or inadequately prepared. One of the greatest faults in this connection, which has come under my observation, is that our young people are not taught to concentrate. There can be no real efficiency without the power of concentration, and it seems a pity that more stress is not laid upon this important factor.

Another thing in which our schools seem to be deficient is in the matter of discipline. If the students cannot be disciplined with regard to their attendance, behavior and the like, then there is little chance of disciplining their minds. Positive knowledge is what is needed, not guess work. The world deals with facts and bluffing does not lead to success. How often do we hear a child, or even an older student say: "I do not remember, I learned that last year," or even worse, guessing at the answer to a question? There seems to be too little reviewing of what has gone before, with the result that there is but little accurate and thorough knowledge. How many graduates of our schools, or even of our colleges, can name correctly the countries of the world, their capitals and their most important natural resources, or even state correctly all the States of the United States, to say nothing of their capitals? It may be said that if these faults exist, why try to develop our collegiate system? This does not seem to be a sufficient reason for not undertaking the work, as one great advantage in making rigid the requirements of higher education, is the effect upon secondary and elementary education. There is no doubt that if the collegiate standard is high, there must be a beneficial re-action upon the preparatory schools.

There appears to be, I am glad to say, a steadily growing belief on the part of the American people in the value of systematic school training; first, in the desirability of making elementary education available for all, and, secondly, in providing proper courses of instruction for special training for the vocation which the student wishes to adopt. Business is no longer a trade, but a profession, and it is just as important that young men, who wish to adopt business or public careers, should have the opportunity of educating themselves along lines which will enable them to do so, as that law schools should be provided to train lawyers; medical colleges for doctors and technical schools for engineers. When that is done, the boy, who is expecting to enter the higher lines of business or of public service, will as invariably look toward a college or university to secure a part of his training, as does the lawyer, physician, or engineer. The facilities for this purpose are of but very recent development and those thus far provided are still inadequate to meet the demands. As is doubtless known to many of you, we tried to do something along these lines a short time ago here in New York, but unfortunately our plan failed of fruition. The underlying thought was that there should be real co-operation between business men, educators and the municipality, each contributing their experience and their efforts, so that something practical and effective might result. It would have been, to say the least, an interesting experiment and I am convinced would have been a distinct success.

What the Committee of Commercial Education of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, of which I had the honor to be Chairman, planned to accomplish during the negotiations in 1913 and 1914, in co-operation with the Trustees of the College of the City of New York and with the city authorities, was as follows: It was proposed that there should be established in this city a College of Commerce and Administration and a Museum of Commerce and Civics, and that the old site of the College of the City of New York at Lexington Avenue and 23rd Street, should be utilized for this purpose. The city was to provide the site and the Chamber of Commerce was to furnish the sum of \$500,000 for erecting the building, and a fund of \$200,000 for the establishment of a Museum, which sums had been assured to the Chamber. The city was to equip the building and to undertake to maintain the College and pay the running expenses of the Museum. The College and Museum were to be administered by a Board of Trustees, consisting of representatives of the City of New York, of the College of the City of New York and of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. Frequent conferences were held between the parties interested and it was believed that an agreement had been reached on substantially all material points, but finally the plan failed, because, coming as this did, shortly after the outbreak of the European war, the city did not feel justified in authorizing the expenditure for annual maintenance, which would have been required from it. Negotiations having continued for more than two years, the donors had to be released from their pledges and the plan, therefore, had to be abandoned. The donors had most readily acquiesced in the delays and consummation of the plan, but as its accomplishment seemed impossible within a reasonable time, it hardly seemed fair to hold them any longer to their pledges. There is no doubt in my mind that the representatives of the city were as desirous as were those of the Chamber and of the College to consummate the plan, but changed financial conditions led some of the city officials to believe that it was better to defer indefinitely, or even abandon the establishment of the College and of the Museum. The general consensus of opinion of all consulted at that time was that there was need in the City of New York for an institution on the college plan, which should include in its curriculum, and give particular emphasis to continuation classes holding their sessions in the late afternoon and to evening classes and lectures. By an institution on the college plan, we had in mind one similar to a College of Arts and Sciences, in that it would have substantially the same entrance requirements; would afford the same mental discipline and culture training and

would lead to a baccalaureate degree, with provision made, however, that practical experience and special knowledge might be permitted to take the place of certain counts in the entrance examinations and an incentive thus be furnished to young men, who had not been able to complete a high school course.

It seemed particularly appropriate that such an institution for higher commercial and administrative training should be maintained by the municipality and that instruction should be made available to all. Whether the instruction should be absolutely free, or whether some moderate charge should be made, or deposit required, was a question which was left for future determination. The tendency in all collegiate education seems to be to make it possible for capable youth to shorten the period of study by one or two years, and it would probably not be easy to hold for four years the ambitious and capable secondary graduate, whose entrance into a remunerative position did not depend upon a diploma from the College of Commerce. While it was our opinion that the College of Commerce, which we had in mind, should provide primarily a four years' course, we felt that facilities should be extended for completion of the course in three years, and that the work should be so arranged, that, even those attending only one or two years, could take advantage of complete courses and derive benefit from the education thus received. We planned that the requirements for entrance should be similar to those now required for entrance into the City College, except that particular stress should be laid upon commercial subjects. In this connection, may I point out that there seems to be a tendency in commercial high school education to emphasize too strongly clerical subject matter, such as book-keeping, business arithmetic, stenography and typewriting, business correspondence, &c. While these courses are important and must be provided, they must not be permitted to become academic, instead of vocational. They are apt to lack intensiveness and the teachers have often, I fear, not had practical training in business methods. We planned further that the college should provide continuation and evening classes, with well arranged and self-contained courses, available for those young men who were already employed, but who desired to extend their knowledge of commercial subjects. To the end that the greatest benefit might be secured from this department of the work, steps had been taken to secure the co-operation of the merchants of the city, so that they would not only readily permit, but actively encourage their younger employees to make use of the facilities thus extended. It was also planned that the building in which the college was to be housed should provide adequate space for the installation of a Museum of Commerce and of Civics, which should, as one of its purposes, serve as a laboratory for the students. In our opinion this would have proved one of the most valuable educational features of the proposed college and would have filled a need, which I regret to say still exists in this city. In addition to the great reaction which such a college and museum would have had on the entire educational facilities of this city, we felt that it would serve five great purposes. It would provide facilities:

1. For the training for public service.
2. For the training of those ambitious to attain administrative and executive positions. Young men of such ambitions would probably be willing to devote three or four years to a course of instruction, and although their number might possibly be limited, quality of training, rather than number of students would be the real test.
3. For the training of those whose outlook upon life is practically limited to a permanent career of clericalship, who would probably be willing to devote say two years to this purpose.
4. For the training through late afternoon and evening continuation classes those already employed, thus fitting them for better work and advancement.
5. For giving opportunity for commercial and civic investigations by the utilization of the faculty and the higher grade students for this purpose.

In the two years which have elapsed since the abandonment of this scheme, there is no doubt that considerable progress has been made in other directions in extending the opportunities for commercial education and for training for public service. During this time Columbia, the College of the City of New York, Cornell, the University of the City of New York, and many others, have either planned or established Schools of Business and of Administration, or have extended existing facilities. Much is still needed, and I am firmly convinced that the time is coming when as much emphasis will be laid upon providing proper educational facilities for training for business and for public service, as has heretofore been done for what has been considered a purely professional career. I do not feel competent to express an opinion as to the details of the curriculum, which educational institutions should adopt for these purposes. These would have to be worked out by the proper faculties with great care. The important thing is that the curriculum be practical in its nature and avoid becoming too theoretical, for which reason a large amount of field and laboratory work, in addition and supplemental to classroom instruction is advisable. The greatest difficulty, which will have to be met is to secure proper instructors' as men who devote their lives to teaching are so apt to get out of touch with practical affairs. Education is for life and the lives of most men are practical, rather than theoretical or scholastic. While a man teaching a technical subject can keep up to a great extent his contact with new developments and new methods by discussion with the practical men whom he may meet, and by the study of technical books and publications, this is hardly possible for men teaching commercial studies, or those dealing with public service. For these, there are few text-books and publications, and it is, as a rule, only those actively engaged in business and in public life who are able to keep step with the times.

It seems, in creating Colleges of Commerce and Administration, or developing existing facilities, particular thought should be given to the educational needs of young men who are not absolutely dependent upon finding at an early age an immediately paying position. In other words not to train clerks, but to give young men, who are able to enter the business world on a favorable basis, without at once having to earn their livelihood, or who have sufficient independent means to enter public life, an education to enable them to do so. I do not favor graduate schools for this purpose, except for the very limited number who may wish to pursue special courses of study, but prefer colleges running concurrently with, but separately from Colleges of Arts and Sciences. This would not prevent facilities of other departments of a university being availed of, if feasible, but the student upon entering college should definitely enroll himself as a student in the School of Commerce and Administration, with a definite course of study mapped out for him, possibly partly required and partly elective, leading upon its completion to a degree corresponding to the B. A. of the College of Arts. Provision could then be made for graduate study, in addition to this, leading to a Master's Degree. In pursuing this plan, the appeal would probably be to a more limited body of young men, but provision for the others could and should be made if the college is located in a large centre of population by providing afternoon and evening continuation classes and courses. Government, as well as business, is becoming more and more scientific and we need trained officials for domestic as well as for foreign service. A College of Commerce of this nature lends itself particularly well to this purpose and without much addition to its curriculum can readily provide the proper facilities for such training. It

should in fact be a College of Commerce, of Administration, of Public Service and of Civics, and its graduates equipped to enter any one of these fields. Connected with such a college, if in any way possible, there should be a Museum of Commerce and of Civics, with ample library facilities to constitute a laboratory and place of reference.

INCREASING CAR SHORTAGE.

A net freight car shortage of 108,010 cars on Nov. 1 is disclosed in the monthly statement issued this week by the American Railway Association. The present shortage compares with 60,697 a month ago—Sept. 30—and 19,873 on Sept. 1. The statement of the Association as given out under date of the 13th inst. is as follows:

THE AMERICAN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.

New York, November 13 1916.

The American Railway Association makes public herewith its customary statement of freight car surpluses and shortages showing that Nov. 1 1916 on the railroads of the United States there was a net freight car shortage of 108,010 cars. The net shortage on Sept. 30 was 60,697; on Sept. 1, 19,873. On Aug. 1 there was an actual net surplus of 9,762 idle cars.

The Association also makes public a statement showing car shortages and surpluses since Jan. 2 1907, when the railroads began compiling these figures regularly.

These figures show that for the whole period of nearly eight years preceding the middle of August this year, there had been a continuous net surplusage of cars not in use on American railroads except for about one month in 1909, three months in 1912, one month in 1913 and the month of March this year.

In 1908 there was at one time a surplusage of over 413,000 cars, and at no time during the year were there less than 100,000 idle cars.

In 1909 the maximum net surplusage was 332,513. In 1910 the maximum was nearly 143,000 for July 6, and there was throughout that year a net surplusage of at least 7,000 cars not requisitioned by shippers. For 1911 surplus cars numbered on March 15 over 207,000, and there was at no time during the year less than 20,000 cars standing idle.

In January 1912 there was a net surplusage of approximately 136,000. From November 1913 until March 1916 there was a continuous surplusage of cars, the number running in October 1914 to over 200,000 when the figures became so large that The American Railway Association stopped compiling them. Compilation was resumed on Feb. 1 1915, when idle cars still numbered over 270,000.

The number of freight cars owned by the railroads of the country increased during that same eight years from 1,291,557 on July 1 1907 to 2,447,178 on July 1 1916.

U. S. THREATENED WITH COMMERCIAL APOPLEXY ON ACCOUNT OF RAILWAY CONGESTION.

The United States this winter faces the most acute railway congestion this country has ever known, according to Ivy L. Lee, formerly Assistant to the President of the Pennsylvania RR.; Mr. Lee's remarks to this effect were made before the Boston City Club on the 13th inst. We are, he said, threatened with commercial apoplexy, because our transportation arteries are not large enough to accommodate the circulation of our trade, and further than that, he continued, "while industrial companies are earning enormously increased profits, with promises of still more, the railroad business during the coming year faces the probability of greater traffic and reduced profits." "Railroad enterprise," Mr. Lee pointed out, "is palsied under a regime of regulation which fails to recognize the fact that railroad rates are fixed while railroad expenses are continually rising." He added:

Industries may meet enlarged expenses by charging higher prices for their product—and thus enlarge their profits more and more as prosperity increases. But the railroad, no matter what the demand for its product, must hold its prices stationary and in seasons of greatest prosperity see its profits crumble before a rising tide of costs.

Regulation is necessary and in the public interest, but regulation must take account of the fact that increased facilities vitally needed cannot be supplied except with money from investors—and investors no longer find it attractive to put their savings in securities to build and develop new railroad facilities.

Mr. Lee set out the great difficulty of the present situation as follows:

When railroads asked the Inter-State Commerce Commission in 1910 for an increase in freight rates, railroad presidents predicted just what has now happened—if the railroads were unable to obtain the capital with which to provide facilities against future needs. But the Commission decided that it knew what was wanted better than the unanimous opinion of the railroad experience of the country, and no increase was granted.

Again, in 1913, in asking for an increase of 5% in freight rates, the railroads said even a 5% increase was not enough, and they once more pointed out the danger of inadequate facilities which faced the country. But the Commission allowed only 3%. And this is what has happened: On July 1 1913 there were 2,430,758 freight cars on all the railroads of this country; on July 1 1916 there were 2,447,178—an increase in three years of only 17,000, or 7-10ths of 1%. Fewer miles of railroad were constructed in this country in 1915 than in any year since the Civil War.

Railroad managers, full of plans and eager to go ahead with new work, knowing what ought to be done, telling the public so, and telling commissions so, yet find that the public will not listen and commissions will not heed. The public has turned over the regulation of railroads to the Inter-State and various State commissions. In their power to name a "reasonable" rate these Commissions have the ability to limit the return all railroads might earn. The Commissions define what they consider a "reasonable return" upon the capital invested. But they take little note of the fact that the man with savings to invest is the man who really determines whether the returns from an enterprise are sufficient to attract his money. And, after all, that man has the right to do with his money exactly what he pleases.

The attitude investors have taken is very clearly to be gathered from the fact that during the year 1916 not a dollar of new railroad stock has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange to provide money for new railroad

building. Yet during this same period securities of all kinds have been issued in this country amounting to \$1,712,826,300, and new corporations have been organized in the Eastern States alone with authorized capital of \$1,967,000,000.

The railroads are not to blame for the national predicament. They have begged and implored; they have shouted from the housetops, and they have used the printed page—telling the people what the situation was. The bankers are not to blame. They cannot finance requirements of the railroads unless they can sell railroad securities to the man with savings to invest. Bankers are most eager to earn the commission they gain from selling railroad securities if they can pass them on to the ultimate investor. But if the ultimate investor will not take the new securities the banker is helpless. Indeed, the commissions are not to blame. Our railroad commissioners, both State and Inter-State, have felt they had a mandate from the people to put the heavy hand of repression upon railroad management.

The people felt that railroad managements should be punished for past misdeeds, and it came about that the one and supreme sin which seemed to disqualify any person for appointment upon a railroad commission was the fact that he had had actual experience in the conduct of a railroad. In a word, the railroad policy of the United States for the past ten years has been largely designed to prevent persons here and there who may have juggled with railroad management from reaping the benefit of their knavery. That was all very well in its way, but our people have been so bent upon that object that they have largely neglected the no less important duty to take intelligent steps to provide the railroad facilities necessary for the normal development of our trade in the future.

It is true that the railroads earned last year \$308,000,000 more than in the previous year. But in the nine years since July 1 1907 our railroads had invested upward of \$5,000,000,000 in new money in increased facilities, and the additional money earned in 1916 over 1915 is less than 6% return upon the additional investment of the past nine years. In 1915 the railroads actually earned less than in 1907, before that enormous new investment began to be made, and in only two years other than 1916 have the railroads since 1907 earned as much net operating income after paying expenses and taxes as they did before the \$5,000,000,000 began to be spent.

When the Hepburn law was enacted in 1906 and the country began to regulate railroads in earnest, great improvements were already under way, and it has taken many years to complete them. Some indeed are not yet completed. The New York terminal facilities of the Pennsylvania R.R., started by President Cassatt in 1902, will not have been completed until the Hell Gate Bridge is done, probably a year from now. Great railroad improvements and increased facilities cannot be provided overnight. They must be provided by a long look ahead, and the railroads in order to provide them must earn sufficient surplus over present requirements to provide the credit absolutely necessary to attract the capital.

The great difficulty of the present situation is this: Though 1916 saw a large increase of net earnings over 1915, there is now evident a distinct tendency in the opposite direction. The railroads handled a business practically up to capacity during the past fiscal year. It was a year following many years of depression in which great economy and efficiency had been perfected. Contracts for materials and supplies had been made upon most favorable terms, and labor was efficient. The companies in 1916 were prepared to handle a greatly increased business over 1915 under most favorable conditions. But now all costs are enormously inflated, labor is hard to get and not nearly so efficient, and congestion of traffic is making economical operation difficult, if not impossible. In other words, during the fiscal year 1917 the railroads cannot handle a quantity of business greatly in excess of 1916, and the expense of doing this business is certain to be very much greater. This will mean reduced net revenues as compared with last year. As last year's net income was insufficient to provide adequate return upon the capital invested, the promise for the ensuing year is even less alluring. And all this at a time when the demand for railroad facilities was never so great.

The solution of the problem lies in developing without any delay a system of railway regulation which shall not be controlled by political animus or prejudice, and which will frankly recognize this fundamental fact. If we are to obtain the railroad facilities absolutely necessary to move our national trade, we must be willing to pay the bill. That means that we must permit railroads to earn sufficient profits to attract the necessary private capital. Otherwise private capital will put its money elsewhere, and Government ownership, with all its inevitable blight upon our national life, with all its red-tape, waste and cost to the people, will be the only recourse.

ACTION TAKEN BY AMERICAN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION TO RELIEVE CAR SHORTAGE.

The situation developed by the car shortage led this week to the American Railway Association bringing up for consideration the question of the revision of car service rules. At a preliminary conference on Tuesday at the Hotel Biltmore a hundred railroad officials took the question under advisement, and on Wednesday, the 15th, the Association adopted resolutions imposing heavy penalties upon any railroad detaining on its lines freight cars belonging to another railroad. The resolutions adopted follow:

First.—That the principle of variable per diem be adopted, the minimum to be the present rate of forty-five cents, as approximating the cost of ownership of equipment, the maximum to be \$1.25, representing approximately the cost of ownership plus the net earnings of the car.

Second.—That a body be created by the American Railway Association with authority to vary the per diem upon notice, this variation to be based upon car and traffic conditions.

In explanation of the action of the Association, Secretary Fairbanks issued a statement saying:

The purpose of these measures, prescribing exceptionally drastic penalties against any railroad detaining on its lines freight cars belonging to another railroad, is to relieve the existing car shortage. It was also voted that any railroad moving a newly loaded foreign car must move that car in the direction of the home road, under penalty of \$5 for each diversion.

As a further measure in this same direction, it was recommended that the following demurrage penalties be put into effect by all railroads to promote the prompt unloading of freight cars by shippers:

"After the expiration of free time, \$2 for the first day; \$3 for the second day; \$4 for the third day, and \$5 for the fourth and each succeeding day."

It is the plan of the railroads to make these demurrage rules effective Dec. 1, assuming the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The Association also directed its Car Service Commission to proceed at once to Louisville, where Inter-State Commerce

Commissioner McChord is conducting an inquiry into the car shortage, and arrange on behalf of the Association the most effective possible co-operation with the Commission in relieving the existing situation. That Commission left for Louisville on Thursday. It consists of C. H. Markham, President of the Illinois Central RR.; H. R. Byran, Vice-President of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.; G. L. Peck, Fourth Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, and W. G. Besler, President of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

The recommendations considered at the preliminary conference on Tuesday were drawn up by the Association's Commission on Car Service, consisting of Fairfax Harrison, President of the Southern Ry.; R. H. Aishton, President of the Chicago & North Western Ry.; H. E. Byran, Vice-President of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.; G. L. Peck, Fourth Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, and A. H. Smith, President of the New York Central RR. In its report the Commission said:

The Commission is unanimous in the opinion that, whatever is the solution of the problem, the existing car service rules are not now enforced, and that their efficiency in principle has not been proved because they are not enforced. Having respect for the historical development of these rules, the Commission is of opinion further that an earnest and sincere attempt should now be made to give them effect, in order that it may be proved once and for all whether or not they provide the machinery necessary for a correct solution of the problem.

The car shortage situation was also discussed at a meeting of railroad executives of Eastern trunk lines held at the Grand Central Terminal on the 10th inst. At this meeting a committee of railway heads to make a thorough investigation of the subject was appointed. The names of this committee have not been divulged, but it is understood to include practically the same men who made up the Eastern Freight Accumulation Conference, which handled the situation last year. That committee worked in co-operation with Inter-State Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clark, and included A. H. Smith, President of the New York Central; Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania; President Underwood of the Erie; President Howard Elliott of the New York New Haven & Hartford; President W. G. Bessler of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and President Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio.

INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION'S INQUIRY INTO CAR SHORTAGE.

One of the important developments of the formal inquiry opened by the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Louisville on the 8th inst. into the car shortage was the announcement on the 11th inst. by Commissioner McChord of the issuance of an order requiring all the railroads affected by the hearing to immediately shift their coal car equipment so as to bring the number of cars under control to a point within 100% of their ownership. The effect of the order, the Louisville "Courier-Journal" pointed out, would be to require all roads having an excess to reduce to their normal, serving to bring back to the roads most affected by the shortage situation, sufficient equipment to meet the demands of shippers and bring relief to those sections of the country threatened with a coal famine by enabling the railroads to lift embargoes placed as a penalty against roads that appropriated cars on their tracks. The paper quoted added (the extract is taken from its issue of the 12th inst.):

Many startling developments of the past week led up to the action decided upon by Commissioner McChord. Most vital in deciding the course, however, was the alleged misuse to which coal cars are being subjected, to which the embargoes may be traced. It has been stated on numerous occasions that roads controlling an excess of the cars actually owned, are using many coal cars to transport sand, stone, bricks and other paving and building material, while other roads are making extensive use of coal cars to move the sugar beet crop.

The principal offenders, it has been pointed out, are the roads in that section of the country in which the need for a replenished coal supply has become most desperate, especially Michigan and surrounding territory, where cities have sent witnesses to the hearing to plead for an abatement of the Louisville & Nashville embargo on its coal car movement to points in the North. Witnesses have pointed out that people in the northern country are certain to suffer, and many public utilities will be forced out of business should the condition continue indefinitely.

Commissioner McChord said that roads returning coal cars to owning lines would be allowed to load them to junction points if through loads were not available, but said the Commission will insist they be returned home from the junction points immediately, empty if necessary. He said no notification other than stated at the hearing yesterday would be given the carriers, as the Commission considered that all roads were represented, as ordered. The roads will be required to state Monday morning what action they have taken to comply.

Assurances that they had begun the return of all foreign coal cars held on their lines to the owning roads were received on the 13th inst. by Commissioner McChord from practically every large railroad in the United States. The co-operation of the Eastern roads in returning all foreign coal car equip-

ment on their lines was promised by Charles C. Paulding, B. I. Spock and C. B. Heisserman, counsel, respectively, for the New York Central, the New York New Haven & Hartford and the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh. Mr. Paulding, speaking for his associates, said:

I would announce that we consider the situation a very serious one and fully recognize the necessity of prompt and effective action. I wish to state that the Eastern railways are in full accord with the order of the Commission for the return of cars to the owning companies at the earliest possible moment, and we pledge the fullest measure of co-operation in carrying it out.

Telegraphic reports from Lincoln, Neb., on the 13th inst. stated that the Union Pacific Railroad Co. on that date had only 25% of its freight cars available for its own use, the other 75% being in the use of other roads, chiefly those of the East, according to a report filed with the State Railway Commission to-day. Of 22,000 cars belonging to the company, only 5,652 were available in Nebraska.

To the various measures advocated by railroad representatives for the prevention of car shortages such as now exist in various parts of the country, a suggestion for the issuance of traffic maps by the Inter-State Commerce Commission was made on the 12th inst. by J. T. Bougher, Chief Clerk of the Car Record Department of the Philadelphia & Reading RR.

At the hearing on the 12th inst. the principal testimony introduced was with regard to alleged enormous losses which threatened growers of perishable products. Facts were brought out which had previously been touched upon but lightly, especially as to the acute shortage with regard to refrigerator cars. R. G. Phillips, of Rochester, N. Y., Secretary of the International Apple Shippers' Association, and William L. Wagner, of Chicago, of the apple-handling concern of William H. Wagner's Sons, gave evidence touching the subject. The "Courier-Journal" quotes Mr. Phillips as follows:

The American Railway Association has been asked to co-operate with the growers, but has done nothing. The best explanation for the shortage is, perhaps, that a number of refrigerator cars are being used to move dead or perishable freight, there being proven instances wherein refrigerator equipment was used to transport paving material away from a producing section.

Small railroads owning no refrigerator cars steal cars from other roads, and pay the "magnificent" per diem and demurrage charges, thus securing equipment at a very little cost. Then there is the trouble from delay in shipments reaching their destinations. Quite recently shipments moving into Boston from a distance of but a few miles have been "lost" in the railroad yards for several days.

He said organizations like that he represented recently had presented resolutions to the American Railway Association asking their assistance, but have seen no results.

As a relief measure he suggested that the misuse of equipment be prohibited, arrangements made for prompt return after unloading, increased per diem charges, and provision by the railroads after they know what shipments are to be made.

While the demurrage charges on refrigerator cars are higher than on other cars, the growers and shippers will submit to increased demurrage gladly if cars are supplied as needed, and if the same demurrage exists when refrigerator cars are used for other purposes.

The trouble is that the railroads have failed to co-operate with the people they have been instrumental in engaging in the apple-raising industry by means of the "Back-to-the-farm" movement.

F. B. Dow, attorney-examiner, who is assisting Commissioner McChord, stated to the railroad representatives present that, beginning Monday, the 13th inst., all railroads would be required to file a telegram to the Commissioner at Louisville showing the number of cars owned Nov. 1 and 8 and each day thereafter, and also the number of cars held on each company's line. He said this was for the purpose of enabling the Commission to determine the results of efforts which are being made to have foreign equipment returned to owning lines.

Information to the effect that the car service rules of the American Railway Association were to be revised in the near future because they were being flagrantly violated by "every railroad in the country," was conveyed to the Commission on the 9th inst., according to the "Courier-Journal." The information came from George A. Hodges, of the American Railway Association, who announced that the rules were to be radically changed at a meeting of the Association to be held in November, beginning on the 16th inst. The testimony furnished by Mr. Hodges was set out in part by the "Courier-Journal" as follows:

Mr. Hodges, the Railway Association's representative, said that when shortages did occur, they were usually most noticeable in October and November. The export trade has reached enormous proportions, he said, and this was responsible for the fact that there is an alarming excess of cars being held at seaports—100,000 in round numbers, while in the same section the coal car shortage reached a total of 25,000. He said the shortage first became manifest in March, when temporary blocking of the Panama Canal resulted in shipments overlaid of traffic which would otherwise have passed through the canal.

The central section of the country he branded as a busy workshop of tremendous proportions, and said the increased business in this section is responsible in a large measure for the shortage here, as the production greatly exceeds shipments to this territory, with the result more cars are

dispatched than returned. The excess in the East necessarily makes car movement there slow, and this also is a factor in the shortage.

The car service rules, said he, have been altered innumerable times since first formulated, until they now seek to protect railroad ownership of cars, but are being violated on a huge scale in that cars are not returned to the owning line in any degree of certainty. The proposed pooling system would probably not have the pleasant effect so many people expect of it, but in my mind the ownership and pooling systems have the same purpose—to police car movements to assure speedy return after arrival at the destination.

Although there are 2,500,000 railroad cars in the United States, these are insufficient because of the low mileage movements per day of most of the cars, and the preponderance of opinion is that the per diem rate of charge must be increased so that the mileage per day will react accordingly because of greater expense in holding up shipments and traffic. Automobile shipments are especially held a considerable length of time.

Shippers should be careful to provide an outlet for their commodities before consigning goods, and a method of policing traffic to prevent excess re-consignment also must be determined.

He pointed out that when the cars are returned under the proposed pooling system some of the roads will be injured because they cannot load the cars in the direction they are headed, with the result that embargoes would again be the result.

"Have you conducted an investigation into the matter of car service violators?" asked F. B. Dow, attorney-examiner of the Commerce Commission.

"Yes," was the answer. "We have had twenty inspectors busy, and 107 railroads were found to have committed 40,000 separate violations during June 1916."

"Are any lines free from violations?" No, but one is comparatively so—the Southern."

J. Van Dyke Norman, representing lumber and coal interests, took up the cross-examination and asked if there is any contractual relation between the roads which bind them to observe the rules.

"Yes, there is the per diem agreement," answered Mr. Hodges. "The railroads against whom the violations are directed are authorized to take the matter before the Commission on Car Service Rules, and the violator is fined."

Mr. Hodges said because the rules proved ineffective it is proposed to adopt a new set of regulations, although there will perhaps be considerable agreement among the carriers, according to how they are situated, before any change is finally decided upon. He said a new means of enforcing the regulations is as necessary as the new rules themselves.

"Is it possible for the Association to adopt new rules which would become automatically effective," he was asked, "and how soon could they be made effective?"

"Yes, it is possible, but not before January 1 at the earliest," Mr. Hodges replied. He also said most of the carriers were members of the Association.

Of the 2,500,000 cars owned in the United States, he said, but 47% were on the lines of their owners, and he held that a return of these foreign-held cars would have no effect on business, and would assist the depleted carriers rather than aggravate the problem in some sections. Mr. Hodges said that misuse of cars was not the term when other commodities were loaded into coal cars, unless they were routed in a direction away from the owning lines. Prevention of an excess in the East, he said, could be accomplished by prompt returns, even of empties.

He answered Mr. Norman by saying that the "so-called" shortage is based, normally, on a comparison of cars furnished and cars requested by shippers. He said that mines were rated as to output, so that no more cars would be furnished than the rating made necessary, and that he knew of no instances where munition manufacturers were given preference over miners.

The important developments of the inquiry on the 10th inst. were summarized by the "Courier-Journal" as follows:

An investigation ordered by Commissioner McChord, to be conducted by the railroads which have embargoed coal shipments to the Lake country, especially Michigan, to determine if dealers are holding loaded cars in an effort to exact "famine" prices while they are able to supply every need.

The torpedoing of steamers has resulted in a number of loaded grain cars of the Chesapeake & Ohio RR. being held at seacoast towns until further export facilities could be arranged.

Commissioner McChord stated during a discussion relating to misuse of cars that "it has not yet been shown that the railroads of the country are making much of an effort to relieve conditions, and though it is customary for the Commission to terminate a hearing before making a ruling, another course may be decided upon in the near future, although it is not the wish of the Commission to resort to drastic methods."

The investigation order by Commissioner McChord came at the beginning of the third day of the hearing, when F. B. Dow, attorney-examiner, assisting the Commissioner, read a "confidential quotation" statement from a coal dealer in Chicago which made it appear that despite the coal famine any amount of coal desired could be secured if the price demanded were paid. The Chicago dealer offered to reach any city on the Pere Marquette road—a road embargoed by many roads connecting which ordinarily send much coal through the link. The railroads will endeavor to ascertain how many cars of coal are held at junction points.

Charges that coal operators are breaking contracts, made at the hearing on the 16th, promised to result in a widening of the scope of the investigation. Just before the close of the afternoon session the charge was made by counsel for the Louisville & Nashville RR. that mines had refused to load cars furnished for the specific purpose of enabling them to meet contract requirements. Three cars, it was said, had been furnished to a mine for loading to a public utility company at Hamilton, O. The operator, counsel declared, had refused to accept these cars for loading to that destination, though his was one of two mines under contract to furnish the utility company with its fuel. Asked by Commissioner C. C. McChord the reason for this refusal, counsel for the L. & N. answered that no reason was known, but that it was "believed the operator wished to take advantage of the high prices being offered on the open market." Commissioner McChord demanded that he be furnished with all the records available to the L. & N. showing where any operator had failed to fill his contracts when furnished with a supply of cars for that purpose. "These operators," he

said, "are constantly coming to the Commission asking for relief of various sorts. Now, if they are not going to serve the public there is a question in my mind as to whether they deserve, or ought to have, any relief."

SUITS CONTESTING THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

In addition to the actions which we noted last week had been brought to test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight hour law a number of other roads have begun attacks upon the law. On the 15th inst. U. S. Attorney-General Gregory took steps for the defense of the Act by the Department of Justice and designated Frank Hagerman of Kansas City as special counsel to take charge of all the eight hour suits. The advisability of the railroads instituting one test case instead of filing numerous proceedings throughout the country, was suggested on Thursday by H. Snowden Marshall, United States District Attorney, who proposed that the roads come to an agreement to this end with Attorney-General Gregory. Mr. Marshall in suggesting this stated that it would result in the saving of considerable unnecessary expense both to the Government and to the railroads. His proposal came after he had been served with the papers in the actions brought by the New York Central R. R. and the Erie R. R. These suits were filed on the 15th inst. in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The actions are similar; on the formal application of ex-Judge Walter C. Noyes, representing the Central, and George F. Brownell, on behalf of the Erie, Judge Julius M. Mayer issued an order on the 15th directing District Attorney Marshall and the other defendants to show cause why a temporary injunction restraining the enforcement of the law should not be granted. The order was made returnable on Dec 2. In the suit filed by the New York Central the Act is attacked on twelve important points, the New York "Times" setting out the same as follows:

1. It provides that wages shall not be reduced below the present standard day's wages, whereas there is no standard day's wage, because of each road having varying schedules for different work. The complaint adds that the "Act cannot be fitted or applied to the subject with which said Act deals, to wit, schedules and wages, in such a way that complainant, its officers and agents can tell with reasonable certainty the amount of the wage required by said Act to be paid to said employees for the eight hours' work provided by said Act."
2. The Act takes the property of the railroads in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, in that it interferes with the liberty of contract for employment and wages.
3. It imposes excessive fines and inflicts cruel punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution.
4. By trying to enforce compliance, through fear of great punishment, the Act would prevent an orderly resort to the courts for a just determination of the rights of the complainant.
5. Because it is impossible for the railroads to tell what the Act means, they are subject to severe fines and imprisonment, although they may be acting in good faith—an unconstitutional situation.
6. The Act is not a regulation of commerce among the States or with foreign nations, and is not a means reasonably or appropriately related to any regulation of such commerce.
7. There is no relation between the Adamson Act and the Act to regulate commerce.
8. It is not a regulation of commerce because it merely prescribes a condition that must exist while the Eight Hour Commission is in session and for thirty days thereafter in order that the Commission may determine what is just in the premises.
9. The Act takes the property of the railroads in violation of the Fifth Amendment.
10. It is unconstitutional because it provides for payment of wages on an eight-hour schedule without making any provision for reimbursing the railroads.
11. The Act is unconstitutional because it is neither a regulation of interstate commerce, nor an Act for the public welfare, being only an arbitrary increase in wages.
12. The Act is contrary to the Constitution (a) because it exempts certain railroads unfairly, and (b) because it "unduly, unjustly and arbitrarily favors certain railway employees who now receive high rates of pay for their services and seems to compel this complainant to discriminate unjustly and arbitrarily in their favor."

In its petition the Central asks:

1. That the Adamson law be declared void.
2. That a preliminary injunction issue restraining the defendants from bringing action for non-observance of the law.
3. That such injunction bind all "unnamed and unknown" defendants within the provisions of the Act.
4. That subpoenas be issued calling on the defendants to appear in court and answer the complaint.
5. That the complainant shall have such further relief as the court may decree.

Coincident with the filing of the Central and Erie actions, the Pennsylvania RR. also filed, in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia, a bill in equity asking for an injunction against the U. S. District Attorneys in Philadelphia, forbidding them from bringing prosecutions against the company under the Adamson law; the road further asks that the law be declared unconstitutional and void. At Minneapolis on the 15th inst. the Northern Pacific Railway Co., the Great Northern Railway Co. and the Minneapolis & St. Louis RR. filed suits in the Federal District Court

asking for an order preventing the Adamson law from being put into effect. In Chicago on the 15th inst. the Chicago & Alton RR. filed an action attacking the law; as stated last week, a suit on behalf of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific was entered on the 10th; the suit was brought in the name of the American Steel Foundries Co. because the road was placed in receiver's hands on the petition of that company; the Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR. has also filed a complaint against the law, as has the Illinois Central, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul RR. and the Chicago Great Western RR. Co.; the last-named has filed actions in both Chicago and Kansas City, Mo. On the 13th inst. the Missouri Pacific and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroads filed injunction suits in the Federal District Court at St. Louis to restrain the carrying out of the Adamson law. Judge Dyer ordered the defendants to show cause on Nov. 27 why a preliminary injunction should not be issued.

The New York New Haven & Hartford yesterday filed a bill in the United States District Court at Boston, directed against United States Attorney George W. Anderson and the chairman of the four railroad brotherhoods, seeking an injunction to prevent enforcement of the Adamson Eight-Hour Law. At Utica yesterday, the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. Co. filed a suit in the United States Court to test the constitutionality of the law. The St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern, through B. F. Bush, Receiver, and the St. Louis & Southwestern, have also filed injunction suits in the U. S. District Courts against enforcement of the law.

The actions brought by the Union Pacific, the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe and the Louisville & Nashville were referred to in these columns a week ago. So far as the Department of Justice is informed, the first suits set for hearing are those of the Santa Fe and the Union Pacific railroads at Kansas City on Nov. 23. Unless some reason develops for a request for postponement of these cases they will be the first heard, and any effort to expedite a Supreme Court hearing would be based upon the lower court decisions in them.

The Newlands Committee, which is to undertake next week an inquiry into questions concerning the regulation of the railroads, announced on Thursday that its first hearing day, Monday, will be given over to State railway commissioners. These commissioners have been in session at Washington for several days, and sentiment has been strong in favor of appearing before the Joint Committee to fight action by Congress tending to take away their powers over interstate carriers. They oppose any increase in the Federal Commerce Commission or authorization to it to act in different parts of the country in sections. After the railway commissioners will come railway presidents, bankers, economists and representatives of such labor and industrial organizations as wish to be heard.

A discussion of the railroad situation and particularly the Adamson law, from the standpoint of the country's business interests, was begun at Washington yesterday (Friday) at a special meeting of the National Council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

At this meeting Representative Adamson, who drafted the law, is said to have served notice on the railroads and the brotherhoods that if another controversy should develop, "Congress will step in and take control of the whole business." The meeting was called for the purpose of having business interests affiliated with the Chamber express their views just before the Joint Congressional Committee appointed to investigate railroad questions meets here next week. In addition to the Adamson law, questions of strike prevention and wage fixing for common carrier employees, by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, will be taken up.

Conferences between the heads of the four brotherhood organizations and the national conference committee of the railways were held this week in this city for the purpose of deciding on points of administration brought up under the Adamson law. Announcement of the failure of the respective interests to agree on the matters in conference was made at the conclusion of the meeting on the 13th. Elisha Lee, Chairman of the Conference Committee of the Railways, in announcing this, said:

We met for the purpose of exchanging ideas on the application and operation of the Adamson law. We failed to reach an agreement, and we are not certain that another meeting will take place.

William G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, spokesman for the employees in the absence of

A. B. Garretson, of the Order of Railway Conductors, declared in a statement that in the event of evasion by the railroads of the Adamson law, summary action would be taken by the brotherhoods. He said that the strike order, which was directly responsible for the law, was still in effect and the brotherhoods would not hesitate to enforce it if the occasion warranted it. He added:

The brotherhoods asked for this conference. At the morning session we discussed the application of the law and found that there was no basis upon which we could possibly agree. Another setback, besides the elimination of the mileage system, was the determination of the railroads to continue their suits to determine the constitutionality of the law.

"Frankly," said Elisha Lee, "the trouble lies in the fact that neither the railroads nor the men know definitely how the law should be applied. We have our own ideas as to how the law shall be applied, if at all, as suits to test its validity are now pending, while the brotherhoods have their own ideas."

Besides W. G. Lee, the brotherhood chiefs at the conference were Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. S. Carter, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; and F. L. Sheppard, acting President of the Order of Railway Conductors, in the absence of Mr. Garretson.

On the 11th W. G. Lee was quoted as stating that it is immaterial to the railroad employees whether the Supreme Court sustains the Adamson Law. He made it plain that whatever action the Supreme Court might take would have no effect on the eight-hour day movement. Four hundred thousand railroad men are ready to walk out Jan. 1 unless the railroads put into effect the eight-hour day, law or no law. He was quoted as follows:

Any railroad which attempts to cancel the present schedule of hours and pay, or refuse to put the eight-hour law into effect, will find itself with a strike on its hands, law or no law.

The power that was given to us last spring when the employees voted to strike unless the railroads granted our demands is just as good now as it was then, and will be called into play if necessary. What the Supreme Court does with the law is no concern of ours. We have demanded fair working hours and we are going to get them.

However, we have no fear that the Adamson Law will be declared unconstitutional. We were advised in the first place that it would stand the fire of a legal test. We have President Wilson with us, and he will see to it that the law is made airtight. If any flaws are found in it, they can be remedied.

The Adamson Eight-Hour Law Commission, composed of Major-General Goethals, E. E. Clark of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and George Rublee, former member of the Federal Trade Commission, conferred in Washington on a program for an investigation of the operation of the Eight-Hour Law. The Commission will hold its hearings in the New York Custom House. The sessions are expected to open shortly.

INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS APPROVE RAILROADS STAND AGAINST EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The formation of a national body embracing twelve organizations, representing 15,000 employers, furnishing employment to 7,000,000 workers was announced on the 14th inst. at the twentieth annual convention of the National Founders' Association in this city. The new organization, which is known as the National Industrial Conference Board, is designed, according to its Manager, Magnus W. Alexander, (identified with the General Electric Co.), as a clearing house of information." Mr. Alexander further explained its purposes as follows:

Its purpose will be to analyze and present the essential elements of the situation, suggest methods and inspire united and intelligent action. Industry in this country must have the sympathetic support of the public. It must have the co-operation of the Government and it must act intelligently and definitely on its own account. The life of the nation is bound up in its industries and a broad patriotic purpose on the part of manufacturers and employers of labor will bring about increased prosperity and greater prestige for the country itself.

There have been times when the public and the manufacturing industries have misunderstood each other; when the manufacturer assumed an antagonism on the part of the public which did not exist, and when the public took the position that the manufacturer was indifferent to the public welfare and solicitous only for his own prosperity. Such a situation should never have developed and would not have developed except for the lack of information of each party of the purpose and intent of the other.

It is part of the work of this Conference Board to promote a clear understanding between the employer of labor—the manufacturer—on the one side and the public on the other. During the last few years there have been occasions when there was either open or concealed antagonism between manufacturers and the Government, and this also was due to a lack of understanding, to a lack of publicity, and either the suppression of facts or the failure to present them properly.

No Government in the world deliberately utilizes its legislative machinery to hurt the industries of the country. No Government and no legislator who thoroughly understands all the circumstances in the case will support legislation which hampers or cripples industry, and indirectly hampers and cripples the prosperity of the country.

The Board in its announcement respecting its organization outlines its object as follows:

1. To stimulate the keen interest and active assistance of employers toward constructive study and equitable solution of economic issues in industry.

2. To foster maintenance of harmonious relations between employer and employee and between both and the Government.

3. To assist in the formulation and enactment of sound and constructive economic legislation by presenting publicly to legislators the fundamental facts involved in the legislation and their effect.

4. To bring about genuine co-operation between the Government and industry so that legislation hampering and restricting industry unnecessarily or unjustly may be avoided by a knowledge of the facts.

5. To present to the public facts showing the national benefits of industrial prosperity and the effect on employers and employees and consumers, and to stimulate, by accurate and truthful publicity, intelligent sympathy for all proper efforts for industrial development.

6. To stimulate the employer to maintain good conditions of work; to provide fair treatment for his workers and to take a personal interest in them.

7. To develop among the employees a reasonable attitude toward manufacturers and other industry, to inspire a sense of fair play, efficiency and loyalty.

Its membership includes:

The National Founders' Association,

The National Metal Trades' Association,

The National Council for Industrial Defense,

The National Association of Manufacturers,

The National Erectors' Association,

The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers,

The American Cotton Manufacturers' Association,

The National Association of Wool Manufacturers,

The Silk Association of America,

The United Typothetae and Franklin Clubs of America,

The Rubber Paper and Pulp Association and

The Rubber Club of America.

Frederick P. Fish, of Fish, Richardson, Herrick & Neave, Boston, Mass., is Chairman of the Conference Board.

William H. Barr, President of the National Founders' Association, in his annual address at the opening session of the convention referred to the aggressiveness of labor and the "weakness and vacillation in legislative councils," his remarks being in part as follows:

There is one plain lesson in the recent election which cannot be too strongly emphasized. It is that there is no such thing as a labor vote, and that the pretensions of labor leaders that they can deliver a "labor vote" are absolutely false. For years political parties have been threatened in national elections, and in Congressional elections as well, with the so-called labor vote, if they did not grant the demands of the labor organizations.

Organized labor is strong in the manufacturing States and it is negligible in the agricultural States. The election results show that the Democrats were defeated in the manufacturing States, with perhaps one exception, due to local conditions, and were successful in the agricultural States where organized labor had scarcely any membership at all. For example, the candidate of the Republican Party carried Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Wisconsin. These are all manufacturing and industrial States and have very large bodies of organized labor.

Politicians have catered to labor leaders and in many cases have consented to the enactment of unjust legislation to placate or conciliate organized labor. In the future there will be less trucking to labor and more independence on the part of political parties, so that legislation will not be obtained by favoritism or political maneuvering for votes.

Despite the fact that the impotency of organized labor has been shown in the recent election, the fact which the business man must bear in mind most clearly is that the party which has been continued in power in the United States for the next four years has, during the last three and a half years, submitted to the dictates of organized labor, but that party must now awake to the fact that in its bartering with organized labor it was receiving nothing in exchange.

This point is clear: Business men and manufacturers must redouble their efforts to prevent legislation which is unfair, unjust and sometimes illegal, and which is enacted at the behest of labor. Employers of labor must seek through education and publicity and by every fair and honorable means to conserve their own rights and to see to it that legislation which is enacted is based on equity and not on favor.

We have seen the aggressiveness of unscrupulous labor and we have also seen weakness and vacillation in legislative councils; we have seen subservency, timidity and time serving in the Federal Congress. We have seen labor leaders dictate to the highest officials of the land, and we have seen them direct Congress to pass a bill before a certain specified hour. We have seen Congress pass the bill, and we have seen Senators and Representatives warn their colleagues that not the slightest change must be made in the text submitted to them.

This is a humiliating spectacle, and I am sure that its full significance is recognized by all of you. It is significant for the country generally, because it shows that Congress is amenable to pressure from an organization which claims a certain specified number of votes which it attempts to deliver.

What are the rights of the manufacturer and the business man? He is supposed to have some property rights, some personal rights, the right to do business, the right to earn a fair profit, the right to employ labor according to its value, and the right to conduct himself with all the privileges of an American citizen. Possibly, you will say that he has these rights, but a right which is not enforceable exists in theory only.

I direct your attention to the assertion made in connection with the Commission which has been appointed to investigate the working of the so-called eight-hour day, to the effect that there is no way of telling at the present time whether an eight-hour day will increase the cost of production or not.

That statement should be flatly contradicted, and one need not depend on the figures of manufacturers, the figures submitted by employers of labor, or by the railroads, to emphasize the contradiction. The United States Government investigated this very question on increased cost of production as a result of decreased hours of labor, by direction of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor in 1904. That investigation reported that out of 336 establishments investigated, 297 or almost 89% showed that the cost of manufacture had been increased by the shorter working day. The increased range from 7 to 8%, and in 110 establishments exceeded 10%.

At the concluding session of the Association's convention on Thursday a resolution upholding the right of the railroads to have their cause in the eight-hour case determined by judicial proceeding was adopted. The resolution follows:

Whereas, A serious question of grave national importance has arisen relative to the conflict between the Constitution of the United States and the so-called Adamson law, which law seeks to compel railway systems of the country to raise the wages of certain of their employees under the pretense of compelling an eight-hour workday; and

Whereas, The railway systems of the country have indicated their opposition to the enactment and operation of that law, claiming said law to be in violation of rights guaranteed all citizens by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, further, the Constitution of the United States guarantees to every citizen the right to test through the courts of the land any Act designed to deprive him of life or liberty or property without due process of law; Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the National Founders' Association, manufacturers and shippers of products in the various States of the United States, declare that this right to have their cause determined by judicial proceedings should be secured to the railway systems of the country and that this Association approve of their attitude in the maintenance of that right.

Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank, was a speaker at the convention, his remarks dealing with "The Bankers' Relation to Industry."

F. A. VANDERLIP'S ADDRESS VIEWING GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AS NATIONAL TRAGEDY.

The danger to the United States from its hardened arteries of transportation if the nation ever faced a struggle was pointed out by Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank of New York, in an address delivered at Washington on Oct. 20 before the Society of Railway Financial Officers. Mr. Vanderlip's remarks were extemporaneous, and we gave at the time as much as it was possible to obtain through the newspaper accounts. Since then the address has been printed in pamphlet form, and inasmuch as the earlier versions are essentially different from the printed copy now available we reproduce below the address as now officially published:

Mr. McKnight and Gentlemen:—Your President has just given me a very flattering introduction, but privately before doing that he quite put me in my place by telling me that I was about to face a group representing the largest bank depositors in the United States. A banker always feels very humble before his largest depositor, and so I will not be too flattered by your President's introduction.

As the financial executives of the railroads of the United States, you naturally have a good deal of pride in your business. You know that you represent an interest which is capitalized for more than \$16,000,000,000. You know that a great amount of new capital ought to be going into that business every year, and it has appeared that a good deal has been going into it. You have seen American investors buy back from foreign holders \$1,600,000,000 of railroad securities since the outbreak of the European war. You may take pride in the fact that our investors have shown such confidence as to buy back this great amount of railroad securities. But if you have any disposition to feel that your business is popular with investors, you may as well put that out of your minds. Do not feel proud of your popularity with investors.

We have been talking in billions about the capital invested in the business; in billions about the amount of railroad securities that investors have repurchased, but do you know that in the year 1915 the total amount of money put into new railroad stock for new railroad work was \$12,950,000? Investors will loan you money, at least those of you who represent corporations that still can make a mortgage that offers security, but investors will not even loan the railroads money to anything like the extent of their financial needs. When it comes to new money going into fresh partnership with the railroads, when it comes to raising fresh capital by stock issues, your lack of popularity with the investor is shown in its true light.

Even in their efforts to borrow, the railroads have for several years had to resort to short term investments. Most of the financing for several years was done in that way, and most of the recent financing has been the refunding of maturing short term obligations, but there is no new money to take new stock issues. You still have some credit; you can borrow, but your business is without the confidence of the investor. It is a sad outlook for the biggest single business in America when that business no longer has the confidence of the investors, and will not so and the test of bringing new dollars for stock investment for the further development of railroad properties.

A few weeks ago when the President of the United States was discussing with the union labor leaders the suggestion of forced arbitration, he was told with a good deal of ringing pride that "men cannot be subjected to involuntary servitude." Do you know you cannot subject an uninvested dollar to involuntary servitude either? The railroad business affords the best illustration of that. Fresh dollars decline to be subjected to involuntary servitude in new railroad stock investment; these dollars are going somewhere else.

There has within a year been invested \$400,000,000 in new industrials in America, but practically not a dollar for railroad investment. The only new capital the railroads have obtained has been through borrowing.

There are many phases of the railroad situation that are not heartening. We see forty-two thousand miles of railroads in the hands of the receivers, represented by \$2,250,000,000 of securities.

And yet on top of that we have seen Congress take the extraordinary responsibility of advancing the wages of railroad trainmen. The extent of the railroad business is such that we ought to be building 200,000 freight cars a year. Last year we built 74,000; this year the orders up to date are for about 60,000. The effect of this is sharply pointed out in last week's report of a car shortage aggregating 87,000 cars.

I could use figures to illustrate the position of the railroads without end, but you know these figures better than I do. I remember Mr. Ripley saying one time after a discussion about leasing a railroad, a discussion that had grown too statistical: "Let us throw the figures away and get down to business." I do not want to make a statistical speech, so we will throw away the figures and take up some of the fundamental considerations of the railroad situation.

I saw a letter the other day from Mr. Thornton from England. Some of you know Mr. Thornton. He is a very eminent American railroad man who went into the English service, and has been chosen by the British Government as one of the small group of men in charge of the operation of British railroads. In that letter he told why the German army did not reach Paris, after that wonderful start, after smashing through Belgium,

and after getting so near that the sound of the guns could be heard in Paris, and before Great Britain could gather herself for the attack. This letter told the reason, and the reason was the railroad. The railroad service broke down under the pressure, could not stand the strain, was not up to the enormous requirements. If the service had been fully up to the requirements, it would have changed the history of the war—in that particular case, I believe, for the worse. But that is neither here nor there. It illustrates the importance to the nation of preparedness of its railroads.

Most of us have reached an age where we find ourselves once in a while in a doctor's office with our coat off and a rubber bandage around our arm. A doctor is taking our blood pressure. It is high time to take the blood pressure of the United States. I tell you you will find that the United States is getting hardening of the arteries, and it is a very dangerous disease.

We have hampered the railroads by such restrictions, such interference, such an unfriendly attitude by the public, by commissions, by legislators, that investors have been afraid to give to the railroads the fresh capital, by the use of which they could alone maintain the resiliency enabling them to meet extraordinary demands. This lack of new capital has put many railroads in a position where they cannot meet the demands of excessive business pressure. We are seeing that in the situation to-day. But there might come demands far more severe than anything that business is putting on the railroads at the moment.

Just as certainly as a man with hardened arteries is in vital danger should he engage in some struggle that calls forth all his powers, so the United States would be in danger from its hardened arteries of transportation if the nation ever faced a struggle. That danger would be one of enormous consequences. I believe that the situation ought to be regarded by our statesmen—such as we have—and by our people—if they think—as a matter of grave national concern. Do not be confused because of the fact that we have bought back \$1,600,000,000 of securities from foreign holders. Even that vast repurchase of securities does not show confidence in the railroad situation. It shows confidence in the old secured debts which have been in the hands of foreign holders. It is quite possible to have a satisfactory mortgage on a very poor business. Railroads can still operate and they can and do go on increasing their debts, but it is a fact that investors are not attracted to new capital stock investment, and it is a dangerous fact that the development of the railroads has been retarded because capital does not regard the field as satisfactory. There is a lack of sympathy between the railroads and the public; there is a lack of confidence in the minds of investors; and it is well to remember, too, that investors are now having new opportunities such as have rarely, if ever, been offered to the investing public. American investors have bought since the outbreak of the war, \$1,700,000,000 of foreign government securities. You will see that total grow rapidly. The greatest nations of the earth are paying more for money than first-class railroads have paid in a long time. The foreign demand for capital will increase in capacity rather than decrease. You will have to meet this new competition. The railroads will have to face not only the difficulties that they have faced in the past, but they will have to face a new set of difficulties. They will have the difficulty of being in a world where untold wealth has been destroyed; a world where the competition for capital will make the price of capital high; a world where the United States has entered at last financially as a real world factor. In our markets will come the play of competition, of a world demand for investment funds, and the railroads must meet all that in addition to the difficulties inherent in their position, which lead to a lack of fundamental confidence.

What is the trouble with us? What is the matter? I do not believe there is a man in this room who knows what is the matter, or who has really gotten down to thorough thinking, in a nation wide way, as to what is the matter. This railroad situation seems to me to be quite parallel, in some ways, to the banking situation twenty years ago. America, with its insular business, its system of individual banks, had not developed bankers who thought either nationally or internationally. They thought of the business that passed over their desks. They were sound money lenders, but they had not learned much about the business of banking as a science.

But they began to see that something very serious was the matter. We had recurrences of panics. Twenty years ago, you will remember, we were talking in a more or less loose way about the need for an expanding currency. That seemed to be the catch word. But few men understood the principles or the economics of the banking business. They saw something was wrong; they were groping, but there was no unity of opinion whatever. No two bankers would have made the same diagnosis or given the same prescription as to what should be done.

But the great difficulties, and the great losses that followed the difficulties, made men think. They—the whole banking fraternity—got it pretty well into their minds, that there was something wrong, and that a remedy had to be found. Men began to devote their minds to it, and that was not confined to the men in the big centres, either. There were more men, I believe, in small communities, with the time, the temperament, and the inclination to study, who contributed to the solution of that problem than could be found in the very busy offices in the great centres.

After a while certain principles began to crystallize in the minds of the bankers, but until that was done it was perfectly idle to talk about getting legislation that would be correct from an economic point of view. Until there was a body of banking opinion which was in agreement and saw clearly which had studied the principles, which knew that we have got to mobilize our resources, which knew we ought to have in circulation bank note currency, which knew there needed to be a central bank—and that is what the banking mind knew we needed—until there was that crystallization in the banking mind, there was no progress in the confidence of the public or legislators as to what should be done. When that opinion crystallized something was done, and it was done in the right direction. I am merely using this as an illustration. What was done has been only one step, and there have got to be some others.

What I want to do is to use this as an illustration of the necessity for railroad men to think of their subject nationally, and to begin to see that there is something fundamentally wrong with our railroad situation; that the trouble is not merely with the administration of the Inter-State Commerce Law, or with that law itself; the trouble is not altogether with the hampers that various State commissions put upon you; that the trouble is not wholly that of lack of sympathy on the part of the public with your problems. You have got to get at this thing so that you think as statesmen, that you see a great economic and national problem.

I am not assuming to tell you what the answer is at all. I have not thought of it sufficiently. I do not believe there is a man in this room who has thought of it sufficiently. We have got to direct the expert railroad sentiment to the question "what is the trouble." You have got to diagnose your disease before you attempt to cure it.

Your have in your Committee of Railroad Executives a starting point. They say they want Federal incorporation, want to abolish State control, want to have regional sub-commissions, patterned somewhat on the Federal Reserve bank. That is a start.

I have talked to some of them about some other features of the situation that seemed to me just as fundamental, and they answer, "don't load the wagon so heavily; it will not start." That may be true; probably you can

not do everything that should be done at once. But you can think about it, you can think about it clearly and intelligently, until all of your minds crystallize, until the great body of railroad opinion crystallizes, so that we have a force of expert opinion that will begin to tell on general public opinion and then on legislation.

Now, this idea that you are going to be happy after you merely get rid of State control, I doubt. It is a move in the right direction, but remember you were not happy before you had State control.

We have, it seems to me, two perfectly incongruous ideas in our administration of this great business—first, there is the theory of regulation, regulation that is getting enormously onerous; regulation that calls for two million reports a year and prescribes every detail of the operations covered by those reports; regulation that not only fixes your rates and fixes a great part of your administration, but now regulates the wages you pay, and regulates them because of threatened strikes, not because of relative levels.

Then we adopt, parallel with this theory of regulation, the same restricted legislation prohibiting combinations that we have applied to all competitive business. Side by side with the theory of regulation, we apply this other theory and apply it with all the vigor that we do to uncontrolled competitive business; thus you are caught between two mill stones. You cannot obtain the economies in operation which a proper understanding and co-operation between railroad properties would evolve. You are stopped by one theory from obtaining the economies of combination, and, at the same time, you are grasped by the other theory and left with no freedom of competition. Is it any wonder that you are not securing money from investors for new development in a field of business so hampered? Is it surprising that we saw last year the smallest amount of railroad construction in any year since the Civil War? Is it not a natural consequence that you cannot get money enough properly to equip your roads and to enable you satisfactorily to do your business?

What this situation needs, it seems to me, is railroad men who are statesmen. That was what the banking business needed. It was hard to find them, and it took years of severe trials to grow bankers with statesmanlike vision. You railroad men are busy with your day's work just as the bankers were; you are engrossed in the great flow of business that goes over your desks, with the normal natural problems of the day's work, and with the abnormal unnatural problems that have been put upon railroad managements by unsound public opinion and legislation. But it seems to me, and I hope I am not too critical, that you are in just the position in which we found the bankers twenty years ago—too busy to think nationally, too near to detail to really be statesmen, and to keenly study the matter as a problem in economics, a problem in government, and a problem in finance. The subject is one that railroad men must approach in a broad way. They must no longer view it as the individual problem of each road, but must study it in the light of the experience of other countries, in the light of our political institutions, and with a view to bringing about a sound state of public opinion.

That is what has got to be done. It is certain we will not solve the railroad problem at all until you railroad men have reached some substantial agreement as to at least certain common principles which must be involved in solving it. Since I have been in this room men have said to me, "well I suppose we are going inevitably to public ownership." If we are, we are going inevitably to a public tragedy.

We are going inevitably somewhere. We are not going to stand still with railroads unprovided with funds, with hostile Government supervision, with laws that prevent economic combinations, with a selfish public demanding lower and lower rates, and selfish labor forces demanding higher and higher wages. You are going somewhere; you are not going to stand still. Something has got to be done, and it is up to you to have a pretty clear opinion of what it is that ought to be done, because we have to look to railroad men for expert railroad opinion.

We get all sorts of criticisms about maladministration in the financial management of the railroads. A lot of that criticism is unfair, a lot of it is demagogic, and some of it is true. But what of it? At the most, taking everything that is criticized in the way of the financial administration or maladministration of railroads, it would not apply to 10% of the whole railroad field. How would our Government officials like to be judged by the worst 10% of their performances?

Some things have been done that ought not to have been done. But that does not mean that the way to cure it all is to have Government ownership and Government operation. Nor does it mean that the way to cure it all is to have a blind Government control that has no regard for the safety of the investment and creates a situation where investors will no longer put their money into the properties.

The real trouble is a good deal deeper than any questions of existing legislation. The real cure is a good deal deeper than any new methods of regulation. It seems to me that the troubles are really fundamental; they are troubles fundamental to our national character, and that means fundamental to individual character.

There is a selfishness in this railroad proposition. The public is selfish about rates; labor is selfish about wages; investors, if you will, are selfish about returns; politicians are selfish about holding place. All selfishness is short sighted, but there can be no better examples, it seems to me, of short sighted selfishness than these lines of selfishness that I have enumerated.

There is the selfishness of the shipper who always wants a little lower rate. A man told me it costs thirty-two cents to pay the freight from New York to San Francisco on an entire outfit of clothes a man wears. That is not a very heavy tax. If men would analyze what the tax of freight means to them, they would see what an infinitesimal thing it is to give the railroad fair rates, and what a great thing it is for the nation not alone to have prosperous railroads, but to have efficient railroads, to have railroads that are up to the highest standard of service—and after all, that is what we want, and it would seem they certainly would be willing to pay for it. If we took a broad view of the matter we would cure some of the selfishness.

So, it is up to you to do what you can all the time to show to the public what selfishness really entails, not only on the railroad, but on them. I do not believe you are doing that, and I do not believe any railroad company begins to do it as it should be done. It is up to the railroads to show the public how much better off it would be if the railroads were fairly treated, so they could render efficient service under all circumstances, and be prepared to render efficient service in all emergencies.

Then there is the selfishness of labor. Much of it really has its foundation in ignorance. I have a copy of a paper which came to my desk yesterday, which was really one of the most shocking publications I have seen in a great while. It is the weekly organ of some branch of railroad laborers, published in Cleveland. There was set forth in that paper detailed instructions to railroad men how to injure railroad property. The car repairer is told to insert a broken bolt when he is repairing a car. He is told in detail just how to insert the broken bolt so that when the car is on the road and gets a heavy strain it will pull out again, the train will be delayed, the car will have to go back for further repairs, and the whole incident will lead to more work and shorter hours.

This paper tells the helper of the mechanic making repairs on engines how to place a jack so it will fall out before it is ready to do its full service

and the work would have to be done over again. It suggests that when is sent after a tool he should get the wrong tool, and keep the man he is working with waiting. The switchman is instructed how to run a car on to a frog and delay the train and make more work. There are detailed instructions of this kind all through the various field of railroad labor, telling men how to destroy.

Could there be more dangerous selfishness than that? Could there be greater economic ignorance, worse economic blindness than for men to so completely fail to see that there is a unity in society, that there is a necessity that we all contribute, that none of us be shirkers if all society is to produce (and the production of things is what society is organized for)? There is one of the great problems of the day. What is there more important than to make men see that there is truly a unity between capital and labor; that there is truly a unity between all members of society, that we must not send a man out to do our work with a dull ax. We must give him a good tool and then when he goes to work he must not be a shirker, because shirkers will mean decreased production, and decreased production means fewer things for the people—all that is fundamental economic law.

You may at once reply, "yes, and so are your stockholders selfish." They are, probably. They are at least free in a competitive market, and if you can call it selfishness to take an investment which they believe more secure and in which the promise of return is higher, instead of taking one they believe is less secure, and where the promise of return is small, they are selfish, too. But that is a selfishness against which it will be harder to advance sound reasons than the selfishness of the employee who puts out rules of sabotage.

The meanest selfishness of all is the selfishness of the politician, who will trade what he knows is sound reason and judgment for place and votes. A man who will sell his vote for money is not a whit worse than the man who will sell his executive judgment for votes. That is the meanest selfishness of all.

What does it all sum up to? Do you not see it is deeper than national incorporation, and it is deeper than the action of the Inter-State Commerce Commission? Do you not see that it is really a fundamental principle of intelligent citizenship, of patriotic, unselfish citizenship? That is the test of any real cure. That is what we have got to have, it seems to me, if we are to have anything like the preparedness we should have for the work that is ahead of us, and the competition that is ahead of us in this country.

We need a physical preparedness. We need a preparedness in a military way, if you will—I believe we do, far beyond anything we have got—we need preparedness in industry, and most certainly we need preparedness of the arteries that carry the life blood of the country. But above all, we need a moral preparedness that is going to see things as they are, clearly, guided by right economic thought, that is going to have the moral strength and fibre to form right judgments, that is going to have the moral strength and fibre to undergo any sacrifice to uphold right judgments, that is going to have the moral courage not to temporize, not to trade for momentary advantage. We need a moral preparedness that will give us in the end a public opinion which will demand from the Government sound economic legislation, which will demand from labor a recognition of its proper duties and responsibilities, and which will demand from capital fair and honest co-operation in its relation to employees and to the public, and for capital a just participation in the success of business.

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS PRESSURE ON MEMBERS.

Testimony to the effect that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers expelled members who opposed the organization's advocacy of high-power headlights was admitted to the records of the Inter-State Commerce Commission at the latter's hearing in Washington on the 3rd inst. on its proposed rule requiring such lights. The Commission overruled objections made by Warren S. Stone and W. S. Carter, respectively chiefs of the engineers' and firemen's brotherhoods, the Board taking the position that the inquiry could be more thorough without the limitations suggested. John T. Heller of Indianapolis, a Big Four engineer, is said to have testified that charges had been preferred against him by Mr. Stone and that he had been tried and expelled from his local at Indianapolis for testifying at a former Inter-State Commerce Commission hearing that brilliant electric headlights were likely to blind engineers of trains running in opposite directions, and prevent proper reading of signals. D. P. Trostle of Harrisburg, Pa., an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading, declared that high officials of the engineers' brotherhood had reminded him after he came to Washington to testify that he would violate the rule forbidding members to oppose individually any legislative program of the organization and be liable to expulsion if he testified against high-power lights. "Brother Stone told me, however," he added, "that anyone who tells the truth will not be thrown out of the brotherhood." O. P. Keller of Harrisburg, a Pennsylvania line's engineer, testified he had been expelled in 1913 after the local of which he was head had voted to disapprove a bill pending in the Pennsylvania Legislature to require brilliant lights in locomotives. Keller wrote a protest to the Inter-State Commerce Commission last January against the pending Federal rule, asserting that 95% of the engineers were opposed to the "searchlights," but that they were afraid to testify because they would be expelled from the brotherhood, as others had been.

On cross-examination Mr. Stone sought to show the action was taken because Keller had joined a rival labor organization. The Commission's decision admitted officially testimony given on the 2nd by William H. Rother and A. E. Martin, former members of a defunct Indianapolis local, who said the charter of the local division of the Brotherhood No. 492 at Indianapolis had been recalled after it had

acquitted Rother of charges preferred by Stone when Rother testified against strong headlights.

The sections of the "Constitution and Statutes" of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers under which members have been expelled for giving testimony before the Inter-State Commerce Commission were given by the "Railway Age Gazette" in its issue of Nov. 10 as follows:

Members Interfering with Board—Penalty.

Sec. 11. Any member or Division refusing to sustain the official Acts or instructions of the Legislative Board, or who circulates or signs any petition, or who, by verbal or written communication to railroad officials or others, calculated to injure or interfere with legislative matters offered by the Legislative Board or at any time makes suggestions to railroad officials or to State legislators that may be detrimental to the interests of the B. of L. E., or any train service organization, shall be expelled, when proven guilty, as per Sec. 49 of the Statutes.

Interfering with National Legislative Matters.

Sec. 12. Any member or Division who, by verbal or written communication to anyone calculated to injure or interfere with national legislative matters, offered by our Legislative Representative at Washington or Mexico, or at any time makes suggestions to anyone that may be detrimental to the interests of such legislation, shall be expelled, when proven guilty, as per Sec. 49 of the Statutes.

In commenting upon the intimidation by the brotherhood, revealed at the hearing, the "Railway Age Gazette" editorially said:

The question whether all railroads should be required to equip their locomotives with high-power headlights, which has been the subject of a hearing before the Inter-State Commerce Commission for over a week, pales into comparative insignificance alongside the testimony presented at the hearing regarding the methods practiced by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to intimidate and coerce its members who are inclined to express their views on a matter of such vital importance to themselves. A most remarkable state of affairs, not entirely unsuspected by those who have been familiar with railroad matters, was disclosed when the Commission decided to admit the testimony reported elsewhere in this issue, of engineers who have been expelled from the brotherhood, deprived of their insurance and ostracized by their fellow employees at the command of the chief executive of the brotherhood, for giving public utterance to opinions at variance with those entertained for their benefit by the leaders of the organization.

The railroads and engineers who testified have performed an important public service in thus calling attention to a condition which has long been known to exist, but which it has been difficult for free American citizens who do not belong to labor unions to appreciate.

The four brotherhoods of train service employees recently gave an effective demonstration of the power they were able to exercise over the Congress of the United States. This has served to throw some light on the manner in which they have been able to exercise so potent an influence over State legislatures for several years, as well as to explain why they have been so successful in forcing concessions from the railroad managements.

The explanation given by witnesses in this proceeding of the way in which the brotherhood chiefs have been able to intimidate their members who do not approve of their legislative plans may help to explain in part the unanimity with which the members of the same organizations on several occasions have voted to throw up lucrative jobs at the behest of the same leaders. The explanation will hardly serve to increase the self esteem of the members of Congress and of the legislatures who have allowed themselves to be bluffed by organizations whose strength is derived from such methods.

The sections of the constitution and statutes of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers prohibiting members from expressing an opinion against the legislative plans of the officers, which were brought out at the hearing and which the engineers who dared to express their honest opinion as to electric headlights were charged with violating, show the extent to which the members of the organization are required to subordinate themselves to the will of the labor oligarchy. Section 3 of the constitution, which was not read at the hearing, expresses the same fact in even plainer language. It provides that the grand international division of the brotherhood, composed of its chief officers, "shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects pertaining to the brotherhood, and its enactments and decisions upon all questions are the supreme law of the brotherhood, and all divisions and members of the order shall render true obedience thereto."

One of the engineers who testified on behalf of the railroads, but who was rather nervous about the prospect, was reassured by "Brother Stone" that "nobody who tells the truth was ever thrown out of the brotherhood." The record does not show whether he asked Stone for any further reassurance on this point after two other engineers had testified that they had been ousted from the organization by Stone's direction on the sole evidence of the fact that they had testified before the Commission unfavorable to high power headlights and that the truth of their statements had not even been brought into question. The question of the truth or falsity of a statement on such a subject apparently comes under the "exclusive jurisdiction" of the brotherhood officers whose decision is the supreme law of the organization and its members.

The headlight hearing has also served to furnish another illustration of the close partnership that appears to exist between the brotherhoods and the Locomotive Boiler Inspection Department of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, whose chief officers appeared as the principal witnesses for the brotherhoods and sided with them throughout as against the railroads. President Carter of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, said that the brotherhoods had refused to have anything to do with the "ex parte" headlight tests conducted by the New York Central, but he wanted to have the Commission conduct a series of tests of its own. As such tests would naturally be conducted by the Boiler Inspection Department, which has already recommended the rule proposed by the brotherhoods, Mr. Carter's suggestion is rather amusing, to say the least.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CAPITAL STOCK TAX LAW.

Regulations concerning the special excise tax on corporations equivalent "to 50 cents for each \$1,000 of the fair value of the capital stock in excess of \$99,000" were issued by the Treasury Department on Oct. 19. The provisions governing the tax are carried in the omnibus war revenue bill which became a law with the signature of President Wilson on Sept. 8. We printed the provisions bearing on

the capital stock tax law in our issue of Sept. 16. The exemptions in the case of this tax are the same as those under the income tax law. The regulations in full are as follows:

REGULATIONS

Concerning the special excise tax imposed by section 407, Title IV., Act of Sept. 8 1916, on corporations, joint-stock companies or associations and insurance companies, organized for profit in the United States, and on the capital invested in the United States of foreign companies and associations transacting business in the United States.

RETURNS, COMPUTATION OF TAX, COLLECTIONS AND PENALTIES.

TAX IMPOSED.

Article 1. Section 407 imposes a special excise tax with respect to the carrying on or doing business by corporations, joint-stock companies or associations or insurance companies, as follows:

Corporations in the United States.

(a) Every corporation, joint-stock company or association or insurance company, now or hereafter organized in the United States for profit and having a capital stock represented by shares, 50 cents for each \$1,000 of the fair value of the capital stock in excess of \$99,000, except as hereinafter indicated; and

Foreign Corporations.

(b) Every corporation, joint-stock company or association or insurance company, now or hereafter organized for profit under the laws of any foreign country and engaged in business in the United States, 50 cents for each \$1,000 of the capital actually invested in the transaction of its business in the United States. It is provided in cases in which the foreign corporation makes a return of the total amount of capital invested in the transaction of business, both abroad and in this country, that such proportion of \$99,000 as the amount invested in the United States bears to the total amount invested in the United States and elsewhere may be remitted in computing the tax upon the capital invested in the United States.

CORPORATIONS EXEMPT.

Corporations and Associations Exempt.

Art. 2. (a) The following corporations, joint-stock companies or associations or insurance companies, which are exempt from income tax under the provisions of section 11, Title I., are also specifically exempt from the capital stock tax under section 407, Title IV., of this Act:

- First. Labor, agricultural or horticultural organization;
- Second. Mutual savings bank not having a capital stock represented by shares;
- Third. Fraternal beneficiary society, order or association operating under the lodge system or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself operating under the lodge system, and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident or other benefits to the members of such society, order or association or their dependents;
- Fourth. Domestic building and loan association and co-operative banks without capital stock organized and operated for mutual purposes and without profit;
- Fifth. Cemetery company owned and operated exclusively for the benefit of its members;
- Sixth. Corporation or association organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual;
- Seventh. Business league, chamber of commerce, or board of trade, not organized for profit and no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual;
- Eighth. Civic league or organization not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare;
- Ninth. Club organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other non-profitable purposes, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or member;
- Tenth. Farmers' or other mutual hall, cyclone or fire insurance company, mutual ditch or irrigation company, mutual or co-operative telephone company, or like organization of a purely local character, the income of which consists solely of assessments, dues and fees collected from members for the sole purpose of meeting its expenses;
- Eleventh. Farmers', fruit growers' or like association, organized and operated as a sales agent for the purpose of marketing the products of its members and turning back to them the proceeds of sales, less the necessary selling expenses, on the basis of the quantity of produce furnished by them;
- Twelfth. Corporation or association organized for the exclusive purpose of holding title to property, collecting income therefrom, and turning over the entire amount thereof, less expenses, to an organization which itself is exempt from the tax imposed by this title; or

Thirteenth. Federal land banks and national farm loan associations as provided in section 26 of the Act approved July 17 1916, entitled "An Act to provide capital for agricultural development, to create standard forms of investment based upon farm mortgage, to equalize rates of interest upon farm loans, to furnish a market for United States bonds, to create Government depositaries and financial agents for the United States, and for other purposes."

Mutual Companies Exempt.

(b) Inasmuch as the basis of tax is the fair value of the stock of a corporation, mutual insurance companies and other associations not having capital stock represented by shares will also be exempt from tax, in the absence of a basis for the computation of the tax.

RETURNS.

Tax due in January and July 1917 and annually in July thereafter.

Art. 3. (a) Section 3237, Revised Statutes, as amended by section 53 of the Act of Oct. 1 1890 (26 Stats., 597), provides "that all special taxes shall become due on the 1st day of July 1891 and on the 1st day of July in each year thereafter, or on commencing any trade or business on which such tax is imposed. In the former case the tax shall be reckoned for one year, and in the latter case it shall be reckoned proportionately from the 1st day of the month in which the liability to a special tax commenced to the 1st day of July following." The capital stock tax, therefore, which becomes effective Jan. 1 1917, will be payable in January 1917 on returns to be made during that month for the six months ending June 30 1917. In July 1917, and annually in July thereafter, returns must again be made and the tax paid for the ensuing fiscal year.

Returns required of every United States corporation having capital stock outstanding of \$75,000 or over.

(b) Every corporation, joint-stock company or association or insurance company organized in the United States for profit and having a capital stock issued and outstanding, represented by shares of the market value of \$75,000 or over, and not exempt as indicated in Article 2, shall make a return on Form 707 irrespective of the par value of its capital stock, unless such corporation, joint-stock company or association or insurance

company was not engaged in business during the preceding taxable year, which for the return due Jan. 1 1917 shall be the fiscal year July 1 1915 to June 30 1916.

Return required of every foreign corporation.

(c) Every corporation, joint-stock company or association or insurance company organized for profit under the laws of any foreign country and engaged in business in the United States, shall make return on Form 708 irrespective of the amount of capital employed either at home or in this country in the transaction of its business.

FORM OF RETURN FOR UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS.

Substance of return required from United States corporations.

Art. 4. The return required by Article 3 of corporations, joint-stock companies or associations or insurance companies organized in the United States shall be made on Form 707, to be supplied by this department, and shall set forth the following particulars:

- (1) Total number of shares of stock now outstanding.
- (2) Par value of shares.
- (3) Par value of total capital stock outstanding.
- (4) Amount of surplus.
- (5) Amount of undivided profits.
- (6) *Case I.*—Average market value per share during preceding fiscal year, if stock is listed on an exchange.
- Case II.*—If stock is not listed on an exchange, average market value per share computed from sales made during preceding fiscal year.
- Case III.*—If stock is not listed on any exchange and no sales have been made during preceding fiscal year, or if sales have been made and the price is unknown, the fair average value of the stock may be estimated from the following data set forth on the return: Amount of surplus, amount of undivided profits, nature of business, estimated earning capacity, average dividends per share paid during preceding five years, average profits per share earned during preceding five years.
- (7) Total number of shares of stock outstanding on last day of fiscal year.
- (8) Fair value of total capital stock for preceding fiscal year.
- (9) Deduction allowed by law of \$99,000.
- (10) Amount of fair value of stock over \$99,000 upon which tax should be computed.
- (11) Tax at rate of 50 cents per year for each full \$1,000.
- (12) Amount of munitions tax, if any, paid under Title III. of this Act since making the last previous return.
- (13) Amount of tax due.

FORM OF RETURN FOR FOREIGN CORPORATIONS.

Substance of return required of foreign corporations.

Art. 5. The return required by Article 3 of foreign corporations, joint-stock companies or associations or insurance companies having capital invested in the transaction of its business in the United States, shall be made on Form 708, to be supplied by this department, and shall set forth the following particulars:

- (1) Amount of capital invested in the United States.
- (2) Amount of capital invested in foreign countries.
- (3) Total amount of capital invested in the corporation, both in the United States and elsewhere.
- (4) Percentage of capital invested in the United States.
- (5) Percentage of \$99,000 allowed to be deducted under the law.
- (6) Amount of capital upon which tax should be computed.
- (7) Tax at the rate of 50 cents per year for each full \$1,000.
- (8) Amount of munitions tax, if any, paid under Title III. of this Act since making the last previous return.
- (9) Amount of tax due.

COMPUTATION OF TAX.

United States corporations.

Art. 6. Sec. 1. *Companies or associations organized in the United States for profit.*—The tax on companies or associations having a capital stock represented by shares is imposed on the fair average value for the preceding year and not the face or par value of the capital stock. The fair value of the capital stock shall be ascertained as follows:

Stock listed on Exchange.

(a) *Case I.*—If the stock is listed on any exchange its fair value will be determined by adding the quoted highest bid price for the stock on the last business day of each month during the preceding fiscal year (or, if no bid price was quoted on the last day, then the latest day in the month on which a bid was quoted), and dividing by 12, the result being the average bid price per share for that year.

Stock not listed, but of which sales have been made.

(b) *Case II.*—If the stock is not listed on any exchange, but sales thereof have been actually made, and the price paid for the stock is known to the officer making the return, or can be discovered by him, the average price at which sales were made during the preceding fiscal year shall be the determining factor in ascertaining the fair value per share.

(In the foregoing two cases the actual fair value of the stock is ascertainable from the facts without the necessity of making an estimate.)

Cases in which fair average value of stock shall be estimated.

(c) *Case III.*—If Case I. and Case II. cannot be applied, viz., the stock is not listed on any exchange, and no actual sales have been made during the preceding fiscal year, or if the price at which sales have been made is not known to the officer making the return the fair average value of the capital stock shall be estimated, and the surplus and undivided profits for the preceding fiscal year will be taken into consideration as required by the statute, as well as the nature of the business, its earning capacity and average dividends paid, or profits earned during the preceding five years.

Fair value of total capital stock outstanding.

(d) The fair value per share ascertained or estimated as above multiplied by the number of shares outstanding will give the fair value of the stock for taxation purposes.

Deduction of \$99,000.

(e) From this total will be deducted the sum of \$99,000, the exemption allowed by law, and the tax will be laid upon the balance at the rate of 50 cents for each full \$1,000 of the remainder.

Tax due January 1917.

(f) Upon the returns to be made during January 1917 for the six months ending June 30 1917, the tax due will be 25 cents per \$1,000 of such remainder.

Deduction of munitions tax.

(g) From the tax due as so determined will be deducted the amount of munitions tax, if any, actually paid since making the last previous return. As the special excise tax on capital stock is due in January 1917 and the munitions tax will not be determined and assessed until March or April, no deductions for munitions tax will be allowed on the January 1917 return. Deductions, however, will be allowed on the July 1917 return for munitions taxes actually paid prior to that date.

Sec. 2. *Corporations, joint-stock companies or associations or insurance companies organized for profit under the laws of any foreign country and engaged in business in the United States.*

Foreign corporations.

(a) The tax imposed on such companies or associations shall be computed upon the actual capital invested in the transaction of its business in the United States. The basis of taxation is the average amount of capital so invested during the preceding fiscal year.
Deduction of proportion of \$99,000 only allowed if corporation makes return of total capital invested.

(b) The exemption from the amount of capital invested in the United States equal to the proportion of \$99,000 as the amount so invested bears to the total amount invested in the transaction of business in the United States or elsewhere shall only be allowed a company or association which makes return to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, under those regulations, of the amount of capital invested in the transaction of business outside of the United States. Thus a foreign company or association investing part of its capital in the transaction of business in the United States shall be liable for tax in the amount of 50 cents for each \$1,000 of the actual capital invested in the United States, without deduction of the said proportion of \$99,000, unless it discloses in its return the amount of capital invested in the transaction of business outside of the United States.

Corporations not in business during preceding taxable year.

Sec. 3. *Corporations not engaged in business during preceding taxable year.*—This tax shall not be imposed upon any corporation, joint-stock company or association or insurance company not engaged in business during the preceding taxable year, or in the case of the taxable period ending June 30 1917, not so engaged during the year July 1 1915 to June 30 1916. The tax shall be computed upon each full value of \$1,000 and not on any fractional part thereof.

COLLECTION OF TAX.

Special list, Form 23c.

Art. 7. On account of the impracticability of issuing stamps in the various amounts, this tax will be collected by assessment on a special list for the months of January and July 1917 and annually thereafter in July. Any delinquent returns made in February or other months, or any assessments for delinquency in taxes, may be listed on the regular list Form 23, and collected in the usual way.

Returns retained by collector.

(a) Returns listed on special lists will be retained in the office of the collector as the special list will be prepared so as to give the essential data shown by the return.

Returns forwarded to Commissioner.

(b) Returns listed on regular lists will be forwarded to this office with the list for audit.

Penalty of 5%.

(c) Upon failure to pay the tax assessed within 10 days after notice and demand, a penalty of 5% of the tax unpaid and interest at the rate of 1% per month until paid shall be added to the amount of such tax.

PENALTIES.

Administrative and assessment laws applicable to this law.

Art. 8. (a) Under section 409 it is provided that "all administrative or special provisions of law, including the law relating to the assessment of taxes so far as applicable, are hereby extended to and made a part of Title IV., and every person, firm, company, corporation or association liable to any tax imposed by this title shall keep such records and render under oath such statements and returns as shall comply with such regulations as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may from time to time prescribe."

Penalties for failure to make return.

(b) Any company or association, therefore, subject to special tax under section 407 of this Act, which fails to make returns during the months of January 1917 and July 1917, and annually in July thereafter, will be liable to the penalties imposed by section 3176, Revised Statutes, as amended by section 16, Act of Sept. 8 1916, which reads as follows:

Collector may make the return.

If any person, corporation, company or association fails to make and file a return or list at the time prescribed by law, or makes, willfully or otherwise, a false or fraudulent return or list, the collector or deputy collector shall make the return or list from his own knowledge and from such information as he can obtain through testimony or otherwise. Any return or list so made and subscribed by a collector or deputy collector shall be prima facie good and sufficient for all legal purposes.

Extension of Thirty Days.

If the failure to file a return or list is due to sickness or absence the collector may allow such further time, not exceeding thirty days, for making and filing the return or list as he deems proper.

Fifty Per Cent Penalty.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall assess all taxes, other than stamp taxes, as to which returns or lists are so made by a collector or deputy collector. In case of any failure to make and file a return or list within the time prescribed by law or by the collector, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall add to the tax 50% of its amount except that, when a return is voluntarily and without notice from the collector filed after such time and it is shown that the failure to file it was due to a reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, no such addition shall be made to the tax. In case a false or fraudulent return or list is willfully made, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall add to the tax 100% of its amount.

The amount so added to any tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner and as part of the tax unless the tax has been paid before the discovery of the neglect, falsity or fraud, in which case the amount so added shall be collected in the same manner as the tax.

(c) In addition to the penalties imposed by section 3176, Revised Statutes, section 408 provides as follows:

Specific penalty.

Every person who carries on any business or occupation for which special taxes are imposed by this title, without having paid the special tax therein provided, shall, besides being liable to the payment of such special tax, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not more than \$500, or be imprisoned not more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

W. H. OSBORN, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Approved:
WM. P. MALBURN, Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

INAUGURATION OF WIRELESS SERVICE BETWEEN U. S. AND JAPAN.

The opening of the Trans-Pacific wireless service between Japan and the United States by way of Honolulu, was inaugurated on the 15th inst., by an interchange of messages between dignitaries in both countries. The first message which signalized the opening of the wireless service was a congratulatory message from President Wilson to the Emperor of Japan which read:

The White House, Washington, Nov. 15 1916.

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan at Tokio.—The Government and people of the United States of America send greetings to your Imperial Majesty and to the people of Japan, and rejoice in this triumph of science which enables the voice of America from the Far West to cross the silent spaces of the world and speak to Japan in the Far East, heralding the dawn of a new day. May this wonderful event confirm the unbroken friendship of our two nations and give assurance of a never ending interchange of messages of good-will. May the day soon come when the voice of peace, carried by these silent messengers, shall go into all the world and its words to the end of the world.

WOODROW WILSON.

This message is regarded as an important step towards friendlier relations and a better understanding between the American and Japanese Governments. The Emperor's answer received late the same day follows:

It affords me much pleasure that the first use of the installation of wireless telegraphy between Japan and the United States has been to transmit your cordial message. In return I send this expression of my thanks for the good wishes exhibited toward me and my people and of the hearty desire entertained throughout Japan for the continued prosperity and welfare of the United States.

(Signed) YOSHIIITO.

This new wireless route begins at the San Francisco transmitting station at Bolinas Ridge, near the city. It is 2,087 miles to the Hawaiian wireless station at Kahuka, near Honolulu. This, added to the 3,355 miles to Tokio makes the distance covered by the wireless service 5,442 miles, with one relay. It is stated that the mileage from Honolulu to Fienabashi near Tokio, is the longest distance over which commercial wireless messages have ever been sent. Prior to the inauguration of this service the longest commercial wireless route was 2,200 miles from Glace bay, Nova Scotia, to England. The Marconi Company announces two classes of service between California and Japan.

There will be a full rate or expedited service at 80c. a word, a reduction of 41 cents a word from the existing rates and a deferred half rate service at 40 cents a word. The lowest cable rate at present is 1.21 cents a word.

For the present it is stated the service will be confined to San Francisco, Hawaii and Japan. A United States Censor has been installed at Honolulu with instructions to prevent the despatch or delivery of any unneutral messages, the same rules of censorship being applied at Honolulu as at Sayville, Tuckerton or any other radio stations in this country.

MAJOR-GEN. GOETHALS RETIRES FROM ARMY.

The application of Major-General George W. Goethals of Panama Canal fame, who is still the Governor of Panama, to be placed on the retired list of the army, dating from Nov. 15, was announced on the 11th inst. as approved by President Wilson. General Goethals' status as Governor of Panama is not affected by this retirement order, but it is expected, that before long he will be succeeded by Lieut.-Colonel Chester Harding of the engineer corps, now Acting Governor of Panama. Several years ago Colonel Harding was sent to Panama to familiarize himself with the work there. General Goethals who had intended to resign when the canal was in full operation, withdrew his resignation when slides interfered. It is understood that General Goethals wishes to relieve himself from canal duties, and to rest before taking up his new task as Chairman of the Commission which is to review the effect of the eight-hour railroad law.

That the earth movements in the Panama Canal will be overcome "finally and for all time" was reaffirmed by Major-General Goethals, in his annual report made public on the 10th inst., by the War Department. General Goethals says that this will be accomplished "notwithstanding the calamity howlers and in spite of the disastrous predictions of the 'know-it-alls.'" The General says in the report that he has gone into the subject of "slides" again, only because so many false reports have been published. The General adds that such reports serve to aid shipping companies to take advantage of present conditions to charter ships at excessive rates and permit an increase in insurance rates.

RESIGNATION OF SIR SAM HUGHES OF CANADA.

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes has resigned as Canadian Minister of Militia and Defense. The announcement came from Ottawa, Canada, on the 13th inst. The resignation was requested by the Government and was due to a break between Premier Borden and the General caused by differences over questions of policy and details of administration. Previously differences on questions of military

management since the beginning of the war in Europe were generally adjusted by permitting Gen. Hughes to carry out his own plans. Lately however there is said to have been a growing disposition on the part of Premier Borden with the remainder of the Cabinet Ministers to insist that their own plans be carried out as against those of Sir Sam. Referring to the retirement of Gen. Hughes the Government made public the following statement:

The retirement of Sir Sam Hughes is in part the outcome of the establishment of the Ministry of Overseas Forces and in part is due to the assumption by Sir Sam of powers which in the judgment of the Prime Minister can be exercised only by the Government as a whole.

Concerning his resignation, General Hughes said in part:

It is true I have resigned, but not for the reasons assigned in the report given out this afternoon. Accompanying my resignation was a report to the Prime Minister asking that all the correspondence in connection with the affair might be published promptly. I would like to say that I feel quite happy. A great load is off my back.

In leaving the department I feel I have nothing special to regret in regard to its work or management. In Britain in the first year of the war Canada had practically no control of her forces. The British system was followed. Last year for nine straight months our soldiers had no rest from the trenches. This year I have planned extra divisions, so that fully one-quarter of our troops could be resting at a time; but perhaps the most important accomplishment of all has been the perfect harmony with the War Office.

I conceive it my duty to give every assistance I can still to help in the cause. I do not know who my successor may be, but whoever it is can count on my assistance in every legitimate way to help in the great cause. It is my intention to go ahead precisely as I intended and to get out and help recruiting. I part from my colleagues with more or less regret, but in the future, if they pursue proper lines, I will be ready to give them or any one else my cordial support.

That the establishment of a Canadian Overseas Department of Militia with Sir George Perley as head of it occasioned the rupture between Premier Borden and Sir Sam Hughes, was made plain by the publication on the 14th inst. of the correspondence that passed with Sir Sam. General Hughes thought a department of this kind unnecessary, objecting particularly to Perley. He insisted that Sir Max Aitken be appointed Overseas Minister, but Premier Borden refused to heed the suggestion. His subsequent criticism of the Premier's action left Premier Borden no other alternative than to request Sir Sam's resignation. No successor to General Hughes has been appointed. It is stated however that Premier Borden, aided by F. B. McCurdy, Secretary to the Minister of Militia and Defense, will administer the Militia Department. Sir Sam was appointed Minister of Militia and Defense in 1911, and was knighted by King George last year. In March of last year it was charged by George W. Kyte of the Liberal Party that through his endorsement of shell contracts awarded American enterprises, namely the American Ammunition Company and the International Arms and Fuze Company, Sir Sam's personal friends had been financially benefited. When this charge was made General Hughes was abroad but demanded an inquiry. An investigation by a Royal Commission resulted in his exoneration. In the "Chronicle" of Aug 5 1916 a detailed review of the matter is given.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO AMERICAN PROTEST AGAINST HER TRADE BLACKLIST.

Great Britain's answer to the note of the United States Government protesting against British action in blacklisting American firms was made public on Wednesday of this week. The answer was received by the State Department at Washington on Oct. 28; it fails to meet the demand that the names of Americans be stricken from the blacklist, but seeks to convince the State Department that the British position is just and founded on law. The note to which the present communication is an answer, was dispatched to the British Government under date of July 26, following the promulgation by the latter of a list of American firms and individuals with which residents of the United Kingdom were forbidden to deal under the edict of the British Government. The protest of the United States Government said it was evident that the measures adopted by Great Britain were "inevitably and essentially inconsistent with the rights of the citizens of all nations not involved in war" and the British Government was reminded that "citizens of the United States are entirely within their rights in attempting to trade with the people or the Governments of any of the nations now at war, subject only to well defined international practices and understandings which the Government of the United States deems the Government of Great Britain to have too lightly and too frequently disregarded." Great Britain's answer is based largely on the argument that there is no assumption by Great Britain of power to interfere with neutral traders, but that the blacklist is a matter of municipal law enjoining British subjects from trading with persons found to be assisting or rendering service to the enemy. It

disclaims any intention of imposing disabilities or penalties on neutral trade. It says:

The legislation merely prohibits persons in the United Kingdom from trading with certain specified individuals, who by reason of their nationality or their association are found to support the cause of the enemy, and trading with whom will therefore strengthen that cause. So far as that legislation is concerned, no rights or property of these specified individuals are interfered with; neither they nor their property are condemned or confiscated; they are as free as they were before to carry on their business. The only disability they suffer is that British subjects are prohibited from giving to them the support and assistance of British credit and British property.

The answer further states that the steps taken by the British Government are not confined to the United States; the policy is being pursued in all neutral countries and even in the Allied countries firms are being placed on the statutory list, "if they are firms with whom it is necessary to prevent British subjects from trading." "These considerations," it is added, "may perhaps serve to convince the Government of the United States that the measures now being taken are not directed against neutral trade in general. Still less are they directed against American trade in particular; they are part of the general belligerent operations designed to weaken the enemy's resources." Referring to the exclusion from ships using British coal of goods belonging to blacklisted firms, the note argues that there can be no legal objection to such a refusal which is merely denying the use of British coal to carriage of goods to persons actively assisting Great Britain's enemies. It points to the destruction of tonnage by German submarines and says that if no other factor entered into the question the British coal supply should be conserved to be certain that there is enough for ships supplying the Belgian Relief Commission. Attention is called to instructions to British merchants issued by Lord Russell in 1862 regarding trade with the Bahamas advising that the "true remedy" was to refrain from this species of trade. The note concludes:

His Majesty's Government does not ask the Government of the United States to take any such action as this, but they cannot believe that the United States Government will question their right to lay upon British merchants, in the interests of the safety of the British Empire, for which they are responsible, the same prohibition as Lord Russell issued fifty years ago out of consideration for the interests and feelings of a foreign nation. Suspicious and insinuations which would construe so simple an action as an opening of secret and unavowed designs on neutral rights should have no place in the relations between two friendly countries.

I trust that the explanations contained in this note will destroy such suspicions and correct the erroneous views which prevail in the United States on the subject.

The answer, which was transmitted to the State Department through Ambassador Page, is given in full below:

Ambassador W. H. Page to the Secretary of State.

American Embassy, London, Oct. 12 1916.

Sir.—With reference to the Department's telegram, No. 3,578, of July 26 1916, 10 p. m., and to my telegram, No. 5,003, of the 11th inst., I have the honor to inclose herewith a printed copy of a note I have received from the Foreign Office concerning "the Trading with the Enemy Act."

I have, &c.,

WALTER HINES PAGE.

The British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Ambassador W. H. Page.

Foreign Office, Oct. 10 1916.

Your Excellency.—His Majesty's Government have had under consideration the note which your Excellency was good enough to communicate to me on July 28 last, with respect to the addition of certain firms in the United States of America to the statutory list compiled and issued in accordance with "the Trading with the Enemy (extension of powers) Act, 1915."

2. You will recall that shortly after this Act became law I had the honor, in my note of Feb. 16 last, in reply to your note of Jan. 26, to explain the object of the Act. It is a piece of purely municipal legislation, and provides that his Majesty may by proclamation prohibit persons in the United Kingdom from trading with any persons in foreign countries who might be specified in such proclamations or in any subsequent orders. It also imposes appropriate penalties upon persons in the United Kingdom who violate the provisions of this statute.

3. That is all. His Majesty's Government neither purport nor claim to impose any disabilities or penalties upon neutral individuals or upon neutral commerce. The measure is simply one which enjoins those who owe allegiance to Great Britain to cease having trade relations with persons who are found to be assisting or rendering service to the enemy.

4. I can scarcely believe that the United States Government intend to challenge the right of Great Britain as a sovereign State to pass legislation prohibiting all those who owe her allegiance from trading with any specified persons when such prohibition is found necessary in the public interest. The right to do so, is so obvious that I feel sure that the protest which your Excellency handed to me has been founded on a misconception of the scope and intent of the measures which have been taken.

5. This view is strengthened by some of the remarks which are made in the note. It is, for instance, stated that these measures are "inevitably and essentially inconsistent with the rights of the citizens of all nations not involved in war." The note then proceeds to point out that citizens of the United States are entirely within their rights in attempting to trade with any of the nations now at war. His Majesty's Government readily admit that the citizens of every neutral nation are free to trade with belligerent countries. The United States Government will no doubt equally readily admit that they do so, subject to the right of the other belligerent to put an end to that trade by every means within his power which is recognized by international law, by such measures, for instance, as the seizure of neutral goods as contraband, or for breach of blockade, &c. The legislation, however, to which exception is taken does not belong to that class of measures. It is purely municipal. It is an exercise of the sovereign right of an independent State over its own citizens and nothing more. This fact has not, I feel sure, been fully realized by the Government of the United States of America, for the note maintains that the Government cannot consent to see these remedies and penalties altered and extended at will in derogation of the right of its citizens; and says that "conspicuous among the principles which

the civilized nations of the world have accepted for the safeguarding of the rights of neutrals is the just and honorable principle that neutrals may not be condemned nor their goods confiscated, except upon fair adjudication and after an opportunity to be heard in prize courts or elsewhere."

6. As I have said above, the legislation merely prohibits persons in the United Kingdom from trading with certain specified individuals, who by reason of their nationality or their association are found to support the cause of the enemy, and trading with whom will therefore strengthen that cause. So far as that legislation is concerned, no rights or property of these specified individuals are interfered with; neither they nor their property are condemned or confiscated; they are as free as they were before to carry on their business. The only disability they suffer is that British subjects are prohibited from giving to them the support and assistance of British credit and British property.

7. The steps which his Majesty's Government are taking under the above-mentioned Act are not confined to the United States of America; the policy is being pursued in all neutral countries. Nay, more. With the full consent of the Allied Governments, firms, even in Allied countries, are being placed on the statutory list if they are firms with whom it is necessary to prevent British subjects from trading. These considerations may, perhaps, serve to convince the Government of the United States that the measures, now being taken, are not directed against neutral trade in general. Still less are they directed against American trade in particular; they are part of the general belligerent operations designed to weaken the enemy's resources.

8. I do not read your note of July 28 as maintaining that his Majesty's Government are obliged by any rule of international law to give to those, who are actively assisting the cause of their enemies, whether they be established in neutral or in enemy territory, the facilities which flow from participation in British commerce. Any such proposition would be so manifestly untenable that there is no reason to refute it. The feelings, which, I venture to think, have prompted the note under reply must have been that the measures which we have been obliged to take will be expanded to an extent which will result in their interfering with genuine neutral commerce; perhaps, also, that they are not exclusively designed for belligerent purposes, but are rather an attempt to forward our own trade interests at the expense of neutral commerce, under the cloak of belligerency; and, lastly, that they are, from a military point of view, unnecessary.

9. Upon these points I am able to give to the Government and people of the United States the fullest assurances. Upon the first point, it is true as your note says, that the name of a firm may be added to the statutory list of persons with whom British persons may not trade whenever, on account of the enemy association of such firm, it seems expedient to do so. But the Government of the United States can feel confident that this system of prohibitions will not be carried further than is absolutely necessary. It has been forced upon us by the circumstances of the present war. To extend it beyond what is required in order to secure its immediate purpose—the weakening of the resources of our opponents—or to allow it to interfere with what is really the genuine neutral trade of a country with which we desire to have the closest commercial intercourse, would be contrary to British interests.

The advantage derived from a commercial transaction between a British subject and a foreigner is mutual, and for his Majesty's Government to forbid a British subject to trade with the citizen of any foreign country necessarily entails some diminution of commercial opportunity, for that British subject, and therefore some loss both to him and to his country.

Consequently the United States Government, even if they are willing to ignore the whole tradition and tendency of British policy toward the commerce of other nations, might be confident that self-interest alone would render his Majesty's Government anxious not to place upon the statutory list the name of any firm which carries on a genuine bona fide neutral trade. If they did so, Great Britain herself would be the loser.

10. As to the second point, there seem to be individuals in the United States and elsewhere whom it is almost impossible to convince that the measures we take are measures against our enemies and not intended merely to foster our own trade at the expense of that of neutral countries. I can only reiterate what has been repeatedly explained before, that his Majesty's Government have no such unworthy object in view. We have, in fact, in all the steps we have taken to prevent British subjects from trading with those specified firms, been most careful to cause the least possible dislocation of neutral trade, as much in our interests as in those of the neutral.

11. I turn now to the question whether the circumstances of the present war are such as to justify resort on the part of his Majesty's Government to this novel expedient.

12. As the United States Government are well aware, the Anglo-American practice has in times past been to treat domicile as the test of enemy character, in contradistinction to the Continental practice, which has always regarded nationality as the test. The Anglo-American rule crystallized at the time when means of transport and communication were less developed than now, and when in consequence the actions of a person established in a distant country could have but little influence upon a struggle.

13. To-day the position is very different. The activities of enemy subjects are ubiquitous, and under modern conditions it is easy for them, wherever resident, to remit money to any place where it may be required for the use of their own Government, or to act in other ways calculated to assist its purposes and to damage the interests of the powers with whom it is at war. No elaborate exposition of the situation is required to show that full use has been and is being made of these opportunities.

14. The experience of the war has proved abundantly, as the United States Government will readily admit, that many Germans in neutral countries have done all in their power to help the cause of their own country, and to injure that of the Allies; in fact, it would be no exaggeration to say that German houses abroad have in a large number of cases been used as an integral part of an organization, deliberately conceived and planned as an engine for the furtherance of German political and military ambitions.

It is common knowledge that German business establishments in foreign countries have been not merely centres of German trade, but active agents for the dissemination of German political and social influence, and for the purpose of espionage. In some cases they have even been used as bases of supply for German cruisers, and in other cases as organizers and paymasters of miscreants employed to destroy by foul means factories engaged in making, or ships engaged in carrying, supplies required by the Allies.

Such operations have been carried out in the territory even of the United States itself, and I am bound to observe, what I do not think will be denied, that no adequate action has yet been taken by the Government of the United States to suppress breaches of neutrality of this particularly criminal kind, which I know that they are the first to discountenance and deplore.

15. In the face of enemy activities of this nature it was essential for his Majesty's Government to take steps that should at least deprive interests, so strongly hostile, of the facilities and advantages of unrestricted trading with British subjects. The public opinion of this country would not have tolerated the prolongation of the war by the continued liberty of British subjects to trade with and so to enrich the firms in foreign countries whose wealth and influence were alike at the services of the enemy.

16. Let me repeat that his Majesty's Government make no such claim to dictate to citizens of the United States, nor to those of any other neutral country, as to the persons with whom they are or not to trade. They do, however, maintain the right, which in the present crisis is also their duty towards the people of this country and to their allies, to withhold British facilities from those who conduct their trade for the benefit of our enemies. If the value to those firms of British facilities is such as to lead them to prefer to give up their trade with our enemies rather than to run the risk of being deprived of such facilities, his Majesty's Government can not admit that their acceptance of guarantees to that effect is either arbitrary or incompatible with international law or comity.

17. There is another matter with which I should like to deal.

18. The idea would seem to be prevalent in some quarters that the military position is now such that it is unnecessary for his Majesty's Government to take any steps which might prejudice, even to a slight extent, the commerce of neutral countries, that the end of the war is in sight, and that nothing which happens in distant neutral countries can affect the ultimate result.

19. If that were really the position, it is possible that the measures taken by his Majesty's Government might be described as uncalled for, but it is not. We may well wish that it were so. Even though the military situation of the Allies has greatly improved, there is still a long and bitter struggle in front of them, and one which in justice to the principles for which they are fighting imposes upon them the duty of employing every opportunity and every measure which they can legitimately use to overcome their opponents.

20. One observation which is very commonly heard is that certain belligerent acts, even though lawful, are too petty to have any influence upon a struggle of such magnitude. It is, I know, difficult for those who have no immediate contact with war to realize with what painful anxiety men and women in this country must regard even the smallest acts which tend to increase, if only by a hair's breadth, the danger in which their relatives and friends daily stand, or to prolong, if only by a minute, the period during which they are to be exposed to such perils.

21. Whatever inconvenience may be caused to neutral nations by the exercise of belligerent rights, it is not to be compared for an instant to the suffering and loss occasioned to mankind by the prolongation of the war, even for a week.

22. One other matter should be mentioned, namely, the exclusion from ships using British coal of goods belonging to firms on the statutory list. This is enforced by rendering it a condition of the supply of bunker coal. What legal objection can be taken to this course? It is British coal; why should it be used to transport the goods of those who are actively assisting our enemies? Nor is this the only point. It must be remembered that the German Government by their submarine warfare have sought to diminish the world's tonnage; they have sunk illegally and without warning hundreds of peaceful merchant ships, belonging not only to Allied countries but to neutrals as well. Norwegian, Danish, Swedish, Dutch, Spanish Greek ships, have all been sunk. Between June 1 and Sept. 30 1916, 262 vessels have been sunk by enemy submarines; 73 of these were British, 123 Allied, and 66 neutrals. These totals included ten British vessels which were sunk without warning and involved the loss of eighty-one lives; two Allied, one of which involved the loss of two lives, no information being available as to the other, and three neutral, involving a loss of one life. Even so, the list is incomplete. Probably other vessels were sunk without warning and more lives than those enumerated were lost. It may be added that where those on board did not escape it was, as a rule, only by taking to open boats.

23. One of the first enterprises to feel the loss of tonnage has been the Commission of Relief in Belgium. Relief ships have themselves been repeatedly sunk, and in spite of all the efforts of his Majesty's Government, in spite of the special facilities given for the supply of coal to ships engaged in the Commission's service, that body is constantly unable to import into Belgium the foodstuffs absolutely necessary to preserve the life of the population. Can it then be wondered that the British Government are anxious to limit the supply of British coal in such a way as to reserve it as far as possible to ships genuinely employed in Allied or neutral trade?

24. There is, indeed, one preoccupation in regard to this use of coal advantages by his Majesty's Government which is, no doubt, present in the minds of neutrals, and which I recognize. I refer to the apprehension that the potential control over means of transportation, thus possessed by one nation, might be used for the disruption of the trade of the world in the selfish interests of that nation.

His Majesty's Government, therefore, take this opportunity to declare that they are not unmindful of the obligations of those who possess sea power, nor of that traditional policy pursued by the British Empire by which such power has been regarded as a trust and has been exercised in the interests of freedom. They require no representations to recall such considerations to mind, but they cannot admit that, in the circumstances of the times their present use of their coal resources, a use which only differs in extent from that exercised by the United States in the Civil War in the case of vessels proceeding to such ports as Nassau, is obnoxious to their duties or their voluntary professions.

25. In conclusion, I cannot refrain from calling to mind the instructions issued by Lord Russell on July 5 1862, to the merchants of Liverpool in regard to trade with the Bahamas. His Lordship there advised British subjects that their "true remedy" would be to "refrain from this species of trade" on the ground that "it exposes innocent commerce to vexatious detention and search by American cruisers."

26. His Majesty's Government do not ask the Government of the United States to take any such action as this, but they cannot believe that the United States Government will question their right to lay upon British merchants, in the interests of the safety of the British Empire, for which they are responsible, the same prohibitions as Lord Russell issued fifty years ago out of consideration for the interests and feelings of a foreign nation. Suspensions and intimations which would construe so simple an action as an opening for secret and unavowed designs on neutral rights should have no place in the relations between two friendly countries.

27. I trust that the explanations contained in this note will destroy such suspicions and correct the erroneous views which prevail in the United States on the subject.

I have, &c.,

GREY OF FALLODON.

Maurice B. Blumenthal, of the law firm of Maurice B. & Daniel W. Blumenthal, attorneys for the Association to Resist British Domination of American Commerce, formed to protest against the British blacklist policy, issued a statement on Wednesday announcing that they were content to await the solution of the difficulty at the hands of the President. The statement follows:

Our fight has been to establish America's sovereignty in America and her rights abroad. The sufferings of individual citizens have been of

secondary moment. Accordingly, anything short of a complete abandonment of the blacklist policy is unsatisfactory to our Association and to a very large portion of the American people, who appreciate the gravity of the situation and realize how dangerous it would be for this country to permit the encroachment upon the commercial and industrial rights of our country that the blacklist policy contemplates.

Now, as from the beginning, we are entirely satisfied that President Wilson has taken the matter very much to heart, and that he is deeply concerned in having England recede from its position without qualification or condition, as demanded by his note of protest. With President Wilson handling the matter strictly from the American point of view, and with the ability, force and firmness of which he is capable, we are entirely satisfied to await the solution of the difficulty at the President's hands and in his own way.

Notice that an Order in Council removing the name of the Petroleum Products Co. of California, San Francisco, had been issued was received from the British Government by the State Department on Oct. 24. No details regarding the removal of the company's name from the blacklist were made public. The only information vouchsafed was that the British Embassy had been notified that the Government had removed it owing to representations by the State Department.

Advices from Petrograd on Oct. 31 announced that a blacklist similar to the one in force in Great Britain and including the names of most of the foreign firms trading with enemies of Russia would shortly be published by the Ministry of Trade and Industry in accordance with a decision of the Council of Ministers, which needs only the signature of the Emperor to become a law. The maximum penalty for infraction of this measure the dispatches stated, would be one year and four months imprisonment or a fine of 25,000 rubles. The new ruling, the Associated Press was informed by the Foreign Office, is aimed chiefly at firms masquerading under neutral names, but essentially belonging to enemy countries.

UNITED STATES INTEREST IN DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS.

Charges that the German Government is rounding up and sending to unknown destinations practically all the able-bodied men in occupied Belgium, was a statement made by Baron Beyens, Foreign Minister of Belgium, on the 9th inst.

That the United States was not indifferent to the action was evidenced by the fact that Joseph C. Grew, American Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, in Ambassador Gerard's absence, has been directed by the State Department at Washington to take up the matter personally with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. Charge Grew, it was stated, had been requested to say that the alleged deportations have a most unfortunate effect on neutral opinion, particularly in the United States. These instructions, it was learned at Washington on the 14th inst., were the result of a long report made by Mr. Grew, wherein he stated that in an unofficial discussion he had had with Herr Zimmerman, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the latter admitted that a definite policy had been adopted to enforce the labor of Belgians, in cases where they would not work voluntarily, on the ground that so many refused to work as to make the strain on public charity intolerable. It was made clear, however, on the 15th inst., that the State Department's instructions to Charge Grew were not official. Secretary Lansing made the following statement:

The United States has not made an official protest to Germany, but has suggested to her what a bad effect on neutral opinion, particularly in the United States, such action might have. The instructions to Charge Grew to discuss the matter with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, were sent at the suggestion of the Belgian Government. The American action was not meant in any sense to be a criticism of the German Government's policy. We do not know the full facts in the situation, and cannot form a judgment until we have heard from them.

Later the same day Secretary Lansing reiterated this statement, saying:

We made no protest or remonstrance to Germany. All we did was to make informal and unofficial representations in behalf of the Belgian Government. While we do not officially represent the Belgian Government, they had made representations.

Since those instructions were issued—on the 16th inst.—the Belgian Legation made public the protest sent by the Belgian Minister to Secretary Lansing, asking for "active intervention" on the part of the United States against the deportation of the Belgian civilians. The Belgian Government is said to be in actual possession of the text of a decree issued by German Headquarters, under date of Oct. 3 subjecting to forced labor all Belgians, able to work, and who, for want of employment or for any other reason, are receiving public support. It is pointed out that those subject to this decree may be compelled to work

away from their domiciles—that is, may be sent to Germany. Since a census is being taken by the German military authorities of all the unemployed in Belgium, it is feared by the Belgian Government that this decree will soon be applied to the whole occupied territory. It is contended by them that if the only design of the Germans was to combat the idleness of Belgian workmen, it could employ them on public works near their homes and families. The Belgian Government adds:

They have not done this, but, on the contrary, have sent out of the country or purposely deprived of employment workmen who had never ceased to work. The Germans have offered the attraction of high wages to those who consent voluntarily to deportation, and thus, by exciting hopes of bettering their lot, to do work directly connected with the war. The deported Belgian has thus the choice between starving and treason.

NEUTRAL VESSELS LOST DURING WAR.

A total of 308 neutral ships have been sunk by Germany since the beginning of the war, according to Lloyds record as published at London Nov. 4. The list follows:

Nationality—	No. Sunk.	Tonnage.
Norwegian	168	212,314
Dutch	18	54,914
Swedish	47	42,779
Greek	22	41,540
Danish	38	37,324
Spanish	10	24,065
American	2	5,298
Brazilian	1	2,258
Portuguese	2	841
Total	308	421,332

The Portuguese vessels, it is stated, were sunk before Portugal entered the war.

ELECTIONS FOR POLISH STATE COUNCIL—RUSSIA'S DENOUNCEMENT OF THE PROCLAMATION.

Following the issuance of the manifesto declaring Russian Poland a kingdom, Governor General Von Beseler, has ordered that an election be held in order that a State Council be formed. Concerning the participation of the districts of the new Kingdom of Poland, under Austro-Hungarian administration, an agreement will be reached with competent authorities. Elections will be held under the following plans:

In agricultural districts township meetings and in Warsaw and Lodz the Town Councils will elect an aggregate of seventy delegates, who, under the principal of proportional representation, will elect eight members of the State Council. Four other members of the Council are to be appointed by the Governor-General, who will preside over the Council. The State Council will deliberate on bills and will have the right to initiate proposals for Parliament. Bills and other measures of importance to the country may also be brought before the Diet for deliberation and decision by the State Council, which will have the right to levy taxes and issue loans.

The debates in the State Council and the Diet, at which the chief of the administration will be present as the Government's delegate, are to be in the Polish language.

The uniform of the new Polish Army is described by the Overseas News Agency as combining happily a suggestion of the uniform of the Polish troops which fought under Napoleon I. and that of the present Polish Legions. The blouse of the Legions is to be worn, bearing on the left arm the Polish eagle just as it appeared on the lance of the Polish Uhlans of Napoleon's time.

The Austro-German proclamation of Nov. 5, establishing an independent Polish State, in territory formerly occupied by Russia, is denounced by the Russian Government, in an official announcement issued the 15th inst. at Petrograd, as an effort on the part of the Central Powers to swell the ranks of their armies. The Russian statement also insists that its intention to create a Poland which shall embrace all Polish territory, and to maintain it, on the basis of autonomy under Russian sovereignty, remains unaltered. In our issue of Nov. 11 details regarding the Austro-German proclamation were given. The Russian announcement reads:

The German and Austro-Hungarian Governments, taking advantage of the temporary occupation by their armies of a portion of Russian territory, have proclaimed the separation of Polish districts from the Russian Empire and their constitution as an independent State. The object of our enemies evidently is to obtain an addition to their armies. The Imperial Government regards this action on the part of Germany and Austria-Hungary as a fresh, gross infringement by our enemies of the fundamental principles of international law which prohibit the population in militarily occupied territory being forced to raise armies against its own country. The Imperial Government regards this action as null and void.

Russia, since the beginning of the war, has twice previously expressed her views on the entire Polish question. Her intention is to create a complete Poland, embracing all Polish territories, which will enjoy the right, when the war is ended, of freely regulating their national, intellectual and economic life on the basis of autonomy under the sovereignty of Russia and maintaining the principle of a united State. This decision by his gracious Majesty remains unshakable.

According to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, the diplomatic representatives of Russia have been instructed to hand to the governments to which they are accredited

the following protest against the proclamation establishing the Polish Kingdom:

In defiance of the laws of nations the German and Austro-Hungarian military authorities at Warsaw and at Lublin have proclaimed the Russian provinces of Poland henceforth to form a separate State.

The Imperial Russian Government protests against this act as a fresh violation of an international convention solemnly sworn to by Austria-Hungary and Germany and declares it null and void. It reaffirms that the provinces of the kingdom of Poland have not ceased to form an integral part of the Russian empire, and that their inhabitants will be bound by the oath of fidelity which they took to the Emperor, my august master.

BASIS OF RUSSIA'S OPPOSITION TO FINANCING OF CHINESE RAILROAD BY AMERICAN CAPITAL.

In explanation of the protest entered by Russia to China, as a result of the proposed financing by American capital of railroad construction in China, reports from Petrograd on Oct. 27, via London, stated that the opposition to the arrangement, according to the Russian Foreign Office, is directed exclusively against the action of the Peking Government. In the view of the Russian Government, it is stated, the proposal would serve to violate the Treaty of 1889, in which the Chinese Government agreed not to give the subjects of foreign powers, other than Russia, railway concessions in the region north of the Chinese Wall. The participation of American capital, together with Russian, English, French and Japanese capital, in Chinese railway construction, it is said, is welcomed by Russia, with the exception of this particular region.

GERMANY'S WARNING TO GREECE CONCERNING LATTER'S SURRENDER OF RIFLES TO ALLIES.

That the handing over of Greek guns and rifles to the Entente Powers would be considered an unfriendly act to Germany, was the notification given the Greek Government by Count von Mirbach the German Minister to Greece, according to dispatches received from Athens at London on the 11th inst. The notification, said to have been presented on the 9th inst., apparently has particular reference to the cession of war material to be used by the National defence army. Considerable secrecy is reported to be observed in Athens regarding the Allies' note submitted to Greece some days earlier. According to the Athens correspondent of the London "Morning Post," the belief is that the Allies in their note demand that the diplomatic envoys of the Central Powers be asked to leave Greece.

JAPAN TO RELINQUISH CLAIM TO SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

The South Sea Islands which were wrested from Germany at the outbreak of the war in Europe by the joint operations of the British and Japanese fleets, will not be claimed by Japan at the Peace Conference as part of her demands. Japan is now in possession of the islands, several of which belong to the Caroline and Marianne Groups and which lie not far from Guam, the American terminus of the Pacific cable. These islands are now administered by the Japanese Government. It is understood that the United States informally expressed a desire that these islands should not become the permanent property of the Japanese Empire. The American Government's representations in the matter are said to have been first taken up with Great Britain, since it was partly through the efforts of Great Britain that the island were captured, and a joint suggestion was made by Great Britain and the United States that Japan should not insist upon the permanent maintenance of the islands. It is believed that in view of the fact that Japan has promised to accede to this joint request, she will seek compensation at the Peace Conference in some other direction, perhaps, reports have it, in the affirmation of her rights in the Chinese peninsula of Shantung, of which Kiao-Chau is the great base.

THE SINKING OF THE STEAMSHIP ARABIA.

The Peninsular & Oriental steamship Arabia was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean Nov. 6, without, it is alleged, receiving warning. On board the Arabia were 437 passengers, including 169 women and children, all of whom were rescued. The only casualties reported were those of two engineers who are understood to be missing. It is feared that they were killed by the explosion. The Arabia was homeward bound from Sydney, Australia, for London, England. Of the 437 passengers who were saved, 198 were landed at Malta and 84 at Port Said, according to reports received from London the 9th inst.

Paul M. Danner, who was the only American on board the sunken liner *Arabia*, sent the following statement from Malta, which was received at Washington the 13th inst.:

I am an American citizen, and was a second-class passenger on the *Arabia*, bound for Marseilles. At 11:20 on the morning of Nov. 8, I was sitting on the port side of the afterdeck when a tremendous shock to the ship occurred, immediately followed by an explosion.

There was absolutely no warning whatever, not even one second. It appears from the statements of certain passengers who were on the starboard side that immediately they saw the periscope of a submarine appear out of the water about three hundred yards distant on the starboard side, the torpedo was fired.

It was only due to the good fortune of a calm sea and that the boat floated evenly for a considerable time that we were all saved. There was certainly no warning of any character.

It is stated that the *Arabia* was defensively armed. This is borne out by a brief telegram received from Ambassador Page at London, who said the the P. & O. steamships are all "defensively" armed. The *Persia*, which was sunk a few months ago was similarly armed. All survivors were unanimous in saying that the *Arabia* was given no warning and did nothing in the way of attempting to escape or attacking the submarine.

THE SINKING OF THE LANAO.

The *Lanao*, a ship which was said to be under American registry, was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Portugal on Oct. 28. No lives were lost, the men on the ship being taken aboard the submarine before the ship was sunk and placed on board the *Tromp*, a Norwegian steamer, which landed them at Cardiff, where they are being taken care of by Lorin A. Lathrop, the American Consul at that point. The particulars of the sinking were furnished to the State Department by Consul Lathrop in the following despatch under date of Nov. 6:

The Philippine steamer *Lanao*, Manila, Saigon to Havre, carrying rice, was stopped thirty miles off Cape St. Vincent, Portugal, by a German submarine on Oct. 28. The *Lanao* was destroyed by a bomb after the crew were removed to the submarine, the submarine commander stating that the cargo was contraband and he was compelled to sink the vessel. The crew was transferred half an hour later to the Norwegian steamer *Tromp* and landed at Cardiff. No injuries, no casualties. The *Lanao* was unarmed and flying the American flag.

The question as to the ownership of the vessel appears to be in doubt. The records of the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce are said to show that the *Lanao* was owned by the Findlay Miller Steamship Co. of Manila, but it is stated that her sale to Hans Hannevrg of Christiania, Norway, was reported by the American Consul-General at London in a report sent July 24 this year. The reported purchase price was \$20,000. It is said that the official view at Washington is that while the actual transfer had not been made to her new owners, the transaction had proceeded far enough legally to remove the vessel from the protection of the American flag.

Captain Mainland and U. S. Consul Lathrop are reported to have denied all statements from the U. S. to the effect that the *Lanao* had been transferred to Norwegians. The Captain is said to have saved the ship's papers showing that the *Lanao* was registered at Manila, and thus entitled to fly American colors. He telegraphed from Cardiff on Nov. 7 as follows:

The *Lanao* sailed from Hong Kong under the American flag, which flew day and night and was flying when sunk. I heard rumors of sale, but nothing certain. The submarine captain gave a receipt for the ship's papers as from an American ship. The legal status of the vessel was Philippine registry under American protection, which gave the right to fly the American flag.

The present case is somewhat similar to that of the *William P. Frye*, sunk by the *Prince Eitel Friedrich* on Jan. 28 1915. The *Frye* was sunk by the Germans because they claimed her cargo of wheat was contraband. In the case of the *Lanao* the cargo was rice. Rice, according to the commander of the submarine is contraband, consequently he claimed the right of sinking the *Lanao*.

THE SINKING OF THE COLUMBIAN.

The crew and captain of the American-Hawaiian steamer *Columbian*, which was sunk on the 8th inst. by the German submarine U-49, arrived in Curunna, Spain, on the 11th inst. The *Columbian* was under American registry and under charter of the France & Canada Steamship Co., with offices in New York. The vessel sailed from New York Oct. 18 with a crew of 113 officers and men, many of whom were Americans. Reaching St. Nazaire, Nov. 2 with her cargo of horses, iron and steel, she discharged part of her cargo there, including 400 horses and then left for Genoa with the remainder of her cargo. It was stated that she was not armed. Reports from Washington on the 12th inst. show that though official information of the *Columbian's* sinking has been received, it is still very meagre. The events

leading up to the sinking, as related by the seamen, show that while Capt. Curtis was on the bridge of the *Columbian*, he distinguished a submarine four miles distant. Upon the approach of the submarine he ordered the American flag hoisted. The submarine signalled the *Columbian* to follow in her wake, but not to approach her, nor to make any attempts to escape, as in either case it would be sunk immediately. After following the U-boat through a rough and violent sea during the night, the next morning six American seamen with a petty officer got into a small boat and made for the submarine with the purpose of explaining to the submarine commander that the *Columbian* was an American ship. They were not permitted to explain, but were ordered to take on board the small boat, a German officer and two sailors. Upon reaching the *Columbian* these two sailors boarded and placed bombs in the interior of the *Columbian*, while the German officer ordered the captain and his crew to go aboard the *Balto* standing near by. The bombs were lighted, after a quantity of foodstuffs had been taken and stored aboard the U-boat. Later Captain Curtis was required to go on board the submarine as a prisoner. The crew remained on board the *Balto*, until she and the submarine fell in with the Swedish steamer *Varing*. The men were put on board the *Varing*, the steamer *Balto* being then sunk. Food was running short on the *Varing* because of the more than usual number of men on board the vessel, and when the German submarine commander was informed of this he gave the *Varing* permission to enter port. First reports that the *Columbian* was being sunk came when she began calling for help by wireless on the 8th inst., announcing that she was being shelled by a German U-boat.

GERMANY AND BRITISH ACCOUNT OF SINKING OF U-41.

The issuance by the German Admiralty on Nov. 4 of details of what is characterized as a second Baralong case, in which it is charged that a British patrol ship, flying American colors, destroyed submarine U-41, and deliberately ran down a rowboat with the two survivors of the submarine, has brought from the Admiralty at London, a denial that it ever issued orders that survivors of German submarines need not be rescued. The story told by the German Admiralty is to the effect that the U-41 while in the neighborhood of the Scilly Isles on Sept. 24 1915, was engaged in the examination of a steamer, apparently an innocent merchantman, flying the American flag and as she approached within 300 yards of the steamer, which was ostensibly preparing to lower a boat, the supposed merchantman greeted the submarine with the opening of sudden firing from concealed ports. The submarine was sunk, but two of the crew reached the water and swam for an empty boat. The German Admiralty alleges that an attempt was made to ram the boat but the German survivors sprang from it, and after clinging to the wreckage for half an hour, were finally picked up by the steamer. This incident now over a year old, was only learned lately through one of the wounded men, Lieut. Crompton, who, according to the German Admiralty repeatedly attempted to send his report through the American Embassy in London, it is asserted, but no report from him reached Germany. The cables from Berlin say:

An Admiralty officer recalled the newspaper reports of some time ago that the British Government, having been forced by German retaliatory measures to abandon drastic treatment of captives from submarines, had given orders to take no submarine prisoners, but to send them to the bottom with their vessels. He declared that this case, with that of the *Baralong*, should be considered as furnishing all necessary proof that the undenied story regarding the Government order was true.

The British Admiralty's denial that orders had been issued tending to operate against the rescue of survivors of German submarines was contained in a published communique on the 6th, in which it stated that the German press "is trying to make capital out of what they describe as a second Baralong case, possibly in order to incite American opinion against Great Britain or as a pretext for an unrestrained submarine campaign." The facts are set out as follows in the British Admiralty's communique:

A British auxiliary flying a neutral flag on Sept. 24 1915, approached a German submarine in the Western Channel engaged in sinking a British merchantman. When within range the auxiliary hoisted a white ensign and fired on and sank the submarine and then rescued the crew of the merchantman from their boats. When this was done she also rescued two of the submarine's crew who had climbed into a drifting boat.

The communique claims that the use of a neutral flag was justifiable, as shown by the German practice in the case of the *Moewe* and in other instances, and says that "nobody but a German could base an allegation of brutality on the lapse of a few minutes between the rescue of Britishers and

Germans." Supplementing its statement issued the 6th inst., which denies that it had ever given orders that survivors of German submarines need not be rescued the British Admiralty issued another statement the 14th inst., which said:

It is directly, explicitly and completely untrue to allege that there exists, or ever has existed an Admiralty order that it is not necessary to rescue the survivors of the crews of German submarines.

GERMANY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY OF CARGOES OF NEUTRAL SHIPS.

Germany has decided to make the safety of neutral ships carrying neutral cargoes dependent upon guarantees that no part of such cargoes shall be landed, whether through British compulsion or not, at any British port, according to a statement made in the "Kreuz-Zeitung" of Berlin and reported in an Amsterdam dispatch to London the 4th inst. According to the "Kreuz-Zeitung," guarantees can consist only in formal undertakings by Great Britain and such an undertaking will be recognized by Germany only from case to case. This is taken to mean that should any neutral cargo or part of it be landed in England the inviolability of neutral ships will not receive recognition at the hands of the German Government. The case of the Dutch freighter Bloomersdijk, which was sunk by a German submarine off Nantucket, Oct. 8 last, is implied by the "Kreuz-Zeitung," to be an example and it will be contended that since the intermediate destination of this vessel was Kirkwall, there was no guarantee that the whole cargo would reach Holland. It is also inferred by the British press from a Berlin dispatch, summarized in the "Kölnische Zeitung," that the German Government proposes to sink all neutral ships bearing neutral cargoes or otherwise, unless Great Britain will abandon its right to compel discharges at Kirkwall of any part of a neutral cargo it suspects of having enemy destination.

LATEST RESPONSE OF THE ALLIES TO U. S. PROTEST AGAINST MAIL SEIZURES.

The joint reply of Great Britain and France to the representations of the United States Government of last May concerning the interference with American mails was made public by the State Department on October 14. The matter has been the subject of correspondence between the several countries since last January, when the first protest of the United States Government was dispatched. The joint response of the British and French Government was received under date of April 3 (following an ad interim reply made in January), and on May 24 a further protest was sent by Secretary Lansing in which he advised the two Governments that "only a radical change in the present British and French policy, restoring to the United States its full rights as a neutral power, will satisfy this Government." Like the first reply, the present fails to satisfactorily meet the protests of the Administration at Washington. The latest note was delivered to the State Department by the Embassies on October 12 but was not made public until the 14th by agreement of the Governments concerned. It is maintained by the Allies that they are "sincerely endeavoring to avoid any encroachment on the legitimate exercise of the rights of inoffensive neutral commerce." Delays and annoyances are unavoidable, it is pointed out, in the exercise of full belligerent rights by the allied authorities, and a long list of precedents are cited to support the validity of the allied censorship methods. It is suggested that The Hague convention quoted in the American memorandum is not binding because it has not been ratified by several belligerent Powers, though the Allied policies have been guided by the intentions it expresses. Contending that the practice followed by the Powers in former wars establishes the general rule of the right to examine mails outside of territorial waters, the note amplifies that argument in the following terms:

On the high seas, according to international law, it is for the belligerents to search for and to prevent operations of transport or other services by which neutral vessels can give co-operation and assistance to the hostile operations of the enemy. A few lines of a letter conveyed to the enemy may be as useful or even more useful, to his warlike operations than a cargo of arms and ammunition. Experience in the course of the present war has in fact demonstrated the truth of this observation. Hostile acts have failed which had been planned through the mails. Dangerous plots, which the enemy does not even spare neutral countries, have been detected in the mails and foiled.

The note concludes:

The American memorandum lays great stress on the view that the rights of neutrals and of belligerents are equally sacred and must be strictly observed. The allied Governments for their part entirely share this view. They are sincerely endeavoring to avoid any encroachment on the legitimate exercise of the rights of inoffensive neutral commerce through the exercise of their own belligerent rights.

But they consider that they are within their belligerent rights in exercising on the high seas the control recognized by international law as accorded to them in order to prevent all transport destined to furnish assistance to their enemy in the conduct of the war and to maintain his resistance.

The rights of the United States, as a neutral Power, cannot in their opinion include that of protection given by the Federal Government to dispatches, parcels, correspondence or communications of whatever nature they may be, which have a hostile character, manifest or disguised, and a hostile destination, direct or indirect; such communication can only be carried on by private American citizens at their proper risk and peril. This is the very principle which has been expressly cited by the President of the United States in his proclamations of neutrality.

Finally, if any faults, abuses or serious mistakes, alleged to have been committed by the allied authorities responsible for the examination of mails, are brought to the attention of the Governments of France and Great Britain, the latter will be prepared, as they have always been, to determine the responsibility and to take the requisite measures in conformity with the principles of law and justice, from which it is not and never has been their intention to depart.

The following is the reply in full, as submitted by the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice:

The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State.
British Embassy, Washington, Oct. 12 1916.

Sir: In conformity with instructions received from Viscount Grey of Faldoon, his Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of the memorandum, agreed upon by his Majesty's Government and the French Government, embodying the joint reply of the Allies to your note of May 24 regarding the examination of the mails.

Inclosure—Translation—Identical Memorandum from the French Embassy.

1. By a letter of May 24 last the Secretary of State of the United States was pleased to give the views of the American Government on the memorandum of the allied Governments concerning mails found on merchant ships on the high seas.

2. The allied Governments have found that their views agreed with those of the Government of the United States in regard to the Postal Union convention, which is recognized on both sides to be foreign to the questions now under consideration; post parcels, respectively, recognized as being under the common rule of merchandise subject to the exercise of belligerent rights, as provided by international law; the inspection of private mails to the end of ascertaining whether they do not contain contraband goods, and, if carried on an enemy ship, whether they do not contain enemy property. It is clear that inspection, which necessarily implies the opening of covers so as to verify the contents, could not be carried on board without being attended with great confusion, causing serious delay to the mails, passengers and cargoes, and without causing for the letters in transit errors, losses, or at least great risk of miscarriage.

That is the reason why the Allies had mail bags landed and sent to centres provided with the necessary force and equipment for prompt and regular handling. In all this the allied Governments had no other object in view than to limit, as far as possible, the inconveniences that might result from innocent mails and neutral vessels from the legitimate exercise of their belligerent rights in respect to hostile correspondence.

3. The Government of the United States acknowledges it agrees with the allied Governments as to principles, but expresses certain divergent views and certain criticisms as to the methods observed by the Allies in applying these principles.

4. These divergencies of views and criticisms are as follows:

5. In the first place, according to the Government of the United States, the practice of the allied Governments is said to be contrary to their own declaration in that, while declaring themselves unwilling to seize and confiscate genuine mails on the high seas, they would obtain the same result by sending, with or without their consent, neutral vessels to allied ports, there to effect the seizure and confiscations above referred to and thus exercise over those vessels a more extensive belligerent right than that which is theirs on the high seas.

According to the Government of the United States there should be, in point of law, no distinction to be made between seizure of mails on the high seas, which the Allies have declared they will not apply for the present, and the same seizures practiced on board ships that are, whether willingly or not, in an allied port.

6. On this first point and as regards vessels summoned on the high seas and compelled to make for an allied port, the allied Governments have the honor to advise the Government of the United States that they have never subjected mails to a different treatment, according as they were found on a neutral vessel on the high seas or on neutral vessels compelled to proceed to an allied port. They have always acknowledged that visits made in the port after a forced change of course must in this respect be on the same footing as a visit on the high seas and the criticism formulated by the Government of the United States does not, therefore, seem warranted.

7. As to the ships which of their own accord call at allied ports, it is important to point out that in this case they are really "voluntarily" making the call. In calling at an allied port the master acts, not on any order from the allied authorities, but solely carries out the instructions of the owner; neither are those instructions forced upon the said owner. In consideration of certain advantages derived from the call at an allied port, of which he is at full liberty to enjoy or refuse the benefits, the owner instructs his captain to call at this or that port. He does not, in truth, undergo any constraint.

In point of law, the allied Governments think it a rule generally accepted, particularly in the United States (U. S. vs. Dickleman, U. S. Supreme Court, 1875; 92 U. S. Rep. 520; Scott's cases, 264) that merchant ships which enter a foreign port thereby place themselves under the laws in force in that port, whether in time of war or of peace, and when martial law is in force in that port. It is, therefore, legitimate in the case of a neutral merchant ship entering an allied port for the authorities of the allied Governments to make sure that the vessel carries nothing inimical to their national defense before granting its clearance.

It may be added that the practice of the Germans to make improper use of neutral mails and forward hostile correspondence, even official communications dealing with hostilities, under cover of apparently inoffensive envelopes, mailed by neutrals to neutrals, made it necessary to examine mails from or to countries neighboring Germany under the same conditions as mails from or to Germany itself; but as a matter of course mails from neutrals to neutrals that do not cover such improper uses have nothing to fear.

8. In the second place, according to the Government of the United States, the practice now followed by the allied Governments is contrary to the rule of Convention XI of The Hague, 1907, which they declare their willingness to apply, and would, besides, constitute a violation of the practice heretofore followed by nations.

9. In regard to the value to be attached to the eleventh convention of The Hague, 1907, it may first of all be observed that it only refers to mails found at sea and that it is entirely foreign to postal correspondence found on board ships in ports. In the second place, from the standpoint of the

peculiar circumstances of the present war; the Government of the United States is aware that that convention, as stated in the memorandum of the Allies, has not been signed or ratified by six of the belligerent powers (Bulgaria, Italy, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and Turkey); that for that very reason Germany availed itself of Article IX of the Convention and denied, so far as it was concerned, the obligatory character in these stipulations, and that for these several reasons the Convention possesses in truth but rather doubtful validity in law. In spite of it all, the allied Governments are guided in the case of mails found on board ships in ports by the intentions expressly manifested in the conferences of The Hague, sanctioned in the preamble to Convention XI, and tending to protect pacific and innocent commerce only. Mails possessing that character are forwarded as quickly as circumstances will permit.

In regard to mails found on vessels at sea, the allied Governments have not for the present refused to observe the terms of the Convention reasonably interpreted, but they have not admitted and can not admit that there is therein a provision legally binding them, from which they could not possibly depart. The allied Governments expressly reserve to themselves the right to do so in case enemy abuses and frauds, dissimulations and deceptions should make such a measure necessary.

10. As for the practice previously followed by the Powers in the time of former wars, no general rule can easily be seen therein prohibiting the belligerents from exercising on the open seas as to postal correspondence the right of supervision, surveillance, visitation, and, the case arising, seizure and confiscation, which international law confers upon them in the matter of any freight outside of the territorial waters and jurisdiction of the neutral powers.

11. On the high seas, under international law, it is for the belligerents to seek and prevent transportation or other acts by which neutral vessels may lend their co-operation and assistance to hostile operations of the enemy. Now, as has long ago been observed (among others, Lord Stowell in *The Atlanta*, 6 Robinson, 440, 1, English Prize cases, 607; Scott's cases, 780), a few lines of a letter delivered to an enemy may be as useful as or even more useful than a cargo of arms and ammunition to promote his war operations. The assistance rendered in such cases by the vessel carrying such a letter is as dangerous for the other belligerent as the assistance resulting from the transportation of military cargoes.

As a matter of fact, experience has, in the course of the present war, demonstrated the truth of this remark. Hostile acts, which had been projected in mails, have failed. Dangerous plots, from which even neutral countries are not safe at the hands of the enemy, were discovered in the mails and baffled. Finally, the addressees of certain letters, which the Allies had seen fit to respect, have evidenced a satisfaction, the hostile character of which removed every doubt as to the significance of those letters.

12. The report adopted by the conference of The Hague in support of Convention XI, leaves little doubt as to the former practice in the matter. The seizure, opening the bags, examination, confiscation, if need be, in all cases delay or even loss, are the fate usually awaiting mail bags carried by sea in time of war. (Second Peace Conference Acts and Documents, Vol. 1, p. 226.)

13. The American note of May 24 1916 invokes the practice followed by the United States during the Mexican and Civil wars; the practice followed by France in 1870; by the United States in 1898; by Great Britain in the South African war; by Japan and Russia in 1904, and now by Germany.

14. As regards the proceedings of the German Empire toward postal correspondence during the present war, the allied Governments have informed the Government of the United States of the names of some of the mail steamers whose bags of mail have been, not examined, to be sure, but purely and simply destroyed at sea by the German naval authorities. Other names could very easily be added. The very recent case of the mail steamer *Huddiswall* (Swedish), carrying 670 mail bags, may be cited.

15. The allied Governments do not think that the criminal habit of slaking ships, passengers and cargoes or abandoning on the high seas the survivors of such calamities is, in the eyes of the Government of the United States, any justification for the destruction of the mails bags on board, and they do not deem it to the purpose to make a comparison between these destructive German proceedings and the acts of the Allies in supervising and examining enemy correspondence.

16. As to the practice of Russia and of Japan, it may be permitted to doubt that it was at variance with the method of the allied Governments in the present war.

17. The Imperial Russian decree of May 13-25 1877, for the exercise of the right of visit and capture, provides (Paragraph 7): "The following acts, which are forbidden to neutrals, are assimilated to contraband of war: The carrying of dispatches and correspondence of the enemy." The Russian Imperial decree of Sept. 14 1904 reproduces the same provision. The procedure followed in regard to the mail steamers and the prize decision bear witness that public or private mails found on board neutral vessels were examined, landed, and, when occasion arose, seized.

18. Thus, in May and July 1904, postal correspondence carried on the steamships *Oasis* (British) and *Prinz Heinrich* (German) was examined by the Russian cruisers to see whether it contained Japanese correspondence. Thus again, in July 1904, the steamer *Calchas* (British), captured by Russian cruisers, had sixteen bags of mail, that had been shipped at Tacoma by the postal authorities of the United States, seized on board and landed, and the Prize Court of Vladivostok examined their contents, which it was recognized it could lawfully do. (Russian prize cases, p. 139.)

19. As regards the practice of Japan, the Japanese rules concerning prizes dated March 15 1904, made official enemy correspondence, with certain exceptions, contraband of war. They ordered the examination of mail bags on mail steamers unless there was on board an official of the Post Office, making a declaration in writing and under oath that the bags contained no contraband; it was even added that no account should be taken of such a declaration if there existed grave suspicions. On the other hand, the Japanese Prize Court rules acknowledged the power of those courts in the examination of prize cases to examine letters and correspondence found on board neutral vessels. (Takabashi, "International Law Applied to Russo-Japanese War," p. 568.)

20. The French practice during the war of 1870 is found outlined in the naval instructions of July 26 1870, under which official dispatches were on principle assimilated to contraband, and official or private letters, found on board captured vessels, were to be sent immediately to the Minister of Marine. Subsequently the circumstances of war permitted of the rule in additional instructions, under which, if the vessel to be visited was a mail steamer having on board an official of the Post Office of the Government whose flag she displayed, the visiting officer might be content with that official's declaration regarding the nature of the dispatches.

21. During the South African war the British Government was able to limit its intervention in the forwarding of postal correspondence and mails as far as the circumstances of that war allowed, but it did not cease to exercise its supervision of the mails intended for the enemy.

22. As to the practice followed by the Government of the United States during the American Civil War, particularly in the Peterhoff case, cited in

the American memorandum of May 24 1916, the following instructions issued in that case by the Secretary of State of the United States do not seem to apply to anything but the forwarding of correspondence which has been found to be innocent. "I have, therefore, to recommend that in this case, if the District Attorney has any evidence to show the mails are simulated and not genuine, it shall be submitted to the Court; if there be no reasonable grounds for that belief, then that they be put on their way to their original destination." (Letter of Mr. Seward, Secretary of State, to Mr. Welles, Secretary of the Navy, April 15 1863; VII Moore's Dig., p. 482.)

23. Finally, as regards the free transit granted to mails by the United States during the Mexican war, one may be allowed to recall the circumstances under which this proceeding was adopted. By a letter, dated May 20 1846, notified on the following 10th of July, the Commander of the United States cruiser *St. Mary* announced the blockade of the Port of Tampico. Although that measure authorized, without a doubt, the seizure and confiscation of all correspondence for the blockaded port, the American naval authorities, on learning the circumstances of the case, declared "neutral non-commercial mail packets are free to enter and depart," and it was even added that "Mexican boats engaged exclusively in fishing will be allowed to pursue their labor unmolested." (British State Papers, Vol. 35, 1846-47.)

24. It seems difficult to compare the blockade of the Port of Tampico in 1846 with the measures taken by the Allies in the course of this war to reduce the economic resistance of the German Empire, or to find in the method then adopted by the United States a precedent which condemns the practice now put in use by the allied Governments.

25. To waive the right to visit mail steamers and mail bags intended for the enemy seemed in the past (Dr. Lushington, "Naval Prize Law," introduction, page 7), a sacrifice which could hardly be expected of belligerents. The allied Governments have again noted in their preceding memorandum how and why, relying on certain declarations of Germany, they had thought in the course of the Second Peace Conference of 1907 they could afford to waive that right. They have also drawn the attention of the Government of the United States to the fraudulent use Germany hastened to make of this waiver of the previous practices above mentioned.

26. After pointing to a certain number of specific cases, where American interests happened to be injured from the postal supervision exercised by the British authorities, forming the subject of the special memorandum of the Government of his Majesty, dated July 20 1916, the Government of the United States was pleased to make known its views as to what is to be and is not to be recognized as not possessing the character of postal correspondence.

27. In this respect the Government of the United States admits that shares, bonds, coupons and other valuable papers, money orders, checks, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable papers, being the equivalent of money, may, when included in postal shipments, be considered as of the same nature as merchandise and other property, and, therefore, be also subjected to the exercise of belligerent rights.

28. Yet the American memorandum adds that correspondence, including shipping documents, lists of money orders, and documents of this nature, even though referring to shipments to or exports by the enemy, must be treated as mail and pass freely unless they refer to merchandise on the same ship that is liable to capture.

29. As regards shipping documents and commercial correspondence found on neutral vessels, even in an allied port and offering no interest of consequence as affecting the war, the allied Governments have instructed their authorities not to stop them, but to see that they are forwarded with as little delay as possible. Mail matter of that nature must be forwarded to destination as far as practicable on the very ship on which it was found or by a speedier route, as is the case for certain mails inspected in Great Britain.

30. As for the lists of money orders to which the Government of the United States assigns the character of ordinary mail, the allied Governments deem it their duty to draw the attention of the Government of the United States to the following practical consideration:

31. As a matter of fact, the lists of money orders mailed from the United States to Germany and Austria-Hungary, correspond to moneys paid in the United States and payable by the German and Austro-Hungarian Post Offices. Those lists acquaint those Post Offices with the sums that have been paid there which in consequence they have to pay to the addressees. In practice, such payment is at the disposal of such addressees and is effected directly to them as soon as those lists arrive and without the requirement of the individual orders having come into the hands of the addressees. These lists are thus really actual money orders, transmitted in lump in favor of several addressees. Nothing, in the opinion of the allied Governments, seems to justify the liberty granted to the enemy country so to receive funds intended to supply by that amount its financial resisting power.

32. The American memorandum sees fit to recall firmly that neutral and belligerent rights are equally sacred and must be strictly respected. The allied Governments, so far as they are concerned, wholly share that view. They are sincerely striving to avoid encroachment by the exercise of their belligerent rights on the legitimate exercise of the rights of innocent neutral commerce, but they hold that it is their belligerent right to exercise on the high seas the supervision granted them by international law to impede any transportation intended to aid their enemy in the conduct of the war and to uphold his resistance. The rights of the United States as a neutral cannot, in our opinion, imply the protection granted by the Federal Government to shipments, invoices, correspondence, or communications in any shape whatever, having an open or concealed hostile character and with a direct or indirect hostile destination, which American private persons can only effect at their own risk and peril. That is the very principle which was expressly stated by the President of the United States in his neutrality proclamation.

33. Furthermore, should any abuses, grave errors, or derelictions, committed by the allied authorities charged with the duty of inspecting mails, be disclosed to the Governments of France and Great Britain, they are now, as they ever were, ready to settle the responsibility therefor in accordance with the principles of law and justice, which it never was, and is not now, their intention to evade. I am, &c.,

CECIL SPRING-RICE.

BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

The sales of bank stocks at the Stock Exchange this week aggregate 224 shares. No sales were made at auction of either bank or trust company stocks. Two hundred and nineteen shares of National Bank of Commerce stock were sold at prices ranging from 187 to 200. The close was at the latter figure, which is 15 points higher than last week's closing sale price.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
5	National City Bank	540	540	540	Nov. 1916— 541
219	National Bank of Commerce.	187	200	200	Nov. 1916— 185

Four New York Stock Exchange memberships were posted for transfer this week, the consideration in each case being \$75,000. This is an unchanged price from the last preceding transaction.

Important revisions of the Federal Reserve Act are contained in a "Digest of the Federal Reserve Act," just published for free distribution by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. The original law and all amendments, up to and including those of Sept 7 1916 are outlined in this publication. Since the Federal Reserve Act went into effect Nov 1914 various supplementary provisions have greatly increased the functions of the member banks. These changes now permit member banks to deal in domestic acceptances; to place with the Federal Reserve Bank, reserves formerly required to be held in their own vaults; to accept drafts from foreign bankers; to invest up to 10% of capital and surplus in an institution chiefly engaged in international banking; and to perform many other banking duties, all of which are fully explained in this booklet.

A new number of that most useful book—"Trust Companies of the United States" issued by the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of this city, has made its appearance. The present is the fourteenth annual edition of the publication, which, it is proper to say, is devoted to a presentation of statistics (1) of all companies with the word "trust" in their titles actively engaged in business in the United States and territories coming under the jurisdiction of the State Banking Commissioner, Auditor, etc., and doing either a trust or banking business or both, and (2) those banks, banking associations or institutions acting in a fiduciary capacity without the word "trust" in their titles, but supervised as above, and commonly classed as trust companies by the State official to whom they are amenable. The record does not include companies engaged in a strictly savings, real estate or insurance business. The book reveals a growth in the aggregate resources during the year of \$1,300,000,000, the amount now totalling over \$7,600,000,000. Just five years ago, it is pointed out, the aggregate resources of the institutions reported in this compilation were \$5,168,000,000, showing an increase of 47%. The following showing of trust company growth in the following States is interesting:

New York State increased	\$531,000,000 or 25%
Pennsylvania	139,000,000 or 15%
Illinois	117,000,000 or 18%
Massachusetts	110,000,000 or 26%
Ohio	94,000,000 or 26%
New Jersey	41,000,000 or 13%
Connecticut	39,000,000 or 61%
California	35,000,000 or 14%
Indiana	20,000,000 or 18%

In the preface, President John W. Platten says:

The trust companies of the United States during the year just closed have had exceptional opportunities for service to the financial and commercial interests of this country and to the foreign nations as well. The problems incident to the new position of the trust companies in world affairs have been met and solved with courage, while the business openings resulting therefrom have been availed of with enterprise and good judgment. A noteworthy increase in the business of acceptances, both foreign and domestic, the establishment of well-equipped departments for the handling of foreign transactions, especially with Central and South America, and liberal participations in foreign loans, are all deserving of special mention. The work of unifying and improving existing laws for the safeguarding of the interests of these companies and their clients is progressing satisfactorily, while the administration of corporate and private trusts in ever-increasing volume is continually evidenced.

When it is considered that the aggregate of trust company resources reported during the year increased \$1,300,000,000 and now totals over \$7,600,000,000, the vital and growing importance of the part played by trust companies in national and international affairs will be fully realized and these institutions continue to receive a deservedly increasing measure of recognition and support.

The information which the publication supplies includes the statements of condition June 30 1916, of the respective institutions, the names of officers and directors, stock quotations, dividend rates, etc. A digest of State regulations is also a feature of the book.

The Fulton Trust Co., 149 Broadway, this city, has issued a little circular of "Tax Memoranda" relating to real estate and personal taxes in New York City, and the United States income tax, giving dates of payments and other necessary information.

The Harriman National Bank has advised its shareholders that at the annual meeting, to be held Jan 9th, there will be submitted a recommendation by the directors

that the capital be increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and that in the event of the passage of the necessary resolution by the vote of shareholders owning at least two-thirds of the stock of the bank, 5,000 new shares will be offered for subscription to shareholders of record Jan. 9, pro rata, at par, or \$100 per share. Coincidentally, at the first meeting of the board in January, it is the intention of the bank to declare a cash dividend of 100%. This dividend, the shareholders will be advised, may be utilized in payment of their subscription to the new stock. It is the intention of the directors later to initiate the payment of regular semi-annual dividends. To those interested in watching the development of the institution it has been expected that with a capital of \$500,000 and surplus and undivided profits at the last call of the Comptroller approximately \$1,250,000, and deposits of \$27,000,000, not only might dividends be conservatively initiated, but that some increase of the capital would be made to provide for the increasing business. Dividends of 100% on bank stocks are not frequent, and from the nature of the business of a national bank, as differing from the broader business of trust companies, are attributed by bankers generally more to careful and conservative management than to large profits. The Harriman National bank began business on March 20 1911 with deposits of \$4,100,000, and in this, its sixth year, has increased its deposits 550%. The bank is located in what may be termed the heart of the new financial and commercial district of the city, in the railway terminal zone, and draws its business chiefly from the neighborhood. It is said that the Harriman National Bank has larger deposits than any other independent uptown institution.

The directors of the Columbia Trust Co. of this city voted on the 16th inst. to declare a special cash dividend of \$2,000,000, payable out of surplus, and at the same time to increase the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, offering the new stock to the present shareholders at par. The rights thus offered will be valuable, because the new stock will have a book value of \$230, and judging by the present market price of the old stock, \$640, as against a book value of \$525, new stock should sell about \$280. A special meeting of the stockholders is called for Dec 4 to vote upon the matter. The directors at the same time elected Harris A. Dunn and Chellis A. Austin, Vice-Presidents, Langley W. Wiggin, Vice-President and Secretary; F. C. Marston, Treasurer, and S. Stern, Manager of the Foreign Department. Orrin R. Judd was made Trust Officer, and Willard C. Mason, Assistant Trust Officer; Walter G. Kimball, Assistant Treasurer; Charles E. Wolff, Assistant Secretary, and F. G. Herbst, Auditor. With respect to the increase in the capital it is worthy of note that when the matter was first taken up by the executive committee, and before the board of directors had acted upon it, President King sent a notice to each stockholder to the effect that such an increase was contemplated, thus saving the stockholders from parting with their shares without knowledge of what was about to happen.

Adolph F. Johnson, who has been with the Irving National Bank of this city for a number of years, has resigned his position with that institution to become affiliated with the New York State Banking Department as an examiner. Mr. Johnson is one of the best known of the younger bank men of New York City, and is well qualified to fill his new position. He had been with the Irving National Bank since 1903, during which time he served in nearly every department of that institution. Mr. Johnson is an active member of New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking; is a member of its Board of Governors, and a graduate of the Institute. He is also a member of the Educational Committee of New York Chapter and is in charge of its Debate Section. He graduated from the New York Law School in 1912 and from the Brooklyn Law School in 1913, and was admitted to the bar in the same year.

The National City Bank of New York has been granted a charter, with some modifications, for the establishment of a branch bank in Russia and sub-branches throughout that country. What changes have been made in the charter by the Russian Ministry of Finance were not stated in the cable message received by the bank on the 13th inst. Officials of the institution, it is said, are hopeful that the branch may be opened in the near future. The Petrograd branch of the National City Bank will be under the management

of H. F. Meserve. The Russian Ministry of Finance, as noted in our issue of Sept. 16, required the deposit by the National City Bank of security to the amount of 5,000,000 rubles, or \$2,500,000.

M. J. Degnon, President of the Degnon Contracting Co., was elected a director of the Seaboard National Bank of this city, at a meeting of the board on Nov. 16.

Charles D. Dickey of the firm of Brown Brothers & Co. has been elected a director of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of this city.

Promotions in the official staff of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York have been of frequent occurrence in the past few weeks. The latest to be announced were those of Frederick T. Sherman and Charles H. Platner, who have been appointed Assistant Trust Officers of the institution.

Edmund P. Tate has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Guaranty Trust Co. of this city to succeed R. B. F. Randolph, who, as noted in our issue of Sept. 2, has been made an Assistant Secretary of the company.

The Brooklyn Trust Co. of this city in recognition of the high cost of living and the efficient services of its employees, awarded them a substantial bonus on the 17th inst. The gift of the company came as a surprise to the employees, checks having been mailed to their homes accompanied by the following letter from President E. P. Maynard:

Having in mind the greatly increased cost of living caused by the present world conditions, the board of trustees has authorized a special distribution of a certain amount from its earnings, for which I hand you this check.

About ninety employees benefited by the award, the amount of which was not made public. President Maynard, according to the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," in discussing the action by the company, said:

It gives us great pleasure to make this gift. There is no string tied to it whatsoever. We have been highly gratified at the loyalty which our employees have displayed toward the company. We look upon our men as something more than employees. They are part of the institution.

A new banking institution, the Yonkers Trust Co., opened for business at 515 South Broadway, Yonkers, on Nov. 3 with a capital of \$150,000 and surplus of \$75,000. Robert Boettger, Secretary and Director of the Silk Finishing Co. of America is President of the trust company, while Thomas Brown is Secretary and Treasurer. The directorate of the Yonkers Trust comprises the following: Robert Boettger, President of the company; A. D. Ferguson, President of the A. D. Ferguson Publishing Co.; William Forster, attorney and counsellor-at-law; Eugene H. Gibson, a retired banker; B. L. Haskins, Vice-President and Cashier of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank of New York; C. C. Hubbell, General Purchasing Agent of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. and Frank Hudson, merchant.

T. Elwood Carpenter, President of the Mount Kisco National Bank of Mount Kisco, N. Y., died on Nov. 14. Mr. Carpenter was in his sixty-second year and was also a director in the Lawyers Westchester Mortgage & Title Co. of White Plains, N. Y.

Directors of the Merchants' National Bank of Newark, N. J., it is said, who are also members of the directorate of the Irvington National Bank of Irvington, N. J., may retain their connections with both institutions, notice having been received from the Federal Reserve Board that the banks are non-competing. In the petition filed by five directors of both banks the argument was advanced that the Irvington National secures its business from only a neighborhood field and is not a competitor of the Merchants' National, which is situated in the heart of Newark. The directors who will be permitted to continue their connection with both banks are Theodore J. Gerth, Edmund E. Sargeant and Harry Durand. Two others, Adrian Riker and J. Brodhead Woolsey, are also understood to have been accorded a similar privilege.

Joseph M. Riker, President of the Merchants National Bank of Newark, N. J., has been notified through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, that he will be allowed to continue as a member of the Board of the Essex National Bank of Montclair, N. J., the institutions being considered non-competitive by the Reserve Board.

Upon his withdrawal from the directorate of the First National Bank of Tenafly, N. J., with which he had long been associated as a member, Lewis L. Clarke, President of the American Exchange National Bank of this city was the recipient on the 10th inst. of a loving cup from the directors of the Tenafly institution. Mr. Clarke's resignation was in accordance with the requirements of the Clayton Act. Following the presentation Mr. and Mrs. Clarke entertained in this city the directors and officers of the First National Bank. The following senior officers of the American Exchange National were also present: W. H. Bennett, Theodore H. Banks, Arthur P. Lee and E. A. Bennett.

The American Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., in appreciation of the efficiency of its employees and in recognition of, and as an offset to the increase of living expenses, made as a gift on Nov. 13 to each person on the company's payroll and who was in its service on Jan. 1 1916 a sum equal to 10% of his or her yearly wages. The officers of the institution, with the exception of the President and Vice-President, share in the distribution. The payment of a bonus to the employees, it is said, is to apply for this year only. The American Trust Co. has a capital of \$1,000,000; surplus and profits of over \$2,500,000, and deposits aggregating more than \$20,500,000. R. G. Fessenden is President.

Earle P. Charlton of Fall River, Mass., a Vice-President of the F. W. Woolworth Co., has been chosen a director of the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., to fill a vacancy.

A charter has been denied to the projectors of the Industrial Trust Co. of Boston. The formation of the institution was proposed, according to the Boston papers, by leading German-Americans and other residents of Greater Boston. The petition for a certificate of incorporation was refused by the State Board of Bank Incorporation last week, after consideration had been given to the matter since Sept. 13. At the hearing before the Board on Sept. 13, it is stated, that the claim was made by a representation of men and women of German extraction that some of the leading Boston banks and bankers had absolutely refused to handle the accounts of the Boston branch of the Citizens' Committee for Food Shipments, which was sending milk to the babies of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Poland. Other alleged discriminations against Germans are also said to have been related. It was asserted that the proposed bank would be strictly neutral and would serve British, French, German, Russian or any other patrons without discrimination. According to the Boston "Transcript," it was claimed that Boston would be helped to secure much additional banking business by means of the proposed German connection, the idea being to make a business link with other German banking institutions in different parts of the country. Letters from some of the other German banks and from German business men in the Middle West were presented to show that they had promised to send business to the Industrial Trust Co., provided that it was started all right. The Board of Bank Incorporation decided that the certificate should not be issued, on the same ground that it has taken in several recent instances where petitions have been put in for the incorporation of small trust companies in Boston—because public convenience and necessity did not demand them. The proposed company was to have been established with a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$100,000, the stock being sold at \$1.50 per share.

John A. Sweetser, Frank S. White, Samuel D. Warren and Harold Mason have been elected directors of the State Street Trust Co. of Boston, Mass.

F. L. Childs, President of the Hyde Park Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., has been elected a director of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Boston.

Edwin M. Richards and Sidney Harwood have been chosen to the directorate of the New England Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., to fill vacancies caused by the operation of the Clayton Act.

The First National Bank of Philadelphia, William A. Law, President, is distributing a photographic reproduction of the original charter of the institution, which was the first national bank charter issued. Every patriotic American should know that the first bank chartered in the United States under the National Bank Act was the First National Bank of Philadelphia, and it is still doing business at 315

Chestnut St. The charter is dated June 20 1863 and signed by Samuel T. Howard, then acting Comptroller of the Currency. The facsimile of this interesting historic document will be sent to any one interested in it on application to the bank.

General Wendell P. Bowman has been chosen Chairman of the Board of the German-American Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, and Oscar C. Schmidt of Hecker & Co. has been elected First Vice-President. The German-American Title & Trust has a capital of \$500,000, surplus and profits of over \$450,000 and deposits of over two millions of dollars.

John R. Westwood has resigned as Auditor of the Ninth National Bank of Philadelphia, to become associated with the bond department of W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia.

George H. Frazier, a member of the New York and Philadelphia banking firm of Brown Bros. & Co., has been chosen a director of the Provident Life & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., to serve for the unexpired term of T. Wistar Brown, who died on April 16.

Henry Bell, President of Bell, Walt & Co., wholesale boot and shoe dealers, has been elected a director of the Central Trust & Savings Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., to fill a vacancy.

Robert P. Robinson, heretofore Assistant Cashier of the Central National Bank of Wilmington, Del., has been promoted to the Presidency of the institution. Mr. Robinson has been connected with the Central National since 1888, except for a period of two years during which time he acted as Secretary to United States Senator L. H. Ball. He started in the banking field as a messenger for the Central National and has advanced by progressive stages to his present office as President.

Daniel Leet Wilson, Vice-President and director of the Fidelity Title & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., and one of the oldest and best known financiers of the Pittsburgh district, died on Nov. 9 in his seventy-sixth year. Mr. Wilson had long been associated with banking affairs, having, when a young man, entered the employ of the Citizens National Bank of Pittsburgh. He later became connected with the Fort Pitt National as Cashier and eventually rose to the Presidency of that institution. Mr. Wilson was a Vice-President and director of the Central District Telephone Co. and a director of the Bell Telephone Co. of Pittsburgh. Mr. Wilson was also a director of the Peoples National Bank, the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. and a trustee of the Peoples Savings Bank, all of Pittsburgh. He was also a director of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR., the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. Co. and the S. Severance Manufacturing Co.

The sale of the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings Building to the Standard Life Insurance Company of America for \$350,000, was authorized by Judge L. L. Davis of the Court of Common Pleas of Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov 13. The agreement of the Standard Life Insurance Company to purchase the building was noted in our issue of Nov 4. The petition asking for confirmation of the sale was filed in the court on Saturday, Nov 11, by G. H. Getty, receiver of the defunct bank.

George Brooke, Robert E. Brooke and Charles W. Hendel have resigned from the directorate of the Pennsylvania Trust Co. of Reading, Pa., in compliance with the requirements of the Clayton Act.

According to the Baltimore "Sun," a new organization, the National Finance Corporation of Baltimore, Md., has been formed by a number of bankers of Baltimore and vicinity. The new company, which plans to engage in a commercial credit business, will be capitalized, it is stated, at \$2,500,000, of which \$1,000,000 will be in preferred stock. The main office of the institution will be in Baltimore, and it is said to be the intention of its promoters to also conduct it as a quasi-banking company and to engage in other financial ventures outside of its commercial credit business.

George W. Walther, senior member of the firm of George W. Walther & Co., has been elected a director of the Park Bank of Baltimore, Md., to fill a vacancy.

The Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, has prepared a booklet for distribution among its patrons and friends, the purpose of which is "to better acquaint the people of Cleveland with the progress and growth of one of its strong banking institutions and with the personality of the men who have been directing and assisting in this growth." The Pearl Street Savings & Trust, of which Henry W. Stecher is President, started business in February 1890 with paid-in capital of \$50,000. It now has a capital of \$200,000, and deposits of over \$6,600,000.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Security Savings Bank & Safe Deposit Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, is to be held on Dec. 12, for the purpose of considering a proposal to increase the capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The company now has surplus and profits of more than \$200,000, and deposits in excess of \$2,000,000.

"Twenty-Five Years of Humanities and Benefits," a pamphlet issued by the Union Trust Co., of Detroit, Mich., to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, sets forth in the matter contained within its covers a brief but interesting record of its twenty-five years of existence. The intent of the publication is to gain broader recognition of the personal element in trust companies and trust company business. The author, Gerald J. McMechan, Vice-President and Secretary of the company, treats of the personal problems that have been presented to the institution for solution—in every form and varied by every condition—and states that it is because of the characteristics displayed by those directing the management of the company ("who have achieved successes—greater or less—who have encountered setbacks and disappointments, and who in Life's workshop have richly developed the human elements of sympathy, of consideration and of kindness for their fellow-men") and of the thoroughness, applied to the fulfilment of all duties committed to the institution's care, that the company has won the favor and approval of the public and risen to its present height. The author points out that—

"No small book can adequately set forth the facilities which a trust company affords to its clients—its fund of information and its sources of knowledge are limitless, it touches in on every walk of life, every profession, every employment, every age, every material and substance; it may almost be said in this respect that its seas have no shores, but are unbounded.

"It buys, it sells—it lends, it borrows—it provides, it protects—it permits, it withholds—it collects, it distributes—it invests, it realizes—it liquidates, it maintains—it does and performs and fulfils everything in respect to business and the details and ramifications thereof that an individual can do, and because this is what it is created and organized to do, and what its experience and equipment fits it to do, it fulfils the various requirements in all the various lines of business to the highest possible degree and that beyond the power of the individual."

As an indication of the conditions which the company faced at the time of its inception in 1891, the institution, according to the pamphlet, "opened its doors to enter upon a line of business not only new to the community but to ourselves." In the East recognition of the merit of trust companies had been immediate, these institutions there growing rapidly into public favor and acceptance. But in the West, institutions of this particular type were almost entirely unknown, "and this was especially true as regards the individual, but not to the same degree as to a few corporations, such as railroads, which owed their existence to Eastern capital." The corporation side, informed to some extent, came with greater readiness, but the individual side was slow in its acceptance. To the special energy given to the working out of some of the more intricate earlier appointments is accredited much of the initial success obtained, while steadfast adherence, year in and year out, to the same methods and policies has placed the company on an enduring basis of prosperity.

H. A. Dow, heretofore Assistant Secretary of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, Ill., has been chosen Attorney and Assistant Secretary, and Clinton Merriek has also been elected an Assistant Secretary of the institution.

The New City Savings Bank, a private institution at 4601 Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill., was placed in bankruptcy on Oct 27 with the filing by five depositors of a petition in the Federal Court asking that a receiver be appointed. The bank which was run in conjunction with a real estate and steamship agency is said to have liabilities of \$70,000 with few assets, according to the Chicago "Tribune." The petition also charges that the bank accepted deposits while insolvent. Most of its depositors

were Bohemians and Italians. It was conducted by Stau-ley Marcinkiewicz, Anton J. Bierzynski and G. L. Ukso.

The Richmond Trust & Savings Co. of Richmond, Va., on Nov. 2 purchased from Granville G. Valentine and others the property on the northwest corner of Seventh and Main Streets, Richmond, in which it has long had its quarters. The purchase price, it is said, was \$100,000. The property involved has a frontage on Main Street of 43 3/4 feet and extends back for a distance of 147 1-3 feet. The Richmond Trust & Savings Co. (capital \$1,000,000) opened for business on Nov. 1 1912 with John Skelton Williams as President. Mr. Williams, now Comptroller of the Currency, resigned the Presidency in March 1913, with his appointment as Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, and was succeeded by E. L. Bemiss, the present chief executive. The company now has surplus and profits of more than \$150,000 and deposits in excess of \$1,100,000.

Neil Robinson, a former President of the Citizens' National Bank of Charleston, W. Va., died on Nov 11. Mr. Robinson was also a prominent coal operator and had been President of the La Follette Coal and Iron Company of La Follette, Tenn., for the past three years.

A new charter, we learn from the "Pacific Banker," has been given the Puget Sound State Bank of Tacoma, Washington, authorizing the opening of a trust department and the change of its name to the Puget Sound Bank and Trust Company. The establishment of the trust department is said to have been found necessary because of the steady increase in the bank's business and the demand of the depositors for trust company service. The Company is headed by H. N. Tinker as President. W. W. Newschwander is Cashier and Peter Richardson and Carl E. Linquist are Assistant Cashiers.

H. G. Larsh, heretofore Assistant Cashier of the Union Trust Company of San Francisco, Cal., has been elected to the Cashiership to succeed Hermon Van Luren, whose death was reported in our issue of Nov 11.

The Molsons Bank (head office, Montreal), in its annual report for the year ending Sept. 30 1916, shows net profits of \$582,356, an increase of \$26,163 over the amount for the previous year. During the period covered earnings were 14.6% on the \$4,000,000 capital, against 13.9% in 1915 and 15.2% in 1914. The statement shows that of the total amount available for distribution aggregating \$643,656 (and including \$61,300, balance from the previous year), \$440,000 was paid in dividends, \$40,000 was applied to war tax, \$21,036 to pension fund, \$15,000 to patriot funds and \$127,619 was carried forward. The bank has a reserve account of \$4,800,000. On Sept. 30 the institution had demand and notice deposits of \$45,744,422, against \$38,821,368 on the corresponding date last year, and aggregate resources of \$60,142,104, the latter comparing with \$52,009,550 in 1915. Edward C. Pratt is General Manager of the institution.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa on Nov. 9 E. L. Pease, Managing Director of the Royal Bank of Canada and senior Vice-President of the Association, was chosen President to succeed George Burn, President of the Bank of Ottawa, and G. H. Balfour of the Union Bank of Canada, was elected to the Vice-Presidency left vacant by Mr. Pease's promotion. Mr. Burn had served as President of the Association for the past two years and was forced to resign on account of his health. Three honorable Presidents were chosen on the 9th. They are Sir Edmund Walker, Sir Vincent Meredith and George Burn. The Vice-Presidents of the Association are Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor of the Bank of Montreal, C. A. Bogert of the Dominion Bank, H. A. Richardson of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and G. H. Balfour of the Union Bank of Canada. The executive offices of the Canadian Bankers' Association, it is said, will hereafter be located in Montreal.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 26 1916:

GOLD.

The holding of gold by the Bank of England against its notes shows a decrease of £357,990 as compared with last week's return.

SILVER.

On the whole, quietude has characterized the market. Supplies have been forthcoming with such steadiness—especially from America whence some 200,000 ounces arrived this week, that buyers have been somewhat shy, and the tendency of prices has been downward, until on the 24th inst. 32 1/2 was reached for the third time this month. This quotation, the lowest since Aug. 31, has lately seemed to encourage more actively in the demand for coinage.

The Indian Bazaars have been quite idle in this market. China exchanges have remained remarkably steady, regardless of the fluctuations of silver. The reason for this may be found in the very large reduction in the visible stock at Shanghai since the beginning of the year.

The stock in Shanghai on Oct. 21 consisted of about 23,500,000 ounces in sycee and 16,500,000 in dollars, as compared with about 24,000,000 ounces in sycee and 16,500,000 dollars on Oct. 14 last.

The totals in Shanghai for Oct. 31 are about half of those held on Jan. 7 last, when 50,500,000 ounces in sycee and 22,380,000 dollars were reported. The difference between the amounts held at the two periods is equal to about 31,500,000 ounces.

It will be observed from the figures below that although the Indian note issue has increased in value by 12 lacs, the silver reserves have diminished by 24 lacs.

The last three Indian Currency Returns received by cable give details in lacs of rupees as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Oct. 7, Oct. 15, Oct. 22. Rows include Notes in circulation, Reserve in silver coin and bullion, Gold coin and bullion, Gold in England.

The stock in Bombay consists of 4,000 bars as compared with 3,200 bars last week.

During the week a shipment of 200,000 ounces was made from San Francisco to Bombay.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

Table with 2 columns: Price range, Description (cash, quotation, fixed, forward, delivery). Includes Bank rate and Bar gold per ounce standard.

Average for the week 32.229 d.

The quotation to-day for cash delivery is 3-16d. below that fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with 7 columns: Item, London, Nov. 11, Nov. 13, Nov. 14, Nov. 15, Nov. 16, Nov. 17. Rows include Silver, Consols, British 4 1/2 per cents, French Rentes, French War Loan.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz.—ets. 71 1/2, 71 1/2, 71 1/2, 71 1/2, 71 1/2, 71 1/2.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies

Large table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

* Banks marked with a (*) are State banks. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week. ‡ New stock. § Ex-Fichta

New York City Realty and Surety Companies

Table listing realty and surety companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Nov. 11 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1915, shows an increase in the aggregate of 26.2%.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week ending November 11, 1916, 1915, Inc. or Dec., 1914, 1913. Rows include Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Calgary, St. John, Hamilton, Victoria, London, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Brantford, Fort Williams, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, and Total Canada.

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: By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, Per cent., Shares, Stocks, Per cent. Lists various securities such as Fidelity-Phenix Insur. Co., Germania Insurance Co., Sackett & Wilhelm Co., etc.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like American Trust Co., National Union Bank, Saco Lowell Shops, etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like National Union Bank, Boylston National Bank, Taunton (Mass.) Nat. Bank, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per sh. Lists securities like Pennsylvania Fire Ins. Co., Amer. Vulcanization Fire, Philadelphia Nat. Bank, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies under the heading 'Railroads (Steam)'. Includes Alabama Great Southern, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies under the heading 'Railroads (Steam) Concluded'. Includes Southern Pacific Co., Union Pacific, Street and Electric Railways, American Railways, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Miscellaneous (Concluded), Ohio Cities Gas com., Owens Bottle Machine, etc.

2 1/2%, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 28; 3 1/4%, payable March 1 1917 to holders of record Feb. 26 1917; 2 1/2% June 1 1917 to holders of record May 29 1917; 2 1/4% payable Sept. 1 1917 to holders of record Aug. 29 1917.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the reported imports of merchandise at New York for the week ending Nov. 11 and since the first week of January:

Table: FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK. Columns: For Week, 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913. Rows: For the week, Previously reported, Total 45 weeks.

Table: EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK FOR THE WEEK. Columns: 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913. Rows: For the week, Previously reported, Total 45 weeks.

Table: EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK. Columns: Week ending Nov. 11, Exports, Imports. Sub-columns: Gold, Silver, Week, Since Jan. 1.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British Income tax. c Correction. d Payable in stock. e Payable in common stock. f Payable in scrip. g On account of accumulated dividends. h Declared on common stock.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Nov. 11:

The statement indicates large purchases during the week of bank acceptances, the amount on hand—\$90,913,000—being the largest ever shown in the Board's weekly statements. Total investments of the banks show but little change, owing to considerable sales of United States bonds and liquidation on a large scale of city warrants, mainly New England town notes.

The figures of the consolidated statement for the system as a whole are given in the following table, and in addition we present the results for each of the eight preceding weeks, thus furnishing a useful comparison. In the second table we show the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve Federal Reserve banks.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 10 1916.

Table: COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 10 1916. Columns: Nov 10 1916, Nov. 3 1916, Oct. 27 1916, Oct. 20 1916, Oct. 13 1916, Oct. 6 1916, Sept. 29 1916, Sept. 22 1916, Sept. 15 1916. Rows: RESOURCES, Gold coin and certificates in vault, Gold settlement fund, Total gold reserve, Total reserve, Bills discounted and bought, Acceptances included in above, Investments: U. S. bonds, Total earning assets.

Table with columns for dates from Nov. 10 1916 to Sept. 15 1916. Rows include RESOURCES (Federal Reserve notes, Due from Federal Reserve banks, All other resources) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Government deposits, Member bank deposits, Federal Reserve notes, Federal Reserve bank notes in circulation, All other liabilities). Includes sub-sections like 'Federal Reserve Notes—Issued to the banks' and 'How Secured—By gold coin and certificates'.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 10 1916

Table with columns for cities: Boston, New York, Philadel'a, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran, Total. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold coin & mts., Gold settlement fund, Gold redemption fund, Total gold reserve, Legal-ten notes, 5% redemp. fund, Bills, Investments, Total earning assets, Fed. Res'v notes, All other resources) and LIABILITIES (Capital paid in, Government deposits, Member bk deposits, Fed. Res'v notes, F.R. bank notes in circ'n, Due to F.R. banks, All other liabilities).

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS' ACCOUNTS NOV. 10 1916

Table with columns for cities: Boston, New York, Philadel'a, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran, Total. Rows include Federal Reserve Notes—Rec'd from Comptrolr, Chargeable to Agent, Issued to F. R. bank, Held by F. R. Agent, Credit balances, Notes secured by commercial paper, Total, Amount of comm'l paper delivered to F. R. Agent.

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 Nov. 11. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the totals, actual figures at end of the week are also given. In order to furnish a comparison, we have inserted the totals of actual condition for each of the three groups and also the grand aggregates for the three preceding weeks.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE RETURN.

Table with columns: CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, etc., Gold, Legal Tenders, Silver, Not Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Reserve with Legal Depositories, Add'l Deposits with Legal Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, National Bank Circulation. Rows include Members of Federal Reserve Bank, State Banks, and Trust Companies.

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

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION.

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

* Not members of Federal Reserve Bank.
† This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Banks includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: Nov. 11, \$2,038,600; Nov. 4, \$1,936,450; Oct. 28, \$1,986,350; Oct. 21, \$1,943,700.
‡ This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Banks includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: Nov. 11, \$2,031,150; Nov. 4, \$1,950,750; Oct. 28, \$2,005,300; Oct. 21, \$1,947,450.

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

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

Table with columns for Loans and Investments, Total deposits, Deposits, Reserve on deposits, Percentage of reserve, and Reserve details for State Banks and Trust Companies.

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

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

We omit ciphers in all these figures.

Table showing weekly combined results for Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Specie, Other Money, Total Money Holdings, and Entire Reserve on Deposits from Aug. 19 to Nov. 11.

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

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

Large table with columns for Week Ending, Capital, Profits, Loans, Legal Tenders, National Bank Note Reserve, Federal Reserve, Reserves, and National Bank Circulation.

Philadelphia Banks.—Summary of weekly totals of Clearing House banks and trust companies of Philadelphia:

We omit two ciphers (00) in all these figures.

Table showing weekly totals for Philadelphia banks, including columns for Loans, Due from Banks, Deposits, Reserve Held, and Excess Reserve.

Note.—National bank note circulation Nov. 11, \$9,081,000; exchanges or Clearing House (included in "Bank Deposits"), banks, \$22,667,000; trust companies, \$3,475,000; total, \$26,142,000.

In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House" furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the whole State.

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

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

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table comparing State Banks and Trust Companies in Greater N. Y. and State Banks outside of Greater N. Y. across various categories like Capital, Surplus, Loans, and Reserves.

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

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

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

Large table with columns for Week Ending, Capital, Profits, Loans, Legal Tenders, National Bank Note Reserve, Federal Reserve, Reserves, and National Bank Circulation.

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 weekly totals for Boston Clearing House members, including columns for Circulation, Loans, Due to Banks, Time Deposits, Exchanges, Cash Reserves, and Reserve in Fed. Reserve Banks.

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

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Nov. 17 1916.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—Uncertainty as to who had been elected President and reports that one of the belligerent nations of Europe is seeking the good offices of this Government in the interest of peace exerted a deterrent influence in Stock Exchange operations during the early part of the week. As these factors diminished in force day by day interest in the security markets increased until the total of to-day's transactions is among the largest in recent months. These transactions are, however, substantially largely of a speculative character.

In this particular the history of October 1915 is apparently being repeated and, now as then, the banks are declining to accept as collateral manufacturing stocks at recently acquired speculative values. Doubtless, also, this course of procedure on the part of the banks will again prevent any disastrous effect of these new and perhaps ephemeral values.

In the industrial situation and outlook, the present shortage of freight cars is a matter of considerable interest. The report just at hand shows that the net shortage on Nov. 1 was slightly over 108,000, as against a shortage of 60,697 on Oct. 1, of 19,873 on Sept. 1, and a surplus of nearly 10,000 on Aug. 1. These almost phenomenal changes illustrate the trend of industrial and commercial activity and lead everyone directly interested to inquire how future transportation demands are to be met. Not only are the railway managers confronted by this problem, but also by the disturbance which the Adamson Eight-Hour Law has already caused and by the certainty that if not declared unconstitutional, its evil effects have not yet begun. Is it any wonder, therefore, under these circumstances that railway securities have been neglected and heavy during the recent unprecedented activity and buoyancy at the Stock Exchange and that this week every active issue has sub-declined in value?

Foreign Exchange.—Sterling exchange continues without essential change. There have been no additional importations of gold.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 7/16 @ 4 7/16 for sixty days, 4 7/8 @ 4 7/8 for cheques and 4 7/8 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4 7/8; sixty days, 4 7/8 @ 4 7/8; ninety days, 4 7/8; and documents for payment (sixty days), 4 7/8 @ 4 7/8. Cotton for payment 4 7/8; and grain for payment 4 7/8.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 89 1/2 for long and 4 84 1/2 @ 5 85 for short. Germany bankers' marks were 7 69 5/16 less 1-16 @ 5 93 1/2 for sight, nominal for long and nominal for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40 11-16 @ 40 1/2 for sight. Exchange at Paris on London, 27.81 1/2 fr.; week's range, 27.81 1/2 fr. high and also 27.81 1/2 fr. low.

Table with columns: Sterling Actual, Sixty Days, Cheques, Cables, High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, High for the week, Low for the week, Germany Bankers' Marks, High for the week, Low for the week, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, High for the week, Low for the week.

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, 15c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. St. Louis, 15c. per \$1,000 discount bid and 10c. discount asked. San Francisco, 10c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, 15c. per \$1,000 discount. Minneapolis, 30c. per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par. New Orleans, sight, 50c. per \$1,000 discount, and brokers, 50c. premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board this week are limited to \$2,000 New York State 4s, 1961, at 105 1/2, and \$35,000 Virginia 6s tr. co. receipts at 57 to 58 1/2.

The market for railroad and industrial bonds has been more active this week, while prices have been very irregular. American Smelters Securities 6s violently reversed its movement of a week ago, advancing from 112 1/2 to 121 1/2, but closing at 119. American Writing Paper 5s, in contrast to the movement of the shares, fell from 93 3/4 to 91 3/4, and Chesapeake & Ohio conv. 5s declined from 96 3/4 to 95 1/2. Rock Island ref. 4s and deb. 5s, issues of more or less speculative importance during months past, advanced 1 and 4 1/2 points each from their closing prices of 78 and 66 3/4 last Friday. Chile Copper 7s were unusually active. Due no doubt to the great demand for the metal and in sympathy with the general movements of the copper shares, they advanced from 127 to 139 1/4.

Sales of the foreign Government issues were large this week, the new 3 and 5-year British loan selling on the "curb" being very popular as were Anglo-French 5s, American Foreign Securities Corp. 5s and the various Dominion of Canada issues. Sales on a s-20-f basis, indicating presumably sales on foreign account, have increased, being \$106,000 as against \$25,000 a week ago.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$500 3s, coup., at 101; \$1,000 Panama 3s, reg., at 103, and \$2,000 4s, reg., at 101. For to day's prices of all the different issues and for the week's range see third page following.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Talk of efforts to bring about peace in Europe, discussion of the latest phases of submarine attack, new developments of the 8-hour railway law question and rather bad news from the Mexican border have all tended to make stock market values irregular and in some issues erratic throughout the week. A general decline with few exceptions continued during the first three days of the week. On Thursday many issues in both the railroad and industrial group reacted and closed the day with

substantial gains. Baltimore & Ohio fell away from 87 3/4 to 85, the final figure, however, being 86. Canadian Pacific declined from 173 to 170 3/4, but recovered at the close to 172. Chesapeake & Ohio lost 2 points to 66, the final figure being 67 1/2. Norfolk & Western declined steadily throughout the week, closing at 140, 1 1/4 points below the price last Friday.

Among the industrial issues, Gulf States Steel was by far the most erratic, covering a range of 78 points, the final quotation being 175. American Smelting & Refining advanced from 112 1/2 to 121 1/2, but fell again at the close to 119 3/4. The copper and paper securities continued strong this week.

For daily volume of business see page 1876. The following sales have occurred during this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending Nov. 17, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Aetna Tea, Adams Express, Amer Bank Note, etc.

Outside Securities.—Business at the Broad Street "curb" was of slightly less volume than a week ago. Prices, in sympathy with the other securities markets, were irregular. Aetna Explosives varied only slightly, while Atlantic Steel fluctuated between 102 and 110. Carbon Steel advanced from 112 1/2 to 117, but declined to the former figure. Chevrolet Motors lost 11 points and closed at 176, three points above the low mark. General Motors w. i. com. and pref., fell from 158 and 94 1/2 to 153 and 92 1/2, respectively, closing, however, at 154 and 192 1/2.

Standard Oil issues were active. Galena-Signal advanced from 178 to 206 and Ohio Oil fell from 385 to 379. Standard Oil of New Jersey and Standard Oil of California covered ranges of 65 and 6 points, respectively, while Standard Oil of New York fluctuated between 240 and 265. The other oil issues were also active. Among the bonds traded in at the "curb" \$3,195,000 3 and 5-year issues of the new British 5 1/2% loan.

A complete list of "curb" transactions for the week will be found on page 1876.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.							Sales for the Week Shares.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1913	
Saturday Nov. 11.	Monday Nov. 13.	Tuesday Nov. 14.	Wednesday Nov. 15.	Thursday Nov. 16.	Friday Nov. 17.	Lowest		Highest	Lowest	Highest			
\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.			\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.	\$ per share.		
105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	20,850	Aetch Topenka & Santa Fe.....	100 1/2	108 1/2	92 1/2	111 1/2	92 1/2	111 1/2
105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	1,850	Do pref.....	100 1/2	108 1/2	92 1/2	111 1/2	92 1/2	111 1/2
122 1/2	124 1/2	126 1/2	128 1/2	130 1/2	132 1/2	500	Baltimore & Coast Line RR.....	100	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	23,800	Baltimore & Ohio.....	100	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
75 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	2,224	Do pref.....	100	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2	2,500	Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....	100	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2
67 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	6,300	Canadian Pacific.....	100	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
14 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	23,500	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	100	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
44 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	9,000	Chicago Great Western.....	100	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
94 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	12,300	Do pref.....	100	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	14,500	Chicago Milw & St Paul.....	100	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	2,950	Do pref.....	100	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2	800	Chicago & Northwestern.....	100	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2
33 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	129,500	Chicago Rock Isl & Pac.....	100	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	600	Cleveland & Western.....	100	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	700	Do pref.....	100	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	100	Colorado & Southern.....	100	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2
240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	700	Do 1st pref.....	100	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2
20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	200	Do 2d pref.....	100	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	900	Delaware & Hudson.....	100	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
37 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	700	Do pref.....	100	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
52 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	74,100	Delaware Lack & Western.....	100	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	7,000	Do pref.....	100	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	7,700	Denver & Rio Grande.....	100	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	45,400	Do pref.....	100	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	3,000	Do 2d pref.....	100	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	18,800	Do 3d pref.....	100	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2
26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	3,100	Do 4th pref.....	100	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	6,800	Do 5th pref.....	100	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
22 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	100	Do 6th pref.....	100	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	200	Do 7th pref.....	100	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	15,700	Do 8th pref.....	100	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	200	Do 9th pref.....	100	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	800	Do 10th pref.....	100	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	1,500	Do 11th pref.....	100	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	300	Do 12th pref.....	100	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	300	Do 13th pref.....	100	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	11,300	Do 14th pref.....	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	2,500	Do 15th pref.....	100	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	5,000	Do 16th pref.....	100	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	29,400	Do 17th pref.....	100	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	14,400	Do 18th pref.....	100	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	36,200	Do 19th pref.....	100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	1,700	Do 20th pref.....	100	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	13,700	Do 21st pref.....	100	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	13,000	Do 22nd pref.....	100	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	21,600	Do 23rd pref.....	100	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2
87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	720	Do 24th pref.....	100	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	12,400	Do 25th pref.....	100	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	21,700	Do 26th pref.....	100	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	2,400	Do 27th pref.....	100	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	2,400	Do 28th pref.....	100	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	89,900	Do 29th pref.....	100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	500	Do 30th pref.....	100	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	500	Do 31st pref.....	100	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	8,500	Do 32nd pref.....	100	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	2,500	Do 33rd pref.....	100	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	1,220	Do 34th pref.....	100	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	3,500	Do 35th pref.....	100	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	2,500	Do 36th pref.....	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	40,000	Do 37th pref.....	100	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	34,000	Do 38th pref.....	100	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	4,800	Do 39th pref.....	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	9,000	Do 40th pref.....	100	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	301	Do 41st pref.....	100	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	16,900	Do 42nd pref.....	100	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2
83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	3,750	Do 43rd pref.....	100	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
13 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	26,500	Do 44th pref.....	100	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
24 1/2													

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices—Per Share, Not Per Cent., and Stocks New York Stock Exchange. It lists various stock prices and exchange rates for different companies and commodities.

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

1870 New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

In Jan. 1900 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed, and prices are now all—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.									
Week Ending Nov. 17										Week Ending Nov. 17.									
U. S. Government.										Chic Burt & Q (Con.)—									
Inter- val	Price Friday	Week's Range or Last Sale	Range Since Jan. 1.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Inter- val	Price Friday	Week's Range or Last Sale	Range Since Jan. 1.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.
U S 2s consol registered.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic Ill 4 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S 2s consol coupon.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Illinois Div 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S 3s registered.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Iowa Div sink fund 5s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S 3s coupon.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Sinking fund 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S 4s registered.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Joint bonds. See Great North									
U S 4s coupon.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Nebbraska Extension 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Registered.....									
U S Pan Canal 10-30-yr 2s.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Southwestern Div 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S Panama Canal 3s.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	General 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U S Philippine Island 4s.....	110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic & E Ill ref & Imp 4s g.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Foreign Government.										U S Mtg & Tr Co etfs of dep.....									
Amer Foreign Sec 5s (w 1) 110	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	1st consol gold 6s.....	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	10	103 1/2	103 1/2	10
Anglo-French 5yr 5s 100	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	General consol 6s.....	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	10	103 1/2	103 1/2	10
Argentine—Internal 5s of 1909.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Registered.....									
Chinese (Hukuang Ry) — 5s of 1911.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	U S Mtg & Tr Co etfs of dep.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Cuba—External debt 5s of 1904.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Guar Tr Co etfs of dep.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Exter deb 5s of 14 ser A.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Pur money Int coal 5s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Exter loan 4 1/2s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic & Ind C Ry 1st 5s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Dominion of Canada 4 1/2s w 1.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic Great West 1st 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Do do.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic Ind & Louis—Ref 6s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Do do.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Refunding gold 5s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Japanese Govt—2 loan 4 1/2s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Refunding 4s Series C.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Second series 4 1/2s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Ind & Louis 1st gu 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Do do German stamps.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Wis & Minn Div 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Sterling loan 4s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic Ind S & East 1st 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Mexico—Exter loan E 5s of 1909.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chicago Milwaukee & St Paul.....									
Gold deb 4s of 1904.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Chic gold 4s Series A.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Paris, City of, 5-year 6s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Registered.....									
Prov of Alberta—deb 4 1/2s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Permanent 4s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
Tokyo City—5s loan of 1912.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Gen & ref Ser A 4 1/2s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
U K of Gr Brit & I 2-yr 4s.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	10	109 1/2	110	10	Gen ref con ver B 5s.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	10	102 1/2	102 1/2	10
†These are prices on the basis of																			
State and City Securities.																			
N. Y. City—4 1/2s Consol.....										N. Y. City—4 1/2s Consol.....									
103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	10	103 1/2	103 1/2	10	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	10	103 1/2	103 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
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104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	10	104 1/2	104 1/2	10
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		Interest	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range			Interest	Price	Week's	Bonds	Range						
		Period	Friday	Range or	Sold	Since			Period	Friday	Range or	Sold	Since						
			Nov. 17.	Last Sale		Jan. 1				Nov. 17.	Last Sale		Jan. 1						
			Nov. 17.	Last Sale		Jan. 1				Nov. 17.	Last Sale		Jan. 1						
Delaware & Hudson (Cont)										Leh Val Coal Co 1st gu g 5s. 1933									
1st Hen equip 4 1/4 s. 1922										Registered. 1933									
1st & ref 4 1/4 s. 1943										1st int reduced to 4s. 1933									
20-year conv. 1935										Registered. 1945									
Alb & Susq conv 3 1/4 s. 1946										Leh & N Y 1st guar g 4s. 1945									
Reuss & Saratoga 1st 7s. 1921										Registered. 1945									
Denv & R Gr 1st con g 4s. 1936										Long Isld 1st cons gold 5s. 1913									
Consol gold 4 1/4 s. 1936										1st consol gold 4s. 1931									
Improvement gold 5s. 1928										General gold 4s. 1938									
1st & refunding 6s. 1955										Ferry gold 4 1/4 s. 1922									
Rio Gr Jun 1st gu g 5s. 1939										Gold 4s. 1932									
Rio Gr Sou 1st gu g 4s. 1940										Unified gold 4s. 1940									
Guaranteed. 1946										Debtore gold 5s. 1934									
Rio Gr West 1st gu g 5s. 1939										Guar refunding gold 4s. 1949									
Mts & coll trust 4s A. 1940										Registered. 1949									
Utah Cent 1st gu g 4s. 01917										N Y & M B 1st con g 5s. 1935									
Doe Moines Un Ry 1st g 5s. 1917										N Y & R B 1st gold 5s. 1927									
Dist & Mack—1st Hen g 4s. 1995										Nor Sh B 1st con g 5s. 01932									
Gold 4s. 1995										Louisiana & Ark 1st g 5s. 1927									
Det Riv Tun—Ter Tun 4 1/4 s. 1901										Louis & Nashv gen 6s. 1930									
Dul Missab & Nor gen 5s. 1941										Gold 5s. 1937									
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s. 1937										Unified gold 4s. 1940									
Registered. 1937										Registered. 1940									
Del So Shore & Atl g 5s. 1937										Consolidated trust gold 5s. 1931									
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s. 1941										E H & Wash 1st g 6s. 1919									
Erie 1st consol gold 7s. 1920										L Clin & Leas gold 4 1/4 s. 1931									
Erie Y & Erie 1st ext g 4s. 1947										N O & M 1st gold 6s. 1930									
2d ext gold 6s. 1919										2d gold 6s. 1930									
3d ext gold 4 1/4 s. 1923										Paducah & Mem Div 4s. 1946									
4th ext gold 5s. 1920										St Louis Div 1st gold 6s. 1921									
5th ext gold 4s. 1928										2d gold 5s. 1980									
N Y L E & W 1st g fd 7s. 1920										Atl Knox & Nor 1st g 5s. 1946									
Erie 1st con g 4s prior. 1996										Kentucky Central gold 4s. 1927									
Registered. 1996										Lex & East 1st 50-yr 5s gu 1965									
1st consol gen Hen g 4s. 1996										L & N M & M 1st g 4 1/4 s. 1945									
Registered. 1996										L & N-South M Joint 4s. 1952									
Penn coll trust gold 4s. 1951										Registered. 1952									
60-year conv 4s Series A. 1953										N Fla & S 1st gu g 5s. 1937									
do Series B. 1953										N & C Bldg ren g 4 1/4 s. 1945									
Gen conv 4s Series D. 1952										Pensac & Atl 1st gu g 6s. 1921									
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5s. 1932										S N & Ala con g 5s. 1936									
Clev & Mahon Vall g 5s. 1938										Gen con g 50-year 6s. 1921									
Long Dock consol g 6s. 1935										L & Jeff Bldg Co gu g 4s. 1945									
Coal & IR 1st cur gu 6s. 1925										Manila RR—Sou lines 4s. 1936									
Dock & Imp 1st ext 6s. 1943										Mex Internat 1st con g 4s. 1977									
N Y & Green L cur g 5s. 1946										Stamped guaranteed. 1977									
N Y Susq & W 1st ref 6s. 1937										Midland Term—1st f g 6s. 1925									
2d gold 4 1/4 s. 1937										Minn & St L 1st gold 7s. 1927									
General gold 6s. 1940										Pacific Ext 1st gold 6s. 1921									
Terminal 1st gold 5s. 1943										1st consol gold 5s. 1934									
Mid of N J 1st ext 6s. 1940										1st & refunding gold 4s. 1949									
Will & Eas 1st gu g 6s. 1942										Ref & ext 50-yr 5s Ser A. 1962									
Ev & Ind 1st con gu g 6s. 1926										Dow M & P 2d 1st gu 4s. 1935									
Wyand & T H 1st con 6s. 1921										Low M Central 1st gold 5s. 1938									
1st general. 1943										Refunding gold 4s. 1947									
Mt Vernon 1st gold 6s. 1923										M STP&SM con g 4s in 1938									
Bull Co Branch 1st g 5s. 1930										1st Chic Term s f 4s. 1941									
Florida E Coast 1st 4 1/4 s. 1959										M S S & A 1st g 4s in 1926									
Port St U D Co 1st g 4 1/4 s. 1941										Mississippi Central 1st 6s. 1949									
P W & Rio Gr 1st g 4s. 1928										Mo Kan & Tex 1st gold 4s. 1990									
Great Northern										2d gold 4s. 1990									
C B & Q coll trust 4s. 1921										1st ext gold 5s. 1944									
Registered A. 1921										1st refunding 4s. 2004									
1st & ref 4 1/4 s Series A. 1961										Gen sinking fund 4 1/4 s. 1936									
Registered. 1961										St Louis Div 1st ref g 4s. 1927									
St Paul M & Man 4s. 1933										Dall & Waco 1st gu g 5s. 1940									
1st consol gold 5s. 1933										Kan City & Pac 1st g 4s. 1990									
Registered. 1933										Mo K & E 1st gu g 5s. 1942									
Reduced to gold 4 1/4 s. 1933										M K & Okla 1st guar 5s. 1942									
Registered. 1933										M K & T of T 1st gu g 5s. 1942									
Mont ext 1st gold 4s. 1937										Shr S & So 1st gu g 5s. 1942									
Registered. 1937										Texas & Okla 1st gu g 5s. 1943									
Pacific ext guar 4s L. 1940										Missouri Pacific (reorg Co)									
E Minn Nor Div 1st g 4s. 1948										1st & refunding 5s wh lbs 1923									
Minn Union 1st g 6s. 1925										General 4s when issued. 1923									
Mont C 1st gu g 6s. 1937										Missouri Pac 1st con g 6s. 1920									
Registered. 1937										Trust gold 5s stamped. 1917									
1st guar gold 6s. 1937										Registered. 1917									
Registered. 1937										1st collateral gold 5s. 1920									
Will & S P 1st gold 5s. 1938										Registered. 1920									
Green Bay & W deb cts "A". Feb 70										40-year loan 4s. 1945									
Debtore cts "B". Feb 14										1st & ref cony 5s. 1959									
O & S L 1st ref & f g 5s. 01952										3d 7s extended at 4 1/2. 1938									
Hooking Val 1st con g 4 1/4 s. 1952										Book of L & S 1st 5s gu. 1951									
Registered. 1952										Cent Br Ry 1st gu g 4s. 1918									
Col & H V 1st ext 4s. 1948										Cent Br U F 1st g 4s. 1928									
Col & Tol 1st ext 4s. 1955										Leroy & C V A L 1st g 5s. 1926									
Houston Belt & Term 1st 6s. 1937										Pac R of Mo 1st ext g 4s. 1938									
Illinois Central 1st gold 4s. 1951										2d extended gold 5s. 1938									
Registered. 1951										St L I R M & S gen con g 5s. 1931									
1st gold 3 1/4 s. 1951										Gen con stamp gu g 5s. 1931									
Registered. 1951										Unified & ref gold 4s. 1929									
Extended 1st gold 3 1/4 s. 1951										Registered. 1929									
Registered. 1951										Riv & G Div 1st g 4s. 1933									
1st gold 3s sterling. 1951										Verm V L & W 1st g 5s. 1926									
Registered. 1951										Mob & Ohio new gold 6s. 1927									
Coll trust gold 4s. 1952										1st extension gold 6s. 1927									
Registered. 1952										General gold 4s. 1938									
1st refunding 4s. 1955										Montgomery Div 1st g 5s. 1947									
Purchased lines 3 1/4 s. 1952										St Louis Div 5s. 1927									
L N O & Texas gold 4s. 1953										St L & Calro guar g 4s. 1931									
Registered. 1953										Nashv Chart & St L 1st 5s. 1928									
Calro Bridge gold 4s. 1950										Jasper Branch 1st g 6s. 1923									
Litchfield Div 1st g 3s. 1950										Me M W & A 1st 6s. 1917									
Louisv Div & Term g 3 1/4 s. 1953										NAT R of Mex pri Hen 4 1/4 s. 1957									
Registered. 1953										Guaranteed general 4 1/4 s. 1926									
Omaha Div reg 5s. 1921										Nat of Mex prior Hen 4 1/4 s. 1957									
Omaha Div 1st gold 5s. 1951										1st consol 4s. 1951									
St Louis Div & Term g 3s. 1951										N O Mob & Chic 1st ref 5s. 1960									
Gold 3 1/4 s. 1951										New Orleans Term 1st 4s. 1953									
Registered. 1951										N Y Cent RR conv deb 6s. 1935									
Spartan Div 1st g 3 1/4 s. 1951										Consol 4s Series A. 1998									
Western lines 1st g 4s. 1951										Ref & imp 4 1/4 s "A". 2013									
Registered. 1951										N Y Central & H R g 3 1/4 s. 1997									
Bellev & Cas 1st 6s. 1923										Registered. 1997									
Charl & Shaw 1st gold 4s. 1932										Debtore gold 4s. 1934									
Chic St L & N O gold 5s. 1951										Registered. 1934									
Registered. 1951										Lake Shore coll g 3 1/4 s. 1998									
Gold 3 1/4 s. 1951										Registered. 1998									
Registered. 1951										Mich Cent coll gold 3 1/4 s. 1998									
Joint 1st ref 5s Series A. 1963										Registered. 1998									
Memph Div 1st g 4s. 1951										Battle Cr & Stur 1st gu 5s. 1989									
Registered. 1951										Beech Creek 1st gu g 4s. 1936									
St Louis Sou 1st gu g 4s. 1931										Registered. 1936									
Ind H & Iowa 1st g 4s. 1950										2d guar gold 5s. 1936									
Int & Great Nor 1st g 6s. 1919										Registered. 1936									
James Frank & Clear 1st 4s. 1950										Beech Cr Ext 1st g 3 1/4 s. 01951									
Kansas City Sou 1st gold 3s. 1950										Cart & Ad 1st gu g 4s. 1951									
Registered. 1950										Goury & Osw 1st gu g 5s. 1942									
Ref & imp 5s. Apr 1950										Moh & Mal 1st gu g 4s. 1991									
Kansas City Term 1st 4s. 1960										N J June R guar 1st 4s. 1966									
Lake Erie & West 1st g 5s. 1937										N Y & Harlem 3 1/4 s. 2000									
2d gold 5s. 1941										N Y & Northern 1st g 5s. 1923									
North Ohio 1st guar g 5s. 1945										N Y & Pu 1st con g 4s 1998									
Leh Val N Y 1st gu g 4 1/4 s. 1940										Pine Creek reg guar 6s. 1932									
Registered. 1940										R W & O con 1st ext 5s. 1922									
Lehigh & Pa con g 4s. 2003										R W & O T R 1st gu g 5s. 1918									
General cons 4 1/4 s. 2003																			
Leh V Term Ry 1st gu g 5s. 1941																			
Registered. 1941																			

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Feb. § Due April. ¶ Due May. †† Due June. ‡‡ Due July. §§ Due Aug. ¶¶ Due Oct.

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Week Ending Nov. 17.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Range Since Jan. 1	
Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
N Y Cent & H R R (Conv.)	1941	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Batland 1st 4 1/2 1941	J	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
O & L Cham 1st gu 4s 1945	J	93	94	93	94	93	94
Rur-Canada 1st gu 4s 1949	J	97	98	97	98	97	98
St Lawr & Adir 1st 4s 1906	J	96	97	96	97	96	97
2d gold 6s 1926	A	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
Utica & Bk Rlv gu 4s 1922	J	98	99	98	99	98	99
Lake Shore gold 3 1/2s 1907	J	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
Registered	J	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
Debuture gold 4s 1928	M-S	96	97	96	97	96	97
25-year gold 4s 1931	M-N	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2
Registered	M-N	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2
Ka A & C R 1st gu 6s 1938	J	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
Mahon C I R 1st 7s 1934	J	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
Pitts & L Erie 2d 6s 1928	A	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
Pitts MeK & Y 1st gu 6s 1932	J	115 1/2	116 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2
2d guaranteed 6s 1934	J	113 1/2	114 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2	113 1/2	114 1/2
McKees & B V 1st 6s 1913	J	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Michigan Central 5s 1931	M-S	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Registered	M-S	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
4s 1940	J	91	92	91	92	91	92
Registered	J	91	92	91	92	91	92
J. L. & S 1st gold 3 1/2s 1951	M-S	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
1st gold 3 1/2s 1951	M-S	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2
20-year debenture 4s 1929	A-O	88	89	88	89	88	89
N Y Chlo & St L 1st 4s 1937	A	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Registered	A	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Debuture 4s 1931	M-N	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2
West Shore 1st 4s guar. 1931	J	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
Registered	J	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
N Y C Lines eq tr 6s 1916	M-N	100	101	100	101	100	101
Equip trust 4 1/2s 1917	M-N	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2s A 1953	F-A	99	100	99	100	99	100
N Y N H & Hartford	M-S	80	82	80	82	80	82
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s 1947	M-S	71	72	71	72	71	72
Non-conv debent 3 1/2s 1954	A-O	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Non-conv debent 4s 1955	J	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
Non-conv debent 4s 1956	M-N	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
Conv debenture 3 1/2s 1956	J	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2
Conv debenture 6s 1948	J	112	113 1/2	112	113 1/2	112	113 1/2
Cons Ry non-conv 4s 1930	F-A	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
Non-conv debent 4s 1954	J	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2
Non-conv debent 4s 1955	J	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
Non-conv debent 4s 1956	J	80	81	80	81	80	81
Harlem R-Pt Ches 1st 4s 1954	M-N	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2
B & N Y Air Line 1st 4s 1955	F-A	89 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
Cent New Eng 1st gu 4s 1961	J	81	82 1/2	81	82 1/2	81	82 1/2
Hartford St Ry 1st 4s 1930	M-S	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2
Housatonic R cons 5s 1937	M-N	91 1/4	92 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4
Naugatuck R R 1st 4s 1954	M-N	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2
N Y Prov & Boston 4s 1943	A-O	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
N Y W Chesd B 1st ser F 4 1/2s 1940	J	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4
N H & Derby cons 5s 1918	M-S	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4
North Terminal 1st 4s 1930	A-O	80	81	80	81	80	81
Now England cons 6s 1945	J	108	109 1/2	108	109 1/2	108	109 1/2
Consol 4s 1945	J	88	89 1/2	88	89 1/2	88	89 1/2
Providence Secur deb 4s 1927	M-N	70	71 1/2	70	71 1/2	70	71 1/2
Prov & Springfield 1st 5s 1922	J	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
Providence Term 1st 4s 1950	M-S	85	86 1/2	85	86 1/2	85	86 1/2
W & Con East 1st 4 1/2s 1943	J	86	87 1/2	86	87 1/2	86	87 1/2
N Y O & W ref 1st 4s 1929	M-S	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2
Registered	M-S	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2
General 35,000 only 1929	M-S	77	78 1/2	77	78 1/2	77	78 1/2
General 4s 1951	J	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2
Norfolk Sou 1st & ref A 6s 1961	M-N	101	102 1/2	101	102 1/2	101	102 1/2
Norfolk & Sou 1st gold 6s 1941	M-N	120	121 1/2	120	121 1/2	120	121 1/2
Norfolk & West gen gold 6s 1934	M-N	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
Improvement & ext g 6s 1934	F-A	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
New River 1st gold 6s 1932	A-O	118 1/2	119 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2
N & W Ry 1st cons 4s 1930	A-O	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Registered	A-O	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Div 1st lien & gen 4s 1944	J	92	93 1/2	92	93 1/2	92	93 1/2
10-25-year conv 4s 1932	J-D	144	145 1/2	144	145 1/2	144	145 1/2
10-20-year conv 4s 1932	M-S	130	131 1/2	130	131 1/2	130	131 1/2
10-20-year conv 4 1/2s 1938	M-S	130	131 1/2	130	131 1/2	130	131 1/2
Poach C & C Joint 4s 1941	J-D	90	91 1/2	90	91 1/2	90	91 1/2
O & C T 1st guar gold 6s 1922	J	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
C O & T 1st guar gold 6s 1922	J	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
Solo V & N E 1st gu 4s 1989	M-N	93	94 1/2	93	94 1/2	93	94 1/2
Nor Pacific prior lien 4s 1989	M-N	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Registered	M-N	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
General lien gold 3s 1927	F-A	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2
Registered	F-A	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2
St Paul-Duluth Div 4s 1926	J-D	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2
St P & N P gen gold 6s 1923	F-A	110	111 1/2	110	111 1/2	110	111 1/2
Registered certificates 1923	F-A	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2
St Paul & Duluth 1st 6s 1921	F	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2
2d 5s 1917	A-O	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
1st consol gold 4s 1908	J-D	88	89 1/2	88	89 1/2	88	89 1/2
Wash Cent 1st gold 4s 1948	M-S	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2
Nor Pac Term Co 1st 6s 1933	J	111	112 1/2	111	112 1/2	111	112 1/2
Oregon-Wash 1st & ref 4s 1901	J	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2
Pacific Coast Co 1st 6s 1940	J-D	99	100 1/2	99	100 1/2	99	100 1/2
Pacific Coast & Ill 1st s f 4 1/2s 1953	M-N	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 1st 4s 1923	M-N	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
Consol gold 6s 1919	M-S	103	104 1/2	103	104 1/2	103	104 1/2
Consol gold 4s 1943	M-S	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
Consol gold 4s 1948	M-N	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
Consol 4 1/2s 1960	F-A	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
General 4 1/2s when issued 1965	J-D	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
Alleg Val gen guar 4s 1943	M-S	97	98 1/2	97	98 1/2	97	98 1/2
D R RR & B gen 1st gu 4s 1936	F-A	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2
Phila Balt & W 1st 4s 1943	M-N	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
Sodus Bay & Sou 1st 4s 2924	J	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2
Sunbury & Lewis 1st 4s 1934	J	93	94 1/2	93	94 1/2	93	94 1/2
U N J RR & Can gen 4s 1944	M-S	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		BONDS		BONDS		BONDS	
Week Ending Nov. 17.		Week's Range or Last Sale		Range Since Jan. 1		Range Since Jan. 1	
Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Pooria & Pekin Un 1st 6s 1931	Q-F	100	102	100	102	100	102
2d gold 4 1/2s 1921	M-N	87	88 1/2	87	88 1/2	87	88 1/2
Pere Marquette-Rot 4s 1953	J	32	33	32	33	32	33
Refunding guar 4s 1953	J	32	33	32	33	32	33
Ohio & West Mich 5s 1921	J	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2
Flint & P M gold 6s 1920	A-O	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/2
1st consol gold 6s 1939	M-N	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2
Philippine Ry 1st 30-yr s f 4s 1937	J	40	41	40	41	40	41
Pitts Sh & L E 1st 6s 1940	A-O	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
1st consol gold 5s 1943	J	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2
Reading Co gen gold 4s 1927	J	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2			

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Nov. 17.					N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Nov. 17.				
Bonds	Interest Payable	Price Friday Nov. 17.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Range Since Jan. 1.	Bonds	Interest Payable	Price Friday Nov. 17.	Week's Range or Last Sale	Range Since Jan. 1.
Union Pacific (Con-)		109 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	109	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Ore Short Line 1st 8 1/2...	1922	F-A	109 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	109	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
1st consol g 5s...	1924	J-D	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	109	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Guar refund 4s...	1923	J-D	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Utah & Nev g 5s...	1923	J-D	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Utah & Nev g 5s...	1923	J-D	92 1/2	90	90	92 1/2	90	90	90
Vandalia cons g 4 1/2 Ser A...	1925	F-A	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Consol 4 1/2 Ser B...	1927	M-N	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Vera Cruz & P 1st g 4 1/2...	1924	J-D	91 1/2	87	87	91 1/2	87	87	87
Virginia 1st g 5s Series A...	1922	M-N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Wabash 1st g 5s...	1930	M-N	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
2d g 5s...	1930	F-A	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4
Debutene Series B...	1930	J-D	80	105	105	105	105	105	105
1st lien equip g 4 1/2...	1921	M-B	82	100	100	100	100	100	100
1st lien 50-yr g term 4s...	1925	F-A	82	65	65	82	65	65	65
Det & Ch Ext 1st g 5s...	1941	J-D	104	105	105	105	105	105	105
Des Moines Div 1st g 4s...	1930	J-D	82 1/2	80	80	82 1/2	80	80	80
Des Mob Div 3 1/2 s...	1941	A-O	73 1/2	76	74	73 1/2	76	74	74
Des Mo & Ch Div 1st g 4s...	1941	M-S	84	80	80	84	80	80	80
Wab Pitt Term 1st g 4s...	1954	J-D	1 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/4	1 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
Cent and Old Col Tr Co cert...			1 1/2	2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Columbia Tr Co cert...			1 1/2	3	3	1 1/2	3	3	3
Col Tr Certs for Cent Tr Certs...			1 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
2d g 4s...	1954	J-D	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Trust Co cert...			1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Wash Term 1st g 3 1/2 s...	1945	F-A	85 1/2	84	84	85 1/2	84	84	84
1st 40-yr conv 4s...	1945	F-A	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
West Maryland 1st g 4s...	1952	A-O	90	93 1/2	93 1/2	90	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
West N Y & Pa 1st g 4s...	1937	J-D	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Gen g 4s...	1943	A-O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Income g 4s...	1943	A-O	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s...	1926	A-O	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Wheel Div 1st g 5s...	1928	J-D	93 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	93 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Ext & Imp g 5s...	1930	F-A	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
10-yr equip g f 5s...	1922	M-S	78	78	78	78	78	78	78
30-year equip g f 5s...	1923	J-D	95	80	80	95	80	80	80
Winston-Salem S B 1st g 4s...	1940	J-D	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Wis Cent 50-yr 1st g 4s...	1940	J-D	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Sup & Dul Div & term lat 4s...	1936	M-N	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
Street Railway					Miscellaneous				
Brooklyn Rapid Tran g 5s...	1942	A-O	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
1st refund conv g 4s...	2002	J-D	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
6-year secured notes 5s...	1918	J-D	100 1/2	101	101	100 1/2	101	101	101
Bk City 1st con 5s...	1916	1941	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
Bk City & S con g 5s...	1941	M-N	101	95 1/2	95 1/2	101	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Bk Qo & S con g 5s...	1941	M-N	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Bklyn Un El 1st g 4 1/2 s...	1930	F-A	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Stamped guar 4 1/2 s...	1950	F-A	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Kings County E 1st g 4s...	1949	F-A	84 1/2	87	84 1/2	84 1/2	87	84 1/2	84 1/2
Stamped guar 4s...	1949	F-A	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Nassau Elec guar 4 1/2 s...	1951	J-D	73 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Chicago Rys 1st g 5s...	1927	F-A	90 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	90 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Conn Ry & Lat & ref g 4 1/2 s...	1951	J-D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Stamped guar 4 1/2 s...	1951	J-D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Det United 1st con g 4 1/2 s...	1932	J-D	84	84	84	84	84	84	84
Fr Smith L & Tr 1st g 5s...	1932	J-D	95	94	94	95	94	94	94
Havana Elec consol 5s...	1932	F-A	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Hud & Mahan 5s Ser A...	1957	F-A	71 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	71 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Adj Income 5s...	1957	F-A	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
N Y & Jersey 1st g 5s...	1932	F-A	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Interboro-Metrop col 4 1/2 s...	1950	A-O	73	73 1/2	73 1/2	73	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
Interboro Rap Tran lat 4s...	1966	J-D	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Manhat Ry (N Y) con g 4s...	1930	A-O	92 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Stamped tax-exempt...	1930	A-O	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Metropolitan Street Ry					Manufacturing & Industrial				
Bway & 7th Av 1st g 5s...	1943	J-D	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Col & 9th Av 1st g 5s...	1953	M-S	93	99 1/2	99 1/2	93	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Lex Av & E 1st g 5s...	1933	M-S	99	100 1/2	100 1/2	99	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Met W S El (Chic) 1st g 4s...	1938	F-A	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
Milw Elec Ry & L con g 5s...	1926	F-A	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Refunding & exten 4 1/2 s...	1931	J-D	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Minneap St 1st con g 5s...	1910	J-D	100 1/2	101	101	100 1/2	101	101	101
Montreal Tran lat & ref 5s...	1941	J-D	94	90 1/2	90 1/2	94	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
New Ori Ry & L con 4 1/2 s...	1935	J-D	99 1/2	95	95	99 1/2	95	95	95
N Y Munip Ry 1st g f 5s...	1906	M-N	70 1/2	75	75 1/2	70 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
N Y Ry 1st g f 5s & ref 4s...	1943	J-D	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
30-year adj lat 5s...	1942	A-O	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
N Y State Rys 1st con 4 1/2 s...	1922	M-N	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Portland Ry 1st g 5s...	1930	M-N	86	81	81 1/2	86	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Port Rd Ry L & P 1st g 5s...	1942	F-A	78	78 1/2	78 1/2	78	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Portland Gen Elec lat 5s...	1935	J-D	100	96	96	100	96	96	96
St Jos Ry L, H & P 1st g 5s...	1937	M-N	95 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	95 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
St Paul City Cab cons g 5s...	1937	J-D	100 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	100 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Third Ave 1st ref 4s...	1960	J-D	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Adj Inc 5s...	1960	J-D	107 1/2	108	108	107 1/2	108	108	108
Third Ave Ry 1st g 5s...	1937	J-D	107 1/2	108	108	107 1/2	108	108	108
Tri-City Ry & L 1st g 5s...	1923	A-O	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Underg of London 4 1/2 s...	1933	J-D	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Income 5s...	1948	J-D	69	80	80	69	80	80	80
Union Elev (Chic) 1st g 5s...	1949	A-O	85	84	84	85	84	84	84
United Rys Trv 5s Platts 1925	1925	M-N	74 1/2	79	79	74 1/2	79	79	79
United Rys Tr L 1st g 4s...	1934	J-D	60	60 1/2	60 1/2	60	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
St Louis Transit g 5s...	1924	A-O	51 1/2	65	65 1/2	51 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
United Rys San Fr & f 4s...	1927	A-O	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Va Ry & Pow lat & ref 5s...	1934	J-D	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	91	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Gas and Electric Light					Coal & Iron				
Atlanta G Co 1st g 5s...	1947	J-D	104 1/2	103	103 1/2	104 1/2	103	103 1/2	103 1/2
Bklyn Un Gas 1st g 5s...	1945	M-N	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Buffalo City Gas lat g 5s...	1947	A-O	19 1/2	54	54	19 1/2	54	54	54
Columbus Gas 1st g 5s...	1932	J-D	125	125 1/2	125 1/2	125	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Consol Gas conv deb 5s...	1920	F-A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Detroit City Gas g 5s...	1923	J-D	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Detroit Gas Co cons lat g 5s...	1918	F-A	104 1/2	105	105	104 1/2	105	105	105
Detroit Edison lat col tr 5s...	1933	J-D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
1st g 5s Ser A...	1940	F-A	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Ed G L N Y 1st con g 5s...	1933	M-N	100	100 1/2	100 1/2</				

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Nov. 11 to Friday Nov. 17) and stock prices. Includes a 'Sales of the Week Shares' column.

Main table of stock prices categorized by industry: Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining, and others. Columns include stock name, price, and historical range (Lowest/Highest).

* Bid and asked prices. a Ex-dividend and rights. b Ex-stock dividend. c Assessment paid. d Ex-rights. e Ex-dividend. f Ex Tamarack stock. g Half-paid.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Bond Record.—Transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alaska Gold deb 6s A, Am Agric Chem 5s, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, 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, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Gas of N J, American Milling, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Nov. 11 to Nov. 16, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Alabama Co., First preferred, Second preferred, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Following sales were reported Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, both inclusive. Like records will be found in previous issues.

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes entries like American Sewer Pipe, Am Wind Glass Mach, etc.

z Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Complete record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange from Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is as follows:

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

r Ex-dividend. a Ex-div. 2%. stock div. 40%. b Ex-div. ex-rts. c Ex-rights.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing daily, weekly, and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Shares, Par Value, Railroad & Bonds, State, Mun & Foreign Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at New York Stock Exchanges for 1916 and 1915, categorized by Stocks, Bonds, and Government Bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, including columns for Shares, Bond Sales, and Bond Values.

New York "Curb" Market.—Below we give a record of the transactions in the outside security market from Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, both inclusive. It covers the week ending Friday afternoon.

Table showing transactions in the New York "Curb" Market, including columns for Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Large table titled 'Stocks—(Cont.)' listing various stocks and their prices, including Am Writ Paper, Atlantic Steel, Brit-Amer Tob, etc., with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for 'Other Oil Stocks (Concl.)'. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1, and various stock entries like Oklahoma Oil com., Preferred r., etc.

Table of bond prices for 'Bonds—(Concl.)'. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range since Jan. 1. Includes Western Pac RR new 5s 40, Wilson & Co 6s.

Quotations for Sundry Securities

Large table of 'Quotations for Sundry Securities'. Columns include Standard Oil Stocks, RR. Equipments, Tobacco Stocks, Short Term Notes, Industrial and Miscellaneous, and Public Utilities. Includes entries like Anglo-Amer Oil new, Atlantic Refining, etc.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

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

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

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS - Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %).

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

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of November. The table covers 34 roads and shows 7.36% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with columns: First Week of November, 1916, 1915, Increase, Decrease. Lists 34 roads and their earnings for the week of Nov 11-17, 1916, compared to Nov 11-17, 1915.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—In our "Railway Earnings" Section or Supplement, which accompanies to-day's issue of the "Chronicle," we give the Sept. figures of earnings of all steam railroads which make it a practice to issue monthly returns or are required to do so by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The reader is referred to that Supplement for full details regarding the Sept. results for all the separate companies.

In the following we give all statements that have come in the present week covering a later or a different period from that to which the issue of the "Railway Earnings" Section is devoted. We also add the returns of the industrial companies received this week.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Fixed Chgs. & Taxes, Balance, Surplus. Lists various roads and their earnings for Oct 15, 10 mos '16, and Jan 1 to Sept 30.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PUBLIC UTILITY COS

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Latest Gross Earnings, Jan. 1 to latest date. Lists various electric and public utility companies and their earnings for the week of Nov 11-17, 1916, and for the year to date.

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Represents income from all sources. c These figures are for consolidated company. f Earnings now given in milreis. g Includes constituent companies.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Table with columns: Name of Road or Company, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Fixed Chgs. & Taxes, Balance, Surplus. Lists various electric and public utility companies and their earnings for Oct 15, 10 mos '16, and Jan 1 to Oct 31.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Nov. 4. The next will appear in that of Nov. 25.

(The) Virginian Railway Company

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

The report dated at New York, Oct. 16, and signed by Charles W. Hotchkiss, Chairman of the Board and Raymond Du Puy, President, says in substance, (Compare map on p. 131, of "Railway and Industrial Section.")

Results.—Operating revenue increased from freight traffic \$1,427,503, equal to 28.16%, and from passenger traffic \$52,506, equal to 1.01%; and the total operating revenue increased \$1,569,976, equal to 26.97%. Operating expenses increased \$467,774, equal to 13.85%, and the net revenue from operation increased \$1,102,201, equal to 45.11%. Gross income (before deducting fixed charges) increased \$1,171,986, equal to 48.76%; and the ratio of operating expenses to operating revenue was 52.02%, against 58.02% in 1914-15. Taxes increased \$32,764, equal to 12.93%.

Bonds.—In Jan. 1916 there were sold \$2,500,000 additional First Mtgo. 5% bonds, to reimburse the treasury in part for expenditures already made upon additions to and improvements of your property.

Maintenance.—The cost of maintenance per mile of road in 1916 was \$1,507; in 1915 \$1,502.

During the year 3.38 miles of main track were relaid with 100-lb. rail, making a total of 43.91 miles now laid with rail of that weight.

New Industries.—The following new industries were located on your line, viz.: 27 lumber and lumber products; 1 tobacco prizer; 1 bakery, and 8 coal operations; making a total of 37.

General Remarks.—The Sabine Smokless Coal Co., the Harty Coal Co. and the Cooper-Pocahontas Coal Co. did not begin shipping until this year. Of the nine new coal operations five have commenced to ship coal and four are still under way.

The New River Company's Dunn Loop mine, reached in connection with the K. G. J. & E. RR., began shipping during the year.

The following additional coal mines are under way, viz.: the Thermo-Pocahontas Coal Co., 1,000 acres; the Smith-Pocahontas Coal Co., 629 acres; the Fire Creek Smokless Fuel Co., 1,700 acres; the Pickabin Coal Co., 405 acres; the Holly-Brook Coal Co., 922 acres; the Prinevick Coal Co., 773 acres; the Douglas Coal Co., 1,200 acres; and the Leckie Fire Creek Coal Co., 2,500 acres; a total of 9,139 acres. During the year three operating mines were consolidated with other mines, viz.: Carlisle with Oakwood; Wingrove with Scarbro; and the Graham with Tamroy.

Further work is progressing on the Stone coal branch, and it will be ready for traffic by Dec. 31 1916.

The outlook for coal business on your line is exceptionally good, the only drawback being the scarcity of miners and other labor.

CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT—PRODUCTS OF (TONS.)

Table with 5 columns: Year, Agric. Animal, Mines, Forest, Mfrs. & C., Total. Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15, and 1915-16 bituminous coal tonnage.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS YEAR ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Average mileage, Tons (revenue) carried, Tons carried one mile, Rate per ton per mile, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Gross earnings per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Operating Revenue, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express and misc., Gross revenue, Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way, &c., Maintenance of equip., Traffic expenses, Conducting transport'n., General expenses, Miscellaneous operations, Transp'n for investment.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Assets (Road & equip't., Imp't. on leased prop., Dep're. in lieu of mtzgd. prop. sold, N.T. Ry. com. stk., V.T. Ry. com. stk., N.T. Ry. Mt. B'd., V.T. & P. cap. stock, Other invests. &c., Cash, Materials & supp., Traffic, &c., bal., Agents & cond'or, Bills receivable, Miscellaneous, Special deposits, Oth. def. deb. items), Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, 1st M. B'd., 1st lien equip. notes, Traffic, &c., bal., Vouchers & wages, Miscellaneous, Rental V. T. Ry., Unmat'd ins. &c., Taxes accrued, Operating reserves, Oth. def. cred. items, Profit and loss).

Summary balance sheet table with 5 columns: Year, Total, After deducting depreciation reserve of \$984,241, Unmatured interest in 1916 includes \$245,833 on 1st M. 50-year 5s, \$7,808 on 1st lien equip. tr. notes and unmatured rents accrued, \$25,000, C After adding misc. items aggreg. (net) \$52,513.—V. 103, p. 1785-194.

(The) Ann Arbor Railroad.

(19th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

Pres. Newman Erb, N. Y., Sept. 15, says in substance:

Results.—The gross revenues increased \$373,407, or 16.16%. Freight revenue increased \$353,103, or 21.58%, entirely due to our "Across Lake" business. The revenue tons carried one mile increased 73,776,366, equal to 27.05%. The average rate per ton mile decreased .0001%, largely due to increased tonnage of bituminous coal handled; at a very low rate.

Maintenance of way and structures cost \$241,835, or 33.1% of total operating expenditures, against \$245,682, or 33.1% in 1914-15, a decrease of \$3,847. There were placed in track 110,598 cross-ties, an increase of 4,252, and 31,348 tie plates; 5.23 miles of new 85-lb. rail was laid in the main track, replacing lighter rail.

Maintenance of equipment cost \$415,727, or 22.73% of total operating expenses, an increase of \$101,326, or 32.23%, due to the charge of \$35,828 resulting from retirement of obsolete freight-train cars and other equipment; \$20,117 increase in depreciation charges; \$29,149 increase in charges for repairs to freight cars and \$19,993 increase in repairs to locomotives.

General expenses were \$140,338, against \$91,116, an increase of \$49,222, or 54.02%. Expenses in connection with the Michigan passenger rate case incurred and paid during the year were \$43,752.

Additions and Betterments.—The expenditures charged to this account aggregated \$89,986, and extraordinary repairs to the property charged to operating expenses and paid out of current income were \$43,379.

General Remarks.—In 1907 the company handled 2,009,460 tons of revenue freight with 707,574 freight-train miles, with an average rate of 5.30 mills per ton mile. In 1915-16 2,416,101 tons were carried with 570,124 freight-train miles. Notwithstanding the greater operating efficiency thus indicated, the ratio of operating cost has increased from 64.89% (exclusive of taxes) in 1907 to 58.12% in 1915-16. Increases in the cost of every factor which enters into railroad operation and maintenance have absorbed more than has been gained by greater operating efficiency, while freight and passenger rates are actually lower and tax burdens have been measurably increased. Nevertheless, for the ten-year period \$924,606 surplus revenue has been turned back into the property by way of equipment purchases, &c. The intolerability of present conditions will be strikingly brought to the attention of the public when the existing stimulation of business due to the war has been withdrawn.

The volume of trans-lake business being limited by the car ferry facilities, it has been found necessary to provide a new car ferry, which is expected to be in service by Jan. 1 1917.

The company's tonnage per train mile for the fiscal year was 607.79 tons, while the largest figure reached prior to 1911 was 483.42 tons.

Notes Retired.—The \$750,000 2-year notes which matured May 1 were retired through the proceeds of a new 3-year note issue bearing the same rate of interest and the same collateral. During the year there was retired \$139,333 of equipment obligations, and the floating debt reduced \$170,552.

Rates in Michigan.—The general feeling toward the railroads in Michigan is gradually improving, and a renewed effort will be made by the Michigan railroads at the coming Legislature this winter to secure the passage of a law granting them increased passenger fares.

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Miles operated, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Pass. carr'd per tr. mile, Tons carried (revenue), Tons car' d 1 m. (rev.), Rate per ton per mile, P't. earn'g per tr. mile, Gross cars per mile, Avar. tons per train mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Operating Revenue, Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Total operating revenue, Operating expenses, Maintenance of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscellaneous operations, Total operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, &c., Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deduct—Hire of equip't. &c., Interest on 1st mtgo. bonds, Interest on equipment notes, &c., Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 5 columns: Year, Assets (Road & equip't., 2-year 6% collat. bonded ded'ct., Collat. trust notes in treasury, Other securities, Cash, Special deposits, Materials & supp., Jackson Ann Arbor & Chicago bonds, Other em't assets, Cash for purchase of new equip'm't., Oth. def. deb. items), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st mtgo. bonds, Collat. trust notes, Equip. obligations, Mant'g. & L. S., RR. loan & int., Loans & bills pay., Acc'ts & wages, Misc. liabilities, Interest matured & accrued, Traffic, &c., bal., Accrued deprec'n., Add'n to prop'ty, Taxes accrued, Profit and loss).

Total 18,094,889 18,094,943 Total 18,094,889 18,094,943 a After deducting \$90,691 retirement of boat No. 2 and miscellaneous (net), \$46,952.

Note.—Securities unpledged: 3-year 6% collateral notes, \$122,000, and securities pledged: Improvement and Extension 30-year 5% bonds, \$1,500,000, and 3-year 6% collateral notes, \$10,000, are not included in the above totals.—V. 103, p. 1300, 1031.

Pere Marquette Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30 1916.)

The report, signed by Receivers Paul H. King and Dudley E. Waters, Oct. 20, says in substance:

Result.—The gross revenues for the year ended June 30 1916 were \$21,210,053, the largest in our history, and an increase of \$3,181,843, or 17.65% over 1914-15. The freight revenues were \$15,098,256, an increase of \$2,535,733, or 20.18%. The most important increases in freight traffic were: anthracite coal, 80,829 tons; bituminous coal, 322,681 tons; stone, sand, &c., 158,871 tons; lumber, lath and shingles, 231,593 tons; petroleum and other oils, 68,436 tons; iron, pig and bloom, 94,600 tons; cement, brick and lime, 149,532 tons; wagons, carriages, tools, &c., 159,068 tons, &c. The decreases in tonnage were principally in farm products, amounting to

441,653 tons, for corn, oats, hay, potatoes, &c. The average revenue per ton per mile (rail lines) for 1915-16 was 6.52 mills, against 6.14 mills in 1914-15. The average revenue per passenger per mile for 1915-16 was 1.992 cents, against 1.972 cents in 1914-15, an increase of .021 cent per mile, due in part to the increase in the Inter-State passenger rate from 2 cents to 2.5 cents per mile, effective Dec. 1, 1914.

Maintenance of equipment charges increased \$775,085, or 22.10%, due to (1) the general advance in labor and material costs; (2) the increased volume of business; and (3) the fact that but little new equipment has been purchased in recent years and our cars and engines require more repairs each year to keep them in condition. During the year 837 freight-train cars were retired, destroyed or converted, resulting in charges aggregating \$126,355, against 925 cars retired the previous year and aggregating \$18,541, an increase of \$107,794.

The balance before interest accruals were \$4,786,593, against \$2,888,250, an increase of \$1,898,343, or 65.72%. Interest accruals increased on unmatured funded debt \$119,359; on matured indebtedness \$113,974; on bills payable \$14,631; but decreased on receiver's certificates and notes \$25,563. During the year the receivers actually paid \$677,380 interest. The balance, after all interest which could possibly accrue during the year, shows a surplus of \$254,558, against a deficit of \$1,419,265 for 1914-15; an increase of \$1,673,822.

Secured Debt.—During the fiscal year the bonded and secured debt in hands of public increased \$2,635,309, as follows:

Table with columns for Bonds Sold by Trustees, Bonds Retired, Receivers' Certificates Retired, Equipment obligations matured during the year, and Maturity during the year. Includes sub-headers like P. M. RR. Ref. Mtrg. 4% Bonds.

Increase in bonded & secured debt as per general balance sheet, \$2,978,702. Add—Equipment obligations retired, which were not paid, as listed above, \$176,000, &c. Deduct—Equipment obligations which matured prior to July 1, 1915, but were paid during 1915-16 from current funds, 520,393.

Net increase in bonded & secured debt in hands of public, \$2,635,309. Equip. trusts matured and unpaid on June 30, 1916, \$471,000 principal and \$183,595 interest, a total of \$654,595. The receivers' equipment plan for the year ending June 30, 1917, contemplates the retirement of the balance matured and unpaid, as well as the payment of equipment obligations maturing during the year.

Physical Condition.—There were 690,308 cross ties used during the year; 82,663 tie plates were applied; 86 miles of track were ballasted with gravel and 43 miles with cinders, and there were 409 tons of new 60-lb. open-hearth rail laid on main and second main lines.

Table with columns: Expenditures on road, Expenditures on equipment. Sub-headers: Debt, Credit, Net.

Total road and equipment, \$572,395 \$926,601 +\$54,205. Receivers' Certificates and Notes.—Recipients' certificates outstanding July 1, 1915, amounted to \$5,809,500, viz.: Dated April 23, 1912, matured April 23, 1914, for payment of 1911 taxes, \$605,000; dated June 1, 1912, matured June 1, 1915, for payment of matured equipment obligations and betterments, \$3,500,000; dated Aug. 1, 1914, matured June 1, 1915, for payment of material and supply bills (Series 'B'), \$1,604,500; and dated Oct. 1, 1914, matured Oct. 1, 1915, for payment of 1913 taxes (Series 'C'), total \$575,000, of which \$475,000 were redeemed in 1914-15, \$100,000.

During the year the following payments, amounting to \$1,194,500, were made from earnings covering the retirement of these Receivers' Certificates, viz.: Series 'A', \$1,004,500, and Series 'C', \$100,000. The total amount of Receivers' Certificates matured and unpaid on June 30, 1916, was \$4,615,000, as follows: Issue of April 23, 1912, \$515,000; of June 1, 1912, \$3,500,000; and of Aug. 1, 1914, \$600,000; total, \$4,615,000. The receivers' notes outstanding on July 1, 1915, amounted to \$725,000. \$325,000 payments having been made out of earnings, leaving \$400,000.

Cash on hand and in transit June 30, 1916, amounted to \$2,522,293.

Reorganization Plan.—On Friday, Sept. 1, the Michigan RR. Commission rendered a decision unanimously approving the proposed plan (V. 103, p. 1687), saying (in part): "The proposed plan in its larger aspect reduces the fixed charges upon the property to a point where past operations show they can be safely carried. The numerous divisional, general and consolidated bonds of the company are retired and mortgage bonds of one class are placed in the hands of the public, and the plan provides that no new bonds are to be issued. The \$16,000,000 of capital essential for the immediate needs of the company is provided, the return upon more than \$10,000,000 being conditional upon its being earned by the company. The common stock, while increased in amount, is a burden upon neither the company nor the public. The proposed plan effects an adjustment of many conflicting interests; it forestalls what otherwise might be protracted litigation, with its retarding influence; it frees the company from the constant harassing of current obligations and equipment claims; it takes the property from receivership and places it in the control of its owners."

Table with columns: OPERATIONS, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, &C. 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Average miles operated, Passengers carried, Earnings, Revenue, Gross earnings, INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, Operating Revenue, Total operating revenue, Maintenance of way and structures, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Miscellaneous operations, Transportation for investment, Total operating expenses, Per cent expenses to earnings, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Uncollectibles, Operating income.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Interest, dividends, &c., received; Total net income; Interest on bonds; Interest on bills payable, &c.; Interest on receiver's certifs & notes; Rentals; Hire of equipment; Total deductions; Balance, surplus or deficit.

The total interest actually paid during the year 1915-16 was \$677,380, consisting of full interest on Pere Marquette RR. collateral trust bonds of 1923, \$114,800; and on Lake Erie division collateral trust bonds of 1903, due Aug. 1, 1932, \$185,000; int. on equipment obligations, \$126,821; misc. interest, \$7,454; on receivers' certificates, matured June 1, 1915, \$175,000; receivers' certificates, Series 'B', 1914, matured June 1, 1915, \$69,919; Series 'C', 1914, matured June 1, 1915, \$2,597; receivers' certificates, matured April 23, 1914, \$4,781; and on receivers' notes, \$41,039. The interest accrued during the year on equipment obligations aggregated \$75,617. The unpaid matured interest on the equipment obligations on June 30, 1916 aggregated \$133,595, while the unpaid matured interest on the bonds of the company aggregated \$9,023,734.

Table with columns: BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets (Road equip., Invt. in affil. cos., Other investm'ts, Misc. phys. prop., Dep. on mtrg. property sold, Cash, Special deposits, Bonds & bills rec., Agts. & condue., Material & supp., Misc. accounts, Int. & divs. rec., Deferred debit items, Prepaid rent and insurance, Other unadjus. ed debita., Profit and loss) and Liabilities (Common stock, 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, Stock for conv'n, L.E. & D.R.Ry. common stock, Mtrg. bond, &c., debt (see "By" & Ind. "886"), Loans & bills pay., Acc'ts & wages, Traffic balances, Matur. int.unpd., Matur.fund.deb't, Misc. accounts, Accr.int. & rent, Accrued taxes, Oper. reserves, Def. cred. items, Accrued deprec., Unadj. credits).

a Includes (1) stocks pledged, viz.: Fort Street Union Depot Co. (par value \$614,300), book value \$519,750; Toledo Terminal RR. (par value \$1,400,000), book value \$2,870,000; Grand Rapids Kalamazoo & S. E. Ry. (par value \$204,000), book value \$253,212; and miscellaneous (at book value), \$139,504. (2) Stocks unpledged, viz.: Lake Erie Coal Co., par and book value, \$500,000, and miscellaneous (at book value), \$10,004. (3) Toledo Terminal RR. 4 1/2% bonds unpledged, par and book value, \$40,000, and (4) Toledo Terminal RR. 4 1/2% and 5% certificates of indebtedness, par and book value, \$212,968.

b After crediting \$34,005 sundry unrefunded side-track deposits, &c., and debiting \$5,344,874 difference between par value and proceeds of sale of \$4,683,000 P. M. RR. Refunding Mtrg. bonds, \$643,612 of coupons and \$56,664 interest on said coupons matured and unpaid to Dec. 6, 1915; less \$37,402 proceeds of sale; \$216,533 depreciation on tracks and structures destroyed, removed or sold and not replaced; \$178,074 depreciation prior to July 1, 1907, on equipment destroyed, removed or sold and not replaced; and \$45,377 miscellaneous.

Securities issued or assumed pledged, \$3,175,000, and unpledged, \$2,207,790, are not included in the above balance sheet in accordance with the requirements of the Inter-State Commerce Comm.—V. 103, p. 1687, 1593.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway. (Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

Pres. W. H. McIntyre, Oct. 4, wrote in substance: "Total operating revenue amounted to \$3,862,745, an increase of \$65,690, or 1.73%. The \$141,781, or 5.66%, increase in freight revenue is due principally to merchandise shipments, which increased 60,590 tons, and revenue of which increased \$229,880. Lumber and other forest products also increased in revenue \$37,079. These gains are somewhat offset by a decrease of 8,144 tons in cotton shipments, revenue of which decreased \$130,302. The average rate per ton per mile was 1.491 cents against 1.614 cents in 1914-15.

The increase of \$77,883, or 6.27%, in passenger train revenue is due to a decrease of 4.60% in the number of revenue passengers carried, and to a decrease of 5.13% in revenue from carrying express shipments. The continued unsettled condition of our neighboring republic, Mexico and the ever-increasing automobile travel between cities and towns along the line, have undoubtedly contributed considerably to the decrease in passenger earnings.

Total operating expenses decreased \$215,411, or 5.95%. Maintenance of way and structures decreased \$52,110, or 6.30%; maintenance of equipment, \$96,440, or 13.18%; and transportation \$74,683, or 4.05%. Operating expenses consumed 88.14% of the total operating revenue against 95.34% in 1914-15. The number of cross and switch ties renewed was 3,782, an increase of 31,000 ties. Transportation expenses decreased \$74,683, or 4.05%, although gross-ton mileage increased 47,619,000.

RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Miles of road, Passengers carried, Average receipts per pass. per mile, Tons carried, Tons carried one mile, Average receipts per ton per mile, Revenue—Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, Total operating revenue, Expenses—Maintenance of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation (rail-line), General, Transportation for investment, Total operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, &c., Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deductions—Hire of equipment, Rents, &c., 1st mortgage bond interest, Interest on notes, Other interest, Miscellaneous, Total deductions, Balance, deficit.

Includes W. H. McIntyre interest on notes, \$48,000; Southern Pacific int. on notes, \$129,411, and Honst. & Tex. Cent. RR. int. on notes, \$14,111.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1916 and 1915, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Road & equip't, Cash, Loans & bills rec., etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Equipment, Mortgage bonds, etc.

The average number of tons of revenue freight per train mile was 325.71, against 235.90 in 1914-15, due largely to changed haul on a large volume of coal tonnage formerly handled over heavy grades on the Fordville branch in short trains and now moved over the main line via Owensboro, Ky., in heavier trains.

STATISTICS AND INCOME ACCT. FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, and 1913-14. Rows include Miles operated, Passengers (No.), Passengers carried 1 mile, Rate per passenger per mile, Tons carried, Tons carried 1 mile, Rate per ton per mile, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail revenue, Express revenue, All other transportation, Incidental, &c., Total operating revenues, Maintenance of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Total, Net operating revenue, Taxes accrued, &c., Operating income, Other income, Gross corporate income, Hire of equipment, Joint facilities, Miscellaneous rents, Bond interest, Miscellaneous, Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway. (20th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

Pres. Graham G. Lacy, St. Joseph, Sept. 16, wrote in sub.: Results.—Operating revenues increased \$333,585 and operating expenses increased \$193,416. The total income was \$22,654, an increase of \$140,205, and net income, after all fixed charges, was \$199,679, against \$22,436, an increase of \$177,243.

Maintenance of way and structures increased \$120,201, the principal increases being \$38,140 in bridges, trestles and culverts, which was due to expenditures made for repairs to the Missouri River bridge at St. Joseph, Mo., \$18,200 in ties, due to more tie renewals, \$27,344 in rails, \$26,981 in track laying, surfacing, &c. The decrease of \$14,959 in maintaining joint tracks, yards and other facilities—Dr., is chiefly due to discontinuance of service between St. Joseph and Kansas City Sept. 1, 1914.

The traffic arrangement made with the Union Pacific RR. for handling Union Pacific freight traffic between Marysville, Kan., and Hastings, Neb., brought a gross revenue of \$657,597, against \$326,490 in 1914-15, or an increase of 101%, thus accounting for the increase in freight revenue and for the surplus of \$199,679 against a surplus of only \$22,436 for 1914-15.

Improvements.—During the year \$100,074 was expended for improvements, mentioned in former annual reports, principally for replacing 23 miles 52-lb. steel rail with 75-lb. rail between Hastings and Grand Island, Neb., completed during the year at a cost of \$5,700 less than the original estimate, \$75,291. Of that amount \$52,743 was chargeable to operating expenses and \$47,331 to investment in road and equipment.

Of the contemplated improvements of road bed, bridges, &c., mentioned in previous reports (see V. 99, p. 1594), these still remain to be made expenditures aggregating \$782,345. In addition, the sum of \$500,000 is required to replace the present bridge over the Missouri River and \$23,410 for miscellaneous expenditures.

Equipment.—During the year 21 freight and 7 outfit cars were retired from service and 13 freight cars and 2 way cars converted to be used in company service, and one outfit car converted into a commissary car, leaving only 631 serviceable freight cars for commercial service.

Litigation.—The litigation instituted by certain stockholders against this company and the Union Pacific RR. has finally been discontinued. Appeal was taken by the plaintiffs to the U. S. Supreme Court, but was later voluntarily dismissed, leaving as the final decision in the case the decree of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

OPERATIONS, EARNINGS, EXPENSES, ETC.

Table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, and 1912-13. Rows include Miles operated June 30, Oper. revenue per mile, Freight (tons) carried, Fr't (tons) carried 1 mile, Av. rate per ton per mile, Aver. train-load (tons), Aver. earnings per mile of each freight train, Passengers carried, Pass. carried 1 mile, Rate per pass. per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, and 1912-13. Rows include Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Total oper. revenues, Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation, General, &c., expenses, Total oper. expenses, P. c. of oper. exp. to rev., Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Taxes, Int. on 1st M. 4% bonds, Rents joint facilities, &c., Hire of equip. balance, Interest on loans, Total deductions, Balance, sur. or deficit, sur.

* Other income includes \$42,834 sur. received from joint facilities in 1915-16 and in 1914-15 \$41,917; also miscell. income, \$2,705 in 1914-15, against \$1,406.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1916 and 1915, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Road & equip't, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Other investments, Cash, Spec. deposit agst. matured interest, Traffic, &c., bal., Due from agts., Materials & supp., Miscellaneous, Unadj., &c., accts. Liabilities include First pref. stock, Second pref. stock, Common stock, 1st M. bonds out, Auct'd vouch., &c., Traffic, &c., bal., Matured coupons, Loans & bills pay., Acct. int., tax., &c., Miscellaneous, Accrued deprecia'n, Profit and loss.

x After deducting \$34,742 loss on retired road and equipment, \$15,426 depreciation accrued prior to July 1 1907 on equipment vacated during the year, and miscellaneous items aggregating (net) \$30,034.—V. 101, p. 1812

Louisville Henderson & St. Louis Ry.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

Pres. R. N. Hudson, Louisville, Sept. 26, wrote in sub.: Results.—Business during the year was the best in our history, the results showing an increase of \$220,054, or 15.75% in gross revenue, and an increase of \$176,693, or 57.2% in net revenue. Freight revenue increased \$196,753, or 21.43%, and passenger revenue increased \$21,454, or 5.49%.

Operating revenues per train mile increased from \$1.38 to \$1.54, or 11.59%. The ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues is 69.97%, against 77.88% last year.

Maintenance of way and structures increased \$41,411, which included a net expense of \$37,064, for 1,044 tons of new 80-lb. and 70-lb. rails laid during the year. The total increase in gross operating expenses amounts to \$43,361, or about 4%, but operating expenses per train mile was \$1.08 out same as in 1914-15.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1916 and 1915, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Road & equipment, Cash, Special deposits, Loans & bills reciv., Traffic, &c., bal., Agents & conductors, Materials & supplies, Prepaid insur., &c., Unextinguished discount on securities, Miscellaneous. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, First mtge. bonds, Int. Consol. M. bds., Equipment trusts, Misc. fund. oblig'n's, Traffic, &c., bal., Accounts & wages, Loans & bills payable, Matured int. unpaid, Taxes accrued, Miscellaneous, Accrued depreciation, Appropriated surplus, Profit and loss.

Total 8,351,552 7,864,088

Tonopah & Goldfield Railroad.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, and 1912-13. Rows include Operating Revenue, Freight, Ore, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, Total, Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way, &c., Maint. of equipment, Transportation & traffic, General, Total, P. C. expenses to revenue, Net earnings, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Total net income, Deductions, Interest on bonds, &c., Hire of equip., rentals, &c., Sinking fund, Common dividends, 7%, Preferred dividends, 7%, Total deductions, Balance, surp. or def.

Total 284,126 278,822 247,032 297,566

Total net income \$303,943 \$304,331 \$266,035 \$315,406

Total deductions \$264,258 \$296,524 \$307,229 \$287,759

Balance, surp. or def. sur. \$39,685 sur. \$7,807 def. \$41,194 sur. \$27,647

x Includes sinking fund proportion of bonds canceled and retired, \$39,462, and reserve for sinking fund, \$39,462.

y Deducted by company from profit and loss, but here for simplicity.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1916 and 1915, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Road & equipment, Demand loans, &c., Cash on hand, &c., Due from individuals and companies, Traffic balances, &c., Due from agents, &c., Interest receivable, Materials & supplies, Unadjusted, &c., accts. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Vouchers, Payrolls, &c., Traffic, &c., balances, Divs. uncollected, Acct. accrued rents, &c., Accrued taxes, Miscellaneous, Sinking fund, Funded debt retired, Unadjusted accounts, Profit and loss.

Total 4,121,939 4,084,341

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x After deducting reserve for accrued depreciation, \$245,632.—V. 103, p. 1509.

Central Vermont Railway.

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

Table with columns: Locomotives, Pass. Cars, Freight Cars, 80-lb. Rails (Miles), 75-lb. Rails (Miles), 72-lb. Rails (Miles), 60-lb. Rails (Miles), 56-lb. Rails (Miles). Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15.

OPERATING STATISTICS AND FISCAL RESULTS.

Operating statistics and fiscal results table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14. Rows include Passengers carried, Earnings per passenger, Operating Revenue, Total operating revenue, Deduct, Total deductions, Balance, surplus or deficit.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1916, 1915, 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets (Road & equip't, Inv in affil. cos., Stocks, Advances, Other investments, Securities, Demand loans, Special deposits, Materials & supp., Agents & condue., Traffic, &c., Misc. accounts, Unadjusted acc'ts) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Ist. M. 4% bonds, Coll. trust bonds, Equip. trust certis, Non-negot. debt to affil. cos., Loans & bills pay., Accounts & wages, Traffic, &c., bal., Misc. accounts, Accrued int., &c., Accrued taxes, Accrued depre'n., Def. cred. items, &c., Profit and loss).

* After deducting miscellaneous adjustments, &c., amounting to \$271,742. Note.—The company also guarantees principal and interest on \$200,000 Montreal & Province Line Ry. 1st M. 4% bonds and \$725,000 Central Vermont Transportation Co. 5% Steamship bonds.—V. 103, p. 1508, 406.

Elgin Joliet & Eastern Ry.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

This company is owned by the Federal Steel Co. and the United States Steel Corporation.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Income account table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1914-15. Rows include Operating Revs., Other income, Gross income, Deductions, Total deduct'ns, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total, Dividends (4%), Adjustments (net), Total accum. sur.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1916, 1915, 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets (Road & equip't, Leasehold invest., Cash, Loans & bill reev., Traffic, &c., bal., Agents & condue., Miscellaneous, Material & supp., Incur., &c., funds) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, Traffic, &c., bal., Vouchers & wages, Miscellaneous, Accr. int., tax, &c., Res. reserves, Oper. leased equip., Approp. surplus, Profit and loss).

The revenue freight tonnage for year 1915-16 amounted to 31,672,385 tons against 19,637,397 in 1914-15. The principal items being products of mines, including chiefly coal and coke, 17,934,349 tons against 11,222,204 tons in 1914-15, and manufactures, including iron and steel, 9,570,009 tons against 5,882,068 tons.—V. 103, p. 1301.

Virginia Railway & Power Co., Richmond, Va.

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

The report, signed on Nov. 15 by Pres. Thos. S. Wheelwright, and approved by Frank J. Gould, says in substance:

General Results.—The improvement in general business conditions throughout the country during the past year is reflected in the earnings of the company. Petersburg and Interurban divisions were particularly benefited by the activities in the munitions plant at Hopewell. The gross income from all sources of \$3,065,589 shows an increase over the previous

fiscal year of \$344,123, or 12.65%, and establishes the highest record of earnings in our history.

In addition to the regular charge for maintenance of way and equipment, \$100,000 was set aside in cash in monthly installments and carried to depreciation reserve and an additional sum of \$335,973 was provided for depreciation reserve and charged against surplus as of June 30 1916, making the total amount carried to depreciation reserve \$435,973. Balance to credit of depreciation reserve on June 30 1916, \$1,157,866, against \$960,572 at June 30 1915.

Acquisition.—New Stock.—This company on July 21 acquired all the property and franchises of the Richmond Ry. & Viaduct Co., effective for convenience June 30 1916. Pursuant to the agreement of merger, the authorized pref. stock of this company was increased from \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000. The additional stock will be taken into the treasury, when issued, in liquidation of the capital stock and indebtedness of the Richmond Ry. & Viaduct Co. held by this company.

New Construction.—The increased light and power business in Norfolk and vicinity made it necessary to enlarge the power plant facilities and a new 12,500 k. w. unit is being installed at a cost of about \$156,000 to replace a 2,000 k. w. generator. With the completion of this additional unit, the facilities at Norfolk will probably be sufficient to care for the growing business of that community for several years.

Wages.—A new schedule of rates of pay for motormen and conductors on this account will approximate \$65,000 per annum.

Additions & Betterments.—Although \$371,598 was expended for additions, extensions and betterments (\$269,196 for light and power dept., \$62,648 for railway dept. and \$39,753 for gas dept.), the income was sufficient to provide for these large expenditures without selling securities.

Injury, &c. Reserves.—The deficit in reserve for injuries and damages caused by the accident on the Ocean View Division of the Norfolk Ry. & Light Co. in July 1914, was reduced \$38,118.

RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, OWNED, LEASED AND OPERATED LINES (EXCLUDING OFFSETTING TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS.)

Results for years ending June 30 table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Rev. passengers, Transfers and pass., Total passengers, Aver. fare (incl. transf.), Car mileage, Rev. p. car m. (incl. advs.), Killovatt hours (com.), Gas sold (cubic feet), Railway Revenues, Passenger, Freight, Miscellaneous, Total railway revs., Light, Power & Gas, Electric and gas sales, Less rebates & discounts, Net from sales, Outside operations, Total elec. & gas revs., Total oper. revenues, Operating Expenses, Traffic & transport'n., General railway exp., Light, power & gas., Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenue, Other income, Gross income, Taxes and licenses, Bal. for chgs. & rent'ls, Interest on bonds, Other interest, Sinking fund payments, Nor. Ry. & Lt. rent, &c., Amort. of diset., &c., Net misc. chgs. (not op.), Depreciation, Div. on pref. stock, Divs. on com. stock, Total deductions, Balance, surplus.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

(Including Norfolk Ry. & Light Co., Norfolk & Ocean View Ry. Co. and City Gas Co. of Norfolk, Eliminating All Charges between Companies.)

Combined balance sheet table with columns for 1916, 1915, 1916, 1915. Rows include Assets (Prop., plant, franchises & p-ty, New constr. & bet, Real estate available for sale, Work in progress, Investments, Cash, Consumers' acc'ts, Sundry accounts, Sub. op's accounts, Allied cos.'s acc'ts, Bills receivable, Material & suppl., Prepaid accounts, Interest accrued, Premium & bond discount, Suspense items, Trustee accounts, Dividend deposits, Int. coup. depos., Sunk. fund bonds) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Bonds, Pay-rolls and acc'ts payable, Allied cos. acc'ts., Dividends unpaid, Matur. int. on bds, Consumers' & emp. pay's cred., &c., Unred'med tickets, Sale of property, Accrued bond int., Accr. taxes & rents, Res'v'e for injuries and damages, Reserve for depre'n, Reserve for service awards, Sunk. fund bond retirement, Suspense items, Sk. fd. in tall'm'ts., Profit and loss).

Total assets \$1,655,467 51,082,734 Total liabilities 51,655,467 51,082,734 As to property account and list of investments, see V. 101, p. 1551. V. 103, p. 1594, 494.

American Cotton Oil Company.

(27th Annual Report—Year ending Aug. 31 1916.)

The remarks of Pres. R. F. Munro, with balance sheet and profit and loss account, will be found at length on subsequent pages.

PROFITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31.

Profits and disbursements table with columns for 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Net profits, Int. on deb. bds. & notes, Divs. (6%) on preferred, Common dividends, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus.

Total surplus \$12,460,267 \$11,958,984 \$10,531,497 \$10,130,789 a After deducting discount and expenses in connection with the issue in Nov. 1915 of 2-year 5% notes, \$105,775.

BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1916, 1915, 1914, 1913) and rows for Assets (Real estate, Cash, Bills and accts. rec. and advs. for merchandise, Products, raw mat'l, &c., Good-will, patents, &c.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Debenture bonds, Two-year notes, Accounts payable, Reserves, Accrued interest, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Profit and loss).

Adams Express Company.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916.)

President W. M. Barrett, N. Y., Nov. 16, says in subst.:

The acquisition of the Southern Express Co., as of Jan. 1 1916, has augmented the close relations that have existed between the companies ever since the organization of the Southern in 1861, and a continuance of the interchange of traffic and the maintenance of joint features of operation that have always existed between the companies is thereby assured.

INCOME ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns (1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13) and rows for Transportation, Gross receipts, Express privileges, Rev. from transport'n, Total operating rev., Operating expenses, Net earnings, Taxes, Uncollectibles, Operating income, Dividend income, Int. on bonds, Int. on secur., &c., Miscel. income, Total other income, Gross income, Deductions, Bond interest, Other interest, Other deductions, Dividends, Total deductions, Balance.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns (1916, 1915, 1916, 1915) and rows for Assets (Land and bldgs., For bonds due, Sec. pledged for loans, Sec. with State, Ind. Com., Cos. 4% bonds, Advances and work funds, Sec. of other cos. unpledged, Cash, Accts. receivable, Agents, &c., bal., Acc. int., rents, &c.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Coll. trust 4% bonds, Orig. issue due, Orig. issue due, Excess (bk. val.) of collateral, Sec. loans (contra), Accounts payable, Checks, drafts, &c., Outstg. dividends, Accrd. int., rent, taxes, &c., Deferred credits, Contingent reserve, Surplus).

x Land and buildings, book value, \$3,511,177; plant and equipment, book value, \$5,093,662; total, \$8,604,839; less reserves for depreciation, \$2,489,805; balance as above, \$6,115,034. y Securities of subsidiary cos. and others unpledged (book value). b Book value, \$4,566,830; less reserve for shrinkage in market value, \$1,750,687; balance, \$2,816,143. c Capital authorized and issued 120,000 shares; held by company 20,000 shares; outstanding 100,000 shares of declared par \$100. d Includes excess book value of securities held by Guaranty Trust Co., \$118,170, and held by Bankers Trust Co., \$746,223. The company is obligated to make up any deficiency on realization of the collateral deposited with the trustees to secure its bonds. e Original issue, due June 1 1947, \$24,000,000; less amount thereof held by trustee, Guaranty Trust Co., \$13,398,300; balance, \$10,601,700. f Original issue, due Mar. 1 1948, \$12,000,000; less amount thereof held by trustee, Bankers Tr. Co., \$3,962,500; balance, \$8,037,500.—V.102, p.610.

American Malt Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 31 1916.)

Pres. Wm. B. Franklin, N. Y., Oct. 16, says in substance:

Results.—The profit on malt, barley and other products dealt in, including interest on securities owned, loans and balances, was \$673,633, and after deducting interest on mortgage bonds, \$112,658, less interest credited on bonds held in treasury, \$13,110, proportion of bonus paid for extension of bonds written off to Aug. 31 1916, \$44,919; taxes, \$74,013, and amount expended in betterment and maintenance, \$46,893, the net profit from year's operations was \$408,460.

Cash.—During the year we derived cash other than from earnings, \$146,535, from sale of unused property, less \$5,919 expenses.

Bonds.—The sinking fund has received credits of \$136,535 from the sale of the above unused property, \$200,000 as called for by the terms of the extension agreement on the 1st M. 6s., and \$275,088 from cash, a total of \$611,623. With this amount and the previous balance of \$606, or \$612,229, the sinking fund purchased and canceled 607 bonds, which, with accrued interest thereon, cost \$611,622, leaving a balance in the sinking fund of \$608.

The company purchased 49 additional bonds, which were also canceled, thus reducing the total bonded debt to \$1,500,000. Bondholders have been given the privilege of exchanging the 1st M. 6s for 10-year 5% 1st Ref. M. 5s and of purchasing additional 1st Ref. 5s at 97 1/2 and int.

Stock.—The \$1,100,000 common stock previously carried in the Treasury has been retired and canceled.

Net Working Capital.—While this item shows a reduction of \$437,962 (to \$4,032,943), it should be noted that \$656,000 bonds have been canceled. Preferred Dividends.—On Nov. 1 1915 a semi-annual dividend was paid amounting to \$411,080; on Jan. 2 1916 an extra dividend of \$14,440; on May 1 1916 another semi-annual dividend, \$95,304; on Aug. 9 1916 dividends previously unpaid, \$5, and on Aug. 23 1916 an extra dividend, payable at option of stockholders in cash or in American Malt Corp. preferred stock at \$40 per share (V. 103, p. 1685), \$115,520, total \$326,349.

Stock Reduction.—At a special meeting of stockholders held on June 27 1916, Article IV of the certificate of incorporation was amended so as to read in substance as follows:

The authorized capital stock having been reduced from \$30,000,000, consisting of \$15,000,000 pref. stock and \$15,000,000 common stock, to \$15,000,000, consisting of \$9,000,000 pref. stock and \$6,000,000 common stock, the amount of the total authorized capital stock shall be \$15,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, viz.: \$8,700,000 first pref. stock, \$105,000 second pref. stock, \$195,000 third pref. stock and \$6,000,000 common stock.

The First Pref. Stock shall be entitled to receive from the surplus or net profits dividends at the rate of but not exceeding 6% per annum, payable as and when declared by the board, together with unpaid cumulated dividends, which on May 2 1916 amounted to \$30 50 per share. The Second Pref. Stock shall be entitled to receive from the surplus or net profits dividends at rate of but not exceeding 7% per annum, payable as and when declared by the board, together with unpaid cumulated dividends, which on May 2 1916 amounted to \$161 50 per share. Except as to the rate and amount of dividends, neither said First nor said Second Pref. Stock shall have any preference as to dividends over the other; that is to say, no dividend shall be paid on one of said stocks unless a dividend shall be paid on the other of said stocks. The dividends on First Pref. and Second Pref. stocks shall be cumulative and shall be paid before any dividends on Third Pref. or on common stocks shall be paid or set apart. Every lawful right so far as concerns the past-due and unpaid dividends at the time of the reduction of the capital stock on Dec. 13 1915 which a holder of Second Pref. stock then possessed as a pref. stockholder shall be retained by and to him as if there had not been such reduction of capital.

Whenever all cumulative dividends on First Pref. stock and Second Pref. stock have been paid, and the accrued dividends thereon for the current year have been paid or set aside from surplus earnings, the holders of Third Pref. and common stocks shall be entitled to receive all moneys appropriated to dividends, such dividend on each share of Third Pref. stock and each share of common stock to be equal; that is to say, the Third Pref. stock shall have no preference as to dividends, which shall be paid at the same rate on Third Pref. stock and common stock.

In the event of any liquidation or dissolution, voluntary or involuntary, the holders of Second and Third Pref. stocks shall be entitled to receive such proportion of the assets among them as the amount of stock held by them bears to the total capital stock issued and outstanding, or at their option such proportion of the assets as they would have been entitled to at the time of the reduction of capital stock on Dec. 13 1915, as if there had not been such reduction of capital. The holders of First Pref. Stock shall be entitled out of the balance of the assets to be paid in full the par amount of their shares, and the unpaid dividends accrued thereon. The holders of the common stock shall be entitled to receive the remaining assets and funds in proportion to the shares held by them respectively.

The purpose of classifying Second Pref. stock as such is to provide a class to consist of those holders of the preferred stock who may be unwilling to become holders of First Pref. stock, every holder of Second Pref. stock shall have the right to surrender his stock and receive therefor the same amount of First Pref. stock. The purpose of classifying Third Pref. stock as such being to provide a class to consist of those holders of the common stock who are unwilling to become holders of the common stock as such stock is herein designated, every holder of Third Pref. stock shall have the right to surrender his stock and receive the same amount of common stock.

Resulting Capital Stock as Tabulated by Editor (with accumulated divs. of May 2 1916).

Table with 4 columns (1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13) and rows for First Pref. stock, Second Pref. stock, Third Pref. stock, Common stock.

The American Malt Corporation, which since 1900 has owned control of the American Malt Co., announced last week that inasmuch as there were in the treasury of the corporation exactly the same number of shares of American Malt Co. first pref. and common stock as are respectively outstanding of Am. Malt Corp., and as these stocks owned are 'similar in every respect' to the corporation's stocks, it is proposed to eliminate the holding company, by an exchange of said stocks share for share, thereby reducing expenses about \$8,000 yearly. See V. 103, p. 1793.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING AUG. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13) and rows for Profit on malt, barley, &c., products dealt in, Incl. int. on securities owned, loans & bals., Deduct—Int. on bds., &c., Bonus for bds. ext'd, Taxes, Betterments & maint., Total deductions, Balance for dividends, Preferred dividends.

Balance after divs. x sur \$82,111 def \$89,826 sur \$241,248 sur \$45,256 a 70 cts. paid Nov. 1 1915. b 62 cts. paid May 1915. c Two of \$1 24 paid Nov. 1913 and May 1914. d Two of \$1 55 paid Nov. 1912 and May 1913. e After crediting \$13,110 interest credited on bonds held in treasury. x Proportion written off to Aug. 31 1916. g Includes dividends as stated in text above.

BALANCE SHEET AUGUST 31.

Table with 4 columns (1916, 1915, 1916, 1915) and rows for Assets (P'lts. good-will, Common stock, Secura. other cos., Cash, Acct's & bills rec., Collateral loans, Taxes & insurance, Inventories, Bonds purchased, Staking fund, Mfgs. on real est., Unexting. bonus, Am. M. Corp. stks.) and Liabilities (1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, 3d pref. stock, Common stock, 1st refunding 5s., Int mgt. 6s., Accounts payable, Accrued taxes, Acce'd int. on bds., Profit fund, Reserve fund, Profit and loss).

Total 18,282,084 33,242,861 Total 18,282,084 33,242,861 See Amer. Malt Corp., V. 103, p. 1685.—V. 103, p. 1793.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30 1916.)

Pres. Philip T. Dodge, N. Y., Nov. 14, wrote in substance:

Business.—During the year there has been a marked revival in the printing industry of the United States and a substantial increase in the volume of your company's business, and in its earnings, as compared with the preceding year. The net gain for the year, after making reasonable allowance for depreciation, was \$1,898,209, an increase of \$431,185.

Net orders were received for 2,312 machines, the greatest number in our history. There were shipped, on sale, 1,976 machines, an increase of 571, in addition to which a number of machines were loaned for educational and other special purposes. To date more than 21,000 machines have been built in the Brooklyn shops alone. To these must be added several hundred built in Baltimore and thousands built in Europe.

The number of new printing offices which adopted Linotypes during the year was 820, chiefly of the more simple and cheaper types of machines, adapted for the small newspapers, and job offices having limited capital to invest.

Shareholders.—These number 2,907.

Dividends.—Since Aug. 1894, when the first dividend was declared, we have disbursed \$35,913,230 in cash dividends.

Additions.—The demand is overtaking the capacity of the Brooklyn factory, additional land has been secured and a material increase in the factory buildings and the tool equipment are expected to be completed within six months.

Prices, &c.—During the past few months there has been a great dearth of skilled labor, a material increase in wages, and a marked increase in the cost of all our materials; nevertheless the company has continued to the present time to sell its machines without an increase in price.

While the number of machines sold has greatly increased, the average profit per machine has materially decreased owing to the fact that the smaller and cheaper machines afford a correspondingly smaller profit.

Foreign Trade.—The exportation of machines has been limited and the operations of your foreign companies have been greatly hampered. It is impossible at the present time to determine even approximately what conditions will exist at the close of the European war, or what losses may be involved in connection with the very large indebtedness due your foreign companies. It is this doubt, and the fact that large values now carried on the books may have to be canceled or materially reduced, that makes it necessary to husband our resources and keep ourselves in position to meet possible demands abroad and at home without endangering regular dividends and without incurring indebtedness.

Indebtedness.—The company is without indebtedness of any kind other than for current accounts. Its properties are not mortgaged or encumbered in any manner.

RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Total net profits.....	\$1,898,200	\$1,467,015	\$2,547,849	\$2,767,936
Dividends (about).....	1,279,990	1,663,997	1,919,940	1,919,820
Dividend rate.....	(10%)	(13%)	(15%)	(15%)

Bal., sur. or deficit., sur. \$618,210 def. \$196,982 sur. \$627,909 sur. \$848,116
Dividends as shown above in 1915-16 consist of 4 quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% each; in 1914-15, 5 1/2% paid Dec. 1914 (2 1/4% regular and 3% extra), and the regular dividends of 2 1/2% each paid March, June and Sept. 1915, and in 1913-14 and 1912-13 15% was paid, consisting of 6% paid Dec. (2 1/4% regular and 3 1/2% extra) and 2 1/2% regular and 1/4% extra each in March, June and Sept. (Compare V. 99, p. 1717.)

BALANCE SHEET OCT. 1.

	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.
Assets—				
Plant, real estate, &c.....	\$2,262,525	\$2,397,091	\$2,473,049	\$2,561,291
Linotypes.....	80,155	46,980	56,375	255,430
Office fixtures, &c.....	60,865	66,596	65,712	63,742
Rights, priv., franch., patents & inventions.....	3,650,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Stock and bond account.....	3,905,507	3,658,998	3,727,049	4,332,169
Cash.....	832,796	1,031,827	1,277,918	974,522
Bills receivable.....	5,676,538	5,148,828	4,973,029	4,077,454
Accounts receivable.....	1,398,193	1,230,673	1,332,304	1,526,990
Raw materials, &c.....	1,735,455	1,936,235	2,256,573	2,320,683
Canadian Linotype, Ltd.....	309,198	339,347	329,367	416,033
Total assets.....	\$19,911,233	\$19,856,675	\$20,491,376	\$20,528,314
Liabilities—				
Capital stock.....	\$12,800,000	\$12,799,900	\$12,799,600	\$12,799,200
Creditors' open accts.....	43,420	14,645	5,057	46,616
Bills payable.....				111,405
Dividends unpaid.....	648	628	602	856
Surplus.....	7,067,165	7,041,503	7,686,117	7,570,237
Total liabilities.....	\$19,911,233	\$19,856,675	\$20,491,376	\$20,528,314
—V. 101, p. 1803.				

American Window Glass Co., Pittsburgh.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 25 1916.)

President M. K. McMullin says in substance:

The past fiscal year has been the most successful one in our history. The continuation of the war has resulted in the placing of a record amount of export orders with the window glass manufacturers of this country. The total exports of window glass from this country during the year, it appears, was about 1,500,000 50-ft. boxes, of which we sold 1,252,221. While the export orders were booked at prices equal to the domestic prices, yet the returns were less on account of the additional expense of packing and shipment.

We have also developed during the year to a very satisfactory state the production of a high-grade picture glass, known to the trade as "16-oz. picture glass," which in our opinion will entirely displace the foreign glass made for this class of trade, and should continue to do so even after the war is over.

We have also made still further progress in the production of photo glass and now have in operation, in connection with our Monogahela factory, a complete dry-plate cutting factory, with sufficient capacity to take care of the average annual requirements of the country. We will no doubt have competition on the part of foreign manufacturers in the sale of this kind of glass after the war, but the proximity of our factory to the large users of the glass will no doubt assist us in securing a very large portion of the business.

In the production of our heavy glass specialties we have also made very gratifying progress. Our sales of this glass greatly increased during the year, and the indications are that we will sell a still larger quantity of it during the coming year at satisfactory prices.

Notwithstanding the increase in production of photo glass, 16-oz. picture glass and our various kinds of heavy glass, we also increased our production of common window glass, although the year's operation was only about two-thirds of our capacity. The total production of common window glass, in 50-ft. boxes, was 2,431,193 single strength and 669,265 double strength, a total of 3,100,458.

While the operation of the factories to only about two-thirds of capacity naturally increased our costs of production, yet our directors thought it was the proper policy to pursue. At the present time there is a capacity in this country to produce annually an enormous amount of window glass in excess of what could possibly be sold, both for the export trade and the domestic trade. Most of our competitors recognized the fact that overproduction would result in very unsatisfactory business conditions, and voluntarily adjusted their operations to what they considered a safe basis.

The Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Co. is continuing the development of its gas properties in the Jeannette and Kane gas fields. These operations continue to show a profit.

PRODUCTION AND INCOME ACCOUNT.

Year ending—	Aug. 25'16.	Aug. 27'15.	Aug. 28'14.	Aug. 30'13.
Boxes com. window glass:				
Single strength.....	2,431,193	1,900,069	1,724,898	2,316,416
Double strength.....	669,265	723,258	851,252	942,877
Net profits.....	\$3,461,978	\$2,053,454	\$1,864,101	\$2,035,623
Other income.....	55,753	114,133	34,039	19,746
Total income.....	\$3,517,731	\$2,167,587	\$1,898,140	\$2,055,369
Deductions.....	180,536	193,971	187,714	237,615
Net income.....	\$3,337,195	\$1,973,616	\$1,710,426	\$1,817,754
Royalties.....	1,380,861	862,295	975,674	987,325
Balance, surplus.....	\$1,956,334	\$1,111,321	\$734,752	\$830,429
Preferred dividends.....	\$739,075	\$1,957,550	\$1,080,000	

BALANCE SHEET.

	Aug. 25'16	Aug. 27'15	Aug. 25'16	Aug. 27'15
Assets—				
Property & plants.....	17,539,998	17,459,834	Common stock.....	13,000,000
Materials & supd.....	1,148,616	1,522,613	Preferred stock.....	4,000,000
Investments.....	115,448	130,230	Int. mtgs. and col-	
Treasury stock.....	5,000	21,196	lateral bonds.....	1,664,000
Cash, notes, &c. rec.....	1,787,442	1,444,944	Accts. notes pay-	
Discount on bonds.....	236,100	283,550	able, &c.....	291,894
Repairs, &c.....	36,466	48,295	Royalty accounts.....	5,228,792
Prepaid insur., &c.....	43,369	41,638	Res'vd for repairs.....	483,619
Profit and loss.....	4,185,116	5,462,374	Miscellaneous.....	29,249
Total.....	25,097,555	26,384,474	Total.....	25,097,555
—V. 103, p. 1509.				

Brown Shoe Company, Inc., St. Louis, Mo.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Oct. 31 1916.)

The report, signed by George Warren Brown, Chairman of the Board, and John A. Bush, President, in St. Louis, Nov. 4, says in substance:

Plant.—The company owns and operates eight large and modern plants, four located in St. Louis and one each in Moberly, Mo., Brookfield, Mo., Dixon, Ill., and Murphysboro, Ill., occupying an aggregate of more than 17 acres net floor space. During the year we have charged as part of the expenses of manufacturing \$29,670 for repairs and renewals and the entire cost of all dies and patterns, \$50,001, together with depreciation on plants, \$172,324, makes a total of \$252,005 charged to operations.

Capital Stock.—We have retired \$300,000 of preferred stock at a cost of \$272,202, and canceled same, thereby reducing the amount outstanding to \$3,700,000.

Sales, &c.—The net sales for the year ending Oct. 31 1916 total \$15,913,373, against \$10,764,328 for 1914-15 and \$10,748,120 for 1913-14. This is the largest year's business in our history. The net earnings total \$1,467,757, and after deducting preferred dividends, the balance is \$1,203,507, or about \$20 per share on the common stock.

Special Reserve.—Out of the profits of the year has been set aside as an insurance fund for future use in case it should be needed the sum of \$100,000, which stands credited to special reserve for future contingencies account.

Orders.—During the past three months the orders received have exceeded the producing capacity of our plants. The company now has orders on its books which will insure the operation of its factories to capacity for some months. We have contracted for the requisite raw material at prices which assure a normal profit.

Prices, &c.—The shortage in the world's supply of hides, the radical advances in price of leather and practically every other commodity required in the production of shoes, has caused us to face a materially higher cost of production, which has compelled us to increase very drastically the prices of our finished product. At this time we feel that the general business prosperity of the country is under such headway that it may fairly be expected to carry for some time.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING OCT. 31.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.
Net sales.....	\$15,913,373	\$10,764,328	\$10,744,467
Net for depreciation, &c.....	1,719,762	553,726	833,642
Interest.....		146,642	161,013
Depreciation.....	172,324	130,636	176,740
Repairs, renewals, &c., charged off.....	79,671	36,126	
*Preferred dividends (7%).....	264,520	273,000	278,250
*Common dividends.....	(See note)		(3)180,000

Balance, surplus or deficit., sur. \$1,203,507 def. \$32,678 sur. \$37,639
* Deducted by company from profit and loss account, but shown here for simplicity. (The company declared last week a dividend of 1 1/2% on the common stock, payable Dec. 1. V. 103, p. 1793.)

BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

	1916.	1915.	1916.	1915.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real est., bldgs, &c.....	676,990	601,657	Preferred stock.....	3,700,000
Mach'y & equip.....	536,146	548,753	Common stock.....	6,000,000
Lease.....	168,760	130,479	Notes payable.....	3,815,000
Trade names, good-will, &c.....	4,966,365	4,966,365	Accounts payable.....	422,470
Securities.....	2,139,194	184,976	Employers' acc'ts.....	
Cash.....	335,521	242,980	Employees' sav'gs.....	62,753
Accts' recivable.....	3,409,579	2,733,471	fund.....	79,946
Inventories.....	5,256,218	3,382,472	Reserve for taxes.....	10,000
Prepaid exp., &c.....	92,419	15,654	Special reserves.....	100,000
Total.....	15,604,200	12,876,807	Surplus.....	1,206,730
Total.....	15,604,200	12,876,807	Total.....	15,604,200

x After deducting \$179,278 paid for \$200,000 pref. stock retired and \$100,000 special reserve set aside for future contingencies.
y Including 1,160 shares of Brown Shoe Co. pref. stock.
z Includes special reserve from redemption of pref. stock \$300,000, and special reserve for future contingencies, \$100,000.—V. 103, p. 1793, 409.

Carbon Steel Co., Pittsburgh.

(22d Annual Report—Year ending Sept. 30 1916.)

Pres. Charles McKnight, Pittsburgh, Nov. 1, says in sub.:

Results.—After paying all expenses, interest on bonds, collateral trust notes and bills payable, and special bonus to employees, the net profits for the year amounted to \$3,099,611, which, added to the surplus of last year, together with sundry adjustments, makes the total surplus account \$3,233,635. From this amount there was deducted \$476,361 for all doubtful accounts, depreciation of plant and equipment, reorganization expenses, bond premiums, losses on former subsidiary companies, and \$50,000 set aside, an additional reserve for Federal income tax.

In addition to this, a dividend of 8% was declared on the first pref. stock (4% paid July 5 1916 and 4% payable Jan. 5 1917); 6% on the second pref. stock and 6% on the common stock, paid Sept. 30 1916, making a total of \$310,000 paid and declared during the year, leaving a balance to the credit of surplus account on Sept. 30 1916 of \$2,397,273.

Collateral Notes.—During the year all of the \$891,000 6% collateral trust notes have been retired and canceled; \$342,000 of the 20-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds were given in exchange for a part of these notes, and all of the remaining bonds, which were held by the trustees as collateral security for the notes, excepting those which have been turned into the sinking fund and canceled, have been placed in the treasury, where they may be sold or used from time to time for improvements, additions, &c. At the present time there is no intention of selling these bonds. In addition to this retirement of the collateral trust notes, all other notes have been retired, so that we are now free from all floating debt, excepting current monthly bills for materials and supplies.

Carbon Iron Co. Bonds.—The \$700,000 first and second mortgage bonds, issued by the Carbon Iron Co., payment of which was extended by your company on April 1 1912 for five years, will mature on April 1 1917. Your company now holds in its treasury \$98,000 of these bonds, which have been purchased in the open market, and the trustees hold \$700,000 (unissued) 5% sinking fund gold bonds of the Carbon Steel Co. It is expected they will be retired at maturity, on April 1 1917, out of the funds of the company, without increasing the company's indebtedness. This will leave in our treasury \$1,470,000 of the 5% sinking fund gold bonds.

Improvements.—During the past few years extensive improvements have been made in the plant, but where new buildings or new equipment have replaced old, there has been nothing added to the appraised value of such replacements, excepting the difference between the appraised value on the books of the old property and the increased value of the new, so that your mill has been greatly improved and bettered with comparatively small increases in the capital accounts, and all repairs have been charged directly against the cost of production.

Foreign Orders, &c.—In March, 1916 we leased the mill of Moorhead Bros. & Co., Inc., in Sheboygan, and entered into a contract to furnish the Italian Government with 30,000 tons of finished bars. The material for these bars was purchased in the outside market, and the contract will be completed within the next 30 days.

The special contracts for shell forgings and finished shells, previously reported, were satisfactorily completed within the specified time. We furnished only the steel used in these shells, and the work of manufacturing the forgings and shells was sublet to outside contractors, and all of these sub-contracts have been fully completed and satisfied.

Orders for Regular Products.—A conservative estimate of the value of contracts and orders now on hand for the company's regular line of products, shows an increase of more than \$1,500,000 over a similar estimate made at the beginning of the year, and this increase does not include orders or contracts which will be received from time to time in the regular course of business.

Plant Enlarged.—During the year our plant became so congested that it was necessary to enlarge its capacity; we therefore purchased the property of Edwin M. Hill, which adjoins the plant on the west, for \$250,000. This addition assisted largely in manufacturing and handling the company's regular products. Purchase money mortgages (\$160,000) on this property were given by the company which we hope to pay at maturity.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30 1916.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Net profits, First pref. dividend, Second preferred dividend, Common dividend, Depreciation, &c.

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30 1916

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real estate, plant, equipment, and stock. Liabilities include Common stock, 1st & 2d Mt. bonds, etc.

Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia. (66th Annual Report—Year ended June 30 1916.)

Pres. Joseph Moore Jr., Phila., Oct. 2, wrote in substance: Results.—Beginning July 1 1915 our three works were taxed to capacity by the urgent demand for salt...

Sales for the year were \$10,855,416, against \$7,797,782 in 1914-15. Improvements, &c.—New construction and improvements amounting to about \$660,000 have been authorized...

Working Capital.—In addition to meeting the dividend and providing for a large portion (\$500,000) of the three-year notes, we have accumulated sufficient working capital to overcome the unsafe and embarrassing deficiency which existed...

Insurance Valuations.—Mining Properties.—When opportunity will permit, at least \$250,000 should be segregated to constitute two insurance funds to reduce the present onerous premiums of nearly \$70,000 per annum...

EARNINGS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1915.

Table with 4 columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, Interest on notes, Depreciation, Dividends paid, Balance, surp., Total earnings.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1916, 1915, Assets, Liabilities. Assets include Real estate, coal lands, Bldgs., mach., &c., Patents, Cash, &c.

* Includes buildings, machinery and equipment at plants located at Philadelphia and Natrona, Pa., and Wyandotte, Mich., \$15,372,953; less depreciation, \$7,382,734. x After deducting \$239,112 amount charged, reducing values of copper extraction plants at Natrona and Philadelphia \$232,840, and securities and sundry patents, \$6,272.—V. 103, p. 1596.

American Rolling Mill Co., Middletown, O.

(Annual Report, Year ended June 30 1916.)

Pres. Geo. W. Verity, at Middletown, O., Sept. 15 1916, said in substance:

Results.—The improvement in general business conditions that began in March 1915 has continued steadily, enabling us to largely increase our sales over any previous estimate of the possible capacity of our works. We shall however, enjoy higher prices during the current fiscal year. At this writing substantial contracts have been made running throughout the entire fiscal year ending June 30 1917.

Liquidation of Gold Notes.—Your directors have felt that it was best to use surplus earnings in the liquidation of outstanding gold notes rather than in support of a more liberal dividend policy...

Reserve Fund.—Large monthly reserves are made for extraordinary replacements, accruing renewals and intangible depreciation. The total amount so reserved is now close to \$1,000,000.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with 3 columns: 1916, 1915, Net profits, Cash divs., Interest, dividends, rents, &c., Net income.

Table with 3 columns: 1916, 1915, Deduct—Cash divs., Dividend stock payments, 5% stock dividend, Interest paid, Charge for initial operation, Cost of 6% gold notes, Profit-sharing distribution, Reserve for profit-sharing, Net increase in surplus for year.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1916, 1915, Assets, Liabilities. Assets include Real estate, plant, &c., Pat. & Resour., &c., Sundry investments, Materials & supp., Notes & acct. rec., (less reserve), Marketable secur., Stock subscriptions, Cash, Pref. div. guar. fund, Prepaid insur., &c., Deferred charges.

a Owned and controlled through ownership of capital stock of International Metal Products Co. (Patent Holding Co.). b Includes initial operation of new East Mills, \$165,000; patent expenses, \$21,772; and expense of issue of 6% gold notes, \$146,200. c \$500,000 will be paid off on April 1 1917.—V. 103, p. 1304.

(The) Fajardo Sugar Company.

11th Annual Report Year ending July 3 1916.)

Pres. James Bliss Coombs says in substance:

The year 1916 has been the best in our history and prices obtained very satisfactory. Perfect weather prevailed all the season, with sufficient rain during the growing period, increasing the yield of cane to 21.60 tons to the acre as against 18 tons in 1914-15, and yet permitting steady work during the grinding.

Grinding was commenced Dec. 20 1915 and finished June 25 1916, covering a period of 156 days. The total number of acres of cane harvested and ground during the season was 14,582, which yielded 315,001 tons of cane as against 187,786 tons in 1914-15. Of this total of 315,001 tons of cane, 125,684 were purchased from Colonos and 189,317 tons were produced by administration.

The total sugar output for the year was 234,438 bags of sugar of 310 lbs. net, or 36,338 tons, as against 140,767 bags or 21,818 tons in 1914-15. The output of molasses for the crop amounted to 1,741,620 gallons.

The prospects for the 1916-17 crop are excellent. The acreage planted in cane is much larger, and as the weather so far has been favorable, it seems safe to predict an output of at least 40,000 tons of sugar for 1916-17. Additional machinery is being installed in the factory to enable it to take off the large anticipated crop.

DIVIDEND RECORD SINCE 1908.

Table with 10 columns: 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914-1915, 1916 Q-F, 10%, 8 1/2%, & 14% stk. 10%, 5 1/4%, 7%, 1 1/4%, None, 20%

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING JULY 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1914-15. Includes Sugar, &c., prod., Miscell. receipts, Total, Deduct—Prod'g & misc. costs, Net profits.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1916, 1915, Assets, Liabilities. Assets include Liv. bldgs., equip., &c., Esp. & Mang. purch. accounts, San Cristobal acct., W. I. Sug. Fin. Corp., Growing crops, Mtgs. receiv., &c., Material & supplies, Sugar and molasses, Planters' acct's, &c., Deferred charges.

* After deducting \$430,723 amounts written off for depreciation, insurance reserve, &c.—V. 103, p. 1595, 241.

Pittsburgh Brewing Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Oct. 28 1916.)

Pres. C. H. Ridall, Pittsburgh, Nov. 8, wrote in substance:

The total sales show an increase of 197,305 barrels over those of last year. The earnings also show a gratifying increase.

From the bonds payable by the company, amounting to \$5,319,000, should be deducted 474 bonds carried under investments and 201 bonds held in the sinking fund, leaving \$4,644,000 bonds in circulation, against the original issue of \$6,319,000, showing a net reduction of \$1,675,000.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR.

Table with 5 columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, Sales (barrels), Total net sales, Operating cost of sales, Gross earnings, General office expenses, Net earnings, Other income.

Table with 5 columns: 1915-16, 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, Total, Deduct—Interest, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Depreciation, &c., Total deductions, Surplus or deficit, Previous surplus, Total surplus.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: Oct. 28 '16, Oct. 23 '15, Assets, Liabilities. Assets include Plant & equip't., Cash, Investments, Notes receivable, Acct's receivable, Brewery and office inventories, Sinking fund.

* Includes as of Oct. 28 1916 mortgages receivable, \$134,831; real estate (other than plant), \$462,301; and stocks and bonds, \$424,831, against \$162,294, \$369,537 and \$424,331, respectively, as of Oct. 23 1915. Note.—Unsold stocks and bonds in treasury: \$181,000 bonds of the \$6,000,000 auth.; 7,998 shares of prof. stock (par \$50), or \$399,900 of the \$6,000,000 auth.; 10,755 shares common stock (par \$50), or \$537,750 of the 6,500,000 authorized.—V. 103, p. 1796.

Independent Brewing Co. of Pittsburgh.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Oct. 14 1916.)

Breweries.—(a) Allegheny County: Duquesne, American, Lutz, First National and Hill Top at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charliers Valley at Carnegie, Pa.; Home at Braddock, Pa.; and Homestead at Homestead, Pa. (b) Beaver County: Anderton at Beaver Falls, Pa. (c) Butler County: Butler at Butler, Pa. (d) Washington County: Charleroi at Charleroi, Pa., and Globe at Monongahela, Pa. (e) Westmoreland County: Monessen at Monessen, Pa.; New Kensington at New Kensington, Pa., and Loyalhanna at Latrobe, Pa.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Sales (barrels)-----	668,428	525,488	563,922	574,425
Total sales-----	\$4,733,858	\$4,086,333	\$3,991,532	\$4,281,996
Miscell. income, &c-----	140,662	98,452	110,784	
Income (all sources)-----	\$4,874,520	\$4,184,785	\$4,102,316	\$4,281,996
Cost of produc. & oper-----	3,555,234	3,234,487	2,896,715	2,796,857
Profit on sales-----	\$1,318,286	\$950,298	\$1,205,601	\$1,485,139
<i>Disbursements.</i>				
Interest on bonds-----	\$270,000	\$252,770	\$248,930	\$263,500
Preferred dividends-----	(7%)315,000	(7%)315,000	(7%)315,000	(8%)360,000
Int. on bds. constit. cos-----	1,568	2,017	2,468	2,918
Depreciation, &c-----	434,478	262,744	281,961	287,212
Total disbursed-----	\$1,021,046	\$832,532	\$848,359	\$913,630
Balance, surplus-----	\$297,240	\$117,766	\$357,243	\$571,508

* Also paid a 25 3/4 % scrip div. on pref. stock in Oct. 1915. V. 97, p. 1026.

BALANCE SHEET.

Oct. 14 '16. Oct. 16 '15.		Oct. 14 '16. Oct. 16 '15.			
Assets		Liabilities			
Real estate, &c-----	12,520,196	12,330,103	Common stock-----	4,500,000	4,500,000
Cash-----	250,123	259,841	Preferred stock-----	4,500,000	4,500,000
Bills receivable-----	1,194,772	1,199,281	Bonds-----		
Accts receivable-----	648,133	660,547	Indep. Brew. Co. 4,500,000	4,500,000	
Securities at par-----	283,050	332,567	Constituent cos. 23,000	20,500	
Unexp. & insur-----	57,154	68,061	Accounts payable-----	234,447	360,818
Inventories-----	446,336	436,516	Bond Int., &c-----	132,134	126,289
Bond sinking fund-----	290,512	229,874	Undivided profits-----	1,789,694	1,499,183
Total-----	15,670,275	15,516,791	Total-----	15,670,275	15,516,791

a Includes \$242,000 I. B. Co. bonds held by company and \$21,050 investments in miscellaneous stocks.
b After deducting \$15,729 depreciation on unused taxes, license and insurance Oct. 17 1915.
The liabilities do not include the contingent liabilities on notes of customers discounted in banks; \$179,395, and on endorsements for customers, \$17,390; total, \$196,785.—V. 101, p. 1555.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Adamson Law.—Railroads File Suits.—See editorial columns in this issue.

Ashland (Wis.) Light, Power & St. Ry.—Bonds Offered. P. W. Brooks & Co. are offering an additional amount of 1st Mtge. 5% gold bonds of this company, making \$621,000 outstanding.

Earnings—Year ending—	Gross.	Net.	Bond Int.	Surplus.
Aug. 31 1916-----	\$156,749	\$67,467	\$30,913	\$36,555
Aug. 31 1915-----	112,955	50,339	26,876	23,463

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR.—Federal Valuation.—Thomas W. Hulme, General Secretary of the Railroad Presidents' Conference Committee on Federal Valuation, in circular letter dated at Philadelphia, Nov. 11, says: On Oct. 23 1916 the Inter-State Commerce Commission posted upon its bulletin board a notice of its tentative valuations of the property of the Texas Midland and Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad companies. As the report did not summarize the findings, various incorrect statements have appeared in the public press with reference thereto. I have, therefore, prepared the following statement showing correctly what appears in the Commission's report with reference to the Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR. Co.

Commission's Report on Valuation of Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR.
Cost of reproduction of property owned and used (not incl. land) \$24,155,000
Land (a) owned & used, \$2,291,413; (b) owned not used, \$1,165,000 3,456,413
Materials and supplies----- 433,000
Mulgra Branch, leased to another operating company----- 788,000

Total-----	\$28,832,413
Cash on hand (not reported by the Government)-----	200,000
Grand total-----	\$29,032,413

The Government's total of \$29,000,000 may be contrasted with the \$37,000,000 in cash which was obtained as the proceeds of the sale of securities issued and expended for the construction of new lines and acquisition and rehabilitation of other lines, now part of the main line and branches. The officers of the road contend that the property could not be reproduced at this time, for less than this amount.
The Division of Valuation, as a matter of administration, has prepared its estimates on the lowest basis, leaving, as required, to the aforesaid Commission the determination of all matters in dispute. The Commission has announced that it has not passed upon the many questions involved in the determination of correct principles and methods, but that it will do so as illustrated by the inventories that are first presented to it for consideration with the carrier's objections, and that its decisions in these cases will serve as a guidance for its future work. It is, therefore, to be expected that the Government's findings of \$29,000,000 for the Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR. will be materially increased upon its ultimate determination of correct principles and methods.—V. 103, p. 1683, 1598.

Birmingham & Southeastern Ry.—Default—Committee.

—The company defaulted Nov. 1 as to the interest payment then due on its \$539,000 1st M. 6s of 1911. The protective committee named below, in circular of Oct. 30, said in substance:

Explanation is made that adverse local conditions, considered temporary in their nature, have caused such a decrease in the earnings as to make it necessary to defer payment of the coupon now maturing. In view of the general situation respecting the business and affairs of the company, it is considered imperative that the holders of 1st M. 6% gold bonds unite for the protection of their interests. Holders are therefore urged to deposit these bonds immediately with the Central Trust Co. of N. Y., the depository of the committee. The committee will promptly acquaint itself with the status of the affairs and will keep the depositors advised from time to time. Signed by protective committee, George C. Van Tuyl, Jr., Chairman, (President Metropolitan Trust Co., N. Y.) and H. A. Smith, (President National Fire Ins. Co., of Hartford) with H. M. DeLauncey as Secretary, 66 Broadway, N. Y. City and T. H. Lehman, counsel.

[Salesmen who placed a large portion of the outstanding bonds, claim to have done so under an implied, if not an expressed warranty and they believe the warranty, good at the time, is better now. They are not satisfied that the default is justified, nor that the aforesaid committee represents all interests in the bonds. Consequently, they ask the holders to communicate with John A. Smith an attorney of Rockford, Ill., or Frederick Charles, 1411 Chestnut St., Phila., who propose to make a thorough investigation without expense to the bondholders generally].—V. 94, p. 1316.

Canadian Northern Ry.—Protection of Notes.

See Mt. Royal Tunnel & Terminal Co. below.—V. 103, p. 1209, 1117.

Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Bonds Offered.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Russell, Brewster & Co., Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, all of Chicago, are offering by advertisement on another page at 90 and int., yielding over 5%, \$4,000,000 First & Refunding Mtge. 5% gold bonds dated Aug. 1 1912, due Aug. 1 1952, red. at 105 on any int. date. Int. F. & A. Denom. \$1,000 e*.

Digest of Letter of Pres. Marshall E. Sampson, Chicago, No. 9 1916.

Organized in Illinois in 1902, now serves 131 communities in Central and Southern Ill. having a combined est. population of 285,000, with one or more classes of service, viz., electric light and power, gas, water, heating, ice, and street or interurban railway.

Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding.
Preferred 6% cumulative stock-----	\$7,500,000	\$3,225,000
Common stock-----	7,500,000	6,000,000
First & Ref. M. 5s due 1952 (this issue)-----	(a)	9,057,000
Underlying bonds (closed issues) on portion of properties-----		775,000
Debentures, due 1923-----		110,000

a Auth. Issue limited by restrictions of trust deed. See V. 95, p. 1744.
Purpose of Issue.—To retire the \$3,000,000 3-year 6% Collateral Gold notes due Dec. 1 1916, and for extensions, &c.

Security.—A direct lien on all fixed property now owned or hereafter acquired, being now (1) a first lien on properties producing about 68% of gross earnings, and (2) subject only to \$775,000 underlying bonds, all due on or before Oct. 1 1935 on balance of property. (3) Further secured by the deposit of \$75,000 (entire authorized issue) of the First M. bonds of Mattoon Gas Light & Coke Co. of Ill., \$290,000 (entire outstanding issue) of the First M. 6s of the Central Illinois Tractor Co., \$1,999,500 (entire outstanding issue except five qualifying shares) of the stock of the Central Illinois Tractor Co., and \$36,000 of value of various underlying bonds.

Equity.—The investment in the properties represents substantial equity over and above the First & Ref. bonds. The company has converted into common stock, \$ for \$, \$2,000,000 of its debentures and notes, owned by the Middle West Utilities Co., representing the investment, made from time to time by the Middle West company in this company, of an aggregate equivalent amount of cash, viz., \$2,000,000. Such investment is in addition to the Middle West Co.'s large cash investment previously made.

Operations.—Company now serves 131 communities, of which 130 are served with electricity, 6 gas, 11 water, 13 ice, 6 heating, 6 with street railway service, and an interurban line is operated connecting Mattoon and Charleston, Ill.; also owns franchises in four towns shortly to be served.

The company now has in operation over 846 miles and will have completed by Jan. 1 1917 36 miles more of high tension transmission lines; operates 13 central stations, holds 10 stations in reserve, having shut down several due to new construction, and has contracts for power from 7 other central stations, including Keokuk, Iowa. The largest generating station owned, capacity over 8,000 h. p., is located at Kincaid, Ill. The company now has a total available of 40,000 h. p., to be increased by Dec. 1 1916 to 50,000 h. p. Total connected load, 69,000 h. p. The properties serve without competition and are located in the agricultural sections contiguous to the central Illinois coal fields.

Year end, Dec. 31—	1913.	1914.	1915.	'16 (3 mos. est.)
Gross earnings-----	\$1,699,607	\$1,851,141	\$1,898,984	\$2,189,250
Net earnings-----	\$574,552	\$666,031	\$707,787	\$891,250
Annual int. on \$9,057,000 1st & Ref., \$775,000 underlying and \$125,000 Mattoon Co. 5% bonds requires-----				498,930

Balance----- \$392,320
The above includes earnings of the Mattoon Clear Water Co., whose entire capital stock is owned.

Management.—Entire outstanding common stock is owned or controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co. under direction of Samuel Insull and associates.

For additional information as to the trust deed, list of properties, &c., see V. 95, p. 1744.—V. 103, p. 496, 106.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Plan Underwritten

by Speyer & Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co.—The Joint Reorganization committee gives notice to holders of the company's stock and 20-year 5% gold debentures that a plan of reorganization dated Nov. 14 1916 has been prepared by it and has been approved by the committee for debentures of the railway company acting under the deposit agreement dated July 19 1915 and by the two committees representing stock of the railway company, of which Nathan L. Amster and Charles Hayden are, respectively, Chairmen.

Holders of stock who desire to participate must deposit the certificates for such stock, duly assigned in blank, with either of the depositories on or before Dec. 4 1916.

Holders of 20-year 5% gold debentures not heretofore deposited with the said debenture committee who desire to participate in the reorganization must deposit their debentures, with the coupon dated Jan. 15 1916 and all subsequently maturing coupons attached, with either of the depositories, on or before Dec. 4 1916.

Joint Reorganization Committee: Seward Prosser, Chairman; Nathan L. Amster, Ernie K. Bolson, Charles Hayden, James Speyer and S. Davies Warfield, with B. W. Jones, Secretary, 16 Wall St., New York.
Depositories under plan, Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Digest of Plan Dated Nov. 14 1916.

On April 20 1915 resolvers were appointed. The interest which matured Jan. 15 1916 and July 15 1916 on the (\$20,000,000) debentures has not been paid. No defaults have occurred as to interest payments upon any of the mortgage obligations of the company, but a bondholders' committee has begun suit to foreclose the First & Refunding Mortgage, affecting various other defaults. This litigation is being contested by the company and by the Joint Reorganization Committee, and representatives of the latter have been holding informal conferences with the First & Ref. Committee.

Under this plan the Joint Committee is empowered to make any settlement that it may deem advisable with respect to the First & Refunding bonds or any other obligations of or claims against the company. Investigations have been made of the physical condition, operations, earnings power and accounts of the railway company by experts, based upon which the Joint Reorganization Committee has prepared the following:

New Stock (in \$100 Shares), Presently \$125,000,000 (Optionally \$140,000,000) Including \$50,000,000 of \$65,000,000 Pref. Stock (or Income Debentures). The properties are either to be retained in the present company, or are to be sold and the proceeds to be used in a new company or otherwise reorganized, subject to all liens of record by way of mortgage or deed of trust and to such liens as may be substituted for any thereof, and with new stock as follows:

- (1) Two Classes of Preferred Stock, 7% and 6%, with (a) Same Preference as to Assets, (b) Sharing Pro Rata in all Dividends After Prior 1% on 7% Preferred.—Preferred—Both Cumulative up to 5%.
- (2) 7% Preferred Stock, with preference over the 6% preferred stock as to dividends to the extent of 1% in any fiscal year, but, after setting aside such 1% in any fiscal year, both classes of preferred shall rank pari passu as to further dividends paid thereon. Dividends upon the 7% preferred stock presently to be issued hereunder shall be cumulative up to but not exceeding 5% per annum from and after such date as may be fixed by the committee, having regard to the amounts of the several installments and the respective dates fixed for the payment thereof by depositing stockholders. Presently authorized \$30,000,000 (but see (b) below).
Now issuable----- \$29,743,880
- (3) 6% Preferred Stock, entitled to dividends as stated above (under 6% pref.), and cumulative up to 5% p. a. from July 15 1916. Presently authorized (but see "a" below), to be issued in exchange \$ for \$ for the \$20,000,000 debentures----- \$20,000,000
- (4) Common Stock (being equal in amount to present stock)----- \$74,359,722

(a) The Joint Reorganization Committee may in its discretion determine that the authorized amounts of the 6% preferred stock or of the 7% preferred stock, or both, shall exceed the amounts above specified by not more than \$15,000,000 in par amount for both; and any part of such preferred stock not required for the purposes of the plan may be placed in the treasury for general corporate purposes. The authorized amounts of the preferred stocks may not be increased after reorganization except by vote of a majority of each class of stock, voting separately.

(b) The preferred stocks of both classes shall share pari passu in the distribution of assets upon insolvency or dissolution, and shall, in such event, be preferred over the common stock in the payment of the entire par value of the preferred stocks, plus any accumulated dividends thereon.

(c) The Joint Reorganization Committee may, in its discretion, upon consummation of the plan, pay in cash, either out of the funds provided for under the plan or otherwise, all or any part of the amount that would otherwise then have accumulated by way of dividend on said 6% or 7% preferred stock; and thereupon the dates from which dividends shall accumulate thereon shall be changed accordingly.

(d) The right of cumulative voting at all elections for directors shall be provided for by the charter.

(e) In lieu of preferred stock, if in the judgment of the Joint Reorganization Committee it shall be more expedient so to do, there may be issued *Income Debentures* with substantially the same priorities and rights as to earnings and assets, and, if practicable, substantially the same voting privileges as above stipulated in respect of the proposed pref. stocks.

Sale of Stock.—For the cash requirements of the plan, estimated at \$29,743,889, a purchase agreement has been entered into with Speyer & Co. and Hayden, Stone & Co., who agree to purchase, for the sum of \$29,743,889, less a commission of 3%, the \$29,743,889 7% preferred stock and the \$74,359,722 common stock to be presently issued, and have authorized the committee to offer depositing stockholders the opportunity to participate as below stated.

Terms Offered Holders of Present Stock and Debentures.

(1) Depositors of the present stock (\$74,359,722) paying \$40 a share (the first \$10 within 30 days after notice) will receive in exchange for each \$100 share of their stock and for the cash payment (a) \$100 new common stock, (b) \$40 new 7% pref. stock (calling, if all assent, for \$74,359,722 new common and the \$29,743,889 new 7% pref.).

(2) Depositing debenture holders (total issue \$200,000,000) will receive in cash the 5% arrears of interest on their debentures to July 15 1916 (with adjustment as to any advances upon Jan. 15 1916 coupons), and in respect of each \$1,000 debenture \$1,000 in new 6% preferred stock.

Application of \$29,743,889 New Funds (Compare V. 103, p. 665).

To pay Two-Year Collateral Trust Gold Notes	\$7,500,000
do Loan, Central Trust Co., secured by collateral	2,500,000
do Loan, Hayden, Stone & Co., secured by collateral	1,600,000
do Receiver's Certificates, Series A	5,488,000
do Receiver's Certificates, Series B	1,100,000

To pay or acquire claims against and liabilities of the receiver, to pay interest and other debts of the new company, and to pay the expenses of the reorganization syndicate, commissions and miscellaneous requirements and to provide additional working capital. \$11,555,889

The plan will leave unaffected various claims which will have to be met, contested or otherwise disposed of by the new company. [These alleged claims include liabilities renounced by the receiver, and items in dispute 000. Ed.] As against these claims the receiver will turn over all moneys remaining in his hands. On Nov. 2 1916 the moneys so held amounted to \$4,821,589, a part of which represented accumulations made in anticipation of payments then presently to become due.

Treasury Assets—Proposed Sale of Bonds (with Additional Coupons Attached).

Upon payment of the above mentioned collateral loans (aggregating \$11,600,000, as provided in the plan, there will be liberated for use for the general corporate purposes of the new company the treasury securities now pledged as collateral for those loans, including: Railway company's First & Ref. Mtge. 4% bonds, \$16,199,000; St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2% bonds, \$2,545,000 (\$212,000 additional are in the treasury); Rock Island Ark. & La. RR. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2% \$1,965,000.

There are also reserves for issue under the First & Refunding Mtge. (a) \$7,000,000 in arrears against coupons on funded and unfunded bonds for the calendar years 1915 and 1916; (b) upon retirement of the receiver's certificates issued to pay the Choctaw Collateral bonds matured May 1 1915 and 1916 a further \$2,988,000; (c) \$20,988,000 additional are reserved for refunding the \$12,500,000 1st M. 6% bonds due July 1 1917, the \$5,500,000 Choctaw Okla. & Gulf Gen. M. 5% due Oct. 1 1919 and the Choctaw Collateral bonds due \$1,494,000 May 1 1917 and \$1,494,000 May 1 1918. The committee is advised that all First & Refunding bonds so issued and certain bonds of subsidiary companies will be available as treasury assets of the new company.

By attaching appropriate coupons, it will be possible to sell such of the First & Ref. bonds as it may be deemed desirable to dispose of at a price more nearly approaching their face value than the present market price. Such additional coupons will be a fixed charge, but will not be secured by the First & Refunding Mtge. It is proposed to sell, before declaring the plan operative, an amount of such First & Refunding bonds at least sufficient to provide for the payment at maturity of the \$12,500,000 face amount of First Mtge. 6% bonds and the \$1,494,000 Choctaw Serial Collateral bonds falling due in 1917.

Earnings.—From the receiver's reports (V. 103, p. 1683) it appears that the income for the year ended June 30 1916, applicable to interest charges, amounted to \$15,299,474, after deducting all rentals, equipment hire, taxes, &c. The total interest charges on funded and unfunded debts for the same period amounted to \$12,312,198. In the above-mentioned allowance for rentals, &c., annual rentals and interest charges (amounting to about \$650,000) of certain affiliated companies were included, although not paid by the receiver. After deducting all interest charges, including the \$1,000,000 accrued interest on the debentures (\$958,333 of which was not paid), there remained a surplus for the year ended June 30 1916 of \$2,957,281.

When the receiver's certificates and the aforementioned collateral loans shall be paid and the debentures exchanged for 6% preferred stock, as provided in the plan, a reduction at the rate of \$2,054,400 per year in the company's interest charges will be effected, including: \$7,500,000 2-year notes (interest and commissions), \$525,000; \$2,500,000 Iowa Central Trust Co., \$125,000; \$1,600,000 loan, Hayden, Stone & Co., \$64,000; \$20,000,000 20-year gold debentures, \$1,000,000; \$5,588,000 receiver's certificates, Series A and B, \$340,000. Of this saving of \$2,054,400, the amount actually charged for the last fiscal year was \$1,937,696, because part of the receiver's certificates were outstanding for a few months only and rates of interest and commissions on certain loans were changed during that year.

Taking the net income for the late fiscal year as the basis, there would have been, after crediting to the earnings for that year an amount equal to its proportion of the savings that will be thus effected in reorganization, a surplus of \$4,894,977 applicable to dividends on the stock, equivalent to the full dividends on the \$50,000,000 of preferred stocks of the new company presently issuable and a balance of \$1,594,977 for the common stock.

For the four months ended Oct. 31 1916 (Oct. estimated), the gross earnings of the railway company were \$29,577,085, an increase of \$4,325,300 over the same period in 1915.

Obligations (\$257,758,383 Nov. 2 1916) Which Plan Leaves Undisturbed. [Including \$20,921,000 in treasury or pledged as collateral for loans.]

Description of Debt	When Due	Outstanding
Ch. R. I. & Pac. Ry. First & Ref. Mtge. 4% bonds	1934	\$94,941,000
do do pledged as collat. for loans	1934	16,199,000
First mortgage bonds, 6%	1917	12,500,000
General mortgage gold bonds, 4%	1988	61,581,000
Gold bonds of 1902, 4%	1917-1918	2,988,000
Cavers Elevator Co. notes, 5%	1916	10,000
Equip. obligations (incl. receiver's issue, \$2,608,163) 1917-25		15,460,163
Burlington Cedar Rapids & Northern Ry. Co.:		
Consolidated first mortgage 5% bonds	1934	11,000,000
Cedar Rapids Iowa Falls & N. W. 1st M. 5s	1921	1,905,000
Minneapolis, Iowa Falls & N. W. 1st M. 7s	1927	150,000
Rock Island & Peoria Ry. Co. Consol. 1st M. 6s	1925	450,000
Choctaw Oklahoma & Gulf RR. Co. Gen. M. 5s	1919	5,500,000
Choctaw & Memphis RR. Co. 1st M. 5s	1940	3,524,980
Consolidated mortgage gold bonds, 5%	1952	5,411,000
Little Rock Bridge Co. 1st Mtge. 6%	1919	95,000
Rock Island Ark. & La. RR. Co. 1st M. 4 1/2%	1934	11,000,000
do do pledged as collat. for loans	1934	1,965,000
Little Rock & Hot Springs Western notes, 4%	1939	453,600
St. Paul & Kan. City Sh. Line RR. Co. 1st M. gold 4 1/2%	1941	9,867,640
do do \$212,000 in treasury; \$2,545,000 pledged as collat.		2,757,000

Est. Requirements, Aggregating \$38,312,840 Jan. 1 1917, to Dec. 31 1919. [Without allowance for any liabilities renounced by the receiver.]

(Calendar Years)	1917.	1918.	1919.
1st Mtge. 6s, due July 1 1917	\$12,500,000		
Equipment trust obligations	2,409,947	\$2,084,947	\$2,084,946
Choctaw Serial Collateral bonds	1,494,000	1,494,000	
Choctaw Ok. & Gulf Gen. M. 5s			5,500,000
Little Rock Bridge 1st M. 6s	20,000	20,000	55,000
C. & H. P. Elevator 1st M. 5s	50,000	50,000	50,000
Additions and betterments	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total	\$19,973,947	\$7,148,947	\$11,189,946

It is also intended that the new company shall expend a substantial amount for rehabilitation.

Estimated Resources to Dec. 31 1919.

Estimated balance of cash provided for in reorganization (after paying all short-term loans, receiver's certificates and expenses) additional to receiver's cash	\$8,000,000
Estimated face amount of First & Refunding bonds available upon consummation of plan for the making of the additions and betterments above specified and the retirement of the Choctaw Serial bonds, the 1st M. 6% bonds due in 1917 and the Choctaw Okla. & Gulf Gen. M. 5s due in 1919	54,174,000
St. P. & K. C. Short L. RR. 1st M. bonds, also former amts. of Rock Isl. Ark. & La. RR. 1st Mtge. bonds for improvements, &c.	2,757,000
	1,965,000
	— V. 103, p. 1792, 1687.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Dividends Resumed.—A dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$62,792,600 stock, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 8. This is the first payment since Dec. 1914, when 1% was paid. See also Hocking Valley Ry. below.—V. 103, p. 1319, 1298.

Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western RR.—Litigation.—See Indianapolis Union Ry. below.—V. 102, p. 1435.

Cleve. Cinc. Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Purchase.—The shareholders of this company will vote Dec. 4 on purchasing the properties of the controlled companies, the Saline Valley Ry. and the Evansville Mt. Carmel & Northern Ry. (of Indians), the capital stock of which it already owns.—V. 103, p. 1031.

Hocking Valley Ry.—"Soft Coal" Litigation.

U. S. Circuit Judges Warrington, Knapper and Denison, sitting as a special U. S. District Court at Cincinnati in the anti-trust suit of the United States against the railway and coal companies alleged to compose the so-called "soft coal trust," on Nov. 10 handed down a decree approving the sale by the Hocking Valley and Chesapeake & Ohio railways of securities and properties of the Buckeye Coal & Ry. Co. and the Ohio Land & Ry. Co. to John S. Jones, Chicago, Ill., coal operator. The decree was made following the presentation of the notice of the Central Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee under the First Consol. mtges. of both railway companies, of the withdrawal of its appeal to U. S. Supreme Court from the decree of this Court, directing the sale of these securities and properties. Compare under Toledo & Ohio Central Ry., V. 102, p. 2167; V. 103, p. 1606, 1588.

Indianapolis Union Ry.—Litigation.

This company and its principal tenants, the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry., the Pittsburgh Cincinnati & St. Louis Ry. and the Vandalla RR., filed a petition on Oct. 24 in the U. S. District Court at Cincinnati in the receivership suit against the Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western Ry. (formerly a part of the Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton system and now separately reorganized as the C. I. & W. RR. Co.), asking the enforcement of the latter contract for the joint use of the terminal facilities of the Indianapolis Union Ry. The foreclosure decree, it is asserted, gave no power to the reorganized co. to renounce this contract.—V. 101, p. 1272.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., all of New York, having sold over 80% of the same are offering by adv. on another page, at 99 and int. the remainder of their block of \$36,686,000 First & Refunding Mtge. 5s, being all that is left of the total amount of \$100,585,000 authorized by the Public Service Commission in connection with the contract between the city and the company for the extension of the rapid transit system.

J. P. Morgan & Co. as managers for the syndicate organized in April 1912, it is stated, have called upon the syndicate participants to return any unsold portion of their commitments in order that the entire transaction may be consummated. It is inferred by some that the syndicate will be dissolved in advance of the original date set, July 1 1917.—V. 103, p. 1592, 1131.

Lake Erie Owl. Gr. & Napoleon (Elec.) RR.—Sale.—See Toledo Fosterla & Findlay Ry. below.—V. 103, p. 1032, 666.

Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR.—Earnings.

June 30 Yrs.	1915-16.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Gross earnings	\$11,244,355	\$9,497,896	\$9,090,940	\$2,893,843
Net aft. taxes	3,987,292	2,795,523	Int., rents, &c.	2,797,106
Other income	109,648	97,319	Bal., surplus	1,299,834
				97,033

—V. 103, p. 759.

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.—Extension.—An authoritative statement follows:

Arrangements have been completed whereby the extension to the Mississippi river will be ready for actual operation about Jan. 1. In 1914 the company built from Jena, La., its previous southerly terminus, to Willeville Junction on the east bank of the Black River 23.65 miles, and constructed steel bridge at this point. The remaining 25 miles to Vidalia, La., on the west bank of the Mississippi opposite Natchez, the company will operate jointly with the Iron Mountain. New bridges have recently been constructed along this whole section, and the roadbed has been relaid with 75-lb. rails to correspond with the rest of the L. & A. main line. Freight cars will be transferred across the Mississippi River to Natchez. The opening of this new line will undoubtedly greatly strengthen the entire Louisiana & Arkansas road, affording a direct connection with the Illinois Central system and the Mississippi Central, furnishing for it a new gateway into Eastern Trunk Line territory, and thus securing a greater through freight traffic.—V. 103, p. 1787, 1687.

Manila Railway (1906).—Interest Deferred.

Owing to the delay in the settlement of the agreement between the Philippine Government, the Manila RR. Co. and the above company, the payment of the coupon dated Oct. 15 on the "B" debenture bonds of the company (which is, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the meeting of bondholders held on July 18 last, at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum), will be deferred until further notice. An explanatory circular can be obtained on application to Messrs. Speyer Bros., 7 Lombury, London, E. C., Eng., or at the company's office, 288 Dashwood House, New Broad St., London, E. C.—V. 103, p. 145.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Series "G" Equipment Gold Notes Sold.—Wm. A. Read & Co. New York, Chicago, Phila., Boston and London, have sold \$1,500,000 (total issue) 4 1/2% Equipment Gold Notes, Series "G." Maturing \$75,000 semi-annually May 15 1917 to Nov. 15 1926, inclusive. Int. M. & N. 15 in New York. Denom. \$1,000. Trustee Empire Trust Co., N. Y. A circular shows: A direct obligation of the company, issued against equipment whose cash contract cost is about 15% in excess of the amount of notes. Title to the equipment is vested in Wm. A. Read & Co., as vendors, in trust for the noteholders, until all the notes with accrued interest have been paid. The pledged equipment, all new, consists of 800 box cars, 200 automobile cars and 250 ore cars. See annual report V. 103, p. 1207.

Mount Royal Tunnel & Term. Co., Ltd.—Modifications. Holders of the company's 5% First Mtge. (Canadian Northern) Rent Charge debenture bonds dated 1914, £2,400,000 outstanding, were to have voted in London Nov. 3 on approving certain modifications of the trust deed proposed by the company, in order to restrict until the repayment of certain one-year 5% secured gold notes issued by the Canadian Northern Ry. (V. 102, p. 521) as security for which certain of the aforesaid bonds have been pledged. (a) the total issue of debenture stock and bonds under the Trust Mortgage to \$30,000,000 Canadian currency or the equivalent in pounds sterling and (b) the price of issue of such debenture stock and bonds and the disposition of the proceeds of additional issues thereof.—V. 103, p. 1210.

Oregon-Washington R.R. & Navigation Co.—Bonds Offered.—Tilney, Ladd & Co., New York, are offering by adv. on another page, at 86 1/4 and interest to yield 4.75% \$1,600,000 First & Refunding Mtge. 4% gold bonds dated Jan. 3 1911, due Jan. 1 1961. Int. J. & J. Amount outstanding \$39,665,035. Principal and interest unconditionally guaranteed by the Union Pacific R.R. Compare V. 94, p. 699. V. 103, p. 1033.

Republic Railway & Light Co.—Notes Called.—Supplementing the call of \$480,000 3-year 5% Secured Gold Notes dated Dec. 1 1915 (see "Chronicle," page 1688), this company has called for redemption at 100% and interest the remaining \$2,483,000 outstanding notes of the above described issue at Fidelity Trust Co., Phila., on Dec. 11. Under the trust agreement holders of these notes have the right to convert them at par into the 7% pref. stock of Mahoning & Shenango Ry. & Light Co., the operating subsidiary of the Republic Ry. & Light Co., on or before Dec. 1.—V. 103, p. 1688.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. (New Company).—Bonds Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co. and the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., are offering, at 90 and int., \$8,516,000 Prior Lien Mortgage 5% Gold Bonds, Series B, dated July 1 1916 and due July 1 1950, but callable at 105 & int. on 60 days' notice.

Interest payable J. & J. in New York, without deduction for Federal income tax. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100; \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Application is to be made to list these bonds on the N. Y. Stock Exchange. Central Trust Co. of N. Y. and Daniel K. Cattin, trustees. Prior Lien bonds, total authorized issue \$8,516,000. Outstanding (as of Nov. 8 1916): Series A 4%, \$83,069,075; Series B 5%, \$25,000,000; total 108,069,075. In addition, \$10,329,425 Series A 4% bonds have been issued to the reorganization managers to be applied for the refunding, payment, purchase or acquisition of \$7,688,000 St. Louis & San Francisco R.R., Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Pref. Stock Trust Certificates, and \$4,099,300 underlying mortgage obligations.

Condensed Extracts from Letter of Pres. W. C. Nixon, Nov. 1916. The company was incorporated in August 1916 to acquire lines of the St. Louis & San Francisco R.R. Co., and operates a total of 5,339 miles of road, of which 3,462 miles are owned in fee, 1,672 miles are controlled through ownership of substantially all the capital stock, and 205 miles are operated under trackage rights. The mileage of the system extends from St. Louis through the States of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, and serves some of the richest traffic-producing territory in the central and southwestern parts of the United States. Through the K. C. P. S. & M. Ry., which it controls by stock ownership, the St. Louis-San Francisco system has also a direct through route for traffic from Kansas City to Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala.

In the reorganization of 1916 annual fixed charges have been reduced from \$14,836,324 to approximately \$9,331,630—a reduction of \$5,504,694, or 37%—of which approximately \$2,725,930 is due to the fact that the lines of Chicago & Eastern Illinois R.R. Co., New Orle. Texas & Mexico R.R. Co. and New Orleans Term. Co. were not taken over by the St. L.-S. F. Ry. Co.

Capitalization of System (as of Nov. 8 1916). Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Prior Lien Bonds, Underlying mts., Equipment trust obligations, K. C. P. S. & M. Ry. 4% Pref. Stock Trust Certificates, and Funded debt of K. O. P. S. & Memphis Ry. System.

Total bearing fixed charges \$100,725,818. Adjustment Mortgage 6% cumulative income bonds 40,547,818. Non-cumulative 6% income mortgage bonds 35,192,000. Preferred stock 6% non-cumulative 7,500,000. Common stock 60,441,000. In addition, \$10,329,425 Series A 4% bonds have been issued to the reorganization managers to be applied for the refunding, payment, purchase or acquisition of \$7,688,000 St. Louis & San Francisco R.R., Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis pref. stock trust certificates, and \$4,099,300 underlying mortgage obligations.

Earnings for Year ended June 30 1916, Compared with Total Fixed Charges. Operating revenue, \$45,463,500; net, after taxes, \$13,432,304. Miscellaneous income, less hire of equipment, 749,023.

Total income being 1 1/2 times total est. fixed charges of new co. \$14,181,327. Total est. annual fixed int. and rental charges of new company \$9,331,630. Earnings for the three months ended Sept. 30 1916 show an increase of \$2,768,816, or 24.7% in total operating revenue and \$786,992, or 25.7% in total income available for fixed charges as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year.

Earnings, Gross and Net, Available for Fixed Charges (Est. at \$9,331,630). In the three years ended June 30 1916, during the receivership, the physical property, taken over by the present company, received the benefits of maintenance expenditures, amounting to \$44,007,704, or \$10,312,594 more than in the three previous corresponding years. In addition, expenditures for actual additions and betterments of way and structures and reductions in outstanding equipment trust obligations during the same period have together amounted to \$14,252,823. The properties are now in excellent physical condition.

Years ending table with 5 columns: 1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16. Rows include Ave. miles oper., Operating rev., Net. after taxes, Other net income, Available for fixed charges, Results per Mile of Road Oper., and Maintenance expen.

The ratio of transportation expenses to operating revenue decreased from 37.24% in 1912 to 32.03% in 1916. On a gross operating revenue of \$48,403,000 in 1916 this reduction in transportation expense ratio is equivalent to an annual net saving of \$2,521,000, due to improved oper. efficiency. The large increase in ratio of maintenance expenses to operating revenue means a great improvement in the physical condition of the property. Maintenance expenses undoubtedly were above normal during the last 3 yrs.

The considerable decrease in "other net income" since the receivership is chiefly due to the relinquishment of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which paid some dividends to the San Francisco Co., but which proved unprofitable to the latter because requiring fixed charges in excess of income.

The great improvement in operating results above shown has been in no wise due to increase in traffic rates. On the contrary, the average rate per ton mile decreased 7% and per passenger mile decreased 8% between 1911 and 1916. The improvement has been effected chiefly through an increase in train-load, the number of tons of revenue freight having increased from 220,937 train miles in 1911 to 333,95 in 1916, an increase of 51% in train-load during the 5-year period. The average number of passengers carried per train mile increased from 45.73 in 1911 to 52.38 in 1916; an improvement of 14%.

Financial Status.—The new company is free of floating debt, other than current operating accounts and charges, has ample working capital and should have no difficulty in financing any future additions and improvements necessary to take care of its business with economy and efficiency.

Equity.—The equity behind the Prior Lien Mortgage bonds represented by the present quoted prices of junior securities amounts to more than \$73,000,000. Equity shown by actual property investment is in excess of this figure.

Control of New Company.—The entire capital stock is subject to a voting trust, the trustees being: Frederic W. Allen of Lee, Higginson & Co.; James W. Lusk, receiver St. Louis & San Francisco R.R.; Charles H. Sabin, Pres. Guaranty Trust Co.; James Speyer of Speyer & Co.; Frederic Strauss of J. & W. Seligman & Co.; Eugene V. R. Thayer, Pres. Merchants Nat. Bank, Boston; Festus J. Wade, Chairman Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis.—V. 103, p. 1793, 1688.

Savannah & Northwestern Ry.—Notes Sold.—William Morris Imbrie & Co., New York and Chicago, have sold at 99 1/2 and int. \$1,196,400 Collateral Trust Convertible 6% one-year gold notes dated Aug. 1 1916, due Aug. 1 1917. Denoms. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Int. F. & A. Authorized, \$1,196,400; outstanding, \$1,196,400. A circular shows:

Notes.—Subject to call at 102 upon 30 days' notice on any int. date. Convertible at any time at option of holder into 6% First & Refdg. bonds equal to 105% of the face value of the notes. Trustee, Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. Secured by First & Refdg. Mtge. 6% bonds, 130% of bonds for 100% of notes. The authorized issue of First & Ref. bonds is \$5,000,000, but no more bonds can be issued during the life of these notes; \$1,000,000 are reserved to retire 1st Mt. 5% bonds, \$865,000 now outstanding.

Property.—With its leased line and connections, forms part of a through line between Savannah and Augusta and Savannah and Atlanta. The road itself extends from Savannah northwesterly 109 miles to St. Clair, Georgia & Florida R.R., having trackage rights thence to Augusta, 32 miles. Also operates under traffic arrangement an extension (Savannah & Atlantic Ry.) to Camak, where connection is made with Georgia R.R., thus making the shortest line by 28 miles from Atlanta to Savannah, and the logical route to Savannah for L. & N. R.R., Nash, Chatt. & St. Louis and Atlanta & West Point.

Terminals.—Owns 161 acres of real estate in Savannah for terminals adjacent to those of Seaboard Air Line, Central of Georgia and the Savannah Union Passenger Station. Has purchased property of Savannah Union Ry. & Terminal Co., which extends from the main line to the Savannah River, and which serves the property of the Port Wentworth Terminal Corp. comprising about 2,000 acres of terminal property along the Savannah River. On these properties considerable manufacturing development is occurring, including the sugar refinery of the Savannah Sugar Refining Co. and the lumber property of the Port Wentworth Lumber Co., with both of which the railway will have exclusive freight contracts (see below). Connection with Savannah Warehouse & Compress Co. will provide cotton warehouses and terminals.

Traffic.—The tributary territory ships a diversified traffic, chiefly of cotton, lumber, mineral stores and garden trucks, to Savannah and Augusta, and fertilizer, general merchandise and manufactured products from these cities. The factory of the Savannah Sugar Refining Corp. (V. 102, p. 350, 2347) at Port Wentworth will have an output of 500 tons of sugar per day. The Port Wentworth Lumber Co. (V. 102, p. 1351) will have a daily capacity of 150,000 feet of lumber, and will also use the railway to haul logs on a basis which should yield a minimum net revenue of \$30,000 a year. The net proceeds from these two plants alone are estimated at in excess of \$93,000 per annum.

Valuation.—Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. as of April 23 1913 valued the tangible assets at \$2,709,574. Subsequent investments for road and equipment have increased the actual property account to \$3,300,127, exclusive of ordinary improvements.

Directors.—G. W. Skinner, Waynesboro; Richard Billings, N. Y.; T. P. Goodbody, V. Pres. Port Wentworth Terminal Corp., Savannah; E. T. Comer, Pres. Bibb Mfg. Co., Savannah; E. M. Frank and R. M. Hiltch, Savannah; James Imbrie, William Morris Imbrie & Co., N. Y.; John Heard Hunter (President), Mills B. Lane, Pres. Citizens' & Southern Bank, Savannah; H. D. Stevens, Savannah; John F. Wallace, Pres. Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., N. Y.—V. 102, p. 346.

Southern Ry.—Equipment Trust Certificates.—Drexel & Co., Phila., have purchased \$5,100,000 4 1/2% Equipment Trust Certificates, dated Nov. 15 1916, to mature \$255,000 semi-annually. The issue is secured by more than \$6,000,000 of equipment.—V. 103, p. 1593, 1413.

Third Ave. Ry.—New Director.—E. A. Manice has been elected a director succeeding George W. Davison, who resigned.—V. 103, p. 1033.

Toledo Fostoria & Findlay Ry.—Acquisition.—This company has purchased the property of the Lake Erie Bowling Green & Napoleon (Electric) R.R. for \$55,000, and it is stated will rehabilitate it and operate it regularly between Findlayville to Bowling Green, Ohio, 12 miles. The property was sold at receiver's sale in Toledo Aug. 5 last to Theodore Lucas, Chairman of the committee of holders of First Mtge. 5% bonds (\$353,500 out.), who began dismantling the road.—V. 78, p. 704.

United Railroads of San Francisco.—Opposition to Plan.—The Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore, in an adv. on another page, announces its disapproval of the plan of reorganization (V. 103, p. 1303), saying:

As owners of, and the representatives of owners of, a substantial amount of bonds of the 4% Gold Bonds, we have studied the proposed plan of reorganization of the United Railroads of San Francisco, and are convinced that the position of these bonds entitles them to better treatment than they are offered.

It is our opinion, after a careful examination of the financial condition of the company, that a reorganization can be effected, which, while fair and just to the holders of the junior securities, insures to the holders of the 4% bonds a more advantageous settlement than proposed by the present plan.

To effect such a reorganization will require concerted action on the part of the holders of a large number of the bonds. We are advised that only \$3,000,000 of the total \$23,000,000 bonds have been deposited as constituting to the proposed plan.

We wish to locate the holders of the undeposited bonds, and request that they communicate with us as promptly as possible. If the holders of sufficient bonds co-operate with us, arrangements will at once be made looking to the appointment by the holders of a committee who will actively endeavor to obtain more advantageous terms for these bonds in the reorganization.

The trust company reports a favorable response to its appeal for co-operation in this matter.—V. 103, p. 1303, 1299.

Utah Securities Corp.—Purchase of Notes.—The Guaranty Trust Co., having on deposit \$1,200,314 for repurchase of the 10-year 6% gold notes of 1912, at not over 101 and int., will receive sealed proposals to sell same until 12 M. Nov. 17.—V. 102, p. 2252, 2167.

West End Street Ry.—New Bonds.—The Mass. P. S. Commission has been asked to sanction the issue of \$2,700,000 30-year 6% bonds to be dated Feb. 1 1917, to refund \$2,700,000 of 4% bonds of 1897, due Feb. 1 1917.—V. 103, p. 1303, 321.

Western Maryland Ry.—Plan Approved.—Shareholders on Nov. 17 approved and adopted the plan of financial re-adjustment, as published in full in V. 103, p. 1700, and the directors were authorized to take the necessary action to carry it into effect. See plan V. 103, p. 1700, 1689.

Wheeling & Lake Erie RR.—Assessment.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Blair & Co., as reorganization managers, announce, by adv. on another page, that holders of First and Second Preferred and Common stocks are required to pay, on or before Dec. 8, at the Central Trust Co., depository under the plan, \$27 for each share of stock held. Holders so desiring may pay \$12 of this amount Dec. 8 and the balance, \$15 at 6% interest, any time within the six months following. Additional deposits will be accepted until and including Dec. 8, on condition that holders of the certificates of deposit on or before the date mentioned make payment as above provided.

Payment of Receiver's Indebtedness.—Payment to holders of certificates of indebtedness (other than those maturing Mar. 1 1926, and receivers Equip. Certs. Series A.) of the receiver of this company will be made upon presentation on Dec. 11 to the special master at the Citizens Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland.—V. 103, p. 1689, 1594.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

American Chicle Co.—Purchase.—The company, it is stated, has taken possession of the properties of the Sterling Gum Co. which were purchased through the medium of the American Chicle Co., Inc., of New York.—V. 103, p. 1594.

American International Corporation.—Purchase of N. Y. Shipbuilding Co.—An authorized statement issued on Wednesday says in part:

The American International Corporation, the International Mercantile Marine Co., W. R. Grace & Co. and Pacific Mail Steamship Co. have purchased the properties of the New York Shipbuilding Co. (V. 82, p. 695) of Camden, N. J.

The New York Shipbuilding Co. now has contracts which will fill the present capacity of the yards through 1917. In order to assist in meeting the requirements of the Government's construction program, a certain amount of Government work, if offered, will probably be taken by the new company, although the demands for the renewals of the fleets of the companies purchasing the yards, together with private business now on hand and in contemplation, will, it is estimated, use the entire capacity of the yards and proposed extensions for the next five years.

It is proposed to organize a new corporation which will take over the assets and property of the New York Shipbuilding Co. The majority interest in this corporation will be owned by the American International Corporation, International Mercantile Marine Co., W. R. Grace & Co. and the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. It is possible that a portion of the stock of the new corporation will be offered for public subscription at a later date.

The New York Shipbuilding Co. has one of the most efficient plants in America, and it is equipped for the building of steel vessels both mercantile and war and of various essentials such as marine engines and boilers. It has five shipways equipped; its present capacity being 100,000 tons per annum. Recently a 7,000-ton dead weight freighter was built and the trial run made in the remarkable time of 14 weeks. During the past 10 years the company has turned out the armored cruiser Washington, the battleships Kansas, New Hampshire, Michigan, Arkansas and Oklahoma, eight destroyers and a number of battleships for foreign Governments. The battleship Utah is now in the course of construction in the yard.

The proposed immediate extension contemplates the building of two shipways 150 feet wide by 1,000 feet long. These ways will give an additional capacity of at least 50%. The machinery and equipment now in use is practically all of the latest and most efficient type. The present staff, which has made an excellent record, will be retained.

[Attention is also called to the scarcity of tonnage the world over, the overcrowding of yards with repair work and naval construction, which, together with the destruction of vessels due to the war, is preventing the normal output, with the result that on Jan. 1 1917 the world's tonnage will aggregate probably only about 48,000,000 tons, against a normal 63,000,000; the shortage of materials abroad which is curtailing Norwegian, Danish and Dutch output and sending orders to America; the ability of this country for the first time to compete on a relatively even basis of cost; the naval program of the U. S. calling for the early construction of 66 vessels of 382,000 tons displacement, and the fact that a large proportion of contracts are now entered into on a cash plus 15 or 20% profit basis, by which all likelihood of loss due to rising prices of labor or material is eliminated.]—V. 103, p. 1303, 845.

American Linseed Co.—Dividends—Earnings.—A dividend of 3% has been declared on the (\$16,685,050) prof. stock, payable 1 1/2% Jan. 1 1917 to holders of record Dec. 15, and 1 1/2% July 1 1917 to holders of record June 15. This is the first payment since Sept. 1900, when 1 1/4% was paid. There is also \$16,643,200 of common stock outstanding.

Earnings for Sept. 30 Years.—Table with columns: Sept. 30 Gross earns., Operating Exp., Net Earnings, Int. on Balance, Total, Year (all sources.), Expenses, Earnings, Bor. money, Surplus, Surplus. Rows for 1915-16, 1914-15.

Amer. Pneumatic Serv. Co.—Earns. 9 Mos. to Sept. 30. Table with columns: 9 mos. to Sept. 30, 1916, 1915, Total Income, 1916, 1915. Rows for Mail Tube Co., Lamson Co., Other Income.

Total Income—\$392,608 \$320,810 Net earnings—\$261,895 \$221,002 Orders for 10 months of the Lamson Co. show an increase of \$656,454 over the same period last year.—V. 103, p. 580, 240.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Stock Dividend—Merger.—A stock dividend of 13.38% has been declared on the common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 6 thus distributing all common stock in the treasury.

The "Cincinnati Enquirer" of Nov. 1 said: "The declaration of this dividend, it is stated, is a step preparatory to a merger of this company with another company and a readjustment of the capital, which, it is expected, will be consummated in the near future."—V. 103, p. 1304.

American Ship Building Co.—Sale.—See Western Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co. below.—V. 103, p. 1591, 1414.

American Sugar Refining Co.—New Vice-President.—Robert M. Parker has been elected an additional Vice-Pres., with headquarters at New York.—V. 103, p. 1304, 62.

Atlanta (Ga.) Steel Co.—October, &c., Earnings.—Table with columns: Period Ending, Gross Earns., Int. Charges, Reserve, Replac. Prof. Dis., Com. Dis., Bal., M.o. of Oct. 1916, \$83,189 \$5,000 \$10,000 (3 1/2%) (4 1/2%) \$68,189 10 mo. to Oct. 31 16,762,525 53,000 \$5,000 \$43,750 \$45,000 535,775 —V. 103, p. 1599, 1033.

Automatic Carburetor Co., Chicago, Ill.—Prof. Stock Offered.—Robert A. Gunn & Co., Chicago, are offering, by advertisement on another page, at par \$10 per share, \$200,000 7% Cumulative Pref. stock. A circular shows:

Preferred as to assets and dividends, with full voting power. Red., all or part, after Jan. 1 1919 at 110%. Divs. Q.-J., beginning Apr. 1 1917.

No additional stock shall be issued or bonded indebtedness created without the consent of 75% of the preferred stockholders. A sinking fund for the ultimate retirement of the pref. stock shall be set aside from the surplus earnings (after the 7% pref. and not more than 7% on the common is paid, and also after reserving sufficient to pay two years' dividends on the pref.)

Capitalization (No mortgage of bonded debt)—Authorized, Outstanding. 7% cumulative stock—\$200,000 \$200,000 Common stock—800,000 800,000

Data from letter of Pres. E. S. Church, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1 1916. Organization—Organized in 1915 (in Ill.) with a capitalization of \$150,000. Manufactures the "compensating vapor plug," a device utilized in the intake manifold of automobiles, which we claim gives 30% more power, 30% more speed and 40% more mileage. Has also developed the Church gasoline feed, a system designed to overcome the defects in suction, vacuum and pressure feed systems. Also owns patent rights for Bliz vapor plug.

The bringing out of the Church gasoline feed makes it necessary to secure additional capital, and we are therefore increasing the capital stock to \$800,000 common and \$200,000 7% preferred.

Estimate of Earnings for 1917. Gross income from prospective sale of 1,000 gasoline feeds and 1,000 plugs daily, \$750,000; net after taxes, \$623,995; 7% divs. on stock \$70,000.

Directors and Officers.—E. S. Church (Pres.), H. M. Slaymaker (Sec. & Treas.), Albert Dahler (Asst. Dist. Supt. the Pullman Co., Chicago), P. C. Hart (Gen. Mgr. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co., Chicago), E. W. Macavoy (Pres. Macavoy Advertising Co., Chicago), Wm. H. Schmidt (V.-Pres. Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago), C. B. Stephenson (Pres. Stephenson Underwear Mills, South Bend, Ind.).

Butterick Company.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors, in passing the regular quarterly dividend due at this time, say: Under usual conditions the company would at this time declare a dividend on the stock of the company. Under existing conditions in the publishing business [notably the high price of paper.—Ed.] your directors feel that the best interests of your company make a dividend distribution inadvisable. The policy of strengthening the company's resources not only establishes its ability to meet any further advances in produce costs, but also insures return to a position where a resumption of dividends will be warranted. Your directors wish to assure you of their complete confidence in the future of the company.

The company paid 3% annually on the \$14,647,200 stock in the last six years.—V. 102, p. 1983.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Dividend Increased.—A quarterly dividend of \$25 per share has been declared on the \$2,500,000 stock (par \$25, of which \$12 is paid in), payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 2. In Sept. \$20 was paid.—V. 103, p. 845, 495.

Chalmers Motor Co., Detroit, Mich.—Further Data.—In connection with the offering noted in last week's "Chronicle" of 264,000 shares of no par value, at \$35 per share, by J. S. Bache & Co. and Chas. D. Barney & Co., both of New York, the following additional information is furnished in a letter to the bankers, dated Detroit, Nov. 4 1916, and signed by Hugh Chalmers, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.:

Organization.—Originally incorporated in Mich. in 1908 as successor to the E. K. Thomas Co., Detroit. Also owns the entire capital stock of the Chalmers Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd., incorporated Jan. 22 1916 in Ontario, capital \$1,000,000.

Capitalization.—Originally incorporated for \$500,000 common stock, par \$100. This was increased to \$5,000,000 common stock and \$2,000,000 preferred stock, the entire increase in common stock resulting from stock distributions, the principal one being 900% in Aug. 1910, when a cash dividend of 30% on the new capitalization was also paid. Regular common cash dividends of 10% per annum have been paid since organization, together with 7% on the preferred. With the exception of the sale of \$2,000,000 preferred stock, the increased capitalization and the present net tangible assets of approximately \$3,000,000 have been paid out of surplus earnings.

Property.—Owns its own plant, a site of 42 acres with 23 main buildings, of latest steel and concrete fireproof construction. Total floor space about 900,000 sq. ft. Also owns and operates its brass and iron foundry and is equipped to manufacture every essential part. The company employs 5,500 men; this number will be increased after contemplated additions are completed. Cars are marketed through 1,500 distributors and dealers.

Production.—Up to 1916 the company operated on a basis of about 7,500 cars yearly; at prices from \$1,650 to \$3,000; but a year ago went into the manufacture of a lower priced car and is now running at the rate of 25,000 cars per annum, all 6-cylinder machines. Contemplated production for 1917, 30,000 cars. The company is making a "quality" car and selling it at a "quantity" price. The company manufactures one model, building it as five and seven passenger touring cars, roadster, cabriolet, touring sedan, town car and limousine, at prices from \$1,070 to \$2,550.

While 1916 is our record year, this has not resulted from the European war, although we are doing some business with South America, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, France and other foreign countries. The company has never manufactured commercial trucks, but has confined itself to pleasure cars alone. For data regarding assets, current earnings, dividend policy, &c., see V. 103, p. 1794.]

Consolidated Arizona Smelting Co.—Interest.—This company began on Nov. 15 paying the interest at the rate of 5% for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1916 on its (about) \$913,000 outstanding Convertible Income bonds, at the Equitable Trust Co., New York.—V. 88, p. 161.

Continental Coal Co.—Plan—Status—Suit on Guaranty.—The foreclosure sale has been postponed till Nov. 25, pending application by the guarantor railroads for authority to purchase the bonds. See V. 103, p. 846.

Digest of Statement Oct. 24 by 1st Mtg. Committee, Charles H. Sabin, Chairman. Deposits.—All but 139 of the total 1,599 bonds outstanding have been deposited with your committee, up to and including Oct. 23 1916. [Further deposits are being received at Guaranty Trust Co., subject to approval of the committee.]

Plan.—Under this reorganization plan it is provided that in case your committee has to bid in the properties they will be transferred to a new company which will issue to the bondholders 5% pref. stock to the full amount of your bonds and interest accrued to date of transfer. Total pref. stock not to exceed \$1,800,000.

Common stock to one-half the amounts of the issue of preferred stock is to be issued and delivered to George M. Jones, or the George M. Jones Coal Co., or order, in consideration (1) of their providing a purchaser for, or purchasing, the 1st M. bonds (which must be issued to take care of the \$425,000 receiver's certificates, expenses of reorganization, limited to \$40,000, and for statements and improvements), (2) for \$50,000 in cash to be paid to the new company, and (3) of the execution of a contract, whereby the George M. Jones Coal Co. agrees to purchase the coal of the new company on the commission basis. [First Mtg. bonds authorized to be \$500,000 First Lien Series A and \$200,000 2d Lien Series B.]

In case the amounts sought to be recovered in the action against the railroad companies are thereafter collected, they are to be applied in the purchase and redemption of the new preferred stock. In case, however, the litigation against the railroad company should be unsuccessful, or in case the judgments should not be collected, it is hoped that the preferred stock will be eventually paid off if the operations of the new company are successful. Mr. Jones is one of the most successful coal operators in Ohio. Foreclosure Sale.—Under decree of U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the property is advertised to be sold under foreclosure of the bonds, as guarantors, pay the principal and interest on the bonds before the sale, or unless some satisfactory purchaser appears it will be necessary or the bondholders to bid in the property in order;

prevent its loss. The upset price is \$500,000 and the proceeds are to be applied to payment of (1) Costs of sale; (2) Expenses and compensation of receiver and the principal and interest of receiver's certificates (now amounting to \$425,000); (3) Expenses of foreclosure case; (4) Any balance to the bondholders.

Railroad Guaranties.—Your committee brought actions in the Supreme Court of New York County, against the Toledo & Ohio Central Ry. Co. and the Hocking Valley Ry. Co., upon the guaranties. The cases against the Toledo & Ohio Central finally resulted in a judgment in our favor for the full principal amount of all bonds deposited up to mid-day of Oct. 19 1916 (1,425, in number out of the total outstanding 1,500), with interest from the date of first default, and costs, or an aggregate judgment of \$1,547,982.33. Interest will accrue on this judgment at the rate of 6% from its date. All bonds deposited too late to be included in the judgment will either be covered by its payment, if and when paid, or covered by supplemental suits.

Mortgaged Property.—The foreclosure sale will cover all the properties of the company, which include about 450 acres of coal lands owned in fee, and about 15,000 acres held under mining leases, all situated in the Hocking Valley field, in the Counties of Athens, Perry and Hocking, Ohio. In addition there are about \$639,000 of prepaid or advanced royalties, about \$100,000 of repairs, additions and improvements, made out of the proceeds of receiver's certificates, any cash balance remaining from the said receiver's certificates (being at this date approximately \$100,000) and the receiver's share of the profits of operations under the contract with the Continental Mining Co., probably amounting to about \$40,000. The aforesaid coal properties are estimated to contain about 76,000,000 tons of 1 1/4 inch coal.

From about July 1 1905, until about March 1 1916, all the above-mentioned coal properties were under lease to the Sunday Creek Coal Co., and the rental therefor, including interest and sinking fund payments on the bonds and the royalties payable to the several lessors. At the time of such lease, the stock of the Sunday Creek Coal Co. was owned by The Toledo & Ohio Central Ry. Co. and the Hocking Valley Ry. Co., the railroad corporations which severally had executed their guaranties on the bonds of the Continental Coal Co. In 1914 these railroad companies were required to dispose of such stock under the decree entered in the Government suit against them under the Sherman Anti-trust Act. Subsequent to the sale of such stock, the railroad companies, the Sunday Creek Coal Co., defaulted in its obligations under its lease from the Continental Coal Co., as did also the railroad companies in their obligations under their guaranties, resulting in the defaults of the bonds of the Continental Coal Company.

In August 1915, the mines of the Continental Coal Co. ceased operating. These mines were subject to minimum royalty payments aggregating about \$200,000 a year. The result of the cessation of operation was not only to allow the property rapidly to depreciate but also caused serious danger of forfeiture of all the leased property.

The most important leases owned are (1) that from the Sugar Creek Company containing an estimated amount of coal of about 37,000,000 tons, and (2) that from the Republic Coal Co. containing an estimated 23,000,000 tons. The Continental Coal Co. had no selling force, and it was imperative that the mines at once be put into operation. There was required also for immediate use \$425,000, viz., \$150,000 to pay past-due royalties in default, \$75,000 for cleaning up the mines, about \$150,000 for necessary repairs, and the balance to cover a loss in operation and payment of royalties until the mines could be gotten into operating condition. The committee, on May 2 1916, with the approval of the court, entered into a tentative agreement with George M. Jones, providing for the issue of \$425,000 6% receiver's certificates to be sold at a price of not less than 98 1/2%, and the execution of an operating contract by the receiver with the George M. Jones Coal Co. (of which Mr. Jones owns all, or substantially all, the stock) for a period of five years whereby the Geo. M. Jones Co. would agree to purchase from the receiver all the coals produced at the mines, less a commission and selling charge of 10% of the selling price, the minimum commission to be 10 cents per ton. As a result the properties were put into immediate operation producing these earnings:

Profit Statement for Three Months ended Aug. 31 1916 and for Sept. 1916.
 Revenue—
 Sales of coal (\$387,103), miscellaneous (\$8,005)..... \$395,108
 Expenses pay-rolls (\$293,180), supplies (\$19,235), royalties (\$26,212), general overhead (\$16,362)..... 354,988
Net profit..... \$140,120

(The committee representing the Kanawha & Hocking Coal & Coke Co. has also obtained judgment against the T. & O. C. and H. V. Ry. Cos. for full principal and interest of the bonds deposited with it (\$2,389,000 out of \$3,500,000) on account of the guaranty, and these are included in the proposed purchase by the railroads. See V. 103, p. 846.)

Copper Range Co.—Extra Dividends.

An extra dividend of \$1 per share and a special dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the stock along with the regular quarterly \$1.50, all payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 25. In June and September last \$1 extra was paid.—V. 102, p. 1720.

Corn Products Refining Co.—Final Dissolution Decree.

Judge Hand in the U. S. District Court at N. Y. City on Nov. 13 handed down his final decree in the Government anti-trust suit, ordering the company within 120 days, under penalty of a receivership, to file with the Federal Trade Commission a satisfactory plan for the division of its factories, business and assets into such parts of separate ownership as shall be necessary to restore competitive conditions.

Among the defendants in the suit are the National Starch Co., St. Louis Syrup & Preserving Co. and Novelty Candy Co., all controlled by the Corn Products Refining Co. by stock ownership, and also various officers and directors of the several corporations. The decree recites a number of unfair methods of competition of which the company has been adjudged guilty and enjoins the defendants from continuing or resuming any of the same. These practices as described include: (a) Profit-sharing with glucose purchasers for their entire trade. (b) Threatening invasion of business of Royal Baking Powder Co., to limit and partially control starch and glucose output of American Maize Products Co. (c) Using Manierre Voe Syrup Co. to get control of Novelty Candy Co., with glucose factory at Clinton, Ia., and to sell three of its four plants. (d) Attempted control of market through sale of glucose at or below cost and starch at a narrow margin. (e) Manipulation of grape sugar prices. (f) Efforts to manipulate railroad rates for glucose, &c. (g) Informal understanding with other starch producers, to maintain price—all with the intent to maintain its monopoly.

Jurisdiction of the case is retained pending dissolution. Compare V. 103, p. 1689, 1595.

Crucible Steel Co. of America.—Accumulated Dividend.

A dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the \$25,000,000 pref. stock on account of accumulations, along with the regular quarterly 1 3/4%, both payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 7. This leaves 18 3/4% accumulated preferred dividends.—V. 103, p. 1790, 1595.

(The) F. & D. Co.—Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy.

This company, owners of Madison Squares Garden, on Nov. 13 filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court at New York the chief creditors being: (a) The New York Life Insurance Co., which holds a first mortgage on the property of \$2,300,000, the total amount now due including interest and taxes, \$2,444,841; and (b) Thomas W. Joyce, holder of a second mortgage amounting to \$650,000. The company has been for several months in charge of Ex-Judge Edward E. McCall, as receiver, in action in the State courts. The New York Life Insurance Co. on June 15 last began suit to foreclose its \$2,300,000 mtg. The property will be sold at auction Dec. 8.

Federal Mining & Smelting Co.—Dividend Increased.

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the \$12,000,000 pref. stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 22. This compares with 1% quarterly since 1915; 5% in 1914; 6% in 1912 and 1913, and 7% from 1905 to Dec. 1911, inclusive.—V. 102, p. 2344.

Fisher Body Corporation of N. Y.—October Sales.

The sales for Oct. 1916 amounted to \$1,470,000, against \$773,000 for Oct. 1915.—V. 103, p. 1690, 1510.

General Chemical Co.—Extra & Special Dividends—Common Stock Offering.

The directors on Nov. 17 declared out of the profits of 1916 an extra dividend of 5% and a special dividend of 15% on the \$13,110,000 common stock, payable Feb. 1 1917 to holders of record Dec. 30 1916. Common stockholders of record Dec. 30 will also, it is announced, be given the privilege of subscribing to common stock at par to the extent of 20% of their respective registered holdings, provided subscriptions be received and paid for in full prior to Feb. 1 1917.

Early in Jan. 1917 a form of subscription will be mailed to each common stockholder showing the number of shares for which he is entitled to subscribe together with a check for the amount of his extra and special dividend, which check may be used in payment of his subscription.

The directors also voted yesterday to increase the regular dividend on the common stock from 1 1/2% to 2%, payable March 1917 to holders of record Feb. 21 1917.—V. 103, p. 1510, 496.

General Roofing Manufacturing Co.—Capital Increase.

This company, with a plant at East St. Louis, on Nov. 9 certified to the Secretary of State at Springfield, Ill., an increase in the authorized capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$20,000,000. George M. Browne is Pres. and J. F. Schaffly, Sec., both of St. Louis. See V. 102, p. 1814.

Gulf States Steel Co.—New Director—Earnings, &c.

Lewis L. Clarke, President of the American Exchange National Bank, has been elected a director. The net operating income for the month of October was \$364,471, and after allowing for depreciation, taxes and reserves, the net income was \$335,251, an increase of \$106,227 over Sept. 1916 (net). The net operating income for 10 months ending Oct. 31 1916 was \$1,945,000, against \$451,000 for 10 months ending Oct. 31 1915. The results for Oct. are a record both as to earnings and shipments of finished products.—V. 103, p. 1510, 1034.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of \$1 (4%) has been declared on the stock (par \$25) along with the regular monthly 25 cents (1%), both payable Dec. 5 to holders of record Nov. 24.—V. 102, p. 1252.

Holmes Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Extra Dividend.

Press reports state that this company has distributed an extra dividend of \$10 a share on its common stock in addition to its regular dividend of \$3 per share.—V. 88, p. 1440.

Houston (Tex.) Lighting & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.

Paine, Webber & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago, are offering at 100 and interest \$150,000 (new issue) First Mortgage 5% Sinking Fund gold bonds dated April 1 1911, due April 1 1931, but callable at 105 and int. Circular shows:

Capitalization—	Authorized	Issued
Common stock.....	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
First Mortgage 5% due 1931.....	5,000,000	1,685,000
Earnings for Year ended Sept. 30 1916. Net 3 1/4 Times Bond Interest.		
Gross earnings.....	\$781,685	Bond Interest..... \$84,250
Net, after taxes.....	\$327,202	Balance..... \$242,952

Company supplies electric light and power, without competition, to the city of Houston, Tex., and surrounding territory, serving a population in excess of 85,000. Owns power plant with a capacity of 9,600 h.p., underground conduit mains in the down town district and 160 miles of pole lines to which are connected 143,000 incandescent and 1,550 arc lamps. Compare V. 94, p. 211; V. 96, p. 1024.

Independent Brewing Co.—Dividend Resumed.

A dividend of 3/4 of 1% has been declared on the \$4,500,000 common stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 6. This is the first payment since Nov. 1907.—V. 101, p. 1555.

International Harvester Co.—Dissolution Suit.

Counsel for this company has asked the Supreme Court to set the Government's anti-trust suit against the company for Feb. 26 for reargument.—V. 102, p. 2083, 2072.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Joint Purch.

See American International Corp. above.—V. 103, p. 1690, 1415.

International Motor Co.—New Co. Incorporated.

See International Motor Truck Co. below.—V. 103, p. 1690, 1595.

International Motor Truck Corp.—Incorporated.

This company was incorporated on Nov. 8 at Albany with 71,046 shares, par \$100, of preferred stock and 53,638 shares of common stock of no par value, to carry on business with \$7,372,790, to succeed to the business and assets of the International Motor Co. See plan, V. 103, p. 1415, 1690.

International Power Co.—New Receiver.

Chancellor Walker at Trenton on Nov. 16 appointed ex-Gov. E. C. Stokes receiver to succeed the late Wilbur F. Sadler Jr.—V. 101, p. 1373.

Interstate Electric Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.

A. E. Fitkin & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago, having sold about two-thirds of the amount, are offering, by adv. on another page, at prices yielding 7 3/4%, the remainder of the total present issue of \$680,000 7% pref. stock. The bankers report in substance:

Organization.—Properties.—The corporation, organized in 1913, owns: (a) all of the outstanding stock of the following (except \$25,000 San Angelo Water, Lt. & Pow. Co. pref. stock): Corry City (Pa.) Elec. Lt. Co., Union City (Pa.) Elec. Lt. Co., Concord Township (Pa.) Pow. Co., Wayne Township (Pa.) Pow. Co., Home Pow. Co., Union Township, Pa., Great Bend (Kan.) Water & Elec. Co., Holington (Kan.) Elec. & Ice Co., Trenton (Mo.) Gas & Elec. Co., Trenton (Mo.) Ice & Refrigeration Co., Peoples Gas & Elec. Co., Chillicothe, Mo., San Angelo (Tex.) Water, Lt. & Pow. Co., West Texas Transmission Line Co., San Angelo, Arctic Ice Co., Ballinger (Tex.) Ballinger Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co., Laredo Water Co., Consumers Ice & Fuel Co., Laredo, Palestine Water-Works Co., Palestine Ice Co. and Winters (Tex.) Elec. Lt. Co. (b) High tension transmission lines between Great Bend and Holington, Kan.; Trenton and Laredo, Mo.; San Angelo, Ballinger and Winters, Tex.; Erie, Waterford, Union City, Elgin and Corry, Pa. Population served, about 125,000.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Preferred stock (7%) par \$100.....	1,000,000	680,000
First lien 6% (closed mortgage).....	2,000,000	1,165,000
Reserved to retire underlying bonds.....		835,000

Franchises.—Are without burdensome restrictions and of satisfactory length, some unlimited.

Equity and Dividends.—Replacement value of the subsidiary properties totals \$3,342,730, as of Sept. 1 1916. Total bonded debt, including underlying liens, \$2,000,000, leaving an equity of \$1,342,730, or twice the amount of the outstanding \$680,000 pref. stock upon which a 7% annual dividend is being paid. Dividends at the rate of 2% being paid on the outstanding \$1,000,000 common stock.

Earnings.—For year ended Aug. 31:	1916	1915
Gross income.....	\$644,630	\$567,569
Net, after taxes.....	\$260,697	\$228,864
Ann. int. and g. bds.....	49,705	
Surplus.....		\$141,992

Management.—Operated under the direction of the General Engineering & Management Corporation. See also map in Railway and Industrial Section.—V. 103, p. 1795, 941.

Iron Steamboat Co. of New Jersey.—Earnings.—
 Oct. 31 Year. 1915-16. 1914-15. 1914-15.
 Gross receipts \$298,007 \$274,172 Bonds interest. \$22,970 \$22,970
 Op. exp. & tax. 241,688 270,195 Divs. (5%) 15,262 15,262
 Net earnings. 56,315 3,077 Balance. sur. 15,084 def. 37,254
 —V. 101, p. 1626.

Kanawha & Hocking Coal & Coke Co.—Judgment, &c.
 See Continental Coal Co. above.—V. 103, p. 1795, 848.

(S. S.) Kresge Co., N. Y. City.—Sales.—
 1916—October—1915. Increase. 1916—10 Mos.—1915. Increase.
 \$2,374,600 \$1,882,680 \$491,920 \$19,711,136 \$15,686,535 \$4,024,701
 —V. 103, p. 1122.

Latrobe-Connellsville Coal & Coke Co.—Bond Call.—
 Eighty-six (\$86,000) 1st M. 20-year 6% gold bonds of 1931 have been called for payment at 102 and interest on Dec. 1 at Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.—V. 93, p. 232.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corporation.—Operations.—President A. A. Garthwaite recently said in substance:

At present we are producing about 1,000 tires per day, or about 200 tires below capacity, due to the removal of the miscellaneous machinery from the tire plant into the new building constructed for miscellaneous manufacture and also to moving about of the tire machinery. Our production will be increased almost immediately to the 1,200 a day capacity and within the next few months to 1,500, and then by steps to 1,800 or 2,000 tires per day. For the purpose of this increase in production we have made plans for an addition to our tire business.

With the completion of this addition the manufacturing tires will be on the most economical basis for handling as well as shipping. Raw product will enter at one end of the plant and will come out as finished tires at the other.

There is a good demand for our products, the tire contracts on hand being sufficient to keep the plants at full operation at the present rate of production for more than ten months. We are somewhat behind on our deliveries, but hope to make this up with the increase in the output of our plant. About 50% of our tire sales are of the puncture-proof variety.—V. 102, p. 1630.

McCroary Stores Corporation.—Sales for October.—
 1916—October—1915. Increase. 1916—10 Mos.—1915. Increase.
 \$562,821 \$468,811 \$94,010 \$4,956,727 \$4,222,938 \$733,789
 —V. 103, p. 1416, 1035.

Madison Square Garden Co.—Petition in Bankruptcy.—
 See F. & D. Co. above.—V. 94, p. 1122.

Magnolia Petroleum Co.—Bonds Called.—
 Ninety-eight (\$98,000) 1st M. 6% bonds of 1937 have been drawn for redemption at par and interest on Jan. 1 at Columbia Trust Co., trustee.—V. 103, p. 1690.

Manhattan Electric Supply.—In Possession—Earnings.—

Glander & Co., Inc., announces that the turnover from the old New Jersey company to the new Massachusetts corporation of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Co. was made on Tuesday, Nov. 14 1916. After taking over all the assets and business of the old company the new corporation had a cash balance of \$665,000.

Earnings of Old Co. for Cal. Year 1915 and 8 Mos. 1916 ended Aug. 31 1916.
 8 Mos. 1916. Year 1915. 8 Mos. 1916. Year 1915.
 Sales (net) —\$2,812,041 \$3,645,061 Total income. \$358,066 \$550,363
 Oper. profit — 349,335 544,877 Int. paid on notes, &c. 6 8,137
 Add net inc. 8,730 5,486 Net income. 358,066 542,226
 Compare stock offering. V. 103, p. 1596, 1510.
 Directors.—Rudolf Hecht, George de B. Kelm and Marcus Sime have been elected directors.—V. 103, p. 1596, 1510.

Massillon Electric & Gas Co.—New Financing.—
 This company, it is announced, has arranged to refund its present practically closed First Mortgage bond issue (\$500,000 authorized, due 1948) and make provision for present and future plant extensions through a new \$2,000,000 authorized bond issue (due 1956). The Ohio P. U. Commission has authorized the issuance immediately of \$540,000 (more or less) of the bonds, sufficient to effect the retirement of the present First Mortgage, also permitting the company to sell \$125,000 of 6% cumulative pref. stock, which will make the outstanding amount of the preferred \$250,000. Present earnings are equivalent to four times the interest requirements of the new bonds, leaving a balance equal to over five times the preferred dividend. The bonds are being handled by Henry & West of Phila., while Roland T. Muschum of Cleveland is offering the stock.—V. 103, p. 411.

May Department Stores Co.—Dividend Increased.—
 A dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$15,000,000 common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. This compares with 3/4 of 1% quarterly since June 1915, 1 1/2% quarterly from Mar. 1913 to Mar. 1915, incl., 4 1/2% in 1912 and 1% in Dec. 1911.—V. 103, p. 243.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—Extra Dividend.—
 An extra dividend of 2 1/2% has been declared on the \$12,800,000 stock along with the regular quarterly 2 1/2%, both payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 2.
 See "Annual Reports" on a previous page.—V. 101, p. 1803.

Michigan Boulevard Building Co., Chicago.—Pref. Stock Sold.—Counselman & Co. and Eversz & Co., each of Chicago, have sold \$500,000 6% cumulative pref. stock of this company, but an advertisement of the offering, published for record purposes, will be found on another page.

Data from Letter of President Wallace G. Clark.
 The company owns in fee simple a modern fire-proof 16-story Michigan Boulevard Building and the land upon which it is situated, fronting 96 ft. on Michigan Boulevard and 162 1/2 ft. on Washington St., in the heart of the retail district of Chicago. The cost of the building, which was completed in 1914, was \$1,756,417; the land value is appraised at \$2,341,440; total, \$4,097,857.

Bonds and pref. stock combined are only about 56% of the value of the land and cost of the building. Net revenue available for preferred stock dividends is about 3 1/2 times the total annual dividend requirements.
 Pref. stock authorized, \$700,000; outstanding, \$500,000. Par, \$100. Pref. as to assets and dividends. Red. on 60 days' notice at 105 and div. on any dividend date. Divs. Q.—F. Up to and including Aug. 1 1926 the company must set aside each year a sum equal to 2 1/2% and thereafter 5% of the greatest amount of pref. stock at any time outstanding, for retirement of pref. stock. Title to the real estate is guaranteed by the Chicago Title & Trust Co. See also V. 98, p. 1997; V. 102, p. 1350.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Sub. Co.—Bonds Offered.—
 See Central Illinois Public Service Co. above.—V. 103, p. 497.

Mt. Vernon-Woodbury Mills, Inc.—Earnings for 3 Mos. to Sept. 30 1916.—
 3 Mos. to Prof. from Other Interest Deprec. Insurance, Balance,
 Sept. 30. sales. Income. Charges. Reserve. Taxes, &c. Surp.
 1916 — \$323,579 \$10,324 \$38,707 \$50,000 \$22,480 \$322,716
 —V. 103, p. 1511, 1415.

Municipal Gas Co., Albany, N. Y.—Stock Increase.—
 The stockholders will vote Dec. 1 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$6,250,000 (\$6,000,000 outstanding) to \$10,000,000. Various rumors are afloat regarding the matter, one report saying that \$1,000,000 of the accumulated surplus may be distributed in the shape of a stock dividend. Another account speaks of a new issue to be offered at par to shareholders early in 1917. The "Albany Journal" of Nov. 15 says: "One of the plans under the increase is said to be that the entire electrification plant of the famous Cohoes Falls is to be taken over. No one in authority would either affirm or deny the rumor."—V. 101, p. 133.

Narragansett Electric Lighting Co., Providence.—
Right to Subscribe for \$1,000,000 New Stock.—

Shareholders of record Nov. 25, it is announced, will be permitted to subscribe at par for 20,000 shares (par value \$50), to be dated Jan. 2 1917. The ratio of one new share for every 7 1/2 old shares now held. Subscription warrants will be distributed Nov. 25. The present capital stock is \$7,500,000, having been increased by \$1,000,000 last July in exchange for maturing convertible debentures.—V. 102, p. 2171, 804.

Nassau Light & Power Co.—New Stock.—
 Application has been made to the New York P. S. Commission for authority to issue \$531,000 capital stock on account of additions and betterments.—V. 102, p. 890.

National Motor Car & Vehicle Corp.—New Co. Takes Possession—Officers.—
 This company has taken over the assets and physical property of the National Motor Vehicle Co. (see issue of Nov. 4, p. 1690).

The following officers and directors have been elected: Arthur C. Newby, Pres.; W. G. Wall, Vice-Pres.; Geo. M. Dickson, Sec. & Treas., all of Indianapolis. The directors are: Arthur C. Newby, Pres.; Stoughton A. Fletcher of Indianapolis; Otto J. Thomen of Redmond & Co., N. Y.; Leonard Snider of Leonard Snider & Co., and Buell Hollister of Pyno, Kendall & Hollister, N. Y.—V. 103, p. 1690, 1596.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—New Stock.—
 This company has been authorized by the Mass. Gas & Electric Commission to issue \$318,000 (par \$100) stock at \$225 to cancel construction obligations. Compare V. 103, p. 1036.

New York Shipbuilding Co.—Sale, &c.—
 See American International Corp. above.—V. 82, p. 695.

New York Telephone Co.—City Approves Merger.—
 The action of Buffalo City Council in approving the proposed purchase of the Federal Telephone & Telegraph Co. by the New York Telephone Co. was sustained by a vote of 28-242 against 23,953. Under its agreement with the Federal Government it will now be necessary for the American Tel. & Tel. Co., controlling the New York Telephone Co., to obtain the consent of the Department of Justice before proceeding with the merger plan. See V. 103, p. 1415, 1215.

Nipe Bay Co. (Cuba), Boston.—Earnings.—

Period end.	15 Mos. to Sept. 30 '16	12 Mos. to June 30 '15.	15 Mos. to Sept. 30 '16.	12 Mos. to June 30 '15.
Net, after taxes, &c.	\$2,687,966	\$2,164,717	Int. charges. \$437,200	\$389,769
Other income.	34,568	9,264	Divs. paid. 383,034	360,508
			Depreciation. 871,298	380,290
Total inc.	\$2,722,535	\$2,173,982	Bal., sur.—\$1,031,003	\$1,043,415

—V. 102, p. 1064.

Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.—Listing—Full Details of Company.—In connection with the listing on the New York Stock Exchange of the Ordinary stock of this company, there will be found under "Reports & Documents" on subsequent pages full details of the company's capitalization, dividends, plants and properties, subsidiary interests, as well as the income account for the calendar year 1915 and the six months ending June 30 1916, with the consolidated balance sheets as of both periods, complete as presented to the Stock Exchange in the company's application to list.—V. 103, p. 1795, 1690.

Ohio Copper Co.—Reorganization.—A notice has been sent to the stockholders by the shareholders' protective committee, Hubert E. Rogers, Chairman, that on or before Dec. 1 next subscriptions to the new stock will close with the New York Trust Co. All stock not subscribed for by the stockholders will be taken by the underwriting syndicate at \$1 per share. This committee proposes, under plan of Nov. 1, to raise the necessary funds for redeeming the property, &c., by forming a new company with \$2,500,000 stock, in \$1 shares, of which \$150,000 is retained for reorganization purposes, \$1,500,000 is to be sold to a syndicate at par less 15% common, and \$850,000 is reserved for future use. Holders of \$1,350,000 old stock are offered by the syndicate the right to subscribe for the same amount of new stock at par, \$1 a share.

Another stockholders' committee is headed by William J. Brown as Chairman, and is receiving deposits at the Central Trust Co. Its plan, dated Oct. 19, calls for the formation of a company under New York laws with \$3,700,000 6% non-voting pref. stock and 3,000,000 common shares of no par value, to cover not only the mining property free and clear, but also prospectively the Bingham Central Ry. Assenting shareholders are asked to subscribe at par for \$2,500,000 new pref. stock at rate of \$2 for each of the present 1,250,000 common shares, receiving in return and in exchange \$2 of the new pref. and one share of the new common. Compare V. 103, p. 411.

Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—Acquisition—New Stock—Bond Retirement.—The Ohio P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue sufficient capital stock to provide for:

(a) The calling and retirement at par of its outstanding 6% debentures due March 1 1927, at last accounts \$6,115,125; (b) the purchase of the Central Contract & Finance Co. of Columbus, for \$1,185,875 50; Central Gas Co. of Urbana for \$25,000, and 23,129 shares of the Miami Valley Fuel & Gas Co. for \$289,112 50. Compare V. 103, p. 411, 325.

Owens Bottle Machine Co.—Extra Dividend.—
 An extra dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$9,000,000 common stock (par \$25) in addition to the regular quarterly 3%, both payable Jan. 2 to stock of record Dec. 22. This compares with 8% extra in Oct. last. The board has been increased from 9 to 15 members by the election of the following new directors: S. S. Cochrane and E. H. Everett, of Newark, O.; James Morrison, M. W. Jack, of Streater, Ill.; J. B. Graham, Evansville, Ind.; and S. A. Whitney, of Glassboro, N. J.—V. 103, p. 1795, 1596.

Pacific Mail SS. Co.—Purchase.—
 See American International Corp. above.—V. 103, p. 841, 669.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co.—Notes Called.—
 One hundred 3-year 5% coupon notes of 1915, aggregating \$500,000, have been called for redemption at par and interest on Dec. 1 at company's offices, Widener Bldg., Philadelphia.—V. 103, p. 1596.

Peoria Light Co.—Bonds Called.—
 Nineteen 5% Coll. Trust gold bonds of \$1,000 each have been drawn for payment at 105 and int. on Jan. 1 at Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., trustee.—V. 99, p. 1134.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Assessment.—
 A final assessment of \$2 50 has been levied on the stock, delinquent Dec. 16, thus making the shares full-paid \$25.—V. 103, p. 1596, 1416.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Corp.—Stock.

J. & W. Seligman & Co., syndicate managers, are notifying participants in the syndicate that all the preferred shares belonging to the syndicate (not withdrawn from sale) have been sold. Compare V. 103, p. 1796.

Pittsburgh Brewing Co.—Accumulations.

An extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% has been declared on account of accumulations along with the regular quarterly 1 1/4%, both payable Nov. 29 to holders of record Nov. 20.—V. 103, p. 1796, 1416.

Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 10% has been declared on the stock, along with the regular quarterly 4%, both payable Dec. 7 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 103, p. 492.

Premier Motor Corporation, Indianapolis, Ind.—Notes Offered.

Duquesne Bond Corporation, New York, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, in conjunction with Megargel & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago, are offering at 96 and int. \$1,000,000 5-year 6% Convertible Secured Gold Notes dated Nov. 1 1916, due Nov. 1 1921. Purchasers of the notes have the privilege of subscribing to the common stock at \$30 per share on a basis of 5 shares for each note purchased. A circular shows:

Interest on the notes is payable M. & N. at Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Authorized and outstanding, \$1,000,000. Denom. \$1,000. The notes must be redeemed by lot at 100 and interest annually, \$100,000 on Nov. 1 1918, \$200,000 on Nov. 1 1919, \$300,000 on Nov. 1 1920 and \$400,000 on Nov. 1 1921. Red. all or part by lot at 101 and int. on any int. date upon 60 days' notice. The notes are convertible at option of holder at any time after Nov. 1 1918 at par, into 7% cumulative pref. stock.

The pref. stock is preferred as to assets and divs., red. on 60 days' notice at any time at \$110 and divs. Divs. quarterly. A sinking fund (\$50,000 yearly) is provided from July 1 1919 to redeem the pref. stock. Pref. stock will have no vote unless eight consecutive dividends are not paid.

Data from Letter of President J. C. Flowers, New York, Nov. 1 1916.

Organization.—A new company, the Premier Motor Corp. of New York, has been organized in N. Y. (incorp. Oct. 26) and has acquired 95% of the outstanding capital stock of the Premier Motor Corp. (Del.) by the issue of its own shares in exchange for the shares of the Premier company. Should the new company acquire all the outstanding stock of the old company, it is expected the two will be consolidated.

The Premier Motor Corp. (of Del.) was organized early in 1916 to manufacture automobiles and trucks, took over all the assets, &c., of Premier Motor Mfg. Co. and Main Motor Truck Co., both of Indianapolis.

The Plant.—Modern and well equipped; steel construction, main building is 882 ft. long by 285 ft. wide, which with adjoining buildings contains about 300,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Located in Indianapolis, on 40 acres of land, entirely owned, free from lien, with direct railway connections.

Capitalization (New Company).—

Pref. stock, 7% cumulative (par \$100)	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock (no par)	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
5-year 6% notes (this iss., proceeds for work. cap.)	30,000 sh.	25,500 sh.
	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

The notes are secured by pledge of all capital stock. Consent of three-fourths of outstanding notes required for creation of any new lien. Net quick assets shall be maintained to 1 1/4 times principal of the notes outstanding. Neither the old nor the new company has any funded debt other than these notes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Showing Combined Condition of Old and New Cos.
Real est., bldgs. & equip., \$1,230,352; misc. def. chgs., \$168,137; \$1,398,489 Invent'y, \$544,097; notes & accts. rec., \$64,392; cash, \$1,028,651; 1,637,140

Total assets.....\$3,035,639

Deduct—Accts. and bills pay., \$259,227; Gold Notes, \$1,000,000; 1,259,227

Surplus of assets over current liabilities and gold notes.....\$1,776,402

Management.—Practically the same as that of the old company. See V. 102, p. 1722.

Regal Motor Car Co., Detroit.—Portion of Property Sold.—Payment of Bonds.

The company in its recent sale of property to Fisher Body Corporation disposed of only one of its buildings and retains its original plant, which now covers nine acres. The proceeds of the sale, said to be about \$330,000, will, it is understood, be applied to payment of outstanding bonds. The Regal Co. has eliminated certain of its models and is concentrating its production on one model only.—V. 96, p. 1560.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Accumulated Dividends Paid.

—A dividend of 4% on account of accumulations has been declared on the \$25,000,000 pref. stock, along with the regular quarterly 1 1/4%, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 8. This cleans up all accumulations on the pref. stock.—V. 103, p. 319.

Safety Car Heating & Lighting.—Patent Litigation.

—See United States Light & Heat Corp. below.—V. 102, p. 1716.

Schenectady Illuminating Co.—Bonds—Stock.

The New York P. S. Commission recently authorized the company to issue \$1,264,800 5% debenture bonds to be sold at not less than 97, and \$702,200 common stock to be sold at par to the General Electric Co. The proceeds are to be used for working capital and to reimburse the treasury for cash expended for betterments. The Commission has also ordered that in place of the \$380,700 stock authorized but not sold under a previous order, the company may issue some \$985,000 debenture bonds.

The auth. capital stock was recently increased from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.—V. 103, p. 1046.

Schenectady Power Co.—Common Stock.

The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the issue of \$300,000 common stock to be sold at not less than par to the General Electric Co. The proceeds, it is stated, are to be used, \$12,000 to pay miscellaneous accounts, \$190,000 to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures of the last five years, and \$98,000 for working capital.—V. 103, p. 1046.

(Walden, W.) Shaw Corporation, Chicago.—Preferred Stock Offered.

F. B. Hitchcock & Co., Chicago, are offering \$900,000 (new issue) 7% cumulative preferred stock.

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Dividends payable quarterly. Red. during 1917 at \$101 per share and div., and at a price increasing \$1 per share each year until 1922, then at thereafter at \$115 and div. The company must annually set aside from the surplus or net profits, after payment of the cumulative pref. dividend, an amount sufficient to retire \$90,000 pref. stock before any dividends may be paid on the common stock, and before dividends of over \$6 per share per annum may be paid on the common an additional \$50,000 shall be set aside during that year for this purpose; no bonds or securities having priority to the pref. stock may be issued, nor the preferred stock increased, without the consent of 75% of the pref. stock then outstanding.

Data from Letter of President Walden W. Shaw, Nov. 1 1916.

Organization.—Incorporated in N. Y. and has acquired the business, assets and good will of the Walden W. Shaw Livery Co., Chicago, and the Yellow Cab Co., Chicago, by the purchase of their entire capital stocks.

The Livery Co. has been in the automobile livery business for nine years, doing to a great extent a contract business with hotels, clubs, &c.; since 1914 has been building taxicabs for themselves and for sale to the Yellow Cab Co. and other companies operating in large cities. The Cab Co. was organized in Aug. 1916. Commenced with 45 cars, now operates 270 cars, and expects by Jan. to have 300. The Cab Co. employs its drivers on a profit-sharing basis with satisfactory results.

Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding (No Bonded or Mfg. Indebtedness). 7% cumulative preferred stock.....\$900,000
Common stock, no par value.....40,000 shs.

Neither the corporation itself nor the operating companies have any bonded or mortgage debt.

Assets.—The total net assets of the Livery Co. and the Cab Co. are reported by Arthur Young & Co., accountants, as of Oct. 31 1916, to be \$1,433,385, and the net tangible assets to be \$1,052,135, or over \$116 for each share of preferred stock.

Earnings.—The net earnings, after depreciation, of both companies, including the manufacturing department, as reported by the accountants, for 9 months to Sept. 1916 amount to \$302,653, at the rate of \$403,537 for the year. The 1917 earnings will show results from the operation of more cars. The manufacturing department has orders for a large number of cars at satisfactory prices.

Net Assets (\$1,052,135) as at Oct. 31 1916.

Buildings, improvements and leaseholds.....	\$104,412
Automobiles (at sound values).....	658,457
Machinery, tools, &c. (at sound value).....	100,506
Current assets, being cash; accts receivable, materials, &c., \$375,581; less accts and notes payable, and accrued liabilities, \$194,581; and reserve for accidents, \$32,000.....	148,760
Estimated net profit for the month of October 1916.....	40,000

Directors.—Benjamin V. Becker, John Borden (Sec. & Treas.), Edward D'Ancona, John Hertz (V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.), F. B. Hitchcock, Richard F. Lyman, M. S. Rosenwald, Walden W. Shaw (Pres.) and John Towne (V.-Pres.).

Management will remain in the hands of the same men who have been responsible for the development of the business under contracts for a period of years.

Smith Motor Truck Corp.—New Project.

This company is being organized under Virginia laws to take over the Smith Form-A-Truck Co. (Del.), recently acquired by Michaelis & Co. of N. Y. An approved statement shows:

Proposed Capitalization of New Co. (no bonds)—Authorized. Outstanding. 8% cum. conv. pref. stck. (no par), redeem. at 120 20,000 sh's. 14,000 sh's.
Common stock (par \$10).....\$12,000,000 \$10,000,000

The pref. stock is convertible \$ for \$ into common, 10 shares for one, after Jan. 30 and prior to Jan. 1 1920; consent of 75% of pref. stock is necessary for the creation of funded debt. The amounts of outstanding will be applied to the acquisition of the old co. plant with \$830,000 cash. A sinking fund of 5% per annum, commencing Jan. 1 1920, will retire the pref. stock; when 8% dividends are paid on common shares sinking fund will be 10%.

The company manufactures a truck unit which sells for \$350 and which covers Ford, Dodge, Maxwell and similar cars into one-truck units with an over-load capacity of 100%. More than 9,000 are now in use. Daily capacity now over 200 truck units. From Jan. 1 to Nov. 1 1916 the average production was over 30 per day. Sales are now running at the rate of about 60 units daily, and President A. D. Smith estimates that by Jan. 1 next the company will be manufacturing more than 100 units per day. Unfilled orders and open contracts on hand Nov. 1 amounted to more than 6,000 truck units. In 1917 a production of at least 30,000 units is anticipated.

Net earnings for 1916, estimating the last two months, will amount to about \$1,000,000. The new company will have net tangible assets, exclusive of good will, patents, trade-marks, &c., of \$1,713,557, and net current assets of \$1,410,451, which will be about equal to the outstanding pref. stock.

Southwestern Construction Co.—Sale of Holdings.

—See Alabama New Orleans Texas & Pacific Junction Ry. Co., Ltd., in last week's issue.

Standard Gas Co. (N. J.)—Bonds Offered.

Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, New York, Phila. and Pittsburgh, are offering at 96 and int. \$600,000 First Mortgage sinking fund 5% gold bonds dated May 1 1916, due May 1 1946.

Red. at 105 and int. Denom. \$100, \$500 & \$1,000. Trustee, Girard Trust Co., Phila. Interest M. & N., without deduction of normal Federal income tax; free of all N. J. State taxes; Penna. State tax refunded.

Data from Letter of President H. Stills, Sept. 29 1916.

Capitalization.—

First M. 5% (reserved for future issue \$400,000)	Authorized	Outstand.
Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$600,000
	500,000	330,000

These bonds are an absolute first mortgage on the entire property now owned or hereafter acquired. Issued to refund in part four issues aggregating \$1,500,000, the difference between the new issue and the refunded bonds being financed with junior securities. Additional bonds can be issued only for 80% of cost of extensions or new property when net earnings are twice the interest charges, including bonds to be issued. Sinking fund to retire bonds 1/2% yearly of bonds outstanding July 1 1917 to July 1 1921, incl.; 1% 1922 to 1940, 1 1/4% 1941 to 1945. Six per cent of gross earnings must be applied to maintenance and depreciation fund.

The Company.—A N. J. corporation, manufacturing and distributing artificial gas in Monmouth County, N. J., including the towns of Atlantic Highlands, Freehold, Highlands, Rumson, Middletown, Keansburg, Keokup, Matawan, &c. Serves a permanent population of over 30,000 and during the summer over 45,000 within 25 miles of N. Y. City proper.

Plant.—The plant, in Atlantic Highlands, distributes gas through 118 miles of mains, brick building, steel roofed. Total capacity, 1,000,000 cu. ft. daily. Replacement value of properties is estimated at over \$750,000. The sale of gas per mile of main increased from 370,000 cu. ft. in 1911 to 796,100 cu. ft. in 1915; meter sales from 11,300 cu. ft. per meter p. a. to 14,500 cu. ft. per meter p. a. Average revenue per meter from \$17.14 in 1911 to \$20.08 in 1916.

Earnings for 12 Mos. ended.

	Oct. 1916.	Dec. 1915.	Dec. 1914.
Gross.....	\$126,275	\$115,515	\$108,277
Net (after tax and depreciation).....	\$59,573	\$62,248	\$44,327

Franchise.—Some are perpetual and all extend beyond the maturity of the bonds.—V. 103, p. 412.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.—Earnings, &c.

The following has been reported to the N. Y. Stk. Exchange:

Stutz Motor Car Co. (of Indiana) Income Account, 1915.

	Cal. Year	3 Mos. end.		Cal. Year	3 Mos. end.
	1915.	May 31 1915.		1915.	May 31 1915.
Net sales.....	\$1,983,589	\$1,319,107	Balance.....	\$34,815	\$251,310
Cost of sales (incl. depr.).....	1,544,854	1,031,675	Other income.....	31,829	16,725
			Total.....	\$366,444	\$268,035
Gross profit.....	\$438,735	\$287,432	Bad debts (net).....	169	53
Sell'g. & c. exp.....	103,920	36,122			
Balance.....	\$334,815	\$251,310	Balance.....	\$366,475	\$267,982

Stutz Motor Car Co. (of Indiana) Balance Sheet as of May 31 1916.

Assets (Total, \$3,051,120)	Liabilities (Total, \$3,051,120)
Land, bldgs., mach., &c.....	Capital stock.....
Land, bldgs., mach., &c.....	2,190,097
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....
302,455	124,597
Accounts receivable.....	Deposits on cars.....
159,398	14,275
Notes receivable.....	Taxes accrued, &c.....
950	8,445
Mds. inventory (est.).....	Depreciation, &c., reserve.....
268,757	35,179
	Surplus.....
	2,768,648

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc., Balance Sheet as of June 22 1916.

Assets (Total, \$3,051,120)	Liabilities (Total, \$3,051,120)
1,000 shares of capital stock of Stutz Motor Car Co. (Ind.), par value \$100 each, representing fixed assets—Land and buildings, \$146,083; machinery and equipment, \$50,475; office furniture and fixtures, \$3,895; total.....	210,457
Good will.....	2,100,000
Cash in banks and on hand, \$302,458; accounts receivable, \$159,495; notes receivable, \$950; mds. inventory (est.), \$285,757; total.....	731,663
Liabilities (Total, \$3,051,120)	
Capital stock; auth., 75,000 shares without nominal or par value declared under the N. Y. Stock Corp. Law, at \$5 per share.....	\$375,000
Accounts payable, \$124,597; deposits on cars, \$14,275; wages, \$2,441; taxes accrued, \$5,998; total.....	147,317
Reserves for depreciation, &c.....	35,155
Surplus.....	2,499,448

Note.—The Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc., has declared dividend of \$93,750, being \$1 25 per share on its 75,000 shares of capital stock, payable Oct. 2 1916.—V. 103, p. 849.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—Extra Dividend.

An extra dividend of 1% has been declared on the stock, along with the regular quarterly 3%, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 1. This compares with 3% regular and 3/4% of 1% extra in Oct. last.—V. 102, p. 2081.

Sterling Gum Co.—Sale.

See American Chronicle Co. above.—V. 103, p. 1597.

Syracuse Lighting Co.—Bonds Authorized.

The New York P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$100,000 6% 10-year bonds to be sold at par.—V. 96, p. 867.

Tennessee Copper Co.—Plan Operative.

J. S. Bache & Co. and Adolph Lewisohn & Sons, as syndicate managers, announce that sufficient assent has been received to the financial plan to permit its becoming effective. Time, however, in which deposits may be made has been extended to Nov. 25 to permit further deposits in the meantime, after which date the plan will be declared operative. See financial plan, V. 103, p. 1512, 1795.

Texas Co.—Stock Increase.

The stockholders on Nov. 14 authorized the increase in capital stock from \$44,400,000 to \$65,500,000, the new stock to be offered to shareholders at par (1 new share for each 4 shares now held).—V. 103, p. 1216, 754.

Trumbull Steel Co., Warren, O.—Expansion—Status.

In connection with the offer of \$2,500,000 new common and \$1,250,000 new pref. stock, at par to stockholders, increasing the total share capital to \$5,250,000 common and \$4,000,000 preferred, as of Jan. 1 1918 (not 1917), when subscriptions will have been paid in full. President J. Warner, in circular of Oct. 11, says in substance:

Unfinished output consists of tinplate, black and galvanized sheets, the various forms of roofing products, light plates and in a few months hot and cold rolled steel strips will be added to these. The market for hot and cold rolled steel strips is growing rapidly, and they are sold largely to the manufacturers of tubes, hardware specialties, automobile frames, bodies and other parts of the machine. Up to this time we have operated only 24 hot mills, having just started the light plate mills and additional sheet and tin mills. We have also built and have now in full operation a modern plant for the manufacture of spelter, which we use in making our galvanized sheets. This plant is located at Fort Smith, Ark., and produces more than we consume, the surplus being sold in the open market; its operation has proven highly profitable. Up to this time we have been producing per working day 400 tons of sheet and tinplate products, but next week the output will be increased to about 700 tons. In a few months the hot and cold rolled strip mills will be put in operation and the total output of finished products will approximate 1,000 tons per day.

We are endeavoring to specialize in the finer grades of these various products, which necessitates the use of high-grade and special analysis steel. The market for special analysis and high-grade sheets and strip material, when once established, is more permanent, profitable and steady and less affected by competition than for ordinary commercial output. Our new mills are designed to make a variety of products, among which we expect eventually to include manganese, nickel and chrome steels. We have now about 300 acres available for construction work.

In order that we may make a certain part of our output of sheets, tinplate and strip steel in the higher finishes, the proceeds of the new stock will be used in the building of a steel plant for the manufacture in part of these special steels for our exclusive consumption. The funds thus derived will also be used to purchase equipment for the manufacture of high-grade automobile and metal furniture sheets, and kindred products. We shall continue to buy to a large extent the ordinary grades of steel sheet bars, billets and slabs.

We will also on Jan. 1 1917 retire from the present surplus account our entire issue of \$250,000 bonds.

Our operations and profits up to the present time have been very satisfactory and the proceeds from this stock issue should greatly increase our earning capacity. A large part of the new equipment has already been purchased, at prices lower than those now prevailing. During the last three years we have been continuously engaged in building operations and we have as yet received no profits from the operation of the new plate mills and the works shortly to be in operation. See also V. 103, p. 1512.

Union Bag & Paper Corp.—Initial Dividend.

An initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$10,000,000 stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record.

Secretary E. B. Murray says: "Stockholders will observe that the above dividend is payable only to stockholders in the new corporation, so that in order to receive it they must exchange their certificates for new Union Bag & Paper Corporation stock at the Empire Trust Co. before Dec. 5 1916."—V. 103, p. 1416, 1331.

Union Gas & Electric Co.—Rates Increased.

This company has been authorized by the Ohio P. U. Commission to charge 35 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. for gas in Cincinnati, and fix a minimum monthly meter rate of 35 cents. This is an increase of 5 cents per 1,000 cu. ft. and under the old rate there was no minimum charge. The new rates were effective as of Nov. 4 last and will continue for five years.—V. 103, p. 1046.

Union Oil Co. of California.—New Stock.

Application has been filed with the California Corporation Department for authority to sell any or all of the 50,000 shares of unissued stock at par, \$100 a share, to provide for additions and betterments. The stock is to be offered to present stockholders on a pro rata basis.—V. 103, p. 1709, 1512.

United Fruit Co.—Sub. Company's Earnings.

See Nipe Bay Co. above.—V. 103, p. 584.

United Motors Corporation.—Acquisitions.

Negotiations are about to be closed whereby this company will take over the Hook Manufacturing Co. and the Harrison Radiator Co. The Hook purchase, it is said, involves about \$1,000,000. The Harrison plant is reported to have a capacity of 300 radiators per day, which will, it is stated, be increased to 2,000 radiators per day. No increase in capitalization of the United Motors Corp. was involved in the transaction.—V. 103, p. 1510.

United States Express Co.—Liquidation.

The directors have declared a third dividend in liquidation of \$8 per share, payable Nov. 29 to holders of record Nov. 18. This will make \$48 distributed out of assets.—V. 102, p. 1816.

United States Light & Heat Corp.—Patent Decision.

Pres. J. Allan Smith announces the following received from attorneys:

Judge Hazel of the U. S. District Court for the Western Dist. of N. Y., at Buffalo, has rendered a decision under date of Oct. 17 1916, in the case entitled Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co. vs. United States Light & Heat Corp., holding that the axle-driven car lighting apparatus made and marketed by the United States Light Co. is free from infringement of the Creveling patent and that the decision applies to all types of car-lighting apparatus made by the Light & Heat Corp., the Court holding that the United States Light apparatus is made pursuant to and covered by the McElroy patents owned exclusively by the United States Light Co. and holding that these McElroy patents are valid.—V. 103, p. 841.

Utah-Apex Mining Co.—Change in Par.

The stockholders on Nov. 9 authorized a reduction in the capital stock from 600,000 shares, par \$5, to 120,000 shares, par \$25. It was also voted to reduce the number of directors from nine to five.—V. 103, p. 330.

Utah Consolidated Mining Co.—Dividend Increased.

A quarterly dividend of \$1.50 has been declared on the stock, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 25. This compares with 75 cents in Sept. last.—V. 102, p. 1255.

Victor-Monaghan Mills.—Preferred Stock Offered.

Hayden, Stone & Co. and Curtis & Sanger of Boston have sold

at 94 and dividend, yielding 7.44%, \$600,000 of the \$1,757,300 7% cum. pref. stock auth. and issued.

Preferred as to assets and dividends. Red. all or part at 102 1/2 and div. at option of the company. Dividends J. & J. In case of dividend accumulations aggregating 14%, pref. stock has sole voting power as to choice of management.

Data from Letter from Pres. M. C. Branch, Greenville, S. C., Oct. 20.

Organization.—In July 1916 the Victor Mfg. Co., of Greer (near Greenville), S. C., a South Carolina corporation, which owned and operated five cotton mills, changed its name to the Victor-Monaghan Mills and acquired the three Monaghan mills at Greenville, making in all eight plants of modern brick construction, protected with the sprinkling systems. Also owns houses for its operatives. The machinery, mills and houses are insured for \$5,036,535. The eight plants have an aggregate of 239,936 spindles and 6,289 looms and are engaged in manufacturing goods such as fancy and semi-fancy cloths, sheetings and yarns, which are used in making fancy and semi-fancy cloths, shirts, underwear, curtain goods, ladies' dress goods, fancy white shirts, &c. Real estate, buildings and machinery, less depreciation, are valued at \$5,051,772, while the net quick assets Aug. 31 1916 were 72% and at present are over 80% of the \$1,757,300 first preferred stock.

Earnings for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1916 (Exclusive of Interest Charges).

Profits from operations	\$861,337	Surplus for year	\$717,376
Less depreciation	143,962	Ann. div. requirement (on 1st pref.)	\$123,011
Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31 1916, Showing Total Stock Authorized and Issued.			
Land, bldgs. & machinery	\$5,872,092	First pref. stock	\$1,757,300
Cash	450,013	Common stock	4,450,000
Bills and accounts receivable	179,530	Current liabilities	71,200
Cotton and cloth on hand	371,243	Reserve for depreciation	820,320
Supplies and materials	94,875	Reserve for sundries	11,086
Insurance paid in advance	35,217	Surplus and profits	105,227
		Total each side	\$7,215,133

On July 1 1915 the combined properties had a floating debt in excess of \$3,400,000, making an interest charge of \$241,616. This debt was settled partly by the issuance of this first pref. stock, partly by sale of common stock and partly from current assets. Therefore the company will have no interest charges to pay except on occasional small borrowings.

Western Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co., Port Arthur, Can.—Sale.

This company's property, formerly owned by the American Shipbuilding Co., was sold on Nov. 2 to James H. Whalen of Port Arthur. The "Buffalo Commercial" on Nov. 3 said the price paid was about \$2,000,000. It is said the purchaser will assume the \$750,000 1st M. 6% bonds.—V. 95, p. 1751.

Western New York Water Co., Buffalo. Capital Increased.

This company has certified to an increase in its authorized capital stock from \$5,000,000, par \$100, to \$8,000,000.—V. 93, p. 1539.

Wharton, (N. J.) Steel Co.—Acquired.

Press reports state that this property has been taken over by J. L. Replogle, Vice-Pres. of the American Vanadium Co., and associates, who will use it as the basis for new steel works and finishing mills. The properties consist of three blast furnaces, 5,000 acres of ore lands near Wharton, N. J., ore buildings near Spragueville, N. Y., 7,500 acres of coking lands and coke plant in Indiana Co., Pa., also the Wharton & Northern R.R., 22 miles long.

An option on these properties was secured some months ago by N. L. C. Kachelmayer and associates in an effort to combine certain Eastern blast furnaces, and Mr. Replogle succeeds to this interest. Associated with him is Ernest Hillman of J. H. Hillman & Co., Pittsburgh. The Wharton company has been capitalized at \$10,000,000.—V. 102, p. 1168.

Wilys-Overland Co.—New Treasurer.

Frank K. Dolbeer, formerly of the financial department of the Victor Talking Machine Co., has been elected Treasurer, succeeding Walter Stewart, resigned. Mr. Stewart continues as a director.—V. 103, p. 1432 1216.

Wright-Martin Aircraft Corp.—Working Agreement.

See Submarine Boat Corporation in last week's "Chronicle".—V. 103, p. 1046, 584.

York Manufacturing Co.—Extra Dividend.

In addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$3, an extra \$1 per share has been declared, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 17.—V. 99, p. 1083.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Bonds Called.

The company has called the \$1,545,000 outstanding bonds for payment at 105 and interest on Jan. 1 at the Dollar Savings & Trust Co., Youngstown, trustee. This call includes \$1,125,000 1st M. 6% serial bonds dated July 1 1905 and \$420,000 1st M. 6% serial bonds dated July 1 1908, secured on the Struthers plant.—V. 102, p. 1453, 615.

CURRENT NOTICE.

Having sold over two-thirds of the amount of preferred stock outstanding, A. E. Fittken & Co. of 141 Broadway, this city, 19 Congress St., Boston and 105 South La Salle St., Chicago, offer the unsold balance of Interstate Electric Corporation 7% cumulative preferred stock by advertisement elsewhere in this issue at a price to yield 7 3/4% income return. The stock is preferred as to assets and dividends, redeemable at option of company at 110% of par. The par value of shares is \$100. Full particulars appear in to-day's page advertisement and our "General Investment News Department." Descriptive circular on request to the bankers.

"A Long Look Ahead" is the title of an analysis of present market conditions with predictions as to the course in the future, which has been issued by John Muir & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 61 Broadway of this city. Illustrated by a chart which outlines the logical trend as influenced by prospects of peace, effects of war destruction and possibilities of peace profits, the circular is intended to afford a basis for clear thinking, calculated to clarify the opinion of the individual investor. Copies of this circular will be sent on request.

In the firm's weekly page advertisement John Nickerson, Jr. of New York, St. Louis and Boston states that "it is a desirable thing in selecting investments to find a high degree of safety combined with an attractive yield. We believe that in no field of investment can one come so near to this combination as in public utility preferred stocks." The firm recommends seven issues of preferred stocks yielding 6 to 7.06% and ten conservative bonds yielding about 5 to 5.79%. General details of these offerings appear in to-day's advertisement.

On the advertising page opposite our weekly statement of clearings, A. B. Leach & Co. of New York, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Philadelphia and Baltimore are featuring a selected list of securities for the attention of investors. The list is diversified to suit the investment requirements of individuals, trustees of estates and financial institutions. The Municipal bonds yield 3.85 to 4.15%. Corporation bonds 4.60 to 6.35% and the short term issues 4.20 to 6.25%. See to-day's advertisement for particulars.

John F. Burns, for many years associated with the firm of N. W. Halsey & Co., and lately with the National City Company, has resigned from that company and has opened an office at 84 State St., Albany, N. Y., to deal in high grade investment securities.

Joseph L. S. Barton, formerly with the National Bank of Commerce of Boston, and until recently in charge of the Loan Department of the Merchants National Bank of Boston, has become associated with the bond house of Coffin & Burr, Inc.

The National City Company of New York has opened a branch office at 137 South La Salle Street, Chicago, under the management of L. M. Babalridge, formerly of N. W. Halsey & Co., New York.

Reports and Documents.

THE AMERICAN COTTON OIL COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1916.

BALANCE SHEET AUGUST 31 1916.

ASSETS.	
Real Estate, Buildings, Machinery, Investments, &c.:	
Balance August 31 1915	\$16,030,103 97
Deductions during the year	96,030 23
	\$15,934,073 74
Cash	\$2,767,045 10
Bills and Accounts Receivable and Advances for Merchandise	4,036,138 02
Marketable Products, Raw Materials and Supplies on hand	8,335,076 22
Current Assets	15,138,259 34
	\$31,072,333 08
Good will, trade-marks, brands, patents, processes, &c., at formation of Company	\$23,594,869 81
Less Balance of General Profit and Loss Account	12,460,266 84
	11,134,602 97
	\$42,206,936 05
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock, Preferred	\$10,198,600 00
Common	20,237,100 00
	\$30,435,700 00
Debtenture Bonds	5,000,000 00
Two-year Gold Notes	5,000,000 00
	\$40,435,700 00
Accounts Payable	\$202,520 76
Reserves for Contingencies and Depreciation	893,719 61
Interest accrued upon Debtenture Bonds and Gold Notes	166,666 68
Preferred Stock Semi-Annual Dividend No. 50, payable December 1 1916	305,958 00
Common Stock Dividend, payable September 1 1916	202,371 00
	1,771,236 05
	\$42,206,936 05

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AUG. 31 1916.

Balance of General Profit and Loss Account, August 31 1915, as per Twenty-sixth Annual Report	\$11,958,983 64
Discount and Expenses in connection with the issue in November 1915 of Two-year 5% Gold Notes	105,775 00
	\$11,853,208 64
Profits of the Manufacturing and Commercial business for the year ended August 31 1916	2,524,291 55
	\$14,377,500 19
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Interest on Debtenture Bonds and Two-year Gold Notes	\$495,833 35
Two Semi-Annual Dividends of 3% each on the Preferred Stock	611,916 00
Four Quarterly Dividends of 1% each on the Common Stock	809,484 00
	\$1,917,233 35
Balance of General Profit and Loss Account, Aug. 31 1916	\$12,460,266 84

We have audited the head office books and accounts of The American Cotton Oil Company and the subsidiary companies, and examined the financial statements of the branches for the year to August 31 1916, and we certify that, in our opinion, the foregoing statements show the true financial condition of the Company and the results of the operations thereof for the fiscal year.

THE AUDIT COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

A. W. Dunning, H. I. Lundquist,
President, Secretary.

New York, November 9 1916.

COMPARISON OF BALANCE SHEET FOR YEARS 1915 AND 1916.

ASSETS—	1915.	1916.
Real Estate, Buildings, Machinery, Investments, &c.	\$16,030,103 97	\$15,934,073 74
Good Will, Brands, &c.	23,594,869 81	23,594,869 81
Cash	5,050,644 91	2,767,045 10
Bills and Accounts Receivable	4,133,634 53	4,036,138 02
Marketable Products, &c., on hand	5,137,256 45	8,335,076 22
	\$53,946,509 67	\$54,667,202 89
LIABILITIES—	1915.	1916.
Capital Stock, Preferred	\$10,198,600 00	\$10,198,600 00
Common	20,237,100 00	20,237,100 00
	\$30,435,700 00	\$30,435,700 00
Debtenture Bonds	10,000,000 00	5,000,000 00
Two-year Gold Notes	5,000,000 00	5,000,000 00
Accounts Payable	303,462 98	202,520 76
Reserves	840,321 72	893,719 61
Interest accrued upon Debtenture Bonds and Gold Notes	102,083 33	166,666 68
Preferred Stock Dividend payable Dec. 1	305,958 00	305,958 00
Common Stock Dividend payable Sept. 1	202,371 00	202,371 00
Balance of General Profit and Loss Account	11,958,983 64	12,460,266 84
	\$53,946,509 67	\$54,667,202 89

COMPARISON OF GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEARS 1915 AND 1916.

	1915.	1916.
Balance General Profit and Loss Account August 31 previous year	\$10,531,496 72	\$11,958,983 64
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Discount and Expenses in connection with the issue in November 1915 of Two-year 5% Gold Notes		105,775 00
	\$10,531,496 72	\$11,853,208 64
Profit from Operations during year	2,514,402 92	2,524,291 55
	\$13,045,899 64	\$14,377,500 19
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Interest on Debtenture Bonds and Two-year Gold Notes	\$475,000 00	\$495,833 35
Dividends on Preferred Stock	611,916 00	611,916 00
Dividends on Common Stock		809,484 00
	\$1,086,916 00	\$1,917,233 35
Balance General Profit and Loss Account August 31	\$11,958,983 64	\$12,460,266 84

Executive Offices,
27 Beaver Street,
New York, November 9 1916.

To the Stockholders of The American Cotton Oil Company:
The Directors submit their Report and Statements of Account of The American Cotton Oil Company and the subsidiary companies, the Union Seed & Fertilizer Company and The N. K. Fairbank Company, for the fiscal year ended August 31 1916, being the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Company.

All the properties are free from mortgage or other lien. The additions to Permanent Investment Account, represented by seed and other warehouses and increased capacity of Crushing Mills, were exceeded by proceeds from the sales of inactive properties and depreciation.

\$584,580 09 has been expended during the year for the maintenance of the properties.

In addition, the Reserve for depreciation and replacement has been increased \$30,007 79.

The Net Working Capital of the Company on August 31 1916 was \$13,367,023 29, of which \$2,767,045 10 was Cash, and \$10,599,978 19 represents Bills and Accounts Receivable, Marketable Products, Raw Materials and Supplies, after deducting Liabilities.

The item Accounts Payable represents the current bills unadjusted and not matured at the close of the fiscal year.

The Current Assets are \$15,138,259 34, as against Liabilities of \$1,771,236 05.

The total amount of Gold Bonds now outstanding is \$5,000,000, part of an authorized issue of \$15,000,000 Twenty-year Five Per Cent Gold Bonds, bearing date of May 1 1911, interest payable semi-annually, on the first days of May and November.

In addition there are outstanding \$5,000,000 Two-year Five Per Cent Gold Notes, bearing date November 1 1915, interest payable on the first days of May and November.

The Board of Directors, at the regular monthly meetings in May and November, declared the usual semi-annual dividends of 3% upon the Preferred Stock, payable respectively on June 1 and December 1 1916, being the forty-ninth and fiftieth consecutive dividends upon this stock.

The Board of Directors, at the regular monthly meetings in February, May, August and November, also authorized payment of Four Quarterly Dividends of 1% each on the Common Capital Stock, payable respectively on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 1916.

The Cotton Crop for the season 1915-16, 11,192,000 bales, was the smallest of the last five years, being, in round figures, 5,000,000 bales less than the crop for the year preceding.

The prices for Cotton Seed were the highest on record, being substantially double those of the year before.

The results of the year are looked upon as satisfactory. This is particularly true with reference to our trade-marked products.

The reorganization and readjustment of the Company's corporate business affairs which was begun some time ago is about completed, resulting in an efficient business organization, alive to the potentialities of expansion and development. Mr. Peters, Counselor to the Executive Committee, is entitled to the appreciation and thanks of the Board of Directors for the able manner in which he has conducted this work and the splendid results achieved.

The Board of Directors report, with profound sorrow, the death of two of their colleagues, Mr. George Austin Morrison and Mr. Joseph W. Ogden.

The acknowledgments of the Board are due to the Officers and Employees for their faithful and efficient services during the year.

By order of the Board of Directors.
R. F. MUNRO, President.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL AND COAL COMPANY, Limited

(Organized under the laws of Nova Scotia, Canada)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LISTING OF ORDINARY STOCK.

New York, October 18 1916.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, hereby makes application to have listed on the New York Stock Exchange temporary certificates for \$7,500,000 Ordinary Stock, consisting of 75,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, of an authorized issue of \$15,000,000 (150,000 shares) Ordinary Stock, on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding certificates, with authority to substitute permanent engraved interchangeable certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding temporary certificates or old certificates; also with authority to add \$7,500,000 (75,000 shares) of said Ordinary Stock on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$15,000,000.

All of said stock is of the par value of \$100 each, is full paid and non-assessable, and no personal liability attaches to shareholders. The act of Incorporation of the Company provides:

14. The company may issue as fully paid up stock both common and preferred shares of the company, and may, upon such terms as the directors may deem for the interest of the company, pay and allot such shares in payment of right of way, plant, rolling stock, mining and smelting plant or materials of any kind; and also may, on such terms as the directors may deem for the interests of the company, pay and allot such fully paid up shares in payment for services or work done by contractors, engineers, solicitors and other persons who may have been, or may be engaged, in promoting the undertaking or work of the company; and may, upon such terms as the directors may deem for the interests of the company, allot and pay over such fully paid shares in whole or partial payments for the purchase, lease or acquisition of coal, iron and other mines or mining areas or leases thereof, and of limestone quarries, railways, rolling stock, wharves, lands, ships and any other property which the company is hereby authorized to acquire, construct, operate or own, or in payment of the shares, bonds or other obligations of other companies, which the company is hereby authorized to acquire. The issue, allotment or payment of such fully paid stock by the directors of said company shall be binding upon the company, and shall make the same fully paid stock; and the same shall not be assessable or subject to any calls for any purpose whatever, and the holders of said stock allotted or paid as aforesaid shall not be subject to any personal liability whatsoever in respect thereof.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, was incorporated under an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada, being Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1898, said Act being subsequently amended as follows: By Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1900, Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1901, Chapters 178 and 179 of the Acts of 1902, Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1904, Chapter 166 of the Acts of 1910. Its duration is perpetual.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, was originally incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000, consisting of 10,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, with authority in the stockholders to increase the same to not exceeding \$20,000,000.

At a meeting of the stockholders held in June 1901 the authorized capital was increased to \$7,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 was Eight per Cent Cumulative Preferred Stock and \$5,000,000 Ordinary Stock. The following is a history of the Company:

In 1882 the Nova Scotia Steel Company, Limited, was organized under Letters Patent of the Dominion of Canada, with an authorized capital of \$500,000, of which \$165,000 was subscribed and paid for in cash. In December 1888 by supplemental Letters Patent the authorized capital was increased to \$1,000,000, and the name of the Company changed to Nova Scotia Steel & Forge Company. On January 1 1889 the Company took over as a going concern the plant and works of the Nova Scotia Forge Company and issued in payment therefor \$75,000 Ordinary Stock.

In 1894 the Nova Scotia Steel Company (a new company) was organized under a Special Act of the Dominion of Canada, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000, consisting of \$2,000,000 Eight per Cent Cumulative Preferred Stock and \$3,000,000 Ordinary Stock. On January 1 1895 \$530,000 of Preferred Stock and \$530,000 of Ordinary Stock was issued in payment for the assets of the Nova Scotia Steel & Forge Company and \$500,000 of Preferred Stock and \$500,000 of Ordinary Stock was issued in payment for the property and assets of the New Glasgow Iron, Coal & Railway Company.

The New Glasgow Iron, Coal & Railway Company was incorporated in 1888 by a Special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia with a capital of \$1,000,000, consisting of \$500,000 Eight per Cent Cumulative Preferred Stock and \$500,000 Ordinary Stock.

In 1901 the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited (the applying Corporation), acquired the property and assets of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, and issued in payment therefor 30,900 shares of its Ordinary Stock and 10,300 shares of its Preferred Stock. The balance, 19,100 shares of ordinary stock, was sold for cash. The Capital Stock of the Company was changed as follows:

	Ordinary.	Preferred.
On October 8 1904 the capital was reduced to \$6,030,000, consisting of-----	\$5,000,000	\$1,030,000
(This was the result of the cancellation of \$970,000 of authorized but unissued preferred stock)		
On December 15 1909 it was increased to \$7,030,000, consisting of-----	6,000,000	1,030,000
On March 29 1911 it was increased to \$8,530,000, consisting of-----	7,500,000	1,030,000
On December 31 1915 it was decreased to \$8,500,000, consisting of-----	7,500,000	1,000,000
(This was the result of the purchase and cancellation of \$30,000 preferred stock.)		
On March 29 1916 it was increased to \$16,000,000, consisting of-----	15,000,000	1,000,000

divided into 160,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

The increase of December 15 1909 of \$1,000,000 was issued as a stock dividend to holders of Ordinary Stock. The increase of March 29 1911 of \$1,500,000 Ordinary Stock was sold for cash at par. The total outstanding stock at the present time is \$8,500,000, consisting of \$7,500,000 Ordinary Stock and \$1,000,000 Preferred Stock. The holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to Eight per Cent per annum cumulative dividends. The shares are Preferred as to assets on dissolution, and the holders have equal voting powers with the Ordinary stockholders.

Dividends have been paid as follows:

Year.	Preferred Stock.	Rate.	Ordinary Stock.	Rate.
1901	\$1,030,000 00	8%	\$3,090,000 00	4%
1902	1,030,000 00	8%	4,120,000 00	5½%
1903	1,030,000 00	8%	4,120,000 00	6%
1904	1,030,000 00	8%	4,939,300 00	3%
1905	1,030,000 00	8%	4,970,300 00	---
1906	1,030,000 00	8%	4,987,600 00	---
1907	1,030,000 00	8%	4,987,600 00	6%
1908	1,030,000 00	8%	4,987,600 00	1½%
1909	1,030,000 00	8%	5,000,000 00	1% & 20% Stock Dividend
1910	1,030,000 00	8%	6,000,000 00	4½%
1911	1,030,000 00	8%	6,000,000 00	6%
1912	1,030,000 00	8%	6,000,000 00	6%
1913	1,030,000 00	8%	6,000,000 00	6%
1914	1,030,000 00	4%	6,000,000 00	3%
1915	1,030,000 00	12%	7,500,000 00	---

In accordance with the powers conferred upon it by its Acts of Incorporation the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, (the applying Corporation), is engaged in the operation of coal and iron mines and in the manufacture of iron and steel products. It also has power under its acts of incorporation to hold shares of other corporations. In pursuance of said powers the Company owns the following:

Company incorporated.	Date.	Par.	Authorized.	Capital-ization.	Owed N. S. & C. Co.
Eastern Car Co., Ltd.	Canada June 1912	\$100	*\$2,000,000	\$1,550,000	\$800,000
Nova Scotia Land Co., Ltd.	Canada June 9 1904	1	100,000	11,000	11,000
Wasis SS. Co., Ltd.	Canada Apr. 13 1905	100	16,000	16,000	16,000

*Eastern Car Company has an authorized capital of \$1,000,000 common stock, and \$1,000,000 preferred stock; \$800,000 common and \$750,000 preferred outstanding, the latter being held by the public.

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, owns the following properties:

First. The collieries, blast furnace and steel plant, Sydney Mines, Cape Breton County, Nova Scotia. The land upon which the greater part of this plant is located is situated within the corporate limits of the Town of Sydney Mines. The total area is 175 acres, and the plant is served by the Canadian Government Railway, whose tracks enter the plant. The various plants and collieries of the Company are connected by a standard gauge railway about ten miles long, laid with eighty pound rails.

The coal areas consist of over ninety square miles, comprising both land and submarine areas, the whole under lease from the Province of Nova Scotia. These leases are for a period of twenty years, with provisions for renewals for two additional terms of twenty years each. Under recent legislation new leases are being prepared, giving the Company a tenure of ninety-nine years. An agreement has also been entered into with the Dominion Coal Company, Limited, which owns the intervening areas, by which the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, has a lease of a strip of submarine coal areas one mile wide, connecting its outside submarine areas with its present workings. The areas contain nineteen well defined seams of bituminous coal, ranging from four to twelve feet in thickness. At the present time the Company is only operating on two of these seams, viz.: Sydney Main seam and Indian Cove seam. The analysis of the Sydney Main seam, which averages about five feet six inches in thickness, and on which four of the present collieries are situated, is as follows:

Fixed carbon	53.00%
Volatile combustible matter	38.00%
Ash	7.00%
Sulphur	2.00%

The Indian Cove seam, which is about four feet six inches thick, is practically of the same analysis, except in sulphur, which is from 3% to 4%. The Company's engineers estimate that the property contains over 2,556,000,000 tons of bituminous coal. At the present time there are five collieries operating on the property, of which the following is a brief description:

Princess.—This colliery was the only one in operation when the Company purchased the property in 1900. It consists of a shaft 700 feet deep, from which main slopes are driven over 10,000 feet, with levels broken off the slope every 300 feet. The mine is worked on a bord and pillar system. The coal is cut by hand. About 600 men are employed underground. The daily output averages about 800 tons. The surface plant consists of a steel bankhead for hoisting, a large coal-hoisting engine with separate engine for lowering and raising the employees. Two large air compressors at the plant supply the compressed air for operating the underground pumps, hoists, &c. The buildings housing these engines are steel and concrete. The bankhead is equipped with modern tippie and screening apparatus. Underground the mine is operated by an endless haulage system driven by compressed air.

Queen.—This mine was opened by the predecessors of the present Company, but on the opening of the Princess pit operations ceased, and in 1905 it was reopened by the present Company. It is situated on the same seam of coal as and about 5,000 feet distant from the Princess colliery. The ventilating fan at the Queen colliery is driven by an electric motor, with current supplied from the central power plant. The haulage system at this colliery is also operated by compressed air. The mine employs underground about 300 men and has a capacity of 500 tons daily.

Florence.—This colliery is also located on the same seam as the Princess and Queen, about two miles north of Princess. The workings here consist of two parallel slopes driven in the coal to a depth of about 5,000 feet. Levels are broken off every 300 feet and like the other collieries the mine is worked on the bord and pillar system. The slopes are operated on an endless haulage system, and small air-driven engines and hoists are used to deliver the coal from the various headings to the main slope. The coal in this colliery is cut almost entirely by compressed air machines. The surface plant consists of two large air compressors for operating the underground hoists and coal cutting machines. The bankhead is fully equipped with tipples, screens, &c. Six 240-H.P. Stirling boilers supply steam for the various engines. About 550 men are employed underground and the average output is about 900 tons daily.

Scotia.—This colliery is situated about one and one-half miles farther north than the Florence and on the same coal seam. The workings like those in the Florence consist of two parallel slopes about 4,000 feet deep, with the necessary levels, crosscuts, &c. The mine is operated underground wholly by electricity. The cutting and handling of coal and the pumping of water is all done electrically. The greater part of the power for operating same is furnished from the central station power plant. The bankhead at this colliery is also fully equipped with tipples, screens, &c. About 400 men are employed, and the daily output averages 500 tons.

Jubilee.—A new mine is now being opened on the Indian Cove seam. Equipment is being installed at this colliery sufficient to produce 1,500 tons a day. So far, however, development work only is being done and about 200 tons a day are being produced.

Coal Washing Plant.—This plant was completed in the autumn of 1914. The washer is of the Baum type. It has a washing capacity of 1,000 tons of fine coal in ten hours. In general it consists of a reinforced concrete building elevated about eighteen feet above the yard level and supported by reinforced concrete columns. Alongside the washery building is an elevated settling tank built of reinforced concrete and designed to hold 150,000 gallons of water. The water tank is protected on the outside by a suitable air space to prevent freezing.

Coke Ovens.—The coke ovens consist of thirty Bauer ovens situate at the Princess colliery and 120 Bernard ovens. The total capacity of the united batteries is 300 tons of coke a day. The Bernard ovens are situated close to the blast furnace.

Blast Furnace.—The blast furnace has a daily capacity of 300 tons, has nine tuyers, is 80 feet high 12 feet 6 inches in diameter at stock level, 18 feet 10 inches in diameter at bosh, and 13 feet in diameter at hearth. The power equipment for the blast furnace consists of two compound disconnected blowing engines, with 72-inch blowing tubes. The engine is running condensing, with Worthington barometric condenser. The pumping equipment consists of three outside packed Epping-Carpenter circulating pumps with a capacity of 36,000,000 gallons in twenty-four hours; and one Belliss & Morecom engine, direct connected to a Rees-Roturbo pump, which has a capacity of 4,000 gallons per minute. The power equipment is operated from six 300-H.P. Stirling water-tube boilers.

Open Hearth.—The open-hearth department consists of two 50-ton to 60-ton and three 40 to 50-ton basic furnaces, of modern design, and one tilting hot-metal mixer, with a capacity of 200 tons. The open-hearth furnaces are housed in a steel fabricated building equipped with two 75-ton

Shaw electric cranes and one Wellman-Seaver-Morgan charging machine, and are heated by gas manufactured in a battery of 16 Duff type gas producers from coal from the Company's mines. The ingots are stripped and handled with a combination electric yard and stripper crane. The furnaces are all equipped with Blair water-cooled port ends and hoods and have an approximate monthly capacity of about 12,000 tons.

Fluid Compression Plant.—The fluid compression plant in connection with the open-hearth furnaces consists of one group of four Harmet presses each of 1,250 tons, for handling four ingots of from 2½ to 5 tons at one time; also a 4,000-ton Harmet press for handling ingots of 12, 20 and 30 tons. These presses are fully equipped with all pumps, accumulators, operating valves, &c., in an extension of the open-hearth building.

Central Power Plant.—The power plant is operated by three Stirling water-tube boilers of 310 h.p., each working at 200 pounds pressure, 100 degrees of superheat, together with nine fire tube boilers, worked at 150 pounds pressure. These boilers are all fired with waste gases from the Bernard coke ovens. The engine-room equipment consists of two 400 k. w. Canadian General Electric 250-volt, direct-current generators, connected to two 18-inch and 36-inch diameter cylinders by 24-inch strok engines. These engines are non-condensing, the exhaust going to a mixed pressure 750 k. w. turbine of the Rateau multicellular type. There is also a 200 k. w. Canadian Westinghouse 220-volt 60-cycle motor-driven alternator. A 2,000 k. w. steam turbine, direct connected to a 2,000 k. w., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 2,200-volt alternator, with surface condensing equipment, is being installed.

In addition, there is at Sydney Mines a foundry, machine shop, blacksmith shop and roundhouse, for general repairs about the collieries, the plant and railway.

Railroad.—A standard gauge railroad connects the works at Sydney Mines with all the collieries; also with the coal and ore piers at North Sydney. This railway is equipped with twelve standard locomotives, some 300 coal cars, 25 flat cars and four passenger cars for conveying workmen from their homes to the collieries.

Ore and Coal Piers.—At North Sydney are situate the coal-loading and ore-discharging piers. There are two coal piers, high and low level. The former is 60 feet above high water and is 1,000 feet long, including approaches. It is equipped with bins to hold 5,000 tons of bituminous coal. The low level pier is 34 feet above high water and about 1,300 feet long, and is used principally for loading small craft.

The main structure of the ore-receiving pier is 42 feet above high water and 1,120 feet long. It is equipped with two Wellman-Seaver-Morgan discharging steam cranes, with a capacity of 5,000 tons per day.

Workmen's Houses.—The company owns about 500 workmen's houses situate in various localities throughout the town of Sydney Mines. The original townland was principally all owned by the Company, but parts of it have been sold from time to time to workmen and others for house-building purposes.

Truck Store.—On the main street of Sydney Mines the Company owns a two-story building 75 feet by 90 feet, of frame structure, finished throughout and thoroughly equipped for carrying on a general merchandise business. In this store the Company does a business of approximately \$350,000 a year. The bulk of this business is with the employees of the Company.

The iron and steel plants are exempt from municipal rates and taxes until 1922.

LIMESTONE QUARRIES.

Point Edward Quarry.—The limestone used in the blast furnace at Sydney Mines is obtained from Point Edward, some nine miles distant from Sydney Mines, and connected with the main line of the Canadian Government Railway by a branch line two and one-half miles long. This property consists of about 250 acres, containing a very large amount of carboniferous limestone of a high grade and uniform quality. The stone is won entirely by quarrying, a steam shovel removing the earth overlying the deposit, a Lidgerwood overhead cableway with two towers and radius of 800 feet being installed to convey the stone direct from the quarry face to the cars. There is very little top soil to remove. The analysis of the limestone is as follows:

Lime	94.0
Silica	3.0
Iron and alumina	2.2
Sulphur	.12
Phosphorus	Trace
	99.32

Red Islands Limestone Property.—This property is situated at Red Islands in the Bras d'Or Lakes, about thirty miles by water from Sydney Mines. The property consists of about 200 acres and contains extensive deposits of very high grade limestone, particularly suitable for open hearth as well as blast furnace work.

George's River Dolomite Quarry.—The Company owns at George's River, Cape Breton County, Nova Scotia, twenty acres on which is situate a deposit of first-class dolomite. The output varies from 6,000 to 10,000 tons per year, depending on the requirements of the open-hearth furnaces.

WABANA IRON MINES.

These mines are situated on Bell Island, in Conception Bay, Newfoundland, distant about fourteen miles from St. Johns. The land areas, which are about three square miles in extent, contain three beds of hematite iron ore of workable thickness, known as the Dominion, Scotia and Upper beds, the latter two belonging to this Company. In addition to this the Company owns all the ore contained in 82½ square miles of submarine areas, which also contain the three seams already mentioned. These areas, both land and submarine, are held in fee simple grant from the Crown and are not subject to any rental. Of the seams in the land areas but a small tonnage has been mined from the Upper bed and the Scotia seam has still available several hundred thousand tons of ore.

Only a small part of the submarine areas has as yet been developed. The Dominion seam on these areas, which is the only one prospected to any extent, has two parallel adjacent slopes driven into it 2,700 feet, with levels running at right angles to the slopes 2,800 feet. This development work shows the ore to range in thickness all the way from ten to thirty feet and the general thickness to be some twenty feet of good, clean ore.

The average output of ore from the land and surface workings of the Company for the five years previous to July 1914 was 520,176 tons. The submarine mines alone, with the development already completed, will have no difficulty in largely increasing this production.

The Company's engineers estimate that the Dominion Seam alone contains over 1,500,000,000 tons of ore, and Mr. E. C. Eckel places the figures of the ore contained in these submarine areas as high as 2,000,000,000 tons. These estimates would ensure an output of 1,000,000 tons a year over a very long period. An average analysis of the iron ore is approximately as follows:

Iron (as Oxide of Iron).....	74.02	=51.84%	Metallic Iron
Silica.....	11.11		
Sulphur.....	0.049		
Phosphorus.....	0.570		
Manganese Oxide.....	0.15		
Titanium Dioxide.....	0.50		
Alumina.....	5.86		
Lime.....	1.86		
Magnesia.....	0.53		
Copper.....	Faint Trace		
Nickel.....	.003		
Vanadium.....	.008		
Chromium.....	None		
Lead.....	Trace		
Carbon Dioxide (C. O. 2).....	2.86		
Moisture.....	2.24		
Organic matter.....	0.27		Loss in Ignition 5.37%
	100.050%		

The ore is mined on a slope equipped with 80-pound steel rails, on which is operated a 20-ton skip, which is loaded automatically from a distributing bin situated at the foot of the slope. The skip is also dumped automatically on the deck head, and at the present time can handle 2,000 tons of ore from the bottom to the deckhead in twelve hours. The deckhead is equipped with rock-breakers and crushers. The ore is dumped from the skip into bins, from which it is fed automatically to the crushers and delivered from them to a belt, and while passing over the belt any rock which may have been mined is removed and the ore delivered to the cars for transmission to the shipping pier or the stock pile. The ore is conveyed either from the deckhead or stock pile to the shipping pier on the other side of the island, about two miles distant, by an endless baulage rope system. At the shipping pier the ore is dumped automatically into two large storage pockets with a capacity of 60,000 tons. Steel bucket conveyors carry it from the pockets to the end of the loading pier, where, with self-trimming chutes, the ore is loaded into the steamers with a minimum of labor. The capacity of these conveyors is over 1,000 tons per hour.

The mines are equipped with electric steam generators, transmission lines and lead-covered cables carrying the current to the remotest part of the submarine workings, where it is used in operating electric shovels, pumps, hoists, drills, lighting, &c. The whole of the deckhead machinery and surface equipment is of the most modern type.

A new haulage slope 10 feet by 17 feet is now being driven, which, on account of the improved gradient, will give a much better road than the one now being used. Provision is also being made to install more powerful machinery and equipment on this slope so that when completed the output can be very considerably increased.

Although the mine is a submarine excavation, the quantity of water encountered is very small, being only about 150 gallons a minute, which has not increased appreciably during the past few years, although much additional territory has been opened up.

MANUFACTURING PLANT—TRENTON.

The land on which this plant is located is situated within the corporate limits of the town of Trenton, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, directly adjoining town of New Glasgow. The total area is 72 acres, and the plant is served by the Canadian Government Railway, whose tracks enter the plant. The main buildings with their contents are as follows:

Main Office Building.—55 by 110 feet. Two stories and basement, concrete foundation, brick walls, asbestos roof.

Building No. 2.—Works office, 30 by 90 feet. Two stories, wood construction; second floor contains complete chemical testing laboratory.

Building No. 3.—Axle building. Seventy-five feet wide by 335 feet long. Steel frame, brick and steel sides, composition roofing. In this building is situated two steam hammers for forging axles, one continuous axle heating furnace, one 1,500-ton shell forging press, one 500-ton shell forging press, two 180-ton draw benches, two continuous heating furnaces for shell billets, 7½-ton electric crane traverses the entire building. A leanto on this building covers 12 axle cutting off and turning machines, three stationary boilers and four (4) blacksmith fires and small smith hammer.

Building No. 4.—Forge yard 50 feet wide by 275 feet long; steel frame, concrete sides, composition roof. This building is traversed the entire length by a 30-ton electric overhead crane. Under this roof is situated one 3-ton steam hammer, one heat-treating and two annealing furnaces, 15 hack saws cutting shell blocks.

Building No. 5.—Main forge building. 50 feet wide by 240 feet long, with leanto 20 feet wide on one side, 35 feet wide on other side. Steel frame, brick and concrete walls, composition roof. Traversed entire length with 50-ton electric overhead crane. In this building is situated one 4,000-ton steam hydraulic forging press, with steam intensifier, hydraulic accumulator and pumps; one 500-ton steam hydraulic forging press with steam intensifier, 4 forge furnaces with steam boilers for utilizing waste heat, one 310 h.p. Stirling boiler, six 270-ton shell forging presses and five heating furnaces for shell billets.

Building No. 6.—Roughing machine shop, 50 feet wide by 250 feet long with 15 feet leanto, steel frame, brick and concrete walls and composition roof. This building is traversed the entire length with 30-ton electric overhead traveling crane. In this building are located the large roughing lathes, planers, boring mills and cutting-off saws.

Building No. 7.—Finishing machine shop. Wood construction, steel walls, composition roof. Traversed by 15-ton electric overhead crane. Building 60 feet wide by 180 feet long. In this building is located the machinery necessary for finishing large forgings, castings, &c., and doing a general repair and engineering business.

Building No. 8.—Cold rolling department. 40 feet by 180 feet. Wooden frame, wood sides, composition roofing. Containing the machinery necessary for finishing, polishing and straightening round bars of ½-inch diameter to 6-inch diameter.

Building No. 9.—Pattern shop and pattern storage. Wood frame, wood covering, composition roofing. Thirty by 75 feet. In this building is the machinery required in a well-equipped pattern shop.

Building No. 10.—Forge boiler house. Steel frame, brick and steel walls, composition roofing, 40 by 110 feet, with leanto 30 feet wide and 110 feet long for pumps on one side, and leanto on back for feed pumps and feed water heaters. Containing the following: 3,500 h.p. boilers, 2,400 h.p. boilers, 2 feed water heaters, 2 feed pumps, 9 hydraulic pumps each capable of delivery of 170 gallons of water per minute against a head of 1,500 lbs., 3 hydraulic accumulators, 2 steel chimneys.

Building No. 11.—Roll turning shop, 30 feet by 110 feet. Steel frame, tile block walls, composition roofing. In this building are the following: 1 7½-ton overhead electric crane, 4 roll turning lathes.

Building No. 12.—No. 3 mill building. 50 feet wide by 240 feet long. Construction: steel frame, steel walls, composition roofing. In this building are one 9-inch Belgian type mill with 1 stand of 16-inch roughers, and 5 stands of 9-inch finishing rolls driven by engine 16 and 32x24. One continuous heating furnace, 1 automatic cooling bed and 2 mill shears.

Building No. 13.—No. 1 mill building. 75 feet wide by 240 feet long. Construction: steel frame, steel walls and composition roofing. In this building are: one 9-inch guide mill, consisting of 5 stands driven by steam engine (size) 24 and 17x21; 1 continuous heating furnace, 1 large reeler driven by 125 h.p. motor, 1 small reeler driven by 125 h.p. motor, one oil-fired furnace for reeler, 1 cooling bed, 1 mill shear.

Building No. 14.—No. 2 mill building. 75 feet wide by 240 feet long. Construction: steel frame, steel sides, composition roofing. Equipment of this building consists of 1.18-inch bar mill driven by steam engine, 25 and 48x48. One 20-inch plate mill driven by steam engine, size 18 and 40x48; 2 cooling beds, 1 mill shear with live roll table approach, 1 fish-plate shear, 1 fish-plate punch, 1 fish-plate drop, 1 billet conveyor, one 24-ton electric overhead traveling crane.

Building No. 15.—Cogging mill building, 50 feet wide by 375 feet long. Construction: steel frame, steel walls, composition roofing. This building contains one 28-inch reversing cogging mill, driven by a steam engine (double), 33x48. Three continuous ingot-heating furnaces. Live roll table approaches to mill; 2 hot billet shears, one 54-inch hot saw, 3 transfer cars carrying ingots from furnaces to mill, two 10-ton electric overhead cranes, one 50-ton steam-operated overhead crane, one 4-ton electrically operated jib crane.

Building No. 16.—Electric power house. 35x65. Steel frame, brick walls, composition roofing. In this building are situated 2 low-pressure 500 k.w. turbo-generators, 1 accumulator and 1 oil separator, for low-pressure turbo-generators; 1 high-pressure turbo-driven hydraulic pump with jet condenser, one 15-ton hand-operated overhead traveling crane.

Building No. 17.—Shipping building. 940 by 75 feet. Steel frame, brick and steel walls, composition roofing. In this building are situated stock bins 260 feet long by 20 feet wide, 4 shears, 3 straightening machines, 2 punches, 1 friction saw, 1 bar twister. Traversed entire length by two 7½-ton high-speed electric overhead traveling cranes.

Building No. 18.—Manufacturing building, 75 feet wide by 540 feet long. Steel frame, brick and steel walls, composition roof. In this building are located 18-inch shell-finishing department, consisting of 4 automatic railway spike machines with heating furnaces. Bolt and nut department, consisting of 20 heating furnaces and 66 machines; 2 tie-plate punches, 36 machine tools.

Building No. 19.—9.2-inch shell finishing shop. 75x140. Steel frame, brick and steel walls, composition roofing. In this building are located 52 machine tools.

Building No. 20.—4.5-inch shell finishing department. 50 by 140. In this building are located 110 machine tools.

Building No. 21.—Bolt and nut machine shop. 25 by 100. Steel frame, brick walls, composition roofing. The plant contains the necessary machinery for the production of 20 tons of bolts per day.

Building No. 22.—Box shop. 40x100. Steel frame, brick walls, composition roofing. Contains 1 boiler and the following machines: 1 planer, 1 edger, 2 circular saws and a box nailing machine.

Building No. 23.—Cutting-off department. 50x180. Wooden frame, wooden walls, composition roofing. In this building the machines necessary for cutting to length 25,000 blocks per day are contained.

Building No. 24.—Main boiler house. 50x250. Steel frame, steel walls, composition roofing. Contains: nine 316 h.p. boilers, two 600 h.p. boilers, complete coal and ash-handling plant, 1 steel stack, 1 concrete stack 12 feet diameter, 180 feet high.

Building No. 25.—Electric repair shop. 40x50. Steel frame, brick walls, composition roofing. Contains: one 140 k.w. generator, driven by reciprocating engine and electrical repair station with tools.

Building No. 26.—Smith and finishing department. 50x150. Steel frame, tile block wall, composition roofing. Contains: blacksmith fires, 2 small steam hammers, 2 shears, 1 saw grinder, 2 air compressors.

Building No. 27.—General storeroom. 40x90. Wooden frame, hollow concrete wall, composition roofing, concrete foundation and basement. Complete oil storage equipment and 2-ton electric operated elevator.

Building No. 28.—Physical testing laboratory. Wood frame, wood walls, composition roofing. Contains: 3 tensile testing machines, 1 hardness testing machine and the following machine tools: 1 shaper and 2 lathes.

Building No. 29.—Brick storage building. 150x60. Wood frame, tile walls, composition roofing.

Building No. 30.—Locomotive house. Wood construction. This building houses three small locomotives.

The plant employs about 2,500 men and has the following daily capacity:

Rolled bars, plates, &c	350 tons
Forgings	250 "
Car axles	70 "
Railway spikes	50 "
Track bolts	30 "

The products of this plant consist principally of rolled bars, angles, channels, tees and plates; tee-rails up to 45 pounds per yard; railway angle bars and fish plates; bolts, nuts, spikes and rivets; car axles and forgings of all kinds up to 30 tons in weight.

The properties, plants and equipment of the Company are subject to \$5,787,195 98 Five Per Cent First Mortgage Gold Bonds (\$6,000,000 authorized) secured by a first mortgage bearing date July 1 1909, given to the Eastern Trust Company of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. These bonds are dated July 1 1909, bear interest at 5% per annum, payable semi-annually, and may be registered as to principal only. The mortgage provides for a sinking fund, pursuant to which the Company agrees to pay to the Trustee on January 1st in each year, commencing January 1 1911, one-half of one per cent of the par value of all bonds issued. These bonds are subject to redemption by the Company at 105% and accrued interest. Pursuant to the sinking fund provisions of the mortgage \$212,804 02 of these bonds have been redeemed and canceled.

Subject to the lien of the above described First Mortgage the properties, plants and equipment of the Company are also subject to \$4,000,000 debenture stock secured by a mortgage bearing date July 1 1909, given to the Eastern Trust Company. The mortgage provides that the stock to be issued thereunder is limited in the first instance to \$1,000,000, the Company to have the right from time to time to issue additional stock ranking *pari passu* to an amount not at any time to exceed the amount of the paid up capital of the Company for the time being. This debenture stock bears interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually. After July 1 1919 the Company may redeem all or any part of the debenture stock at 105%; in the event of voluntary dissolution it is redeemable at 100%.

The Company guarantees the principal and interest of \$1,000,000 Six per Cent. First Mortgage Bonds of the Eastern Car Company, Ltd., and also guarantees payments into the sinking fund of 1% annually of amount of bonds issued. These bonds are dated July 1 1912 and become due on July 1 1952, bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, and may be registered as to principal. The holder of any registered bond may, while such bond remains registered, detach, surrender to and have registered by the Trustee any unmatured interest coupons. The mortgage provides for the creation of a sinking fund by the payment to the Trustee on or before July 1st in each year, commencing in the year 1915, a sum equal to 1% of the par value of all bonds issued thereunder. These bonds may be redeemed at 105% and accrued interest on two months' notice. Pursuant to the sinking fund provisions of the mortgage \$21,300 of these bonds have been redeemed and canceled.

The Company guarantees the principal and interest of \$50,000 Six per Cent. First Mortgage Bonds of the Nova Scotia Land Company, Limited, and also guarantees payment into the sinking fund of 1½% semi-annually of the amount of bonds issued. These bonds are dated July 1 1904, become due July 1 1924, bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, and may be registered as to principal only. The mortgage provides for the creation of a sinking fund by the payment to the Trustee on or before July 1st and January 1st in each year, commencing with the year 1905, a sum equal to 1½% of the par value of all bonds issued thereunder, as well as the interest on any bonds which may have been canceled under the provisions of the sinking fund. These bonds may be redeemed at 110% and accrued interest on three months' notice. Pursuant to the sinking fund provisions of the mortgage \$20,000 of these bonds have been redeemed and canceled.

EASTERN CAR COMPANY, LIMITED.

The land upon which this plant is located is situated within the corporate limits of Trenton, Nova Scotia adjoining the property of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited.

The main building is 1,100 feet long, consisting of four spans each 90 feet wide, arranged so that the material will travel a comparatively short distance from one department to another. The whole layout is planned with a view to reduce the handling of material to a minimum.

The buildings are steel frame with concrete walls. It is well lighted by numerous windows and monitors; the monitors also provide for ventilation.

The first span contains the machine shop, air brake department, bolt and rivet storage, truck shop, small stores, department and forge. The next span is devoted entirely to the steel car department, the material being sheared, punched, pressed, rivetted and erected. At the point where the erecting tracks begin they are intersected by a cross track upon which the tracks from the truck shop are transferred directly to the point where they are needed in the erection shop. The building between the second and third spans is divided by a concrete fire wall completely shutting off the wood car shop from the two northern spans. The third and fourth spans are devoted to the wooden car and painting departments.

The buildings are fully equipped with all necessary punches, lathes, planers, wheel and axle presses, bulldozers, power hammers, including four large Thomas spacing tables arranged to handle all classes of car material. Two 300 ton and one 500 ton hydraulic presses are installed, and in the wood shop all the necessary wood working machinery for either wooden or steel freight cars.

All machines as far as possible are individual motor drive, electricity being used wherever possible. Very few air hoists are employed, nearly all of this work being done by electric hoists. Three of the four spans are supplied with ten-ton overhead traveling cranes, seven being provided for the three spans; there are two in the wood car shop, three in the steel car shop and two in the truck and forge shop. The crane runways extend the entire length of the building.

The wheel foundry is housed under a separate roof and has a capacity of 200 wheels per day. Provision has been made to increase the capacity to 400 wheels per day. It is built on the straight floor plan with the latest modes for handling both the flasks and the metal. The wheels can be rolled directly from the wheel foundry to the truck shop, a distance of only 60 feet.

Among the accessory buildings which go to make up the plant are the following: Power house, dry kiln, general storeroom, paint and oil storage, locomotive house, general office, etc.

The boiler plant is close to the west side of the main building, midway along its length, as central as possible without being too far from the supply of condensing water. The condensing water is taken from the East River, 1,000 feet away. A pump house is built on the shore of this river containing three electric driven pumps with remote control so that the operator can start and stop them from the power house without the necessity of going to the pump house except for occasional inspection.

The boiler room is laid out for five 600-H.P. water-tube boilers, three of the Edgemore type, equipped with Green chain grate stokers, making a total of 1,800 H.P. nominal rating, have been installed and are in use. Over-head steel bunkers lined with concrete are provided for coal storage and a continuous conveyor handles the coal from the track hopper to the bins. Provision has also been made at each boiler for burning wood refuse and shavings, the material being handled by the blower system, which delivers it direct to the boilers.

Both direct and alternating current electric power is used. The alternating current is three phase, 600 volt, and the direct current, which is used on cranes and variable speed motors is 220 volts. The electric power plant consists of two 750 Canadian General Electric turbines. A Terry turbine of 125 K. W. capacity has been installed to take care of overtime loads, such as night and Sunday lighting, etc. A motor generating set provides direct current, with both steam driven and electric driven exciters.

One compound two-stage Ingersoll-Rand Air compressor of 3,000 cu. ft. capacity has been installed and provision made for a second unit of the same size.

The hydraulic system consists of one three-cylinder compound fly-wheel high-pressure pump with two large accumulators to take care of the fluctuation. Provision is made for a second one of similar size.

Piping systems and main cables are carried in conduits and tunnels from the power house to various parts of the plant. The heating of the plant is done largely by exhaust steam, which is carried in mains through these tunnels to four large heating units, consisting of large stacks of indirect radiation, about which air is passed by fans and distributed throughout the shop.

The lighting of the plant is done principally by flaming arc lamps, or in smaller areas, tungsten lamps.

The office building is brick and cement with hardwood finish.

At the south-western end of the plant is a storage for lumber and steel. Overhead cranes serve to handle the material from the cars into the storage yard.

All buildings throughout the plant are thoroughly equipped with hydrants and other fire fighting appliances. A sprinkler equipment is installed in all buildings except the wheel foundry, and the plant in all respects conforms to the insurance requirements.

The plant has a capacity of twenty-five steel frame box cars per day, and with little expenditure for machinery the output can be increased to fifty cars per day.

The number of men employed varies from 600 to 1,200, and the annual wages from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

This plant is exempt from Municipal rates and taxes until 1933.

NOVA SCOTIA LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

This Company owns 53 frame detached cottages at Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, near the works of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, which are rented by the employees of the Steel Company.

THE WASIS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

This Company owns an ocean-going steel steamer, the "Algonquin," with a carrying capacity of about 2,300 tons dead weight cargo. The steamer is engaged in general freighting, and carrying ore and coal for the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL COMPANY, LIMITED, AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1915.

Profits from operations before providing for depreciation and special renewals and before charging interest on bonds and bank advances	\$3,373,790 01
Deduct—Bond Sinking Fund Installments depreciation, special renewals and allowance for doubtful accounts	801,087 03
Profits before charging interest	\$2,572,702 98
Deduct—Interest:	
On the 5% Mortgage bonds of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., due 1959	\$291,665 45
On the 6% Debenture stock of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.	189,452 10
On the 6% Mortgage bonds of the Eastern Car Co., Ltd., due 1952	59,700 00
On bank loans and advances	164,096 52
	704,914 07
*Profits	\$1,867,788 91
Surplus brought forward at the close of last fiscal year	85,376 23
Deduct—Dividend on preferred stock	\$1,953,165 14
On the 8% Cumulative preferred stock of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., 12% to November 30 1915	\$123,600 00
On the 6% Cumulative preferred stock of the Eastern Car Co., Ltd., 9% to November 30 1915	67,500 00
	191,100 00
Deduct:	\$1,762,065 14
Reserve required by the Trust Deed securing the bonds of The Eastern Car Company, Ltd., to be provided out of the earnings of the company before payment of dividends on its common stock	250,000 00
Surplus carried forward	\$1,512,065 14

* Subject to deduction of War Tax amounting to 25% of net profits after allowing 7% on capital and unimpaired reserves.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31 1915.

ASSETS.	
Mining properties, real estate, buildings, plant, machinery and equipment, &c., at book values (including \$766,500 discount on securities sold)	\$20,980,030 26
Deferred balances receivable on houses sold employees	77,954 28
Current assets:	
Inventories at cost	\$2,447,943 31
Accounts receivable	3,228,931 41
Notes receivable (paid subsequent to December 31st)	500,000 00
Trade notes receivable	186,747 96
Deposit with Dominion Government	23,938 02
Cash in banks	575,327 12
	6,962,887 82
Deferred charges to operations (steamer's hire and expenses in connection with freighting cars exported)	354,404 42
	\$28,375,276 78

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock:	
Authorized and issued—	
Eight per cent cumulative preferred, 10,000 shares of \$100 each	\$1,000,000 00
Ordinary, 75,000 shares of \$100 each	7,500,000 00
	\$8,500,000 00
Ten per cent cumulative preferred stock of The Eastern Car Company, Ltd.	750,000 00
Bonded and debenture debt:	
Five per cent First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due July 1 1959:	
Authorized	\$6,000,000 00
Less redeemed and canceled by sinking fund	166,690 69
	\$5,833,309 31
6% 1st Mtg. Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due July 1 1952, of the Eastern Car Co., Ltd.:	
Authorized issue	\$1,000,000 00
Less redeemed and canceled by sinking fund	10,300 00
	989,700 00
Six per cent First Mtg. Bonds of Nova Scotia Land Co., Ltd., due July 1 1924:	
Authorized issue	\$50,000 00
Less redeemed and canceled by sinking fund	19,000 00
	31,000 00
Six per cent Mortgage Debenture stock	4,000,000 00
	10,854,009 31
Purchase money obligations	160,000 00
Current liabilities:	
Bank advances	\$1,773,903 24
Bills under discount	152,954 45
Accounts, trade bills and wages payable	1,590,561 07
Interest accrued on bonds and debenture stock	298,448 15
Dividend on preferred stock of The Eastern Car Co., Ltd.	67,500 00
	3,883,366 91
Deferred liabilities:	
Reserves, depreciation, sinking fund and miscellaneous	\$1,865,835 42
General reserve	600,000 00
Reserve required by Trust Deed, securing bonds of The Eastern Car Co., Ltd., to be provided out of earnings before paying dividends on the common stock of that company	250,000 00
	2,715,835 42
Surplus	1,512,065 14
	\$28,375,276 78

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1916.

Profits from operations before providing for depreciation and special renewals and before charging interest on bonds and bank advances	\$2,790,700 71
Deduct:	
Bond sinking fund installments	44,800 00
Profits before charging interest	\$2,745,900 71
Deduct—Interest:	
On the 5% mortgage bonds of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., due 1959	\$145,800 00
On the 6% debenture stock of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.	120,000 00
On the 6% mortgage bonds of the Eastern Car Co., Ltd., due 1952	29,850 00
On the 6% mortgage bonds of the Nova Scotia Land Co., Ltd., due 1924	930 00
On bank loans and advances	35,650 00
	332,230 00
*Profits	\$2,413,670 71
Surplus brought forward at the close of the last fiscal year	1,512,065 14
	\$3,925,744 85
Deduct—Dividend on Preferred Stock:	
On the 8% cumulative preferred stock of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., 4% to June 30 1916	\$40,000 00
On the 6% cumulative preferred stock of the Eastern Car Company, Ltd., 3 1/2% to June 30 1916	26,250 00
	66,250 00
Surplus carried forward	\$3,859,494 85

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1916.

ASSETS.

Mining properties, real estate, buildings, plant, machinery and equipment, &c., at book values (including \$766,500 discount on securities sold)	\$21,241,154 38
Deferred balances receivable on houses sold employees	75,350 36
Current Assets:	
Inventories at cost	\$4,255,476 13
Accounts receivable	2,400,880 06
Trades notes receivable	91,970 77
Cash in banks	396,854 12
	7,145,181 08
Deferred charges to operations (steamer hire and expenses in connection with freighting cars exported)	478,816 00
	\$28,940,501 82

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock:	
Authorized and issued. Eight per cent cumulative preferred, 10,000 shares of \$100 each	\$1,000,000 00
Ordinary, 75,000 shares of \$100 each	7,500,000 00
	8,500,000 00
Ten per cent cumulative preferred stock of The Eastern Car Company, Ltd.	750,000 00
Bonded and Debenture Debt:	
Five per cent First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due July 1 1959—Authorized	\$6,000,000 00
Less redeemed and canceled by Sinking Fund	212,804 02
	\$5,787,195 98
Six per cent First Mortgage Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due July 1 1952, of the Eastern Car Company, Ltd.—Authorized issue	\$1,000,000 00
Less redeemed and canceled by Sinking Fund	21,300 00
	978,700 00
Six per cent First Mortgage Bonds of Nova Scotia Land Company, Ltd., due July 1 1924—Authorized issue	\$50,000 00
Less redeemed and canceled by Sinking Fund	20,000 00
	30,000 00
Six per cent Mortgage Debenture Stock	4,000,000 00
	10,795,895 98
Purchase money obligations	50,000 00
Current Liabilities:	
Bank advances	\$1,347,000 00
Accounts, trade bills and wages payable	544,526 25
Interest accrued on bonds and debenture stock	303,934 21
Dividend on preferred stock of The Eastern Car Company, Ltd.	31,250 00
	2,226,710 46
Deferred liabilities:	
Reserves, depreciation, sinking fund and miscellaneous	\$1,908,400 53
General reserve	600,000 00
Reserve required by trust deed securing bonds of The Eastern Car Company, Ltd., to be provided out of earnings before paying dividends on the common stock of that company	250,000 00
	2,758,400 53
Surplus	3,859,494 85
	\$28,940,501 82

The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Ltd., agrees with the New York Stock Exchange:

Not to dispose of its stock interest in any constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled company except where any constituent or subsidiary company shall purchase its own stock for the purpose of retirement and cancellation, or allow any of said companies to dispose of its stock interests in any other companies, except under present authority or on direct authorization of stockholders of the Company holding the constituent company.

To publish quarterly statements of production.

To publish, at least once in each year and submit to the stockholders at least fifteen days in advance of the annual meeting of the corporation, a statement of its physical and financial condition, an income account covering the previous

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS 1910-1915 INCLUSIVE, AFTER DEDUCTING SINKING FUND PAYMENTS, DEPRECIATION AND AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR SPECIAL RENEWALS AND ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS.

1910	\$843,029 57
1911	824,587 41
1912	821,299 58
1913	1,045,426 37
1914	217,979 77
1915*	2,572,702 98

* Subject to deduction of War Tax amounting to 25% of net profits after allowing 7% on capital and unimpaired reserves.

OUTPUT FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

	1913.	1914.	1915.
Tons of Coal mined	813,877	752,153	611,923
" of Ore mined	561,378	334,066	125,069
" of Limestone quarried	79,329	33,425	79,211
" of Coke mined	104,497	37,795	90,896
" of Pig Iron made	80,742	24,678	73,110
" of Steel Ingots made	86,912	53,334	97,072
" of Finished Steel and Forgings	76,963	36,718	60,283

fiscal year, and a balance showing assets and liabilities at the end of the year; also, an income account and balance sheet of all constituent, subsidiary, owned or controlled companies.

To maintain a transfer office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, where all listed securities shall be directly transferable and the principal of all listed securities, with interest or dividends thereon, shall be payable; also, a registry office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, other than its transfer office or agency in said City, where all listed securities shall be registered.

Not to make any change of transfer agent or registrar of its stock or of a trustee of its bonds or other securities without the approval of the committee on stock list, and will not select as a trustee an officer or director of the Company.

To notify the Stock Exchange in the event of the issuance of any rights or subscriptions to, or allotments of, its securities and afford the holders of listed securities a proper period within which to record their interests after authorization, and that all rights, subscriptions or allotments shall be transferable, payable and deliverable in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

To publish promptly to holders of bonds and stocks any action in respect to interest on bonds, dividends on shares, or allotment of rights for subscription to securities, notice thereof to be sent to the Stock Exchange, and to give to the Stock Exchange at least ten days' notice in advance of the closing of the transfer books or the taking of a record of holders for any purpose.

The fiscal year of the Company corresponds with the calendar year.

The annual meeting of the Company is held on the last Wednesday in March in each year, at the office of the Company in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, or at such place as may be appointed by the directors. The principal office of the Company is at New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Directors (elected annually) are Thomas Cantley, J. D. McGregor, George F. McKay, J. C. Macgregor, R. E. Chambers, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; W. D. Ross, Toronto, Ontario; J. W. Allison, George S. Campbell, T. S. Rogers, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Lorne C. Webster, Montreal; Frank Stanfield, Truro, Nova Scotia; Frank W. Ross, Quebec; W. H. Chase, Wolfville, Nova Scotia; A. F. Rendell, St. Johns, Newfoundland; N. Bruce Mackelvie, New York, N. Y.

The Officers of the Company are Thomas Cantley, President; J. D. McGregor and W. D. Ross, Vice-presidents; Archibald McColl, Secretary.

Certificates of stock are interchangeable between New York, Boston, Montreal and Toronto.

The transfer agents are Equitable Trust Company of New York, New York, N. Y.; Eastern Trust Company, Montreal; Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Toronto; Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

The registrars are Bankers Trust Company, New York, N. Y.; National Trust Company at Montreal and at Toronto; Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL COMPANY, LIMITED.

By ARCHIBALD McCOLL, Secretary.

This Committee recommends that the above-described Temporary Certificates for \$7,500,000 Ordinary Stock be admitted to the list on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding certificates, with authority to substitute permanent engraved interchangeable certificates on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding certificates or Temporary Certificates, in accordance with the terms of the application, with authority to add on or before July 1 1917 \$7,500,000 of said Ordinary Stock on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$15,000,000.

WM. W. HEATON, Chairman.

Adopted by the Governing Committee November 8 1916.

GEORGE W. ELY, Secretary.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—Having sold over 80% of \$36,686,000 Interborough Rapid Transit Co. first and refunding mortgage 5% sinking fund bonds at 99 and interest to yield over 6%. Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Kissel, Klancutt & Co. of this city are jointly offering the remainder, subject to prior sale of advance in price. The bonds are due Jan 1 1966 and exempt from New York State, County or Municipal taxes. See to-day's advertisement in our advertising columns for further information.

—Paul H. Davis & Co. announce the opening of an office at 39 South La Salle Street, Chicago, for the handling of unlisted securities and general investments. Paul H. Davis, President and Treasurer, was formerly with John Burnham & Co., the past two years representing the Burnham interests in New York. Arthur Wakeley, Secretary, was also formerly with John Burnham & Co.

—Tilney, Ladd & Co., 43 Exchange Place, this city, are offering and advertising in to-day's issue of the "Chronicle" \$1,000,000 Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. first and refunding mortgage 4% bonds, due Jan 1 1961. The bonds, guaranteed principal and interest by the Union Pacific R. R. Co., are offered at \$6 1/4 and interest to yield 4.75%.

—At 99 1/4 and interest yielding 5.05%, Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto and New York, Kountze Brothers, 141 Broadway, this city, and the National City Company, 55 Wall St., this city, are jointly offering \$3,800,000 City of Montreal, Canada, 5% sinking fund gold bonds. The advertisement of this offering appears in to-day's issue.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Nov. 17 1916.

Great activity is still the dominant note in trade, in spite of remarkably high prices. Cold and even freezing weather in many sections has stimulated business. Prices have risen to new high levels for grain, cotton, wool, iron and steel, not to mention other products. Not only have manufacturers, jobbers and wholesale dealers been making large sales, but the retail trade has been brisk, especially in goods, the sale of which was retarded by the recent mild weather. The demand for dry goods, clothing, shoes and general merchandise seems to outrun ordinary experience. Leather is selling at a new high record. Most of the metals have been in very sharp demand, notably steel, copper, tin and spelter. With cotton at \$100 a bale and cottonseed at fully \$60 a ton, the South is in better shape financially than it has been for many years. Collections are prompt. Farmers at the West and the South are paying off debts. Wheat and corn are selling at prices rarely seen in this country. There is a world-wide shortage in the production of wheat, cotton and wool. The winter-wheat crop is looking well on an increased acreage. Cotton has sold at 21 cents for May and July deliveries here, the highest prices on record on a gold basis. On the other hand, however, there have been drawbacks. The car shortage is increasing and may become a serious evil. Wages are rising. The Fall River cotton mills have just advanced their operatives 10%. There may be a prolonged fight in the courts over the eight-hour law. The high cost of living is a real evil to a large proportion of the population. There are vague rumors that the Government may put an embargo on exports of grain. It is said that Argentina is contemplating this step. Also there is said to be a scarcity of good wheat seed at the Northwest for next year's planting. Still the general feeling in this country is cheerful.

LARD lower; prime Western 17.50c.; refined to the Continent, 18.60c.; South America, 19c.; Brazil, 20c. Futures declined, owing partly to lower prices for hogs, due to large receipts. Packers have not been supporting prices; on the contrary, they have been trying, it appears, to depress the price of hogs. Yet rallies have occurred now and then on covering and on reports that the Belgium Relief Commission was again buying. The total hog packing for the winter season, however, is estimated at 1,591,000, against 1,243,000 last year. To-day prices, after advancing early, declined. Hog receipts at the West were 119,000, against 88,200 last year.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery—cts. 17.15	16.77	16.35	16.90	16.85	16.72	
January delivery—	16.55	16.30	16.30	16.27	16.32	16.17
May delivery—	16.50	16.30	16.32	16.27	16.32	16.20

PORK quiet; mess, \$31@32; clear, \$29@31. Beef, products irregular, mess \$23@23.50; extra India mess, \$38@40. Cut meats higher; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 1/2@18 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 15 1/2@16c. Butter, creamery, 33@41 1/2c. Cheese, State, 20 1/2@25c. Eggs, fresh, 27@47c.

COFFEE dull and lower; No. 7 Rio, 9 1/2c.; No. 4 Santos, 10 1/2@10 3/4c.; fair to good Ceuca, 11 1/4@11 3/4c. Futures fell owing to trade selling against purchases in Brazil, December liquidation, liberal Brazilian offerings, and weak or irregular cables. Peace talk has had little or no effect, though it has been more or less persistent. People have been fooled so often by this sort of thing, however, that it will take something more than mere talk to make them believe that something is really in the wind. Peace would concededly be a big bullish factor. But just now stocks are big and trade slow. To-day prices closed 4 to 7 points higher with total sales of 22,500 bags. Prices follow:

November cts. 8.09@8.11	March—	cts. 8.33@8.35	July—	cts. 8.55@8.57	
December—	8.12@8.13	April—	8.33@8.40	August—	8.60@8.62
January—	8.18@8.19	May—	8.44@8.46	September—	8.65@8.67
February—	8.25@8.27	June—	8.50@8.51	October—	8.72@8.74

SUGAR lower; centrifugal, 96 degrees test, 6.40c.; molasses, 89 degrees test, 5.52c.; granulated, 7.50c. Futures eased a little and then became somewhat firmer, owing to rains in Cuba and freezing weather in Louisiana. Leading operators bought on the Cuban news. A cyclone in Cuba, it is said, did no damage, but heavy rains interfere with grinding. That might retard the crop movement. Shorts therefore covered. Some damage is reported in Louisiana. Atlantic receipts were 43,175 tons, but stocks are only 62,172 tons, or less than half what they were a year ago—151,511 tons. But refiners have held aloof as their own trade has been slow, and may continue so until the turn of the year. Meanwhile, too, beet root sugar is moving more freely at the West, i. e., West of Pittsburgh and Buffalo. To-day prices closed 2 to 11 points lower with sales of 12,000 tons. New crop months were sold by local trade interests and Wall Street. Cuban interests bought old crop deliveries. Prices were as follows:

November cts. 5.35@5.40	March—	cts. 4.13@4.14	July—	cts. 4.29@4.31	
December—	5.01@5.02	April—	4.17@4.18	August—	4.33@4.35
January—	4.45@4.47	May—	4.21@4.23	September—	4.37@4.46
February—	4.19@4.20	June—	4.25@4.27	October—	4.41@4.43

OILS.—Linsced again higher owing to another advance in flaxseed; latterly, however, easier with a reaction in flaxseed. City, raw, American seed, 98c.@\$1; City, boiled, American seed, 99c.@\$1 01; Calcutta, \$1 15. Lard, prime,

\$1 30@135. Coconut, Cochin, 15 1/4@16c.; Ceylon, 14 1/2@15c. Corn, 12 1/4@12 1/2c.; Palm, Lagos, 12 1/2@12 3/4c. Soybean oil active, scarce and higher at 11@11 1/2c., with paint grinders and soap makers good buyers. Cod, domestic, 74@76c. Cottonseed oil on the spot 12.50c. Futures closed as follows:

Nov. 12.75@12.80	February 12.64@12.70	May 12.75@12.76
December 12.65@12.67	March 12.69@12.70	June 12.77@12.85
January 12.64@12.66	April 12.73@12.74	

PETROLEUM in active demand and steady; refined in barrels, \$8 35@9 35; bulk, \$4 50@5 50; cases, \$10 75@11 75. Naphtha, 73 to 76-degrees test, in 100-gallon drums and over, 40 1/2c. Gasoline in steady demand; motor gasoline in steel barrels, to garages, 22c.; to consumers, 24c.; gasoline, gas machine, steel, 37c.; 73 to 76-degrees, steel and wood, 31@34c.; 68 to 70-degrees, 28@31c. Pittsburgh advices say production in the Dents Run pool of Manning district, W. Va., is declining rapidly. Crude prices remain unchanged. Quotations were as follows:

Pennsylvania dark \$2 60	North Lima.....\$1 43	Illinois, above 30 degrees.....\$1 47
Cabell.....2 07	South Lima.....1 43	Kansas and Oklahoma.....90
Mercer black.....2 10	Indiana.....1 28	Caddo La., light.....90
New Castle.....2 10	Princeton.....1 47	Caddo La., heavy.....65
Corning.....2 10	Somerset, 32 deg.....1 90	Canada.....1 83
Wooler.....1 65	Ragland.....90	California oil.....73@78
Throat.....95	Electra.....95	Henrietta.....95
Strawn.....95	Moran.....95	
De Soto.....80	Plymouth.....1 08	

TOBACCO has been in fair demand and supplies are steadily dwindling. That of the old crop filler has almost disappeared. A good deal of the crop of 1916 has already been sold, one exception being Connecticut broad leaf. This has not been traded in to a very large extent as yet. The cigar industry is participating in the general prosperity. That means, of course, that manufacturers are doing a big business. The natural inference is that they will have to buy more or less freely from time to time. Sumatra of good quality meets with a ready sale, but the assortment is said to be not over-inviting and hence transactions as a rule are rather slow. Havana leaf is in steady demand and firm. Spirits of turpentine, 50c. Strained rosin, common to good, \$6 65.

COPPER has been active, excited and higher. London has also been sharply rising. Domestic consumers have been good buyers. Offerings have not been at all free. Everybody seems to think the advance is going further. Electrolytic sold up to 33c.; later held at 35c. Casting copper for February sold at 30c., supplies being very small, and some for December delivery held at 31c. Lake here on the spot 33c., electrolytic 33c.; for future delivery 30 1/2@31 1/2c. Tin again higher on the spot at 45c., partly owing to small arrivals. London and Singapore have advanced sharply. Arrivals thus far this month are 600 tons; afloat 4,102 tons. Latterly easier at 44 3/4c. Spelter active and again higher on the spot at 12 1/2c. The export demand has been a factor. There has been good buying for delivery in the first quarter of 1917. Lead steady and slightly higher on the spot at 7.05c. Pig iron has continued in brisk demand at strong prices. Scarcity in 1917 is feared. Spot business is comparatively light. Most of the trade is for 1917 delivery, first and second half. Bessemer iron is up \$3 and basic \$2, or \$30 and \$25, respectively, with a good business. Iron pipe advanced \$5. No. 2 Northern \$25@26, No. 2 Southern \$20@21, Birmingham. Steel has continued active and firm. Rails advanced \$5 a ton, with an increasing demand at home and abroad. Mills seem none too anxious for business for 1917, as other forms of steel yield vastly greater profits. The Allies have made big purchases of shell steel for the second half of 1917, though they have also bought large tonnages of plates, billets and rails. Big buying of cars and ships stimulates trade in plates, which are therefore steadily advancing.

COTTON

Friday Night, Nov. 17 1916.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 263,463 bales, against 271,037 bales last week and 325,901 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1916 3,404,181 bales, against 2,731,446 bales for the same period of 1915, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1916 of 672,735 bales.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston.....	15,109	11,542	28,762	10,642	8,228	9,960	84,243
Texas City.....	17,118	---	---	6,026	12,158	---	35,302
Aran Pass, &c.....	---	---	---	---	---	2,487	2,487
New Orleans.....	6,509	13,647	25,631	8,282	9,175	7,867	71,111
Mobile.....	210	36	315	71	18	174	824
Pensacola.....	---	---	---	---	---	2,500	2,500
Jacksonville, &c.....	---	---	---	---	---	5,470	26,072
Savannah.....	3,465	3,746	5,382	4,359	3,650	---	20,672
Brunswick.....	---	---	---	---	---	4,000	4,000
Charleston.....	515	493	1,891	1,223	1,644	2,099	7,365
Wilmington.....	493	842	256	132	192	151	2,065
Norfolk.....	2,065	6,366	3,177	2,837	4,581	2,101	21,120
N'port News, &c.....	---	---	---	---	---	344	703
New York.....	50	62	84	63	100	---	703
Boston.....	17	350	428	1,446	1,083	309	3,633
Baltimore.....	---	---	---	---	---	1,987	1,987
Philadelphia.....	---	---	50	---	---	---	50
Totals this week.....	45,544	37,084	65,476	35,081	41,073	39,205	263,463

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1916 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Nov. 17.	1916.		1915.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1916.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1915.	1916.	1915.
Galveston.....	84,243	1,303,446	49,571	929,760	409,185	259,055
Texas City.....	35,302	152,173	5,859	135,014	57,393	33,142
Port Arthur.....	---	14,591	---	6,174	---	---
Aran Pass, &c.....	2,487	12,463	697	52,086	---	6,126
New Orleans.....	71,111	753,704	50,700	470,984	428,556	300,397
Mobile.....	824	52,809	3,678	41,707	10,474	20,973
Pensacola.....	---	16,670	---	5,833	---	---
Jacksonville, &c.....	2,500	31,534	3,364	19,145	7,000	2,291
Savannah.....	26,072	542,660	27,739	520,272	179,840	200,955
Brunswick.....	4,000	56,500	800	38,000	8,000	8,000
Charleston.....	7,365	96,406	5,493	157,192	71,136	91,542
Georgetown.....	---	---	---	45	---	---
Wilmington.....	2,066	69,533	6,769	116,583	52,620	48,042
Norfolk.....	21,120	243,969	16,442	195,347	80,613	77,530
N'port News, &c.....	---	8,515	---	8,244	---	---
New York.....	703	12,569	610	2,193	112,427	209,242
Boston.....	3,633	24,002	476	3,654	6,985	7,590
Baltimore.....	1,987	11,237	1,702	11,843	3,557	4,771
Philadelphia.....	50	1,400	129	553	2,623	2,960
Totals.....	263,463	3,404,181	186,346	2,731,446	1,430,319	1,365,616

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

Receipts at—	1916.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.
Galveston.....	84,243	49,571	161,341	150,147	176,542	138,529
Texas City.....	37,789	6,556	14,689	35,295	50,250	50,951
New Orleans.....	71,111	50,700	61,022	72,733	92,474	83,295
Mobile.....	824	3,678	6,595	17,926	12,943	11,925
Savannah.....	26,072	27,739	55,696	60,105	67,515	87,176
Brunswick.....	4,000	800	7,000	11,000	13,500	10,350
Charleston.....	7,365	5,493	17,646	20,375	17,059	21,609
Wilmington.....	2,066	6,769	7,076	19,480	17,050	25,333
Norfolk.....	21,120	16,442	18,967	25,316	34,816	35,599
N'port N. &c.....	---	8,515	5,943	3,247	6,729	---
All others.....	8,573	12,114	4,141	18,528	19,922	18,769
Tot. this week.....	263,463	186,346	359,216	434,152	508,809	483,605
Since Aug. 1.....	3,404,181	2,731,446	2,329,719	5,121,275	5,157,875	5,200,589

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 137,002 bales, of which 47,507 were to Great Britain, 33,796 to France and 55,699 to other destinations. Exports for the week and since Aug. 1 1916 are as follows:

Exports From—	Week ending Nov. 17 1916. Exported to—				From Aug. 1 1916 to Nov. 17 1916. Exported to—			
	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.	Great Britain.	France.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	22,604	---	9,370	31,974	426,010	46,365	172,481	645,456
Texas City.....	---	21,729	9,940	31,669	26,846	96,381	9,940	103,167
Pt. Arthur.....	---	---	---	---	14,591	---	---	14,591
New Orleans.....	11,767	7,302	1,950	21,019	202,565	74,559	94,155	371,279
Mobile.....	---	---	---	---	34,708	---	400	35,108
Pensacola.....	---	---	---	---	21,968	---	---	21,968
Savannah.....	1,753	---	---	1,753	65,649	59,939	53,000	178,579
Brunswick.....	---	---	---	---	43,213	---	---	43,213
Charleston.....	---	---	---	---	4,505	---	1,900	6,405
Wilmington.....	---	---	---	---	5,000	19,355	46,531	70,886
Norfolk.....	---	---	---	---	21,932	10,106	1,100	39,138
New York.....	8,470	4,765	12,045	25,280	90,194	61,563	146,144	297,901
Boston.....	1,540	---	---	1,540	15,714	---	788	16,500
Baltimore.....	---	---	---	---	64,399	---	1,000	65,399
Philadelphia.....	1,373	---	---	1,373	13,797	---	---	15,937
San Fran.....	---	---	6,335	6,335	---	---	---	6,335
Seattle.....	---	---	13,509	13,509	---	---	---	13,509
Tacoma.....	---	---	2,550	2,550	---	---	---	2,550
Totals.....	47,507	33,796	55,699	137,002	1,051,680	344,268	722,572	2,118,525
Total 1915.....	36,588	28,323	60,558	125,469	646,115	298,802	727,350	1,672,267
Total 1914.....	53,514	13,667	104,248	171,429	459,736	48,554	499,054	1,007,344

Note.—Exports from New York include 60 bales Peruvian to Havre and 789 bales West Indian to Liverpool.

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.

Nov. 17 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Cont'l.	Coast-wise.	
New Orleans.....	8,182	3,627	---	14,861	702	27,372
Galveston.....	69,855	12,434	---	29,411	12,888	124,591
Savannah.....	---	---	---	2,000	---	2,000
Charleston.....	---	---	---	2,000	---	2,000
Mobile.....	1,104	---	---	---	---	1,104
Norfolk.....	---	---	---	---	2,016	2,016
New York.....	2,000	2,800	---	5,000	---	9,800
Other ports.....	16,000	---	---	5,000	---	21,000
Total 1916.....	97,141	18,861	---	56,275	17,806	189,883
Total 1915.....	33,632	5,783	---	100	19,465	101,170
Total 1914.....	111,483	14,466	---	3,532	137,285	25,742

Speculation in cotton for future delivery continued active and prices have advanced to a new high level. The evidence seems to multiply of a large consumption. Spot markets have been rising. Cotton goods though quieter in some departments, have on the whole, been in pretty good demand at strong prices, and Liverpool, Wall Street, the South and local spot houses have been buyers. Reactions have been temporary. The latest statement of consumption by the Census Bureau was accepted as so much documentary evidence in favor of the bulls. Also at times there have been vague rumors of peace movements to be attempted by the Administration at Washington. Exports have continued to run over 400,000 bales ahead of the corresponding period of last year. The Memphis "Commercial Appeal" estimated the crop last Monday at 10,800,000 bales, exclusive of linters. A. Norden & Co. put the total, including linters at 11,850,000 bales, thus agreeing substantially with the Memphis newspaper, if we allow 1,000,000 bales for linters. Finally the weather has turned very cold at the South, with killing frost in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, as well as Alabama, Mississippi

and Georgia. And if it is true as seems not unlikely, that the remarkably favorable fall helped the growth of cotton, it seems quite as plain that the killing frost has now practically ended the growing season. The bullish argument in fact, remains unchanged, i. e., a short crop, a big consumption and the possibility, if not the probability, that the price will advance to a point which will automatically check the consumption. Just what that price will be is purely problematical. Just now print cloths are reported less active and there is no doubt that the high cost of living is becoming a more and more important factor in American life. It is at least conceivable that time may not be far off when economies in expenditures may begin to affect more than one branch of business. But just now many cotton mills are said to be sold far ahead at good profits. In the raw cotton trade predictions are still heard that 25 cents a pound will be reached this winter. To-day 21 cents was touched for May and July. On the other hand, some commission houses are beginning to urge caution in the speculative trading. The price is at the highest on record on a gold basis. Some think that every bullish argument has been amply discounted. They believe, too, that the very favorable fall added materially to the crop. They believe it is being greatly underestimated. They also doubt very much whether the consumption will reach the figures that are so popular among the bulls, i. e., anywhere from 14,500,000 to 15,000,000 bales. Also as regards the crop, they think that the bulls are forgetting that the acreage is the largest on record. Some think that the yield, after all, will be not very far from 14,000,000 bales, including linters, and that with the price at \$100 per bale every lock will be picked. To-day the market was very erratic. It advanced early some 25 to 28 points, but later made a sheer plunge of 50 to 60 points from the high level of the morning. Then came a rally which left the net decline for the day in the neighborhood of 10 points. The estimated daily transactions during the week have been anywhere from 500,000 to 800,000 bales, the latter to-day. By to-day the market had got heavily long and heavy selling by Wall Street, the West and the South, as well as local operators, caused a sudden break. Yet Liverpool closed 52 to 54 American points higher, Manchester was firm with a good demand and there were persistent rumors that the ginning from Oct. 31 to Nov. 13 was small—i. e., 976,000 to 1,100,000 bales, according to different rumors, against 1,392,389 in the same time last year, 1,849,328 in 1914, and what is more to the point, 1,434,480 in 1910. The total up to Nov. 13 is variously reported to have been 9,595,000 to 9,719,000, against 8,771,275 last year, 11,668,240 in 1914 and 8,780,453 in 1910, the year with which most people prefer to make comparisons this season. Spot cotton closed at 20.20c. for middling uplands, showing an advance for the week of 90 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Nov. 16 quotations of the eleven markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Nov. 24:

Middling fair.....	0.80 on	Strict middling "yellow" tinged 0.21 off
Strict good middling.....	0.56 on	Middling "yellow" tinged..... 0.43 off
Good middling.....	0.34 on	Strict low mid. "yellow" tinged..... 0.17 off
Strict middling.....	0.18 on	Low middling "yellow" tinged..... 0.10 off
Strict low middling.....	0.27 off	Good middling "yellow" stained..... 0.70 off
Low middling.....	0.66 off	Strict middling "yellow" stained..... 0.49 off
Strict good ordinary.....	1.11 off	Middling "yellow" stained..... 0.95 off
Good ordinary.....	1.57 off	Good middling "blue" stained..... 0.52 off
Strict good mid. "yellow" tinged 0.23 on		Strict middling "blue" stained..... 0.82 off
Good middling "yellow" tinged..... even		Middling "blue" stained..... 1.15 off

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Nov. 11 to Nov. 17—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling uplands.....	19.40	19.60	19.95	20.05	20.40	20.20

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1916 c.....	20.20	1908 c.....	9.45	1900 c.....	9.94	1892 c.....	9.38
1915.....	11.75	1907.....	10.60	1899.....	7.56	1891.....	8.06
1914.....	7.50	1906.....	11.00	1898.....	5.38	1890.....	9.62
1913.....	13.70	1905.....	11.15	1897.....	5.88	1889.....	10.25
1912.....	11.90	1904.....	10.05	1896.....	7.75	1888.....	10.00
1911.....	9.50	1903.....	11.30	1895.....	8.44	1887.....	10.38
1910.....	14.50	1902.....	8.30	1894.....	5.62	1886.....	9.19
1909.....	14.95	1901.....	8.00	1893.....	8.12	1885.....	9.44

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

	Saturday, Nov. 11.	Monday, Nov. 13.	Tuesday, Nov. 14.	Wed. day, Nov. 15.	Thurs. y, Nov. 16.	Friday, Nov. 17.
November—						
Range.....	18.65-67	18.97-99	19.21	19.28	19.57	19.48
Closing.....						
December—						
Range.....	18.79-88	19.00-16	19.25-43	19.29-51	19.57-84	19.50-01
Closing.....	18.84-86	19.17-19	19.42-43	19.48-50	19.77-78	19.68-69
January—						
Range.....	18.93-06	19.15-36	19.40-59	19.43-67	19.71-99	19.63-13
Closing.....	19.00-01	19.33-34	19.58-59	19.64-65	19.88-90	19.81-82
March—						
Range.....	19.19-31	19.42-62	19.66-86	19.70-94	19.96-27	19.93-40
Closing.....	19.24-25	19.60-61	19.84-86	19.90-92	20.18-20	20.08-09
May—						
Range.....	19.41-50	19.62-82	19.85-06	19.90-13	20.17-48	20.18-60
Closing.....	19.44-45	19.80-82	20.04-06	20.10-12	20.38-40	20.29-31
July—						
Range.....	19.49-56	19.73-93	20.03-16	20.03-23	20.27-54	20.30-71
Closing.....	19.57-59	19.91-93	20.15-17	20.21-23	20.49-51	20.41-43
October—						
Range.....	17.67-74	17.93-35	18.25-43	18.45-67	18.63-80	18.28-83
Closing.....	17.73-75	18.34-36	18.57-58	18.65-67	18.71-74	18.46
Term—						
Spot.....	Steady	Steady	Firm	Firm	Firm	Firm
Options.....	Steady	Steady	Firm	Firm	Irreg.	B't'y st'y

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

	Saturday, Nov. 11.	Monday, Nov. 13.	Tuesday, Nov. 14.	Wed. day, Nov. 15.	Thurs. y, Nov. 16.	Friday, Nov. 17.	Week.
November—							
Range.....	19.15	19.50-57	19.81-85	19.95-00	20.20-25	20.12-15	
Closing.....							
December—							
Range.....	19.30-42	19.48-70	19.75-97	19.80-10	20.13-40	20.10-60	19.30-700
Closing.....	19.30-32	19.67-69	19.94-96	20.08-10	20.35-37	20.24-26	
January—							
Range.....	19.29-45	19.52-76	19.81-05	19.85-17	20.19-50	20.15-65	19.29-765
Closing.....	19.35-37	19.73-75	20.02-03	20.13-17	20.41-43	20.32-34	
February—							
Range.....	19.39	19.74					19.74
Closing.....	19.39	19.74	20.07	20.18	20.45	20.37	
March—							
Range.....	19.45-60	19.65-94	19.98-20	20.00-33	20.30-64	20.25-82	19.45-782
Closing.....	19.49-51	19.91-94	20.18-19	20.28-31	20.55-58	20.48-49	
April—							
Range.....	19.55	19.97-01	20.07-08	20.25	20.33	20.60	20.07-08
Closing.....	19.55	19.97-01	20.25	20.33	20.60	20.53	
May—							
Range.....	19.65-78	19.87-09	20.11-37	20.19-50	20.45-80	20.39-00	19.65-600
Closing.....	19.67-69	20.07-09	20.35-37	20.44-47	20.72-75	20.61-55	
June—							
Range.....	19.67	20.06	20.35	20.45	20.73	20.62	20.06
Closing.....	19.67	20.10	20.35	20.45	20.73	20.62	
July—							
Range.....	19.65-76	19.88-08	20.12-37	20.18-49	20.46-78	20.40-21	19.65-600
Closing.....	19.65-68	20.07-09	20.34-37	20.46-46	20.72-74	20.62-65	
August—							
Range.....	19.65-76	19.88-08	20.12-37	20.18-49	20.46-78	20.40-21	19.65-600
Closing.....	19.65-68	20.07-09	20.34-37	20.46-46	20.72-74	20.62-65	
September—							
Range.....	18.30	18.78-00	19.05-15	18.95-10	19.20	19.15-25	18.30-25
Closing.....	18.35	18.98-00	19.09-12	19.19	19.20	19.25-83	18.30-25
October—							
Range.....	17.98-09	18.30-85	18.67-90	18.67-99	18.87-06	18.52-02	17.98-705
Closing.....	18.05-07	18.74-85	18.86	18.99-00	19.03-06	18.68-70	

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.

	1916	1915	1914	1913
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales. 635,000	892,000	711,000	689,000
Stock at London.....	29,000	68,000	20,000	5,000
Stock at Manchester.....	39,000	79,000	40,000	58,000
Total Great Britain.....	703,000	1,039,000	771,000	752,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	*1,000	*1,000	212,000	13,000
Stock at Bremen.....	*1,000	*1,000	95,000	256,000
Stock at Havre.....	194,000	247,000	188,000	264,000
Stock at Marseilles.....	5,000	2,000	3,000	2,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	36,000	32,000	21,000	11,000
Stock at Genoa.....	209,000	166,000	26,000	18,000
Stock at Trieste.....	*1,000	*1,000	*8,000	11,000
Total Continental stocks.....	447,000	450,000	353,000	575,000
Total European stocks.....	1,150,000	1,489,000	1,124,000	1,327,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	30,000	44,000	95,000	65,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe.....	666,294	457,473	454,276	1,075,498
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe.....	73,000	75,000	58,000	98,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	173,000	205,000	*125,000	319,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	295,000	411,000	452,000	404,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	1,430,319	1,365,616	1,113,749	1,042,970
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	1,230,704	1,275,401	1,097,236	743,397
U. S. exports to-day.....	11,859	5,233	7,522	67,763
Total visible supply.....	5,060,176	5,327,723	4,526,783	5,172,628

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:
American
 Liverpool stock..... bales. 497,000
 Manchester stock..... 31,000
 Continental stock..... *354,000
 American afloat for Europe..... 666,294
 U. S. port stocks..... 1,430,319
 U. S. interior stocks..... 1,230,704
 U. S. exports to-day..... 11,859

	1916	1915	1914	1913
Total American.....	4,223,176	4,220,723	3,400,783	3,999,628
East India, Brazil, &c. —				
Liverpool stock.....	136,000	206,000	270,000	187,000
London stock.....	29,000	68,000	20,000	5,000
Manchester stock.....	8,000	10,000	13,000	29,000
Continental stock.....	*93,000	*88,000	*93,000	36,000
India afloat for Europe.....	30,000	44,000	95,000	95,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat.....	73,000	75,000	58,000	98,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	173,000	205,000	*125,000	319,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	295,000	411,000	452,000	404,000
Total East India, &c.	837,000	1,107,000	1,126,000	1,173,000
Total American.....	4,223,176	4,220,723	3,400,783	2,999,628
Total visible supply.....	5,060,176	5,327,723	4,526,783	5,172,628
Middling Upland, Liverpool.....	12.08d.	7.06d.	3.44d.	7.36d.
Middling Upland, New York.....	20.20c.	11.75c.	7.60c.	13.60c.
Egypt, Good Brown, Liverpool.....	21.60d.	10.15d.	7.65d.	10.70d.
Peruvian, Rough Good, Liverpool.....	15.00d.	10.10d.	8.75d.	9.25d.
Broach, Fine, Liverpool.....	11.40d.	6.65d.	4.15d.	6.15-16d.
Tinnevely, Good, Liverpool.....	11.52d.	6.77d.	4.00d.	7.00d.

* Estimated.
 Continental imports for past week have been 89,000 bales. The above figures for 1916 show an increase over last week of 166,411 bales, a loss of 267,547 bales from 1915, an excess of 533,393 bales over 1914 and a loss of 112,452 bales from 1913.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Week ending Nov. 17.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. y.	Friday.
Galveston.....	19.85	19.60	20.00	20.00	20.25	20.25
New Orleans.....	19.00	19.19	19.38	19.50	19.63	19.82
Mobile.....	19.00	19.25	19.37	19.37	19.62	20.00
Savannah.....	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	20-1-16
Charleston.....	19	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	20
Wilmington.....	18.5	19	19	19	19.4	20
Norfolk.....	18.88	19.00	19.25	19.38	19.75	20.00
Baltimore.....	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	20.4
Philadelphia.....	19.65	19.85	20.20	20.30	20.65	20.45
Augusta.....	19.13	19.32	19.56	19.75	19.94	

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

Table with columns: Towns, Movement to Nov. 17 1916, Movement to Nov. 19 1915. Sub-columns include Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Nov. 17), and Stocks (Nov. 17, Week, Season).

Total, 41 towns 336,356 4,339,856 298,508 1230704 260,192 2,913,632 171,376 1275401

Note.—Our Interior Towns Table has been extended by the addition of 8 towns. This has made necessary the revision of the Visible Supply Table and a number of other tables.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 37,788 bales and are to-night 44,697 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 76,194 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table comparing Nov. 17 movement (Shipped, Deduct shipments) and Leaving total net overland for 1916 and 1915.

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 101,386 bales, against 55,171 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 255,599 bales.

Table showing Cotton Takings at various ports and inland consumption for 1916 and 1915.

Movement into sight in previous years: 1914—Nov. 20, 545,743; 1915—Nov. 20, 4,515,747; 1913—Nov. 21, 626,137; 1912—Nov. 21, 6,993,859.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our advices by telegraph from the South this evening denote that lower temperature has prevailed during the week, but there has been little rain. The picking of the crop is progressing well where not already completed.

Galveston, Tex.—It has rained on two days of the week to the extent of three hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 53, highest 72, lowest 34.

Ablene, Tex.—We have had rain on two days the past week, the rainfall being eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 45, the highest being 74 and the lowest 16.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Rain has fallen on one day of the week, the rainfall being eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 47, ranging from 22 to 72.

Palestine, Tex.—There has been rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 26 to 72, averaging 49.

San Antonio, Tex.—Rain has fallen on three days of the week, the rainfall being seven hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 49, highest 70, lowest 28.

Taylor, Tex.—There has been a trace of rain on one day during the week. Minimum thermometer 24.

New Orleans, La.—Dry all the week. Thermometer has averaged 60.

Shreveport, La.—Rain has fallen on one day during the week, the rainfall being ten hundredths. Thermometer has ranged from 25 to 76.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Rain has fallen on one day of the week, the rainfall being four hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 49, highest 79, lowest 23.

Mobile, Ala.—It has rained on two days of the week, the precipitation being eleven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 60, the highest being 82 and the lowest 29.

Selma, Ala.—Rain has fallen on two days during the week, but only to an inappreciable extent. The thermometer has ranged from 23 to 80, averaging 52.5.

Madison, Fla.—Rain has fallen on two days during the week, and the precipitation has been forty-five hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 61, highest 83 and lowest 33.

Savannah, Ga.—It has rained on one day of the week, the precipitation reaching sixty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 34 to 81, averaging 65.

Charleston, S. C.—The week's rainfall has been fifty hundredths of an inch on two days. The thermometer has averaged 56, the highest being 79 and the lowest 32.

Charlotte, N. C.—Rainfall for the week four hundredths of an inch on one day. Average thermometer 49, highest 75, lowest 23.

Memphis, Tenn.—We have had no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 46, the highest being 73 and the lowest 24.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Cont'd, Total) for various days of the week.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing Receipts at Ports, Stock at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations for 1916 and 1915.

The above statement shows: 1.—That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1916 are 4,281,151 bales; in 1915 were 3,529,670 bales, and in 1914 were 3,306,816 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table showing Cotton Takings (Week and Season) for 1916 and 1915, including Visible supply and Total takings.

*Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. A this total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,227,000 bales in 1916 and 1,042,000 bales in 1915—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,677,897 bales in 1916 and 4,073,429 bales in 1915, or which 2,752,897 bales and 2,914,429 bales in American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week ending Oct. 26 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table showing India Cotton Movement with columns for Receipts at (Oct. 26, 1916, 1915, 1914) and Exports from (For the Week, Since August 1) for Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and All others.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease, compared with last year, in the week's receipts of 14,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a gain of 9,000 bales during the week and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 58,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments with columns for Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales) for 1916, 1915, and 1914.

The statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Oct. 25 were 299,855 cantars and the foreign shipments were 22,509 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that buyers are conceding the advanced prices asked. A better trade for India and China is in evidence.

Table showing Manchester Market with columns for 1916 and 1915, detailing 32s Cop and 8 1/2 lbs. Shirts.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 137,002 bales.

Table showing Shipping News with columns for destination (NEW YORK, TEXAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS, SAVANNAH, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, TACOMA) and total bales.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Table showing shipping particulars with columns for destination (New York, Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, Savannah, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma) and total bales.

The exports to Japan since Aug. 1 have been 152,756 bales from Pacific ports.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Liverpool, 1.75c asked; Manchester, 1.75c asked; Havre, 2.00@2.25c; Rotterdam, 3.00c nom; Genoa, 2.00c asked; Naples, 2.00c asked; Leghorn, 2.00c; Christiania, 3.25c; Bergen, 3.25c; Stockholm, 3.25c; Malmö, 3.25c; Gothenburg, 3.00@3.25c; Barcelona, 2.00@2.25c; Lisbon, 2.00c; Oporto, 2.70c; Marseilles, 2.50c asked; Japan, 3.00c asked; Shanghai, 3.00c asked; Bombay, 3.00c; Vladivostok, 2.50c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing Liverpool market statistics with columns for Sales of the week, Actual export, Forwarded, Total stock, Total imports of the week, and Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing Liverpool market prices for Spot and Futures (Market, Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures) from Saturday to Friday.

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

Table showing Liverpool futures prices with columns for Nov. 11 to Nov. 17, detailing Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday prices.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Nov. 17 1916.

Flour has been firm with only a fair business, however. In fact at times, trade has dwindled to very modest proportions. There has also been some reselling, and of course this has been at something under mill prices.

Wheat advanced, but at a more moderate pace, and reacted before the close. For there have been some drawbacks. For instance, peace rumors, and a rumor on Thursday that the Government may put an embargo on grain exports.

the exports of breadstuffs. Washington rumors are that there is no likelihood of an embargo at present at least. Meanwhile the Argentine crop news has been bad. Hot winds have been reported there and the tendency has been to reduce the estimate on the crop of Argentina. Its exportable surplus, it is assumed, will be small. It is said that only about 43,000,000 bushels remain in farmers' hands in Northwestern Canada. The visible supply in Europe fell off 1,584,000 bushels. British millers were said to be buying flour abroad at advancing prices. There is also a rumor that British steamers have been ordered by the British Government to take 50% of foodstuffs in their cargoes instead of 30%. Whether that is so or not, Europe, it is assumed, will have to buy on a liberal scale in this country. The English crop is 55,536,000 bushels (in the United Kingdom), against 68,000,000 bushels last year. In France the weather has as a rule been bad and it is feared that germination will be delayed. Seeding is necessarily retarded. Stocks in France are moderate and in the country prices have reached a level equal to 52s. 6d. to 53s. 9d. per 480 pounds, as against 50s. 6d. a week ago. The imports into the United Kingdom are running about 200,000 bushels below the weekly requirement. In Russia the weather has been bad with snow in the north and rainy weather in the south. Shipments from northern ports are light. A Petrograd dispatch says: "The food situation has become so acute in the Russian Empire that the Budget Committee has recommended to the Duma that the Government assume complete control and fix prices. Already there are four meatless days per week and tickets are required for other foodstuffs."

The offerings for forward shipment from India and Australia have been small. On the other hand, the world's stock of American is stated at 122,544,000 bushels, or about 20,000,000 bushels more than a year ago. The interior reserves in Russia are said to be large, if they could be got at, and new seedings in that Empire are spoken of favorably. In Australia the weather has been good and some advices say that the crop there will exceed all records. In India the crop still looks well. In Italy the weather has been good for sowing and that is also said to be the case in Austria-Hungary. But it is still a fact that the crop of both wheat and oats will be short in Argentina. This, with a sharp decrease in the American crop and reduced yields in Europe due to the war makes a good many think that prices are liable to work to a higher level. There has been a steady export demand. It is estimated at the same time that 60 to 75% of the commercial wheat in the Northwest has left farmers' hands. Of late the crop movement in this country has shown signs of decreasing. The Department of Agriculture estimates that the crop in the States, exclusive of those west of the Rockies and the Mountain States, this season is 68,000,000 bushels less than the consumptive requirements. Minnesota's crop, it appears, was only 6,712,000 bushels larger than her requirements. It is further stated that the consumption per capita in 1915, including seed, was 6.55 bushels, while the production this season is said to have been only 6 bushels per capita. To-day, however, prices declined on weaker Liverpool and Argentine cables and liquidation to secure profits. There was talk that Argentina may put an embargo on exports. That would certainly be bullish, so far as this country and Europe are concerned.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	cts. 196	195 1/2	199	200	200	195

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	cts. 189 1/2	189 1/2	185 3/4	187 1/2	185 3/4	182 3/4
May delivery in elevator.....	193 1/4	194 1/4	190 3/4	192 3/4	190 3/4	188 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	158 3/4	160 3/4	159 1/4	160 3/4	159	157 3/4

Indian corn has advanced. That is not hard to understand. Apart from the rise in wheat, which corn would be apt to follow, the corn crop news from Argentina has been bad. The weather there has been dry and hot. Locusts, too, threaten the crop. On the 15th inst. prices in Argentina advanced 6 1/4 to 7 1/2c. Small wonder that on the same day Chicago prices advanced 2 to 2 1/2c. They would probably have risen more but for better weather, peace rumors and considerably increased offerings from Iowa and the Northwest. On the 14th inst. Liverpool advanced 4 1/2d. for American and 6 1/2d. for Argentine, followed by a further rise the next day of 1 1/2 to 3d. Argentine advices report a good export demand and offerings light. The available American supply decreased last week 330,000 bushels as against a decrease in the same week last year of 91,000 bushels. The total is now only 2,390,000 bushels against 4,327,000 a year ago and 3,631,000 in 1914. It is pointed out that farm reserves in this country on Nov. 14 in the seven surplus States, as shown by the Government report, were only 52,437,000 bushels, or more than 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1915. The loss is largely in Iowa. Indeed, that State has only 5,454,000 bushels against 27,260,000 bushels last year. Houses with Eastern connections have been large buyers at Chicago. A steady if moderate export demand has prevailed. On the other hand, the weather of late has been inclined to be clear and colder at the West. At the same time, there is a scarcity of cars. That, to be sure, cuts both ways. While it may retard the movement, it may also hurt business. On Thursday there was a rumor that the United States Government would put an embargo on exports of grain. As already intimated, too, there has been more or less peace talk. So that, although prices advanced about 5 1/2c., they did not

go so high as they might otherwise have done. To-day prices after a slight advance declined, partly on reports of increased country offerings.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	cts. 113 3/4	119 1/4	117 1/4	115	116 3/4	115 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	cts. 94 3/4	98 1/4	95 3/4	95 1/4	95 1/4	94 1/4
May delivery in elevator.....	96 1/4	98 3/4	93 3/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4
July delivery in elevator.....	90 3/4	98 3/4	95 3/4	97 3/4	97 1/4	96 3/4

Oats advanced on a better demand. Of course the rise in other grain also counted. The receipts at the West have latterly fallen off, as interior elevators have been more inclined to ship corn than oats. Besides, there has been a good export demand. It is believed that Europe will have to buy heavily in this country. Also, it is urged that there will be heavy feeding on Western farms. And oats are relatively cheaper than other grain. No. 2 yellow corn has been 54c. higher than No. 3 white oats, as against a difference a year ago of only 34c. in favor of corn. Some think it is none too clear why the difference should have widened quite so much as 20c. at the expense of oats. Besides, cash winter wheat is \$1.36 over oats, as against 86c. over oats a year ago. Are not oats too much out of line, in fact greatly undervalued as compared with other grain? Considerations of this sort have tended to neutralize bearish arguments based on the big American supply. And Liverpool has been strong, with offerings from exporting countries small. On the other hand, it is true, that the available American supply increased last week 3,700,000 bushels, against 3,231,000 bushels in the same week last year and that the total is now 70,279,000 bushels, against 28,321,000 bushels last year, and 42,290,000 bushels two years ago. Liverpool reports that Argentina is shipping little and that its exportable surplus will be light. France and Italy are buying foreign oats freely. On Thursday Argentine prices advanced 8 cents. Barley has been firm with a fair demand. Exporters have taken 20,000 to 40,000 bushels a day. Rye has been firm but quiet. To-day prices were higher early but they dropped later in spite of light receipts. There was considerable profit taking.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Standards.....	cts. 61 1/2	62	63-63 1/2	62 1/2-63	63-63 1/2	63-63 1/2
No. 2 white.....	62-62 1/2	63 1/4-64	63-63 1/2	63-63 1/2	63 1/4-64	63 1/4-64

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December delivery in elevator.....	cts. 57	58 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4
May delivery in elevator.....	60 3/4	62 3/4	61 3/4	61 3/4	61 3/4	61 3/4

FLOUR.

Winter, low grades.....	\$6 60@87 35	Spring, low grades.....	\$6 35@86 85
Winter patents.....	8 70@9 10	Kansas straighties, sacks.....	9 35@9 70
Winter straighties.....	8 40@8 85	Kansas clears, sacks.....	7 85@8 60
Winter clears.....	7 90@8 35	City patents.....	11 00
Spring patents.....	9 60@9 85	Rye flour.....	8 10@8 30
Spring straighties.....	9 25@9 40	Buckwheat flour.....	4 50@5 00
Spring clears.....	8 60@8 95	Graham flour.....	6 60@7 85

GRAIN.

Wheat, per bushel—f. o. b.—		Corn, per bushel—	
N. Spring, No. 1, new.....	\$2 10 1/2	No. 2 mix.....	f. o. b.
N. Spring, No. 2.....	1 95	No. 2 yellow.....	c. f. \$1 15 1/4
Red winter, No. 2, new.....	1 95	No. 2 yellow kiln dried.....	Nom.
Hard winter, No. 2.....	2 01	Argentine.....	Nom.
Oats, per bushel, new.....	cts.	Rye, per bushel—	
Standard.....	63 @63 1/2	New York.....	c. f. \$1 58@1 60
No. 2, white.....	63 1/2@64	Western.....	c. f. \$1 60
No. 3, white.....	62 1/2@63	Barley, malting.....	\$1 28@1 36
No. 4, white.....	62 @62 1/2	Barley, feeding.....	1 06

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

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 190 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 50 lbs.
Chicago.....	222,000	1,579,000	1,982,000	2,960,000	962,000	182,000
Minneapolis.....	-----	3,685,000	172,000	958,000	1,247,000	393,000
Duluth.....	-----	756,000	-----	89,000	423,000	73,000
Milwaukee.....	70,000	295,000	237,000	953,000	630,000	93,000
Toledo.....	-----	179,000	79,000	30,000	-----	-----
Detroit.....	7,000	76,000	31,000	67,000	-----	-----
Cleveland.....	22,000	45,000	34,000	110,000	1,000	7,000
St. Louis.....	96,000	875,000	236,000	434,000	70,000	31,000
Peoria.....	42,000	35,000	639,000	313,000	98,000	20,000
Kansas City.....	-----	1,952,000	214,000	293,000	-----	-----
Omaha.....	-----	793,000	298,000	276,000	-----	-----
Total week '16.....	459,000	10,241,000	3,886,000	6,473,000	2,151,000	799,000
Same wk. '15.....	513,000	10,189,000	3,734,000	8,912,000	3,944,000	1,097,000
Same wk. '14.....	452,000	15,299,000	4,370,000	5,651,000	2,793,000	796,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1916.....	5,728,000	166,273,000	50,113,000	117,130,000	39,177,000	10,850,000
1915.....	5,894,000	198,041,000	50,312,000	97,978,000	39,119,000	10,578,000
1914.....	6,672,000	200,526,000	51,200,000	118,899,000	38,219,000	9,870,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Nov. 11 1916 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York.....	96,000	2,187,000	100,000	258,000	357,000	1,000
Portland, Me.	-----	204,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia.....	48,000	420,000	26,000	439,000	11,000	29,000
Baltimore.....	53,000	1,051,000	167,000	379,000	26,000	475,000
New York News.....	13,000	25,000	-----	753,000	-----	-----
Mobile.....	7,000	-----	10,000	7,000	-----	-----
New Orleans.....	41,000	946,000	17,000	76,000	-----	-----
Galveston.....	-----	469,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Montreal.....	77,000	780,000	41,000	237,000	13,000	-----
Boston.....	47,000	191,000	29,000	287,000	-----	6,000
Total wk. '16.....	382,000	6,270,000	450,000	2,436,000	407,000	511,000
Since Jan. 1 '16.....	22,803,000	343,823,000	53,897,000	163,545,000	35,172,000	12,055,000
Week 1915.....	573,000	12,360,000	674,000	2,344,000	792,000	416,000
Since Jan. 1 '15.....	23,231,000	343,823,000	48,568,000	163,671,000	35,172,000	12,622,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Nov. 11 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.	Flour, barrels.	Oats, bushels.	Rye, bushels.	Barley, bushels.	Peas, bushels.
New York	1,421,353	502,285	102,453	31,025	—	124,088	4,833
Portland, Me.	204,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boston	297,550	144,009	18,016	445,394	—	—	—
Philadelphia	256,000	—	30,000	350,000	—	—	—
Baltimore	945,110	222,786	84,184	8,122	195,414	28,921	—
Newport News	25,000	—	13,000	753,000	—	—	—
Mobile	—	10,000	7,000	7,000	—	—	—
New Orleans	939,000	31,000	55,000	7,000	—	—	—
Galveston	113,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montreal	276,000	86,000	30,000	—	132,000	67,000	—
Total week	4,478,613	996,080	333,653	1,601,541	637,414	220,909	4,833
Week 1915	1,107,391	195,942	379,099	887,736	338,797	671,151	12,248

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1916 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour, barrels.		Wheat, bushels.		Corn, bushels.	
	Week Nov. 11 1916.	Since July 1 1916.	Week Nov. 11 1916.	Since July 1 1916.	Week Nov. 11 1916.	Since July 1 1916.
United Kingdom	105,611	1,988,426	1,847,362	48,401,881	401,425	11,175,772
Continent	168,165	2,184,473	2,620,395	68,237,210	541,624	6,756,637
So. & Cent. Amer.	22,182	608,548	10,250	118,021	25,183	465,483
West Indies	42,160	751,005	—	3,785	20,441	1,076,963
Brit. No. Am. Colon.	—	7,030	—	—	—	1,700
Other countries	1,635	103,193	—	—	1,407	13,027
Total	339,653	5,642,675	4,478,013	116,765,897	996,080	19,488,579
Total 1915	379,099	4,515,054	11,079,391	106,480,868	195,942	4,517,525

The world's shipment of wheat and corn for the week ending Nov. 11 1916 and since July 1 1916 and 1915 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1916.		1915.	1916.		1915.
	Week Nov. 11.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Nov. 11.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer*	6,678,000	161,905,000	141,023,000	951,000	19,750,000	2,774,000
Russia	450,000	5,342,000	3,008,000	—	281,000	—
Danube	—	—	—	—	—	—
Argentina	1,072,000	25,215,000	6,128,000	4,072,000	54,323,000	92,408,000
Australia	712,000	14,840,000	184,000	—	—	—
India	1,112,000	14,888,000	8,608,000	—	—	—
Oth. countries	156,000	2,971,000	3,560,000	51,000	2,301,000	2,475,000
Total	10,210,000	215,761,000	162,516,000	5,074,000	76,715,000	97,657,000

* North America.—The Canadian Government has officially prohibited the issuance of both manifests and exports until after ten days. This is effective during the continuance of the war.

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

	Wheat.			Corn.		
	United Kingdom.		Continent.	United Kingdom.		Continent.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Nov 11 1916.	—	—	39,256,000	—	—	23,690,000
Nov 4 1916.	—	—	40,088,000	—	—	22,152,000
Nov 13 1915.	—	—	41,640,000	—	—	26,011,000
Nov 14 1914.	—	—	30,816,000	—	—	21,766,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Nov. 11 1916 was as follows:

United States—	GRAIN STOCKS.				
	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
New York	4,121,000	231,000	1,800,000	139,000	365,000
Boston	293,000	166,000	177,000	77,000	—
Philadelphia	1,744,000	51,000	405,000	30,000	5,000
Baltimore	2,392,000	43,000	963,000	373,000	37,000
Newport News	47,000	—	750,000	3,000	—
New Orleans	3,224,000	33,000	129,000	—	124,000
Galveston	3,225,000	20,000	—	—	—
Buffalo	3,800,000	57,000	2,783,000	48,000	442,000
Toledo	1,926,000	41,000	685,000	4,000	—
Detroit	587,000	39,000	292,000	42,000	—
Chicago	5,864,000	241,000	21,258,000	70,000	141,000
Milwaukee	511,000	24,000	1,569,000	108,000	420,000
Duluth	9,730,000	—	710,000	61,000	1,584,000
Minneapolis	8,932,000	—	7,254,000	625,000	619,000
St. Louis	2,467,000	17,000	968,000	12,000	14,000
Kansas City	12,160,000	24,000	3,695,000	99,000	—
Peoria	18,000	17,000	826,000	—	—
Indianapolis	289,000	238,000	1,028,000	—	—
Omaha	1,414,000	42,000	1,983,000	186,000	27,000
On Lakes	371,000	—	—	—	40,000
On Canal and River	164,000	—	30,000	—	—

Total Nov. 11 1916.	62,265,000	1,289,000	47,308,000	1,877,000	3,818,000
Total Nov. 4 1916.	60,708,000	1,630,000	46,403,000	2,066,000	3,320,000
Total Nov. 13 1915.	34,595,000	3,423,000	18,505,000	1,804,000	4,654,000
Total Nov. 14 1914.	73,476,000	2,774,000	32,103,000	1,998,000	5,726,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Wheat, 2,642,000 bushels at New York, 96,000 Baltimore, 152,000 Philadelphia, 253,000 Boston, 3,756,000 Buffalo, 547,000 Duluth; total, 6,546,000 bushels, against 9,668,000 bushels in 1915. Oats, 350,000 New York, 2,000 Baltimore, 42,000 Duluth, 1,776,000 Buffalo; total, 2,170,000 bushels, against 209,000 in 1915; and barley, 322,000 New York, 63,000 Buffalo, 36,000 Duluth; total, 421,000, against 357,000 in 1915.

Canadian—					
Montreal	1,790,000	418,000	5,215,000	27,000	382,000
Ft. William & Port Arthur	12,286,000	—	5,349,000	—	—
Other Canadian*	7,474,000	—	5,948,000	—	—
Total Nov. 11 1915*	21,550,000	418,000	16,512,000	27,000	382,000
Total Nov. 4 1916*	21,053,000	452,000	14,456,000	41,000	478,000
Total Nov. 13 1915.	27,823,000	19,000	6,189,000	17,000	8,000
Total Nov. 14 1914.	19,070,000	12,000	3,949,000	—	96,000

Summary—					
American	62,265,000	1,289,000	47,308,000	1,877,000	3,818,000
Canadian	21,550,000	418,000	16,512,000	27,000	382,000
Total Nov. 11 1916	83,815,000	1,707,000	63,820,000	1,904,000	4,200,000
Total Nov. 4 1916	81,761,000	2,082,000	60,859,000	2,047,000	4,398,000
Total Nov. 13 1915	62,416,000	3,442,000	24,694,000	1,821,000	4,662,000
Total Nov. 14 1914	92,546,000	2,786,000	36,052,000	1,998,000	5,822,000

* Including Canadian at Buffalo and Duluth.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Nov. 17 1916.

Business in the dry goods markets during the past week has been confined largely to spot and nearby deliveries. Trade in deferred deliveries, while neglected, has been transacted on a much smaller scale than recently, this being due to the unwillingness of manufacturers to accept orders and the fact that many mills are completely sold ahead until the middle of next summer. Advance business for next spring, however, is reported to be above normal. The delivery question is the chief difficulty at the moment, and there appears to be a general feeling of dissatisfaction over the manner in which merchants are receiving their goods. While a few of the manufacturers are making some headway in catching up with unfilled orders, others continue to be very backward in making deliveries. Distribution of goods by jobbers continues on a liberal scale with the demand unusually large for this season of the year. Retail advices are also very encouraging, and it is generally predicted that the coming holiday sales will be record breaking. Prices in primary markets remain firm and, while there have been no particular advances recorded during the week, the tendency is upward owing to the pronounced strength of raw material. Spot cotton in many of the Southern markets is now quoted above the 20 cent level with mills unable to secure large quantities even at this price. While there have been numerous reports that manufacturers have advanced prices for goods high enough to guarantee them a good margin of profit on the basis of 20-cent cotton, views in this connection now appear to be changing, and many assert that the margin of profit is rapidly decreasing. Fall River mills during the week granted operatives a 10% advance in wages, and it is believed that this higher rate of payment will become general throughout New England before the end of the year. In addition to higher wages, other costs of production are continually rising. The prices of goods are looked upon in many quarters as being exorbitantly high and at dangerous levels was evidenced during the week by a note of caution issued to their clients by one of the largest jobbing houses in the country. They strongly recommended purchases from "week to week" only, or as necessity demanded, and advised retailers to clean up all their odds and ends in stock while the public are willing to pay present high prices. The above jobbing house is credited with offering several lines of cotton goods for cash and prompt delivery at prices below those quoted at present in primary markets. Business in export markets continues quiet with the inquiry mostly from South and Central American countries.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Although there has been less demand for distant deliveries of staple cotton goods, jobbers and retailers are actively seeking spot supplies. Prices are firmly maintained at recent high levels, with indications of still further advances. Manufacturers are well booked with business, and many lines of cotton goods are sold ahead until well into the second quarter of next year. Printers are reported to be particularly busy and unable to meet the inquiry. Jobbers are continually sending in re-orders for wash fabrics, ginghams are selling well with a number of large orders booked for export. An active inquiry is noted for bleached cottons, with deliveries difficult to obtain before the turn of the year. Tire manufacturers have been buying cotton duck more freely, and price advances have been named during the week. Gray goods, 38-inch standard are quoted at 8 1/4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—As a result of the steady rise in wool values, price lists for woolen goods have been revised upward, with the undertone of the market very firm. Demand for goods for both immediate and deferred delivery is improving as merchants expect still further advances in prices to be made as the season progresses. In markets for men's wear, light weight and fancy staples are firmly held, with no decrease in the demand. A strong undertone is also noted in markets for dress goods where liberal sales are being made to jobbers. While mills are discouraging the placing of large orders for dress fabrics, there is said to be considerable speculative buying of these goods. Retailers report an unusually good demand, with the inquiry for fine fabrics particularly active. French serges and plain velours are being purchased freely for spring. Overcoatings that have been opened for next fall are said to have been virtually sold up with further advances in prices expected. Worsteds are also selling well.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Demand for linens continues to increase with orders for next spring delivery above expectations. The high prices asked do not appear to have any effect in checking demand, and as many lines of pure linens are becoming very scarce, buyers are again turning their attention to substitutes. Towelings are particularly difficult to obtain, and demand for crashes and damasks is far from being satisfied. Prices are hardening, and the high cost of raw cotton has resulted in various cotton substitutes and cotton and flax mixtures being advanced nearer a level with pure linens. Advices from abroad are becoming very discouraging as regards deliveries. They claim that mills are unable to meet the demand owing to the labor situation, and as a result shipments are falling behind. The burlap markets have developed decided strength with prompt supplies difficult to obtain. It is reported that there has been considerable buying for deferred delivery. Light weights quoted at 8.10c. and heavy weights at 9.25c., both nominal.

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN OCTOBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of October, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page of the "Chronicle" where an account of the sale is given.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 1717 of the "Chronicle" of Nov. 4. Since then several belated October returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$32,025,627. The number of municipalities issuing bonds during October was 358 and the number of separate issues 496.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists various municipal bond issues such as Adams Co. S. D. No. 107, Wash., 1718; Alburnet Consol. S. D., Ia., 1910; Alcega, Ohio, 1808; Alhambra, Calif. (2 issues), 1443; Alma, Mich. (2 issues), 1718; Alta Vista Sch. D., Calif., 1620; Alva Sch. Dist., Okla., 1443; Amesburg, Mass., 1620; Ansonia, Ohio, 1443; Argyle Ind. S. D. No. 3, Minn., 1808; Arlington, Tex., 1808; Ascension Parish, La., 1808; Avon Park, Fla., 1620; Bartholomew Co., Ind., 1718; Bay Village, Ohio (2 issues), 1620; Bedford, Ohio (2 issues), 1528; Bedford County, Va., 1621; Bee Hive Rural S. D., Ohio, 1528; Bellevue, Ohio (2 issues), 1339; Belmont, Mass. (2 issues), 1443; Benton County, Ind., 1718; Benton Harbor, Mich., 1443; Bethel Twp., Rural S. D., Ohio, 1940; Bismarck, N. Dak., 1340; Blue Earth Co., Minn., 1910; Boston, Mass. (5 issues), 1809; Bound Brook, N. J., 1718; Bradford, Ohio (2 issues), 1718; Brevard County, Fla., 1528; Bridgeton, N. J., 1340; Brilliant Sch. D., Ohio, 1443; Brockton, Mass. (5 issues), 1621; Brown County, Ind. (3 issues), 1443; Brown County, Minn., 1718; Buckeye Ind. S. D., Iowa, 1910; Buckingham Co., Va., 1621; Buffalo, N. Y., 1718; Calcasieu Parish, La., 1443; Canby, Ore., 1621; Canton, Ohio (6 issues), 1340; Cary, N. Car., 1528; Castlewold, So. Dak., 1719; Celina, Ohio, 1528; Charlestown Ind. S. D. W. Va., 1621; Channahon, Ill., 1621; Chattanooga, Tenn. (3 issues), 1719; Chateaufort, Mass. (4 issues), 1340; Clarke County, Ind., 1809; Clark County, Ohio (2 issues), 1340; Clarksville, Va., 1809; Cleveland, Ohio (2 issues), 1719; Cleveland Heights, Ohio (4 issues), 1529; Clinton County, Ind. (2 issues), 1621; Clinton County, Ind. (2 issues), 1621; Clyde, Ohio, 1529; Cochise Co. S. D. No. 2, Ariz., 1443; Cocoa, Fla., 1719; Colwell Consol. S. D., Iowa, 1809; Corning, Iowa, 1529; Coshocton, Ohio, 1719; Council Grove S. D., Kans., 1911; Crawford Co., Ind. (2 issues), 1340; Crawford, N. Car., 1809; Crowley County, Tex., 1719; Cumberland Ind. S. D., Iowa, 1719; Darby Twp. Rural S. D., Ohio, 1529; Daviess County, Ind., 1529; Decatur, Ill., 1621; Decatur County, Ind., 1444; DeFiance County, Ohio, 1529; Denison, Tex., 1621; Detroit, Mich., 1621; Dodge City, Kan., 1719; Dublin, Ga., 1444; Dublin, Ohio (2 issues), 1529; Durham Co., N. Car., 1621; East Cleveland, Ohio (2 issues), 1340; East Liverpool, Ohio, 1529; East Liverpool, Ohio, 1340; East Palestine, Ohio, 1622; Eden, Me., 1622; Elkhart County, Ind., 1719; Essex County, Mass., 1809; Enfield Twp., Ohio, 1622; Fairview, Okla., 1810; Fannin County, Tex. (3 issues), 1529; Fitzgerald, Ga., 1622; Forest, Ohio, 1719; Foxborough Water Supply District, Mass., 1444; Framingham, Mass., 1622; Fremont City S. D., Ohio, 1341; Fulton County, Ind., 1622; Gallion Sch. D., Ohio, 1444; Galva, Ill., 1444; Glen Ridge, N. J., 1911; Grant Sch. Twp., Ind., 1810; Granville, Ohio, 1810; Greene Co., Miss., 1444; Greenfield, Ohio, 1911; Greenville Co., So. Caro., 1530; Greenwich (V.), N. Y., 1444; Hamlet, N. Caro., 1822; Hamden, Conn., 1810; Hartsgrove Twp. S. D., Ohio, 1810; Havelock Sch. D., Iowa, 1720; Havana, Fla., 1719; Hawkeye Sch. Dist., Cal., 1530; Hendricks Co., Ind. (2 issues), 1810; Hickory Grove Sch. Twp., Ind., 1622; Higginsville, Mo., 1810; Highland Park, Mich. (2 issues), 1530; Hoboken, N. J., 1810; Hudson Twp., Mich., 1530; Huntington, Ind., 1530; Huntington Co., Ind. (2 issues), 1445;

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Continuation of municipal bond issues from the previous page, including entries like Hutchinson, Kan., 1911; Indian Creek Dr. D., Miss., 1810; Iowa City Ind. S. D., Iowa, 1445; Jackson, Ohio (2 issues), 1530; Jacksonville, Ala., 1911; Jasper County, Ind., 1720; Jay County, Ind., 1720; Jefferson Co., Mo., 1720; Jennings County, Ind., 1530; Johnson Co., No. Car. (2 issues), 1720; Johnstown, Pa., 1530; Joliet, Mont., 1622; Jones County, Miss., 1622; Jones County, Miss., 1810; Kenmore, N. Y. (2 issues), 1341; Kenosha, Wis., 1341; King Co., Dr. D. No. 4, Wash., 1530; Knox County, Ind., 1622; Knox County, Tenn., 1911; Knoxvile, Tenn., 1911; Kosciusko Co., Ind. (5 issues), 1720; Lafayette, La., 1810; Lake County, Ind., 1623; Lake County, Ind. (3 issues), 1720; Lake Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 15, Fla., 1531; Lake Mills, Iowa, 1445; La Porte County, Ind., 1720; Lawrence County, Ind. (3 issues), 1720; Lebanon, Ohio, 1623; Lefflore County, Miss., 1720; Lewiston, Idaho, 1623; Lexington, Ky., 1623; Liberty Co., Dr. D. No. 2, Tex., 1531; Liberty Un. VII. S. D., Ohio, 1720; Little Falls, N. Y., 1531; Logan County, Ohio, 1531; London, Ohio, 1531; Long Beach (V.), N. Y., 1720; Lorain, Ohio, 1720; Lucas County, Ohio (2 issues), 1811; Lyons, Ohio, 1811; McCall, Idaho, 1811; McMinnville, Ore., 1811; McMinnville, Ore., 1623; Madison County, Ala., 1623; Madison County, Miss. (2 issues), 1623; Magnolia, Ohio, 1720; Manatee Co. Spec. Tax S. D. No. 34, Fla., 1445; Mansfield, Ohio, 1720; Maricopa Co. S. D. No. 25, Ariz., 1811; Marin Mun. Water D., Cal., 1531; Marion, Ohio (3 issues), 1446; Marshall County, Miss., 1623; Marsh, Miss., 1341; Martin County, Ind. (2 issues), 1531; Martin Sch. Twp., Ind., 1446; Martinez Sch. Dist., Calif., 1623; Mary Beth, Ohio, 1623; May Berry Dr. D., Ark., 1720; Meadville, Pa., 1623; Meadland Sch. D., Mich., 1531; Midway Sch. Dist., Calif., 1341; Millersburg, Ohio, 1720; Milton, Mass., 1623; Minden (T.), N. Y., 1446; Minerva Sch. Dist., Ohio, 1623; Minot, N. Dak., 1811; Monaca Sch. Twp., Rural S. D., Ohio, 1720; Montgomery Co., Miss. (2 issues), 1912; Montgomery County, Tenn., 1531; Morgan County, Ind., 1531; Morrow County, Ohio (6 issues), 1623; Mt. Clemens, Mich., 1811; Mt. Pleasant (T.), N. Y., 1531; Mountain View S. D., Calif., 1446; Mount Morris (V.), N. Y., 1720; Mount Vernon, N. Y. (2 issues), 1811; Natchitoches Parish, La., 1531; Newark, Ohio, 1721; New Barbadoes Twp. S. D., N. J., 1531; New Bedford, Mass. (5 issues), 1623; Newburg, Ohio, 1623; Newburg, Ohio (3 issues), 1446; Newcastle S. D., Pa., 1721; Newport, R. I., 1623; Newton, Mass., 1446; Niagara, Mass., Iowa, 1811; New York City, 1721; Niles, Ohio, 1721; Norfolk County, Mass., 1811; North Dakota (24 issues), 1342; North Hempstead (T.), N. Y., 1531; Norwood, Ohio, 1447; Ocean Twp., N. J., 1532; Odell Un. H. S. D., Ore., 1623; Ogema, Minn., 1532; Orange County, Ind., 1623; Osage, Iowa, 1342; Ossining (V.), N. Y., 1342; Ottawa, Ohio, 1532; Oxford, Ohio, 1447; Oxford, No. Caro., 1721; Pasco Co. Sub. S. D. No. 12, Fla., 1447; Patchogue (V.), N. Y., 1447; Peekskill, N. Y., 1912; Peensboro, W. Va., 1721; Philadelphia, Pa. (2 issues), 1532; Piqua, Ohio, 1623; Piquan, N. J., 1912; Plymouth, Iowa, 1721; Plymouth, Ohio (2 issues), 1532; Polytechnic Ind. S. D., Tex., 1624; Port Angeles, Wash., 1447; Port Clinton, Ohio, 1447; Port Clinton, Ohio, 1721; Porter County, Ind. (2 issues), 1532; Posey County, Ind., 1623; Pottsville, Pa., 1532; Prairie du Chien, Wis., 1342; Prospect Park, Pa., 1624; Quansah, Tex., 1624; Racine, Wis., 1532; Randolph Co., Ind. (2 issues), 1624; Rayville, La., 1812; Richwood Co., Minn. (2 issues), 1722; Richland, Ore., 1624; Rio Grande Dr. D., Colo., 1624; Riverside Ind. S. D., Iowa, 1624; Rock Co. S. D. No. 38, Minn., 1624; Rogersville, Tenn., 1447; St. Bernard, Ohio, 1532; St. Henry, Ohio, 1532; Sabine Parish, La., 1447; Salem, Ohio, 1722; Sandusky Co., Ohio (2 issues), 1812; San Ramon Un. S. D., Calif., 1532; Sarasota, Fla., 1913; Seaside, Wash. (14 issues), 1624; Seaside Ind. S. D., Wash., 1444; Sebring, Ohio (5 issues), 1532; Sharon, Pa. (5 issues), 1532;

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists various municipal bonds from Shasta View S. D., Calif. to Youngstown, Ohio.

Total bond sales for October 1916 (358 municipalities, covering 496 separate issues) \$32,025,627

a Average date of maturity. d Subject to call in and after the earlier year and maturity in the later year. k Not including \$23,485,768 of temporary loans reported, and which do not belong in the list. * Taken by sinking fund as an investment. h And other considerations.

REVISED TOTALS FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

The following items, included in our totals for previous months, should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which the reason for these eliminations may be found.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Lists items for elimination from previous months, such as Bayhead, N. J., Boise City, Idaho, etc.

BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists bonds for Philippine Islands and Porto Rico.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists additional bond sales from Alden, Pa. to Jackson, Ohio.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists various municipal bonds from Jefferson Ind. S. D., La. to Wyandot Co., Ohio.

All the above sales (except as indicated) are for September. These additional September issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$21,266,118.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN OCTOBER.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price. Lists debentures sold by Canadian municipalities like Alberta Sch. Dist., Dubois Lake S. D., Sask., etc.

Total debentures sold in October \$859,016

News Items.

Ashland, Ohio.—Commission Government Defeated.—The question of establishing the commission form of government was defeated at the election Nov. 7, it is said.

British Government.—American Securities Serving as Collateral for New \$300,000,000 Loan.—See statement this week in our editorial columns.

China (Republic of).—Obtains Loan of \$5,000,000 from Chicago Bankers.—Reference to this new loan is made in our editorial columns this week.

New York State.—Vote of Greater New York and Adjoining Counties Sufficient to Carry \$10,000,000 Bond Proposition.—Question of Holding Constitutional Convention Defeated.—It is thought that notwithstanding the fact that the returns received thus far from a great many counties show majorities against the proposition submitted to the voters on the 7th providing for the issuance of \$10,000,000 4½% bonds for the extension of the Palisades Inter-State Park and for the acquisition of lands for State park purposes, that the vote of Greater New York and adjoining counties will be sufficient to carry the proposition. The counties comprising Greater New York gave these majorities in favor of the issue: New York, 147,861; Kings, 83,356; Queens, 18,953; Richmond, 4,445. The Bronx returns have not been tabulated. Of the adjoining counties Rockland gave a majority of 1,230; Westchester, 15,096 and Orange, 3,270. Among the

counties showing negative majorities were: Albany County, 5,706; Chautauqua, 3,587; Fulton, 736; Hamilton, 170; Jefferson, 4,693; Livingston, 2,304; Madison, 2,808; Monroe, 2,423; Schenectady, 1,166; Schoharie, 3,249; Schuyler, 1,646; Tioga, 2,889; Wayne, 4,297; Wyoming, 2,258.

The indications are, as stated by us last week, that the question of holding another constitutional convention, also voted upon at the general election, was defeated. Albany County has reported 9,005 and Monroe County 10,947 majorities against the proposal.

North Carolina (State of).—U. S. Supreme Court to Hear Arguments on Republic of Cuba's Application to Force Payment of Old Special Tax Bonds.—Chief Justice White on the 13th announced that the U. S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Jan. 8 next on the motion to file an original petition by the Republic of Cuba against North Carolina to force payment of issues of 6% special tax bonds put out several years ago. As stated in these columns last week the Republic of Cuba holds \$985,000 of these bonds which were donated to it, and sets up a claim (with accumulated interest) for \$2,186,130 and costs. The Court directed that a process be issued and served upon the Attorney-General of the United States and upon the Attorney-General of North Carolina to give them opportunity to argue the motion.

An amendment to the North Carolina State Constitution passed by the Legislature in 1879 and ratified by popular vote in 1880 forbids the General Assembly to pay or recognize as valid the bonds now made the subject of suit, "unless the proposing to pay the same shall have first been submitted to the people and by them ratified by the vote of a majority of all the qualified voters of the State at a regular election held for the purpose."

Oregon.—Full Rental Value Land Tax and Home Makers' Loan Fund Amendment Defeated.—The full rental value land tax and home-makers' loan fund amendment to the constitution submitted at the general election on the 7th was, it is reported, overwhelmingly defeated. The vote is given as 43,829 for to 184,984 against. This proposed amendment, commonly called the Single Tax bill, was an application, it is said, of the Henry George theory that all taxes should be borne by land. The measure proposed to tax all lands at the full rental value, the present owner having preferred right to rent the lands from the State. Opponents of the amendment, it is stated, asserted its purpose was to confiscate all land titles, leaving owners and mortgagees nothing but improvements and preferred rights to become tenants of the State. V. 103, p. 1808.

Russia.—Proposed New Loan of \$50,000,000.—Reference is made this week in our editorial columns to a new unsecured loan of \$50,000,000 which will be brought out early next week.

St. Clair County (P. O. Osceola), Mo.—To Vote on Bond Issue to Liquidate Old Debt.—A special election will be held on Dec. 12, it is stated, to vote upon the proposed issuance of \$630,000 bonds to be used for the purpose of liquidating an old debt incurred by this county in 1870 when \$250,000 bonds were issued for the construction of the Clinton and Memphis branch of the Tebo & Neosho RR., which line was never built, and only \$19,000 of the issue has ever been paid. Following a conference in March 1915 of the county officials and bondholders, Judge Van Valkenburgh of the Federal Court authorized a plan whereby a payment of \$600,000, or 15 cents on the dollar, be made by the taxpayers to relieve the county of this debt, which aggregates, including cost of litigation, judgments and interest, \$4,031,593 51. V. 102, p. 1643 and 2180.

Stuebenville School District (P. O. Steubenville), Ohio.—Court Holds Bond Issue Illegal.—Judge Carl H. Smith of the Common Pleas Court by a recent decision declared illegal the \$35,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered without success on Sept. 18 on the ground that under the Smith 1% tax law, which went into effect in 1911, the taxation is limited and that there would not be enough revenue from the tax levy to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds at maturity. V. 103, p. 1624.

West Virginia (State of).—Special Session of Legislature.—Governor Hatfield issued a proclamation on the 15th calling for the Legislature to convene in extraordinary session on Nov. 20. It is stated that the object of the special session is to amend certain laws which affect the tenure of elective and appointive officers so as to curtail the appointive powers of the Governor and to make the Public Service Commission and the State Board of Control non-partisan or bi-partisan if the Legislature sees fit.

Bond Proposals and Negotiations this week have been as follows:

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Barnhart, Clerk of Bd. of Ed., will receive bids until 7 p. m. Dec. 4, for \$45,000 4½% 22-year school bonds. Auth. Secs. 7629, and 7630, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & N.—payable at First-Second Nat. Bank, Akron. Due Nov. 1 1938. Cert. or cashier's check on a bank other than the one making the bid for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

A like issue of bonds was reported sold to the Sinking Fund Commission. See V. 103, p. 1339.

ALBURNETT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alburnett), Lin County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$32,000 4½% building bonds was purchased on Oct. 12 by Schanke & Co. of Mason City. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due

\$1,000, 1919 and 1920; \$1,500 yearly from 1921 to 1935, incl., and \$10,000 1936.

ALLEGAN, Allegan County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Newspaper reports state that the question of issuing \$6,000 municipal-light-plant bonds was defeated at the election Nov. 7.

AMARILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Amarillo), Potter County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—S. F. Newbold, Secy. Bd. of Ed., will receive bids at any time for \$50,000 5% 10-40-yr. (opt.) coupon building bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1917. Int. payable in N. Y., Chicago and Amarillo. Bonded debt, including this issue, Nov. 8 1916, \$175,000. No floating debt. Sinking fund \$25,000. Assess. val. 1916, \$11,400,000. Total tax rate (per \$1,000), \$23.50.

ARCADIA, De Soto County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 10 the four issues of 6% 30-yr. coupon bonds, aggregating \$145,000 (V. 103, p. 1339), were awarded to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago for \$161,016 (111,045) and interest.

ASHLAND, Boyd County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Nov. 20 by W. A. Manning, City Clerk, for \$48,187.51 6% street-impr. Series "C-C" bonds. Denom. (96) \$500. (1) 1917-18. Date Oct. 5 1916. Int. semi-ann. Due one-tenth yrly. Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1926 incl. Cert. check for \$2,000, payable to W. H. Clay, City Treas., required.

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashland), Ashland County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At the Nov. 7 election the voters decided in favor of the issuance of \$200,000 school bonds, it is reported.

BACON COUNTY (P. O. Alma), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—The proposition to issue \$100,000 improvement bonds will be submitted to a vote on Dec. 20. Chas. Striplin is Co. Clerk.

BARTLESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bartlesville), Washington County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$100,000 5% 25-year high-school-bldg. bonds carried by a vote of 1,225 to 661 at the election held Nov. 7. Int. semi-annual. These bonds, as soon as approved by the Attorney-General, will be sold at private sale. F. E. Thurman is Clerk Bd. of Ed.

BAY VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A favorable vote was cast at the Nov. 7 election in favor of the issuance of \$15,000 road bonds, it is stated.

BEGGS, Okmulgee County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Nov. 20 by P. I. Brown, Pres. Bd. of Trustees, for the \$42,000 water-works and \$18,000 sewer 25-year bonds voted Nov. 3. (V. 103, p. 1809).

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Pineville), Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the proposition to issue the \$105,000 road bonds (V. 103, p. 1718), carried at the election held Nov. 7.

BERGEN COUNTY (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11:30 a. m. Nov. 28 by Wm. A. Linn, County Collector, for an issue of not exceeding \$608,000 4½% 7½-year average bonds, it is stated. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 2% required.

BERTRAND, Phelps County, Nebr.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Nov. 20 by the Village Clerk for \$11,000 coupon water-works bonds. Auth. Secs. 5154-56 of 1913 Statutes of Neb. Cert. check for \$500, payable to the Village Treas., required. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$21,500. No floating debt. Sinking fund, \$500. Assess. val. 1916 \$137,000.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY (P. O. Mankato), Minn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 21 \$73,500 4½% drainage bonds were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, for \$74,850, equal to 101,836. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due serially from 1921 to 1935.

BOYERTOWN, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—This borough recently sold an issue of \$24,000 bonds.

BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing the \$6,000 park and playground bonds (V. 103, p. 1718) failed to carry at the election Nov. 7. The vote was 502 "for" to 466 "against," a two-thirds majority was necessary to authorize.

BRADDOCK, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that a vote of 1,003 to 302 was cast at the Nov. 7 election in favor of the issuance of \$100,000 improvement bonds.

BROOK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$10,000 school bonds carried, it is stated, at the Nov. 7 election.

BUCKEYE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Buckeye), Hardin County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 12 \$4,000 5% building bonds were awarded to Schanke & Co. of Mason City. Denom. \$400. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$400 yearly Nov. 1 from 1918 to 1927, incl.

BUFFALO, Johnson County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—On issue of \$28,000 10-20-year (opt.) refunding bonds has been awarded to Sweet, Causy, Foster & Co. of Denver at par for 5s. Denom. \$500. Date Apr. 1 1916. Int. A. & O.

CALLOWAY COUNTY (P. O. Murray), Ky.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The election held Nov. 7 resulted, reports state, in the defeat of the proposition to issue \$100,000 road bonds.

CAMP COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburg), Tex.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—G. H. Walker & Co. of St. Louis are offering to investors \$100,000 5% 20-40-yr. (opt.) Road District No. 1 road-construction bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 25 1916. Int. semi-ann. in N. Y. City. Bonded debt of county \$7,000; district (this issue), \$109,000. Assess. val. 1914, \$2,208,000.

CARNEGIE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—The election Nov. 7 resulted in a vote of 620 to 460 in favor of the issuance of \$12.5, 000 bonds, it is stated.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$25,200 4½% 6 1-3-year average road bonds (V. 103, p. 1621) were awarded, reports state, to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$25,975, equal to 103,075.

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP, Coles County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$56,000 refunding bonds will be submitted to the voters at the April 1917 election.

CHOWCHILLA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Madera County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 174 to 14 the question of issuing \$50,000 5% site-purchase and building bonds carried at the election held Nov. 3. Due in 40 years. Bonds will be offered in about 30 days.

CLOQUET SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cloquet), Carlton County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 344 to 65 the question of issuing \$70,000 5% building bonds carried at the election held Oct. 30. Due \$10,000 yearly July 1 from 1918 to 1924, incl. L. F. Leach is Secy. Bd. of Education.

COALINGA, Fresno County, Cal.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 704 to 17 the question of issuing \$100,000 water-works-system-constr. bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held Nov. 7.

COFFEE COUNTY (P. O. Manchester), Tenn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue the \$250,000 road bonds failed to carry, it is stated, at the election held Nov. 7. The vote was 940 "for" and 1,339 "against."

CONRAD, Teton County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—K. L. Johnstone, City Clerk, will sell at public auction at 8 p. m. Dec. 15 \$13,000 5% gold coupon city-hall bonds. Auth. Sub-division 64 of Sec. 3259 Pol. Code of Mont. 1907. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1917. Int. J. & J. payable at the Irving Nat. Bank, N. Y. Due in 20 years, subject to call \$1,000 yrly. beginning at the expiration of 10 years. Cert. check for \$500, payable to J. E. Ritchey, Mayor, required. Bonded debt (including this issue) to Nov. 7 1916, \$58,000. Sinking fund, \$8,000. Assess. val. \$450,000.

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

CONWAY, Horry County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. Nov. 25 by L. D. Magrath, Mayor, for \$30,000 5% 20-40-year (opt.) water-works and sewerage bonds (V. 103, p. 1809). Interest semi-annual. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

CORAOPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coraopolis, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—Dispatches state that the question of issuing \$100,000 school bonds carried at the election Nov. 7 by a vote of 424 to 276.

COSHOCTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 14 by Hugh Gamble, City Auditor, for \$5,000 4 1/2% storm water and sewer bonds. Auth., Sec. 3939, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Interest semi-annual. Due \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1918 to 1927, inclusive. Certified check on a Coshocton County bank for 10% of bonds bid for, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

COUNCIL GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Council Grove), Morris County, Kans.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 16 \$41,000 4 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) high-school-bldg. bonds were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo for \$41,767, equal to 101.87. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1917. Int. J. & J.

COVINGTON, Kenton County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the election held Nov. 7 resulted in favor of the questions of issuing \$500,000 street-improvement, bridge-construction and funding bonds.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Local papers state that the \$1,000,000 jail bonds issue failed to carry at the election Nov. 7.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Adair), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$20,000 county-home bonds failed to carry at the election held Nov. 7. The vote was 2,163 "for" and 3,167 "against."

DANVILLE, Vermillion County, Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The election Nov. 7 resulted in a defeat of the proposition to issue \$50,000 fire-department bonds. The vote was 2,216 "for" to 4,180 "against."

DANVILLE, Boyle County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Nov. 25 to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 4% school-building bonds.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election Nov. 7 the proposition to issue \$50,000 road bonds carried. It is stated.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be considered until 12 m. Dec. 11 by J. A. Kenney, City Auditor, for the following 5% street assessment bonds:

- \$4,922 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$843, \$911, \$982, \$1,056 and \$1,130. Due, respectively, on July 1 from 1917 to 1921, inclusive.
4,344 bonds. Denom. and due as follows: \$757 July 1 1917, \$811 July 1 1918, \$867 July 1 1919, \$925 July 1 1920 and \$984 July 1 1921.
2,985 bonds. Denom. \$521, \$558, \$595, \$635 and \$676. Due in respective order on July 1 from 1917 to 1921, inclusive.
1,508 bonds. Denom. \$273, \$287, \$301, \$316 and \$331. Due, respectively, on July 1 from 1917 to 1921, inclusive.
1,450 bonds. Denom. \$290. Due \$290 yearly on July 1 from 1917 to 1921, inclusive.
1,708 bonds. Denom. 1 for \$294, \$317, \$341, \$367 and \$389. Due in respective order on Aug. 1 from 1917 to 1921, inclusive.

Auth., Sec. 3914, Gen. Code. All bonds are dated July 1 1916 except the \$1,708 issue, which bears date of Aug. 1 1916. Interest payable annually. Certified check on a national bank other than the one making the bid, for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of East Liverpool," required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

EAST MILWAUKEE (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$75,000 municipal improvement bonds carried. It is stated, by a vote of 193 to 150 at the election held Nov. 7.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 1 an issue of \$40,000 4% 30-year public-improvement bonds was awarded to Montgomery, Clothier & Taylor of Phila. at 101.55. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1946.

EBENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ebenburg), Cambria County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—According to reports, the question of issuing \$60,000 school-building bonds carried at the Nov. 7 election.

EL CAMPO, Wharton County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—J. L. Arlit Austin recently purchased \$5,000 5% semi-annual warrants.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the Nov. 7 election the proposition to issue park and bathing beach bonds was defeated by a vote of 215 "for" to 225 "against."

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 9 the \$12,160 4% road bonds—V. 103, p. 1719—were awarded reports state, to the State Savings & Tr. Co. of Indianapolis at 102.50.

FOND DU LAC, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing the \$50,000 Lakeside Park completion bonds (V. 103, p. 1341) failed to carry at the election held Nov. 7. The vote was 1,781 "for" and 2,080 "against."

FORT WAYNE, Allen County, Ind.—BONDS VOTED.—At the Nov. 7 election the proposition to issue \$225,000 bonds to build a convention hall carried. It is stated.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville), Ind.—BIDS.—The other bids received for the \$31,866 4 1/2% 6-year average road bonds awarded to the First National Bank of Indianapolis for \$32,868 (103.163) and interest on Nov. 6 were as follows (V. 103, p. 1810): Meyer-Kiser Bank, \$32,851 00 Nat. Brookville Bank, \$32,720 80 Bred, Elliott & Harrison, \$32,823 77 Franklin Co. Nat. Bank, \$32,701 08 J. P. Wild & Co., \$32,821 00 R. L. Dollings Co., \$32,627 50 Union Trust Co., \$32,720 80

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, Warren County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the proposition to issue \$80,000 bonds for road purposes carried at the Nov. 7 election.

FREMONT, Sandusky County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 4 by F. C. Klesin, City Auditor, for \$2,800 4 1/2% water bonds. Auth., Sec. 3966, Gen. Code. Denom. \$350. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. A. & G. at office of Sinking Fund Trustees. Due \$350 each six months from April 1 1918 to Oct. 1 1921, inclusive. Certified check for \$20, payable to the City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within ten days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 9 the \$9,650 4 1/2% road bonds—V. 103, p. 1530—were awarded to the Indiana Bank & Trust Co. of Indianapolis for \$9,959 (103.202) and int. Other bidders were: First Nat. Bk., Rochester, \$9,956 00 Bred, Elliott & Harrison, \$9,944 35 Meyer-Kiser Bank, \$9,954 50 R. L. Dollings Co., \$9,905 90 Union Tr. & Sav. Bk., Indpls., \$9,950 00 State Savs. & Tr. Co., Indpls., \$9,912 25

GALION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Galion), Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$175,000 school bonds—V. 103, p. 1444—carried at the election Nov. 7 by a vote of 920 to 808.

GEORGETOWN, Scott County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 615 to 205 the question of issuing 100,000 electric-light and water-works bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 13 the three issues of 5% coup. sewer bonds, aggregating \$4,130—V. 103, p. 1719—were awarded to Jack Mock of Gallipolis for \$4,515 (101.93) and int. Other bidders were: First Nat. Bk., Girard, \$4,451 17 Otis & Company, \$4,445 00 W. L. Slayton & Co., \$4,448 00 Tillotson & Wolcott Co., \$4,355 32

GIRARD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Girard), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—This district sold on Sept. 1 an issue of \$16,500 5% school bonds. Due \$500 each six months from Oct. 1 1918 to Oct. 1 1931, inclusive.

GLENCOE, McLeod County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing to the State of Minnesota \$25,000 4% refunding bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7.

GLEN RIDGE, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS AWARDED.—Out-water & Walls of Jersey City have been officially awarded the 4 1/2% paying bonds which were offered on Sept. 25 on their bid of 103.305 for \$54,000 of bonds (V. 103, p. 1241). The award was delayed by a writ of certiorari which was returnable Oct. 7.

GOWANDA (VILLAGE), Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 9 an issue of \$14,000 4 1/2% 7 1/2-year average paying bonds was awarded to Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York at 102.21. The other bidders were: 102.20 Wm. R. Compton Co. 101.65 Hornblower & Weeks 103.07 H. A. Kahler & Co. 100.69 Isaac W. Sherrill Co. 101.857 Farson, Son & Co. 101.857 Denom. \$1,000. Interest semi-annual. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1 to 14 years.

GRANT PARISH (P. O. Colfax), La.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that an election will be held in Road Dist. No. 8 in the near future to vote on the question of issuing \$300,000 road bonds.

GREENFIELD, Highland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—A local paper states that the Industrial Commission has purchased an issue of \$12,000 sewer-construction bonds. Owing to a typographical error the amount of this issue was reported as \$120,000 in last week's "Chronicle," page 1810.

GREENVILLE, Montcalm County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$20,000 bonds carried, reports state at the election Nov. 7.

HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the issue of \$140,000 4 1/2% gold coupon sewer bonds was disposed of at public auction to various bidders (V. 103, p. 1530). Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date, "when issued," Int. J. & J. at office of Tax Collector. Due \$20,000 yearly from 1922 to 1928, inclusive. Bonded debt, excluding this issue, Oct. 13 1916, \$143,800; assessed valuation 1916, \$14,559,731; city tax rate per \$1,000, \$7.30. No floating debt or sinking fund.

HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$9,712 70 4 1/2% 5 1/2-year average street assessment bonds (V. 103, p. 1530) were awarded to the First National Bank of Hamilton for \$9,857 70 (101.492) and interest. Other bids were: Tillotson & Wolcott Co., \$9,805 97 Seasongood & Mayer, \$9,787 70 Ohio National Bank, \$9,800 20 Rudolph Kleybolte Co., \$9,773 70 Spitzer, Rorick & Co., \$9,789 70 Hamilton Dime Sav. Bank, \$9,762 70

BONDS DEFEATED.—The following bond propositions were all defeated at the election Nov. 7 (V. 103, p. 1530):

Table with 3 columns: Amount, Purpose, For, Against. Rows include: 10,000 Parks and playgrounds (2,280 For, 4,191 Against), 18,000 Motor apparatus (2,472 For, 3,888 Against), 12,000 Signal apparatus (2,109 For, 3,080 Against), 15,000 New fire hoses (2,198 For, 3,885 Against), 10,000 Cluster lighting (1,708 For, 3,082 Against), 300,000 City-hall (1,722 For, 4,439 Against), 250,000 City-hall (1,508 For, 3,329 Against), 200,000 City-hall (1,518 For, 4,190 Against), 100,000 Sewers (1,995 For, 3,847 Against), 100,000 Inlet improvement (1,890 For, 3,797 Against).

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 10 the two issues of 4 1/2% 6 1-3-year average road bonds, aggregating \$12,100 (V. 103, p. 1719), were awarded as follows, it is stated: \$7,500 bonds to the First Nat. Bank of Corydon for \$7,745, equal to 103.266. 4,600 bonds to Sylvester C. Markwell, representing a group of farmers, for \$4,749, equal to 103.239.

HARVEYBURG, Warren County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The \$1,000 electric-light bond issue carried at the Nov. 7 election, it is stated.

HERINGTON, Dickinson County, Kan.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$10,000 city-hall bonds failed to carry at the election held Nov. 7.

HETH SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mauckspott), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lee F. Sherman, Township Trustee, will offer at public sale at 1 p. m. Nov. 25 an issue of \$1,200 4 1/2% 34-year aver. coup. school bonds. Denom. \$100. Date Oct. 25 1916. Int. A. & O. Due \$160 each six months from Oct. 27 1917 to April 27 1924 incl.

HOLYOKE, Mass.—LOAN AUTHORIZED.—On Nov. 14 the Board of Aldermen authorized the negotiation of a loan of \$80,000, it is stated.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% tax-free paying bonds awarded on Oct. 20 to the Guaranty Title & Trust Co. of Wichita at 101.06, interest and printed bonds (V. 103, p. 1729), are in the denom. of \$500. Interest semi-annual. Due serially from 1 to 10 years.

INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOL CITY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$159,000 3.65% 45-year coup. school bonds—V. 103, p. 1530—were awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis at 102.19. Other bidders were: Bred, Elliott & Harrison, \$152,901 J. F. Wild & Co., \$159,051

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Murphysboro), Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue the \$340,000 road bonds (V. 103, p. 1145) was defeated at the election held Nov. 7 (V. 103, p. 1145).

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, Hancock County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$60,000 school bonds failed to carry at the election Nov. 7, it is stated.

JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Joliet), Will County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$70,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds—V. 103, p. 1810—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savs. Bank of Chicago for \$73,300 (104.714) and int. Other bidders were: Halsey, Stutz & Co., \$73,280 E. H. Rollins & Sons, \$73,230 H. T. Holtz & Co., \$73,270 Yard, Otis & Co., \$73,200 A. B. Leach & Co., \$73,250

JACKSONVILLE, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that \$10,000 5% 20-year public-school-bldg. bonds voted May 2—V. 102, p. 1918—have been sold.

KENMORE (Village), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED.—The offering of the \$17,000 sewer bonds which was to have taken place Nov. 14 has been postponed until Nov. 28.—V. 103, p. 1810.

KERNERSVILLE, Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 5% 30-year electric-light-plant-construction bonds offered on Aug. 10—V. 103, p. 510—have been sold to Stacy, Braun & Co. at par.

KEWANEE-ALAMUCHA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 8 the \$3,500 6% building and equipment bonds were awarded to the First National Bank of Meridian for \$3,580 (102.285) and interest. Denom. \$100. Date March 1 1916. Interest annually (March 1) at the County Treasurer's office. Dno \$200 yearly March 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive, and \$300 yearly March 1 from 1931 to 1935, inclusive. Bonded debt; this issue, \$3,500. Assessed valuation, \$128,360.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue the \$75,000 20-year highway-impr. bonds (V. 103, p. 1540) failed to carry. It is stated, at the election held Nov. 7. The vote was 15,685 "for" and 25,150 "against."

KNOXVILLE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Newspaper reports state that the question of issuing the \$84,000 park bonds (V. 103, p. 1630) was defeated at the election Nov. 7.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 31 the \$18,396 25 5/8% 5-year street-impr. (assess.) bonds were awarded, it is stated, to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati.

LAKEWOOD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The issuance of \$75,000 park bonds failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority at the Nov. 7 election, it is stated.

LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lancaster), Fairfield County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A vote of 1,978 to 1,253 was cast at the

Nov. 7 election in favor of the question of issuing \$250,000 school bonds, it is stated.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 16 an issue of \$45,000 4% 5½-yr. aver. coup. tax-free boulevard bonds was awarded to Chandler, Wilbur & Co. of Boston at 101.95 and int. Other bids were:
 R. M. Grant & Co. 101.92 (Curtis & Sanger) 101.511
 Merrill, Oldham & Co. 101.769 (Blodgett & Co.) 101.488
 Blake Bros. & Co. 101.70 (R. L. Day & Co.) 101.42
 Adams & Co. 101.63 (Arthur Perry & Co.) 101.233
 Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int. —M. & N.—payable at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Due \$4,500 yrly. on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1926 inclusive.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Nov. 14 the loan of \$150,000 was negotiated with Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston at 2.74% discount, it is stated.—V. 103, p. 1811.

LEWIS & CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (P. O. Helena, York Route), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 6 by Raymond T. Rowson, Clerk Board of School Trustees, for \$1,000 5-15-year (opt.) school bonds at not exceeding 6% interest.

LITHONIA, De Kalb County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 1 by J. M. Tribble, Mayor, for the \$20,000 water-works and \$15,000 sewerage-system 5% 30-year coupon bonds voted Oct. 12 (V. 103, p. 1146). Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1917. Interest annual (Jan. 1). Certified check for \$500, payable to the Mayor, required. This city has no indebtedness. Assessed valuation 1916, \$5,09,369 97.

LOCKHART, Caldwell County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 7 the \$35,000 5% 5-10-year (opt.) sewerage-system bonds (V. 103, p. 1720) were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago for \$36,465 (104.185) and interest. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds. Other bids were:
 J. E. Jarrett & Co., San Antonio 336,148 00
 J. P. Bowman, Austin 35,962 50
 Sweet, Causay, Foster & Co., Denver 35,899 50
 Stacy & Braun, Toledo 35,581 00
 Spitzer, Roricik & Co., Toledo 35,125 00

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Providence Square), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Newspaper reports state that the School Board recently sold an issue of \$17,500 4½% school bonds.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY (P. O. Paducah), Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$200,000 road and bridge-construction bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7.

McKEON COUNTY (P. O. Smethport), Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the Nov. 7 election a favorable vote was cast for the issue of the \$750,000 road bonds (V. 103, p. 1445).

McMINNVILLE, Yamhill County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 573 to 282 the question of issuing \$90,000 water-supply bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7. A. C. Chandler is City Recorder.

MANCHESTER, Meriwether County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 10 the \$45,000 5% 16-30-year serial water-works and sewerage-system improvement bonds (V. 103, p. 1720) were awarded to Robinson-Humphrey-Wardlaw Co., of Atlanta, at 104 and interest. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N.

MANITOWOC, Manitowoc County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that the question of issuing the \$50,000 4% coupon school-bldg. bonds (V. 103, p. 1242) carried by a vote of 1,265 to 1,191 at the election held Nov. 7. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 2 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treas. office. Due \$3,000 yearly Jan. 2 from 1919 to 1923 incl.; \$2,500 yearly Jan. 2 from 1924 to 1935 incl., and \$5,000 Jan. 2 1936. Bonded debt, incl. this issue, \$410,300. Assess. val. 1916, \$15,567,892. John J. Kelley is City Clerk.

MANTUA, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 9 by O. H. Bowen, Village Clerk, for \$4,500 5% 5-9-year serial refunding bonds. Auth. Sec. 3916, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 1 1916. Int. A. & O. Certified check for 20% of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Nov. 27 by Clarence L. Standaig, Clerk Board of County Supervisors (P. O. Phoenix), for \$12,000 6% 20-year gold site-purchase, construction and equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest—J. & D.—payable at office of County Treasurer. Certified check on an Arizona bank or any national bank for \$1,000, payable to County Treasurer, required. These bonds were authorized by a vote of 41 to 5 at an election held Oct. 7. Official circular states that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatening, affecting the corporate existence or the boundaries of said district, the title of its present officials to their offices or the validity of these bonds, that no previous issues of bonds have been contested, and that the principal and interest of all bonds previously has always been paid promptly at maturity. Total bonded debt (including this issue), \$46,000. Floating debt, \$5,000. Assessed value (equalized), 1916, \$1,891,813 12.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing the \$218,000 4½% street bonds was defeated by the voters on Nov. 7, it is stated, by a vote of 2,710 "for" to 2,530 "against"—V. 103, p. 1243. A two-thirds majority was necessary "to authorize.

MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.—WARRANTS PROPOSED.—This city is contemplating the issuance of \$20,000 electric-light-plant and fire-truck-purchase warrants.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$1,500,000 25-3-yr. (aver.) coupon municipal electric-lighting-plant bonds—V. 103, p. 1531—were awarded jointly to Breed, Elliott & Harrison, the Provident Sav. Bank & Trust Co. of New York, H. A. Kahler & Co. and Hornblower & Weeks of New York for \$1,509,319 50 (100.021) and int. as 4½s. Other bids were: Manhattan Savings Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, bid 100.25 and int. as 4½s for \$79,000. Stacy & Braun of Cincinnati and R. M. Grant & Co., New York, bid \$1,501,000 and int. for 5s. This bid was not acceptable, as under the ordinance 4½% was the highest rate of interest allowed.

MENASHA, Winnebago County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$15,000 school-bldg. bonds carried, it is stated, at the Nov. 7 election.

METROPOLIS, Massac County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—According to reports a favorable vote was cast at the Nov. 7 election in favor of the issuance of \$82,000 bonds.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 7 by Louis T. Nein, City Auditor, for the \$5,765 30 5% 5½-year average street assessment bonds. Auth., Sec. 3914, Gen. Code. Denom. \$576 53. Date Sept. 1 1916. Int. M. & S. at National Park Bank, New York. Due \$576 53 yearly on Sept. 1 from 1917 to 1926, inclusive. Certified check for \$100 required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—The election held Nov. 7 resulted in favor of the proposition to issue \$70,000 municipal bath, \$800,000 school and \$250,000 bridge bonds.

MOHALL, Renville County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The Mohall State Bank was awarded on Sept. 20 an issue of \$23,000 7% 20-year sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Oct. 7 1916. Interest annually in April.

MONROE TOWNSHIP, Logan County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—Newspaper reports state that the \$2,100 school bonds carried at the election Nov. 7 by a vote of 141 to 76. See V. 103, p. 1720.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Montgomery), Ala.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$50,000 bridge-construction bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Sterling), Ky.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The election held Nov. 7 resulted in the defeat of the proposition to issue \$15,000 6% county-farm bonds. The vote was 668 "for" and 619 "against."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Clarksville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the \$50,000 road-construction bonds authorized on Oct. 2 (V. 103, p. 1531) have been sold to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 106.15.

MONTPELLIER, Williams County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 11 by Ed. Summers, VII, Clerk, for \$12,000 5% 20-year coup. street-paving bonds. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & N.—payable at Chase Nat. Bank, N. Y. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

MORRISON, Noble County, Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The questions of issuing \$18,000 water-works and \$7,000 electric-light bonds failed to carry at the election held Nov. 7.

MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 an issue of \$40,000 4½% 3-year aver. reg. refunding bonds was awarded to Blake Bros. & Co. of N. Y. at 101.76 and int. on a basis of about 3.37%. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1916. Int. J. & D. at office of City Treas. Due \$8,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.

MUNHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Munhall)—Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 20 by John Bell, Jr., Secy. of School Board, for \$50,000 4½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1921; \$9,000, 1922; \$12,000, 1931; \$14,000, 1936; \$17,000, 1941, and \$21,000, 1946. Cert. check for \$2,000 required.

MURRAY, Calloway County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$20,000 municipal electric light plant bonds carried reports, state, at the election held Nov. 7.

NAMPA AND MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Meridian), Idaho.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that this district will offer for sale on Dec. 19 \$14,250 of the \$365,000 refunding bonds voted June 20.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Nov. 24 of the \$100,000 4% 1½-year average registered gold tuberculosis hospital bonds (V. 103, p. 1511). Bids for these bonds will be received until 12 m. on that day by Earl J. Bennett, County Comptroller. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest—J. & D.—payable at office of County Treasurer. Due \$5,000 yearly on Dec. 1 from 1918 to 1937, inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 1% of bonds bid for, payable to the "County of Nassau," required. The Nassau County Trust Co. will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the county officials and the seal impressed upon the bonds, and their validity will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, a duplicate original of whose opinion will be furnished purchaser. Successful bidder to pay accrued interest.

NEWARK, N. J.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Common Council passed an ordinance on Nov. 13 providing for the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000 of 4½% reg. or coup. (purchaser's option) hospital bonds. Denom. 20 for \$3,000, 10 for \$4,000. Date Nov. 15 1916. Int. M. & N. Due \$3,000 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1917 to 1936 incl. and \$4,000 yearly on Nov. 15 from 1937 to 1946 incl.

NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Bids for a loan of \$75,000 dated Nov. 24 1916 and maturing May 24 1917 will, it is stated, be received until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 23 by the City Treasurer.

NORTH LEWISBURG, Champaign County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The election Nov. 7 resulted in defeat of the proposition to issue \$10,000 street-impt. bonds, it is reported.

NORTH YAKIMA, Yakima County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—The election which was to have been held Nov. 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$290,000 sewer bonds, was indefinitely postponed. R. V. Hopper is City Clerk.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The questions of issuing the \$35,000 street and \$30,000 park bonds (V. 103, page 1243) were defeated at the election Nov. 7.

NORWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Norwood), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. Nov. 27 by Harold Ryland, Clerk Board of Education, for \$10,000 19-year and \$15,000 20-year coup. school-bldg. bonds. Auth. Secs. 7625 and 7626, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 27 1916. Principal and semi-annual interest—M. & N.—payable at First National Bank, Norwood. Certified check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk of Board of Education, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Official advertisement states that there is not now, nor ever has been, any question of the legality of the district's bond issues. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$805,000; no other indebtedness except current expenses. Tax duplicate, \$36,190,000.

OKMULGEE COUNTY (P. O. Okmulgee), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$800,000 5% 25-year road-impt. bonds (V. 103, p. 1623) carried at the election held Nov. 7.

ONTONAGON COUNTY (P. O. Ontonagon), Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At the Nov. 7 election a vote of 1,083 to 645 was cast in favor of the issuance of the \$195,000 5% 1-15-yr. serial road bonds. These bonds were sold on Sept. 20 to Bolger, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago at par and int., plus a bonus of \$600, subject to their approval at the above election (V. 103, p. 1342). Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 15 1916. Int. A. & O.

ORMOND, Volusia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. Dec. 30 by Board of Bond Trustees for \$35,000 6% 30-year coupon tax-free street-paving and wharf-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1916. Int. J. & J. at the Chase Nat. Bank, N. Y. Certified check for \$750, payable to the Town Clerk, required. The town has no indebtedness. Assess. val. 1915, \$430,000. George Rigby is Mayor.

OSAGE COUNTY (P. O. Linn), Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$300,000 road-impt. bonds was defeated at the election held Nov. 7.

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP, Portage County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held Nov. 7 this township voted in favor of the issuance of \$16,500 road bonds, it is said.

PAOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Paola), Miami County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$60,000 high-school-bldg. bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7, according to reports.

PENNINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Rapid City), So. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—Local papers state that a favorable vote was cast at the election held Nov. 7 on the question of issuing \$230,000 funding bonds.

PENNSBORO, Ritchie County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—On Oct. 20 the \$25,500 6% 10-year sewerage and paving bonds were awarded, it is stated, to local banks at par. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$54,000. Sinking fund, \$7,000. Assessed valuation 1916, \$1,369,409.

PHELPS (VILLAGE), Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Nov. 20 by P. V. Keefe, Village Clerk, for \$22,000 4% water refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1917. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—J. & J.—payable at Phelps Nat. Bank, Phelps, in N. Y. exchange. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1918 to 1939 incl. Certified check on a bank other than the one making the bid, for \$500, payable to J. Fred. Helmer, Village Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered to the purchaser on Jan. 1. Bonded debt Nov. 15 1916, \$60,000; sinking fund, \$18,000; assessed val. 1916, \$711,377.

PIQUA, Miami County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$380,000 water-works bonds was defeated on Nov. 7 by a vote of 1,956 "for" to 1,654 "against."

PLYMOUTH, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—Sehance & Co. of Mason City were awarded on Oct. 2 \$7,000 5% electric-light bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Int. M. & N.

PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—A vote of 4,503 to 2,773 was cast at the election Nov. 7 in favor of the issuance of \$25,000 Detention Home bonds.

PORT ARTHUR, Jefferson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The election held Nov. 7 resulted, it is stated, in favor of the questions of issuing \$80,000 water-works ext. and \$100,000 sewerage-system ext. bonds.

PORTLAND, Me.—LOAN OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 20 by Arthur W. Beale, City Treasurer, for the purchase at discount of a temporary high-school loan of \$150,000.

PORTLAND, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Nov. 23 by O. A. Bigelow, Commissioner of Finance, for the following gold coupon bonds:

20,000 5% crematory bonds, Nos. 31 to 50 incl., for \$1,000, dated Dec. 23 1910. Due 10 years from date, optional on or after one year from date.

Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. Bids must be unconditional, except as to the legality of bonds.

The above bonds are held by the City as an investment of a portion of the Water Bond Sinking Fund.

POSEY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Elizabeth), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 14 the \$3,500 4% 7-year aver. refunding bonds—V. 103, p. 1632—were awarded to the Fletcher-Amer. Nat. Bank of Indianapolis for \$3,553.75—equal to 101.535.

Other bidders were: Meyer-Kieser Bank, \$3,522.25 [Breed, Elliott & Harrison, J. F. Wild & Co., 3,500.00] Indianapolis, \$3,500.00

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Council Bluffs), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue \$200,000 bridge-construction bonds failed to carry, it is reported, at the election held Nov. 7. The vote was 3,711 "for" and 6,242 "against."

POWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dear Lodge), Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 1,270 to 1,008 the question of issuing \$60,000 5% 10-20-year opt. building bonds carried at the election Nov. 7.

RANKIN, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election Nov. 7 the \$30,000 park bond proposition was defeated, it is said.

RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA AND BAYOU BOUVE LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Alexandria), La.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 10 the \$250,000 5% 5-30-year serial coupon levee bonds (V. 103, p. 1447) were awarded to the Hibernal Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans at 104.88 and int. Proceeds to be deposited with purchaser at 1 1/2% int. on daily balances, payable monthly. Other bids were:

Hibernal Bank & Trust Co., \$257,815; or, \$259,050, proceeds to be deposited with bidder at 2 1/2% int., payable monthly.

Whitney Central Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, \$257,801, proceeds to be deposited in Rapides Bank at 2% int.

Rapides Bank, Alexandria, \$257,550, proceeds to be deposited in this bank at 2 1/2% interest; or \$264,000, proceeds to be deposited with bidder without interest.

Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$255,750, proceeds to be deposited in First National Bank Alexandria at 3% interest.

Interstate Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, \$255,831.25, proceeds to be deposited in Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Alexandria, at 2 1/2% int.

Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago, and Kaufman, Smith & Emert Investment Co., St. Louis, \$254,075, proceeds to be deposited in a Louisiana bank of bidder's selection at 2 1/2% interest.

Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, \$253,905.

All the above bids provided for payment of accrued interest.

RICHMOND COUNTY (P. O. Augusta), Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—Local papers state that the question of issuing the \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon Tubman High School building bonds—V. 103, p. 1243—carried at the election held Nov. 7. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. Due \$10,000 yearly from 1 to 10 years incl. L. B. Evans is Secretary of County Board of Education.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. S. Osborne, City Comptroller, until 2 p. m. Nov. 22 for \$150,000 water-works, \$35,000 water-works and \$10,000 local-impt. notes, payable three months from Nov. 27 1916 at the Union Trust Co. of N. Y. Notes will be drawn with interest and will be deliverable at the Union Trust Co. of N. Y., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City, Nov. 27. Bids must state rate of interest and designate to whom (not bearer) notes shall be made payable and denominations desired.

NOTE SALE.—On Nov. 13 the two issues of notes, aggregating \$350,000, were awarded as follows.—V. 103, p. 1812:

\$150,000 sewage-disposal notes to Genesee Valley Trust Co. of Rochester at 3.08% interest.

200,000 water-works notes to Bond & Goodwin of N. Y. at 3.10% int., plus \$1 premium.

Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Interest, Prem. George H. Burr & Co., 3 1/2, \$13.20; Salomon Bros. & Hutcher, 3 1/2, 20.00; Farmers Loan & Trust Co., 3 1/2, 10.00; Union Trust Company, 3 1/2, ---; Bernhard, Scholle & Co., 3.19, ---; Goldman, Sachs & Co., 3.23, 35.00; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., 3.31, ---; Hemphill, White & Chamberlain, 3 1/2, 26.00

ROCKY RIVER Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—News-paper reports state that the question of issuing \$75,000 school bonds carried at the election Nov. 7.

ROSELLE, Union County, N. J.—BONDS DEFEATED.—A vote of 187 "for" to 451 "against" was cast at the election Nov. 7, against the issuance of the \$100,000 park bonds.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Belleville), Ill.—RESULT OF BOND ELECTION.—The proposition providing for the issuance of the \$1,500,000 road bonds carried at the Nov. 7 election, but the question of an additional tax for retiring the bonds was defeated, thereby causing the bond issue to be dropped.—V. 103, p. 1632.

ST. LANDRY PARISH (P. O. Opelousa), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Dec. 4 by F. Octave Pavy, Pres. of Police Jury. It is stated, for \$75,000 5% 15 5-6-year aver. road-construction bonds. Int. semi-annual. Certified check for 2 1/2% required.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—Local papers state that the question of issuing \$3,000,000 school-building bonds carried at the election held Nov. 11.

ST. MARYS, Auglaize County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$90,000 electric-plant bonds carried, reports state, at the election Nov. 7.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 21 by Jesse Foot, City Comptroller, for \$500,000 4 1/2% 15-year coupon or reg. (purchaser's option) tax-free permanent improvement revolving fund bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in New York City. Certified check or cash, deposit for 2% of amount bid, required. This city has never defaulted on its obligations and the principal and interest on its bonds previously issued have always been promptly paid at maturity. Bonded debt Sept. 30 1916, general city and school, \$10,312,000; water, \$2,257,000. Floating debt, \$4,348,804.75. Sinking fund, general city and school, \$12,576,73; water, \$17,132,280. Assessed valuation 1916, \$122,544,093. City tax rate (per \$1,000) 1916, \$30.68.

SANDUSKY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sandusky), Erie County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$8,000 school-heating bonds carried, reports state, at the election Nov. 7.

SANFORD, Seminole County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. Nov. 27 by O. L. Taylor, Bond Trustee. It is stated, for \$45,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Date July 1 1916. Int. semi-annual. Due Jan. 1 1916. Certified check for 2 1/2% required.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY (P. O. Schoharie), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Nov. 20 by David Winne, County Treasurer, for an issue of \$12,400 5% 6-2-3-year aver. highway bonds, reports state. Int. semi-ann. Certified check for 10% required.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BOND SALE.—During the month of October the following 6% special improvement bonds, aggregating \$113,828.33, were sold by this city at par:

Table with columns: Amount, Dist. No., Purpose, Date, Due. Rows include Water mains, Paving, Walks, Grade and Walk, Filling and Planking, etc.

All of the above bonds are subject to call par yearly.

SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Seattle), King County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Dec. 2 to vote on the question of issuing \$1,083,000 coupon site-purchase building and equipment bonds. Due \$67,000 yearly from 2 to 20 years, incl.

SHELBYVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shelbyville), Shelby County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 4 the \$50,000 5% 10-20-year opt. school-building bonds—V. 102, p. 2187—were awarded to Wood, Johnston & Co., of Louisville, it is stated, at 105. Int. semi-annual.

SOUTH CLE ELUM, Kittitas County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 6 the \$5,000 1-10-yr. (opt.) electric-light plant bonds were awarded to the State of Washington at par for \$4,845. Bids for 6% bonds were: Kaelor Bros., Denver, \$5,015 Wm. Thomas, South Cle Nor. Bond & M. Co., Seattle, 5,027 Elum (for \$1,000) Par

SPIGELAND, Henry County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. Nov. 22 by J. A. Griffin, Town Clerk, for \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon tax-free electric-light bonds. Int. F. & A. at Spiceland. Due beginning Feb. 1 1918.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following bids were received for the two issues of bonds, aggregating \$640,000, offered on Nov. 10 (V. 103, p. 1722):

Harris & Sanger and Blodgett & Co., jointly, Boston, \$103,651

Ferrill, Forbes & Co., Boston, 103,57

Merrill, Oldham & Co., Boston, 103,444

Blake Bros. & Co. and A. B. Leach & Co., jointly, Boston, 103,404

H. H. Skinner, Springfield, 103,261

R. L. Day & Co., \$54,000 4% 100,000 3 1/2% 100

Estabrook & Co., Boston, 103,15

Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, 103,14

Adams & Co., Boston, 103,08

White, Weld & Co., Boston, 102,37

* Reports state that this bid was accepted.

STANISLAUS COUNTY (P. O. Modesto), Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$1,500,000 road bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held Nov. 7.

STOWE TOWNSHIP, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—According to reports the \$150,000 school-building bonds were defeated at the Nov. 7 election by a vote of 149 "for" to 244 "against."

SUSSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newton), N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 13 Outwater & Wells of Jersey City were awarded \$25,000 4 1/2% 10 1/2-year aver. road bonds. Other bidders were:

J. S. Rippel & Co., 102.16 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., 101.804

Ludwig & Crane, 102.12 A. B. Leach & Co., 101.579

H. L. Crawford & Co., 101.966 E. H. Rollins & Sons, 101.252

J. D. Everett & Co., 101.846 Cummings, Prudden & Co., 101.011

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—Wm. H. Bates, Town Treasurer, will receive bids until 8 p. m. Nov. 24 for the following 4% coupon notes:

\$6,500 water notes. Due \$500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1929 incl.

9,200 sewer notes. Due \$700 Nov. 1 1917 and \$500 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1918 to 1934 incl.

Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and int. payable at First Nat. Bank, Boston. The above notes will be certified by the Mass. Bureau of Statistics.

SWISSVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Swissvale), Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$200,000 school bonds (V. 103, p. 1533) carried at the Nov. 7 election by a vote of 558 to 354, reports state.

TAUNTON, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7 p. m. Nov. 21 by Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, for the following 4% registered bond certificates:

\$15,000 school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1917 to 1931, inclusive.

12,835 department equipment bonds. Denom. \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,835. Due \$3,000 June 1 1917, 1918 and 1919, \$2,000 June 1 1920 and \$1,835 June 1 1921.

10,000 paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1917 to 1926, inclusive.

Date June 1 1916. Int. J. & D. The legality of these bonds will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Debt statement of Nov. 1 1916, exclusive these issues, follows: Within limit, \$543,683; outside limit, \$2,017,200; total sinking funds, \$1,159,264; assessed valuation 1915, \$26,804,541.

TEXAS.—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.—On Nov. 10 the State Board of Education purchased at par and interest the following 5% bonds, aggregating \$138,500:

Table with columns: District, Amount, District, Amount. Lists various school districts and their bond amounts.

TIFFIN, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Dec. 9 by Geo. W. Hoffman, City Auditor, for the following 5% bonds:
 \$12,500 street bonds. Due \$2,500 March 1 1919 and \$2,000 yearly on March 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive.
 9,500 street bonds. Due \$2,000 March 1 1919 and \$1,500 yearly on March 1 from 1920 to 1924, inclusive.
 5,500 street bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1919 to 1923, inclusive, and \$500 March 1 1924.
 17,500 sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly on March 1 from 1919 to 1926, inclusive, and \$1,500 March 1 1927.
 Denom. \$500. Date Dec. 1 1916. Int. M. & S. Certified check on a Tiffin bank for 2% of bonds bid for improvement. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within five days after award. Bids must be unconditional.
 Total debt (excl. these bonds) Nov. 1, 1916, \$614,370, sinking funds, \$23,757, assess. val. 1916, \$13,959,285, total tax rate (per \$1,000) \$8.10.

TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—This county has disposed of an issue of \$18,000 5% 1-9-year serial Hatchie River bridge bonds.

TOLEDO, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Dec. 16 for \$605,000 4% revenue bonds. Due \$15,000 Oct. 1 1923, \$15,000 yearly Oct. 1 1929 to 1932 incl., \$40,000 Oct. 1 1933 to 1937 incl. and \$50,000 Oct. 1 1938 to 1942 incl.

TRIGG COUNTY (P. O. Cadiz), Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$90,000 4 1/2% road bonds has been awarded, reports state, to James E. Caldwell & Sons of Nashville at par and int.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY (P. O. Twin Falls), Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$30,000 bridge bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held Nov. 7.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$85,000 5% 40-year school-improvement bonds carried, reports state, at an election held Nov. 4.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Wyandot County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the Nov. 7 election the \$130,000 paving bond issue was defeated by a vote of 519 "for" to 521 "against."—V. 130, p. 1244.

VAN WERT, Van Wert County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing the \$50,000 street-improvement (city's portion) bonds failed to carry at the election Nov. 7 (V. 103, p. 1148).

VENTNOR CITY (P. O. Atlantic City), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 13 the issue of 4 1/2% park bonds—V. 103, p. 1723—was awarded to the Ventnor City Nat. Bank at 102.50 for \$20,000 bonds. Other bidders were as follows, all of which were for \$20,000 bonds:
 M. M. Freeman & Co. \$20,212 H. L. Crawford & Co. \$20,154
 Outwater & Wells \$20,185 Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. \$20,079
 Cummings, Prudden & Co. \$20,180 E. J. Moore & Co. \$20,000
 R. M. Grant & Co. \$20,175 Atlantic City S. D. & Tr. Co. \$20,000
 All bids provided for payment of accrued interest.

VENTURA COUNTY (P. O. Ventura), Calif.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 8 \$150,000 (part of \$1,000,000) 5% highway-construction bonds were awarded, it is stated, to the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank of San Francisco at 110.65. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 20 1915. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., at option of holder. Due \$6,000 yearly Dec. 20 from 1920 to 1944, inclusive. Bonded debt, \$1,364,000. Assessed valuation, \$32,462,867.

WAPAKONETA, Auglaize County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The propositions to issue the \$7,000 deficiency and \$40,000 sewerage bonds were defeated by the voters on Nov. 7 (V. 103, p. 1244).

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 11 the \$38,000 4 1/2% street bonds (V. 103, p. 1448) were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago for \$40,011, equal to 105.292. Other bidders were: Tillotson & Wolcott Co. \$39,679 60/100 First Nat. Bank, Cleve. \$39,542 30/100 Field, Richards & Co. 39,670 50/100 Weil, Roth & Co. 39,531 50/100 Spletzer, Rorick & Co. 39,667 50/100 Seasongood & Mayer 39,335 00/100 Prov. Sav. Bank & Tr. Co. 39,660 60/100 Breed, Elliott & Harrison 39,331 00/100 R. M. Grant & Co. 39,621 00/100 Stacy & Braun 39,173 10/100 Security S. Bk. & Tr. Co. 39,615 80/100 F. L. Fuller & Co. 39,171 60/100 Feibel-Ellischak Co. 39,566 00/100 Hanchett Bond Co. 39,029 75/100 Cummings, Prudden & Co. 39,553 00/100 New First Nat. Bank 38,953 80/100 Rud. Kleybolte Co. 39,539 00/100

WASHBURN, Bayfield County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 10 the \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon Bayfield St. paving (city's share) bonds were awarded to Bolger, Mosser & Willaman of Chicago at 102.50. Other bids: H. T. Holtz & Co., Chic. \$20,477 00 Wm. R. Compton Co., St. Louis \$20,470 00 Secur. S. B. & Tr. Co., Tol. 20,470 00 St. Louis \$20,470 00 Hanchett Bond Co., Chic. 20,417 75 First National Bank, Milwaukee 20,027 00 waukee \$20,159 00

Denom. \$500. Date Nov. 1 1916. Principal and semi-ann. int.—M. & N.—payable at the Continental & Commercial Nat. Bank, Chicago. Due \$1,000 yearly Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1936 incl. Bonded debt, incl. this issue, \$57,800. Floating debt, \$1,311 75. Assessed val. 1915, \$1,236,253.

WASHINGTON, Warren County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Nov. 23 by L. M. Shrope, Dist. Clerk, for \$43,000 4% coup. school bonds. Denom. 150 for \$100, 56 for \$500. Date Jan. 1 1917. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1918 to 1927 incl.; \$1,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1928 to 1937 incl.; \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1938 to 1945 incl., and \$1,000 Jan. 1 1946. The legality of this issue has been approved by John W. Westcott, State Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Weiser), Idaho.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$100,000 road-improvement bonds received a favorable vote, it is stated, at the election held Nov. 7.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Washington), Yolo County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that an election will be held shortly to vote on the question of issuing \$30,000 grammar-school-building bonds.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, Logan County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$40,000 school bonds (V. 103, p. 1723) carried, reports state, at the election Nov. 7.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3:30 p. m. Nov. 21 by H. W. Brigham, Town Treas., for the following 4% coupon bonds:
 \$60,000 street bonds. Due \$6,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1926 incl.
 15,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1931 incl.
 4,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1917 to 1920 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int.—M. & N.—payable at Fourth Atlantic Nat. Bank, Boston. These bonds will be certified as to their genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., who will further certify that the legality of these issues has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, a copy of whose opinion will accompany the bonds when delivered, without charge, to the purchaser. Total debt Nov. 8 1916, excl. these issues, \$739,725; assess. val. 1915, \$19,839,700; borrowing capacity, \$149,659.

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\$13,000

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Conrad, Montana, will sell at public auction for cash, at the City Council Chambers in the City of Conrad, Montana, Teton County, on the 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1916, at 8 o'clock P. M., of said day, City Hall Bonds to the amount of \$13,000, said bonds being described as follows: Said bonds to be issued in denominations of \$1,000 each and numbered from one to thirteen, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, interest payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year until the principal sum shall be paid; said bonds to be issued for twenty years and redeemable as follows, \$1,000 at the expiration of ten years, and \$1,000 each and every year thereafter until the twentieth year when the balance shall be redeemable.
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WAUKEGAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waukegan), Lake County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 8 \$60,000 4 1/2% school bonds were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago. It is stated. These bonds are the unsold portion of the issue of \$90,000, \$30,000 of which were also sold to A. B. Leach & Co. on April 4.—V. 102, p. 1374.

WAYNESBORO, Franklin County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$100,000 bonds carried at the election Nov. 7 (V. 103, p. 1448).

WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—On Nov. 15 the three issues of 4% coup. bonds, aggregating \$110,000—V. 103, p. 1813—were awarded to the Natick Five-Cent Savings Bank of Natick at 103.948 and interest:

\$30,000 sewerage bonds.	Due \$1,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1917 to 1946 incl.
50,000 sewerage bonds.	Due \$2,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1917 to 1941 incl.
30,000 sewer connection bonds.	Due \$6,000 yearly on Mar. 1 from 1917 to 1921 incl.
Denom. \$1,000.	Date Mar. 1 1916. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (M. & S.) payable at Boston Safe Dep. & Tr. Co., Boston. The other bidders were:
Merrill, Oldham & Co.	103.579 Estabrook & Co. 103.08
Adams & Co.	103.51 Blodgett & Co. 103.027
Harris, Forbes & Co.	103.46 Arthur Perry & Co. 103.00
Blake Bros. & Co.	103.30 Curtis & Sanger 102.931
Chandler, Wilbor & Co.	103.17 Cropley, McGaragle & Co. 101.00
R. L. Day & Co.	103.159

WEST VIEW, Allegheny County, Pa.—RESULT OF BOND ELECTION.—At the Nov. 7 election the \$8,000 sewer bonds carried, while the \$26,183 street bonds were defeated, it is stated.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 338 to 38 the question of issuing \$15,000 5% 10-40-year (opt.) park and cemetery improvement bonds carried at the election held Nov. 7.

WICOMICO COUNTY (P. O. Salisbury), Md.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing the \$112,000 school, bridge and road bonds was defeated at the election Nov. 7.—V. 103, p. 1245.

WILLIAMSPORT, Lycoming County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—In reply to our request asking whether the \$60,000 10-30-year optional improvement bonds which were offered on Sept. 25, were sold on that day, the Superintendent of Accounts and Finance advises us that the matter was dropped (V. 103, p. 1149).

WINTHROP, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Nov. 11 a loan of \$65,000 was awarded, it is said, to Loring, Tolman & Tupper, of Boston, at a 3.09% discount. Due \$15,000 Jan. 15, \$30,000 Feb. 15 and \$20,000 March 15 1917.

WIOTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wiota), Cass County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that a petition has been circulated asking the School Board to call an election to vote on the question of issuing \$20,000 building bonds.

WOODWARD, Woodward County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 184 to 161 the question of issuing \$50,000 city-hall and auditorium-erection bonds carried, it is stated, at an election held Nov. 7.

WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The election Nov. 7 resulted in a vote of 1,126 to 737 in favor of the issuance of the \$80,000 water bonds, it is said.—V. 103, p. 1149.

Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Nov. 1 the following 7% school debentures were disposed of: \$7,500 various districts debentures to Kerr, Fleming & Co. of Toronto at 103.444.

1,600 St. Paul S. D. No. 2228 debentures to the Alberta School Supply Co. of Edmonton at 104.40.

HIBBART TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—This township is offering for sale an issue of \$6,096 08 5% 5 and 10-year drainage debentures, it is said.

HULL, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Newspaper reports state that C. H. Burgess & Co. recently purchased \$5,500 7-year, \$18,000 30-year and \$28,000 20-year 5 1/2% local-improvement debentures.

MONTREAL, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Nov. 13 the \$3,800,000 5% 40-year gold debentures (V. 103, p. 1724, 1813) were awarded jointly to the National City Co., Kountze Bros. and Wood, Gundy & Co. at 97.787 and interest. Other bids were: W. A. Read & Co., C. Meredith & Co. and Dominion Sec. Corp., Ltd. 97.21; Brown Bros. & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. 97.123; R. M. Grant & Co. 96.53; G. A. Stimson & Co. 96.46.

All bids provided for payment of accrued interest. Attention is called to the advertisement on a preceding page of the offering of these debentures to investors.

NEW TORONTO, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The question of whether or not this village shall issue \$15,000 incinerator debentures will be submitted to the voters on Nov. 25, reports state.

OWEN SOUND, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—This town is considering the issuance of \$15,000 loan debentures, it is stated.

PEMBROKE, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Nov. 27 by W. R. Beatty, Chairman of Finance Committee, for \$68,500 6% 30-installment school debentures.

PORT MOODY, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—C. H. Burgess & Co. recently purchased an issue of \$30,000 6% 30-year water-works debentures, it is stated.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—DEBENTURE SALES.—The following 18 issues of school district debentures, aggregating \$25,680, are reported as recent sales:

\$1,500 Cleavinging	\$1,500 Clover Bar	\$1,236 Robertson
1,200 Moose Plain	1,500 Plessis	350 Sequin
600 Hat Creek	1,600 Westdale	1,600 Wenaus
1,500 Peronne	1,800 Croft	2,500 Truax
1,200 Sich	200 Denehurst	1,700 Weston
1,800 Strathcarroll	2,000 Look Out	1,600 Mackay Creek

SAULT AU RECOLLET, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that Rene T. Leclerc of Montreal has purchased an issue of \$140,000 6% 40-year debentures.

SHALLOW LAKE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—Newspaper reports state that at a recent election a favorable vote was cast for the issuance of \$4,000 bonus debentures.

TORONTO, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto recently purchased at \$9.814 an issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% Harbor Commission debentures, it is stated. Due in 1953.

BOND CALL.

NOTICE TO REDEEM "GALVESTON FORTY YEARS LIMITED DEBT BONDS."

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1072	1084	1092	1102	1112	1120	1131
1074	1085	1095	1103	1113	1121	1132
1076	1086	1096	1105	1114	1125	1133
1077	1087	1097	1106	1115	1127	1134
1078	1088	1098	1107	1116	1128	1135
1079	1089	1099	1108	1117	1129	1136

and 1137 each of said bonds being for One Thousand Dollars; That the City of Galveston will redeem at par and accrued interest the hereinbefore named and numbered bonds upon their presentation at the office of its Treasurer in the City of Galveston, Texas, or at the National City Bank in the City of New York, on the 1st of December, A. D. 1916, and any of the bonds herein described and designated which are not presented for redemption as aforesaid on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1916, shall cease to bear interest from and after said date.

LEWIS FISHER,

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The Company's business has been confined to marine and inland transportation insurance. Premiums on such risks from the 1st January, 1915, to the 31st December, 1915.....\$6,153,863 63
Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1915.....993,945 13

Total Premiums.....\$7,147,808 76
Premiums marked off from January 1st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915.....\$6,284,127 96

Interest on the investments of the Company received during the year \$928,970 78
Interest on Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies, etc.....75,237 03
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses.....97,356 23 \$502,043 09

Losses paid during the year.....\$2,233,703 62
Less Salvages.....\$205,347 59
Re-insurances.....448,602 865 853,850 44
\$1,570,853 18

Re-insurance Premiums and Returns of Premiums.....\$1,076,616 36
Expenses, including compensation of officers and clerks, taxes, stationary, advertisements, etc.....\$ 717,114 39

A dividend of interest of Six per cent on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the first of February next.

The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1910 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the first of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment, and canceled.

A dividend of Forty per cent is declared on the earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1915, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the second of January next.

By order of the Board,
G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.

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ASSETS.

United States and State of New York Bonds.....	\$ 870,000 00
New York City, New York Trust Companies and Bank Stocks.....	1,783,700 00
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads.....	2,832,485 65
Other Securities.....	388,185 00
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies.....	2,000,000 00
Real Estate cor. Wall and William Streets and Exchange Place, containing offices.....	4,299,428 04
Real Estate on Staten Island held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1897.....	75,000 00
Premium Notes.....	869,314 60
Bills Receivable.....	738,575 31
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries.....	255,610 85
Cash in Bank.....	1,995,488 03
Loans.....	135,000 00
	\$15,582,793 48

LIABILITIES.

Estimated Losses, and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment.....	\$ 3,117,101 66
Premiums on Unterminated Risks.....	909,703 68
Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid.....	273,130 66
Broken Premiums Unpaid.....	108,698 62
Reserve for Taxes.....	76,969 12
Re-insurance Premiums on Terminated Risks.....	215,595 77
Claims not Settled, including Compensation, etc.....	113,375 73
Certificates of Profits Originated Re-deemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums.....	23,557 84
Income Tax Withheld at the Source.....	1,330 36
Suspense Account.....	5,829 73
Certificates of Profits Outstanding.....	7,157,370 02
	\$12,925,609 69

This leaving a balance of.....\$3,557,163 66
Accrued Interest on the 31st day of December, 1915, amounted to.....\$ 49,328 66
Sums due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1915, amounted to.....\$ 25,598 11
Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1915, amounted to.....\$ 172,336 68
Notes: The Insurance Department has estimated the value of the Real Estate corner Wall and William Streets and Exchange Place in excess of the Book Value given above at.....\$ 450,673 66
And the property at Staten Island in excess of the Book Value, at.....\$ 65,700 00
The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by.....\$1,727,387 26
On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be.....\$6,087,250 66

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 12, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans, Bonds and Investment Securities.....	\$73,415,719 12
Overdrafts.....	4 07
Cash.....	6,385,566 03
Due from Banks.....	17,157,671 47
	\$96,958,960 69
LIABILITIES	
Capital.....	\$6,000,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	3,630,858 32
Reserved for Depreciation, &c.....	350,361 91
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