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## SUMMARY FOR APRIL.

A slight decline took place in productive activity in April, partly due to seasonal trend; but some commodities, such as crude petroleum, pig iron, and automobiles, made new high records for monthly output.

Stocks of commodities were further reduced in April. Production still exceeded the 1920 average by about 20 per cent.

Price levels were almost unchanged in April, with slight advances in farmers' prices, and average wholesale price indexes unchanged or lower, thus arresting the continued rise noted in recent months. Retail prices advanced slightly, while living costs as a whole were unchanged.

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Labor conditions continue to reflect large employment and an excess of open positions over applicants.

Sales of mail-order houses and chain stores made a seasonal decline, but were larger than a year ago, especially the mail-order houses. Business failures continued to decline, although liabilities were greater, while investments in savings banks and life insurance gained perceptibly over the high March figures.

Freight-car loadings for April were not only the greatest for this season of the year but on a level not normally reached until about midsummer or early fall. The net shortage of freight cars for April was reduced to 24,176 cars.

## BUSINESS INDICATORS.

(1913 monthly average-100. See explanation on inside front cover.)


Wholesale prices.


PRICE OF 25 INDUSTRIAL STOCKS.


## BUSINESS INDICATORS.

The following table gives comparative index numbers for a selected list of important business movements. It is believed that this table will prove useful, because it separates out from the large mass of material a comparatively small number of items which are often regarded as indicative of business in general.

The table has been divided into two parts, the first containing those items for which index numbers can be calculated, using 1913 as a base. The second part contains items for which comparable data back to 1913 are not available. This latter group of index numbers is calculated by letting the 1919 monthly average equal 100 . Care should therefore be exercised in comparing the absolute value of the two sets of data. In either group, however, the upward or downward trend of the index numbers, compared to previous months, does reflect the present tendency in each item and will give a basis for business judgment.

| COMMODITY. | monthly average. |  |  | 1922 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1923 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | Mar. | Apr. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
|  | 1913 monthly average $=100$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production: | 119 | 54 | 87 | 79 | 81 | 90 | 92 | 94 | 71 | 79 | 103 | 111 | 121 | 126 | 117 | 138 | 139 |
| Steel ingots. | 135 | 64 | 114 | 112 | 115 | 128 | 124 | 117 | 104 | 112 | 135 | 136 | 131 | 153 | 138 | 160 | 156 |
| Copper..... | 99 | 39 | 81 | 61 | 75 | 90 | 93 | 92 | 98 | 95 | 101 | 101 | 103 | 110 | 101 | 120 | 116 |
| Anthracite coal.................... | 97 | 99 | 58 | 115 | ${ }^{(3)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 65 | 112 | 112 | 111 | 114 | 102 | 117 | 106 |
| Bituminous coal. | 116 | 87 | 85 | 126 | 40. | 51 | 56 | 43 | 56 | 103 | 113 | 114 | 117 | 126 | 106 | 117 | 107 |
| Crude petroleum.. | 178 | 189 | 222 | 225 | $216{ }^{\circ}$ | 224 | 220 | 225 | 225 | 219 | 231 | 230 | 242 | 249 | 234 | 271 | 281 |
|  | 111 | 85 | 102 | 108 | 92 | 103 | 106 | 95 | 109 | 103 | 111 | 120 | 109 | 127 | 118 | 129 | 120 |
| Beef. | 121 | 109 | 121 | 119 | 106 | 124 | 125 | 119 | 127 | 131 | 141 | 134 | 124 | 125 | 107 | 117 | ...... |
| Pork. | $1 \mathrm{1i}$ | 116 | 129 | 118 | 105 | 133 | 148 | 117 | 109 | 101 | 113 | 146 | 183 | 188 | 156 | 177 |  |
| Unfilled orders: Steel Corporation. | 170 | 90 | 96 | 76 | 86 | 89 | 95 | 98 | 101 | 113 | 117 | 116 | 114 | 117 | 123 | 125 | 123 |
| Stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude petroleum. | 109 | 152 | 234 | 211 | 225 | 235 | 244 | 249 | 250 | 251 | 253 | 252 | 252 | 5 241 | ${ }^{5} 243$ | 6 247 | - 252 |
| Cotton (mills and warehouses) * ${ }^{\text {.. }}$ | 150 | 183 | 161 | 171 | 151 | 128 | 103 | 87 | 83 | 138 | 184 | 191 | 193 | 176 | 156 | 142 | 124 |
| Prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale index, all commodities (Dept. Labor) $\qquad$ | 226 | 147 | 149 | 142 | 143 | 148 | 150 | 155 | 155 | 153 | 154 | 156 | 156 | 156 | 157 | 159 | 159 |
| Retail food (Dept. Labor).......... | 203 | 153 | 142 | 139 | 139 | 139 | 141 | 142 | 139 | 140 | 140 | 145 | 147 | 144 | 142 | 142 | 143 |
| Retail coal, bitum.-U. S. average (Dept. Labor) $\qquad$ | 207 | 197 | 188 | 179 | 177 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 184 | 205 | 205 | 208 | 207 | 206 | 205 | 203 | 192 |
| Farm crops (Dept. Agriculture) ${ }^{1} \ldots$ | 238 | 109 | 113 | 112 | 115 | 118 | 119 | 118 | 114 | 110 | 110 | 118 | 123 | 120 | 130 | 134 | 139 |
| Farmlivestock (Dept. Agriculture). | 168 | 107 | 111 | 117 | 115 | 118 | 119 | 119 | 112 | 109 | 110 | 105 | 104 | 106 | 107 | 106 | 107 |
| Business finances: Defaulted liabilities. | 108 | 230 |  | 315 | 322 | 195 | 168 | 176 | 177 | 162 | 152 | 177 | 256 | 217 | 179 | 213 |  |
| Defaulted liabilities....... | 184 | 136 | 169 | 153 | 163 | 166 | 166 | 170 | 178 | 184 | 191 | 182 | 187 | 190 | 198 | 199 | 195 |
| Price 25 industrial stocks $*$.......... Price 25 railroad stocks *......... | 67 | 64 | 75 | 70 | 74 | 76 | 74 | 77 | 82 | 88 | 8 | 76 | 74 | 74 | 79 | 78 | 76 |
| Banking: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank clearings, New York City..... | 257 | 205 | 230 | 237 | 238 | 244 | 255 | 233 | 215 | 219 | 249 | 220 | 240 | 251 | 213 | 251 | 228 |
| Bank clearings, outside N. Y. City.. | 275 | 212 | 229 | 223 | 213 | 228 | 234 | 223 | 225 | 234 | 266 | 245 | 258 | 289 | 230 | 271 | 261 |
| Commercial paper interest rate..... | 127 | 113 | 76 | 83 | 79 | 74 | 70 | 65 | 68 | 72 | 76 | 76 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 87 | 89 |
| Distribution: | 294 | 140 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 185 | 195 | 196 | 221 | 203 | 266 |  |
| Imports (value). | 331 | 181 | 154 | 159 | 154 | 149 | 162 | 145 | 146 | 151 | 179 | 184 | 168 | 162 | 148 | 165 | 165 |
| Exports (value) .................... | 264 | 188 | 204 | 211 | 196 | 194 | 174 | 154 | 157 | 190 | 268 | 277 | 287 | 243 | 232 | 290 | 272 |
| Transportation: <br> Freight, net ton-miles. | 137 | 105 | 114 | 120 | 90 | 102 | 106 | 99 | 111 | 125 | 144 | 139 | 132 | 138 | 119 | 144 | $\cdots$ |
|  | 1919 monthly average $=100$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 100 | 85 | 114 | 103 | 107 | 128 | 132 | 122 | 129 | 124 | 123 | 124 | 96 | 109 | 99 | 131 | 130 |
| Building contracts (floor space)..... | 72 | 69 | 102 | 111 | 125 | 128 | 130 | 111 | 116 | 95 | 100 | 101 | 83 | 83 | 89 | 139 | 138 |
| Stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beef. | 70 | 43 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 24 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 28 | 40 | 48 | 48 | 42 | 38 | 33 |
| Pork.............................. | 97 | 85 | 70 | 74 | 76 | 83 | 94 | 91 | 81 | 67 | 47 | 50 | 68 | 82 | 92 | 102 | 112 |
| Business finances: <br> Bond prices index ( 40 issues). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banking: | 86 | 87 | 107 | 104 | 107 | 108 | 108 | 109 | 111 | 112 | 110 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 100 | 104 | 103 |
| Debits to individual accounts, outside New York City. $\qquad$ | 114 | 91 | 97 | 99 | 94 | 92 | 98 | 93 | 90 | 94 | 105 | 98 | 112 | 112 | 96 | 112 | 107 |
| Federal Reserve, bills discounted... | 132 | 91 | 28 | 33 | 30 | 29 | 24 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 24 | 34 | 33 | 31 | 31 | 36 | 33 |
| Federal Reserve, total reserves...... | 97 | 122 | 144 | 142 | 143 | 143 | 144 | 145 | 146 | 146 | 147 | 146 | 144 | 147 | 146 | 145 | 145 |
| Federal Reserve, ratio.............. | 87 | 122 | 154 | 155 | 156 | 155 | 154 | 158 | 158 | 150 | 155 | 152 | 144 | 153 | 152 | 150 | 153 |

[^0]COMPARISON OF' PRESENT WHOLESALE PRICES WITH PEAK AND PRE-WAR.
(Relative prices $1913=100$.)

WHEAT.
CORN
POTATOES
COTTON
COTTON SEED
WOOL
CATTLE, BEEF
HOGS
LAMBS'
WHEAT, SPRING
WHEAT, WINTER
OORN. NO. 2
OATS
barley
RYE, NO. 2
TOBACCO. BURLEY COTTON, MIDDLING WOOL. OHIO. UNWASHED CATTLE, STEERS
HOGS. HEAVY
SHEEP. EWES
SHEEP. LAMBS
FLOUR. SPRING FLOUR, WINTER

SUGAR, RAW SUGAR. GRANULATED COTTONSEED OIL BEEF. CARCASS BEEF. STEER, ROUNDS PORK, LOINS

COTTON YARN COTTON. PRINT CLOTH' COTTON, SHEETING WORSTED YARN WOMEN'S DRESS GOODS suitings
sILK. RAW
HIDES. PACKER'S
HIDES, CALFSKINS LEATHER, SOLE LEATHER. CHROME bOOTS AND SHOES (BOSTON)

COAL. BITUMINOUS COAL. ANTHRACITE COKE

PETROLEUM
PIG IRON. FOUNDRY
PIG IRON, BASIC
STEEL BILLETS. BESSEMER COPPER
LEAD
TIN
ZINC
LUMBER, PINE, SOUTHERN LUMBER, DOUGLAS FIR BRICK. COMMON. NEW YORK BRICK. COMMON. CHICAGO CEMENT GTEEL BEAMS

RUBBER, CRUDE SULPHURIC ACID


## WHOLESALE PRICE COMPARISONS--MAXIMUM PRICE COMPARED TO PRICE IN RECENT MONTHS.

Nore.-Pricos to the prolucer on farm protucts are from U.S. Department of Aqriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. All other prices are from U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistice, excent market price of wool compiled by t. S. Department of Commerce, Burenu of the Census. As far as possible all quotations represent prices to the protucer or at the mill. See diagram on opposite fage.


COMPARISON OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS.


## BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN APRIL.

The following pages contain a review by principal industries of the more important statistics shown in the table on the "Trend of Business Movements" (page 25). Summaries of production, stocks, sales, and price changes are given also.

## PRODUCTION.

Production of commodities slackened somewhat in April after the high records made in March, with seasonal influences causing this decline to a large extent. The index number of raw material production on a 1919 base declined from 125.8 in March to 121.1 in April, while the marketing of animal products declined from 113.6 to 111.4. Crop marketings have made the usual seasonal decline, while manufacturing production shows a slight falling off in almost all groups from the March figures.

Out of 51 commodities for which comparison can be made between March and April on a 1919 base, there were 14 increases and 36 decreases, with most of the changes either way falling within a comparatively narrow range. New high records were made in the April output of crude petroleum, pig iron, silver, Douglas fir lumber, newspapers, corrugated paper boxes, passenger automobiles, and motor trucks.

In comparison with April, 1922, there were 45 increases and only 7 decreases reported for individual commodities.

Relation of Production, Stocks, and Unfilled Orders.
(Relative monthiy average $1920=100$.)

|  | 1822 |  |  |  | 192\% |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| Stocks. | 120.6 | 117.8 | 116.7 | 109.0 | 111.0 | 102.8 |  | 95.1 |
| Production (manufactured)... | 84. 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders................ | 41.2 | 41.1 | 47.2 | 57.6 | 84.5 | 93.2 | 100.5 | 94.6 |

Combined Production Index Numbers. ${ }^{1}$
(Relatively monthly production 1919=100.)

${ }^{1}$ For details of individual commodities, see pages 23 and 24,

Course of Production Since 1919.



STOCKS.
There was a decline in stocks of commodities during April. Out of 40 commodities for which comparisons are available on a 1919 base, there were 9 increases during the month and 29 decreases. Of the increases, 3 were among the food commodities, which are usually subject to seasonal influences, and 3 were in the paper group.
Compared with a year ago, there were 15 increases and 21 decreases in stocks. Among the foodstuffs there were 10 increases and only 5 decreases, while the other commodities had only 5 increases as against 21 decreases.
The index number of stocks of commodities compiled by the Department of Commerce stood at 95.1 at the end of April, based on the average 1920 stocks as 100 , showing a decrease of about 20 per cent since

Comparison of April Production With Pre-war.

last September, and of about 7 per cent during the month of April.


| Stocks of Commodities Since 1919. (Taken at end of each month.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Relative stocks ( $1919=100$ ). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mum } \\ & \text { since } \\ & 1919 . \end{aligned}$ | Minimum stace 1919. | 1920 aver age. | 1921 average. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|\|} \hline 1922 \\ \text { aver- } \\ \text { age. } \end{array}$ | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Mar. | Apr. |
| FOODSTUFFS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beef products. | 124 | 20 | 70 | 43 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 38 | 33 |
| Pork products. | 129 | 38 | 97 | 85 | 70 | 74 | 76 | 102 | 112 |
| Lamb and mutton | 928 | 25 | 183 | 324 | 41 | 34 | 25 | 79 | 69 |
| Sugar (raw). | 437 | 44 | 110 | 157 | 437 | 287 | 332 | 298 | 343 |
| Cottonseed oil. | 200 | 8 | 110 | 107 | 59 | 57 | 33 | 63 | 39 |
| Wheat (visible) | 191 | 28 | 89 | 93 | 123 | 135 | 120 | 173 | 161 |
| Wheat flour. | 149 | 54 | 95 | 76 | 77 | 64 | 60 | 85 |  |
| Corn (visible). | 1,482 | 108 | 174 | 622 | 769 | 1,482 | 1,147 | 908 | 7 II |
| Oats (visible). | 316 | 16 | 69 | 211 | 210 | - 290 | , 250 | 108 | 98 |
| Butter.. | 174 | 5 | 89 | 81 | 79 | 14 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Cheose. | 156 | 28 | 99 | 79 | 80 | 28 | 28 | 37 | 36 |
| Eggs.. | 240 | (1) | 82 | 101 | 125 | 23 | 114 | 11 | 91 |
| Poultry | 183 | 30 | 70 | 72 | 82 | 103 | 76 | 143 | 112 |
| Fish ${ }^{2}$ | 110 | 17 | 73 | 72 | 57 | 41 | 28 | 27 | 17 |
| Coffee. | 177 | 72 | 146 | 145 | 98 | 103 | 89 | 104 | 89 |
| Apples.. | 391 |  | 181 | 166 | 172 | 111 | 54 | 133 | 62 |
| Rice (domestic) | 360 | 50 | 159 | 159 | 154 | 190 | 165 | 215 | 194 |
| clothing materials. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton (total)........... | 136 | 51 | 91 | 111 | 102 | 104 | 92 | 87 | 76 |
| Fuels. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude petroleum. | 241 | 101 | 104 | 145 | 223 | 201 | 214 | 235 | 241 |
| Gasoline. | 267 | 61 | 198 | 134 | 168 | 181 | 189 | 207 | 2 |
| Kerosene. | 153 | 85 | 126 | 134 | 100 | 107 | 108 | 94 |  |
| Gas and fuel oil | 178 | 75 | 89 | 151 | 172 | 162 | 167 | 163 |  |
| Lubricating oil | 162 | 81 | 85 | 143 | 143 | 147 | 147 | 146 |  |
| metals. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron (merchant). | 146 | 31 | 60 | 132 | 67 | 112 | 93 | 51 | 55 |
| Zinc. | 247 | 24 | 108 | 213 | 97 | 161 | 138 | 27 | 24 |
| Tin. | 528 | 122 | 332 | 232 | 244 | 304 | 269 | 401 | 352 |
| CONSTRUCTION materials. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow pine........ | 143 | 102 | 127 | 129 | 126 | 129 | 124 | 118 | 113 |
| Michigan hardwoods. | 108 | 59 | 72 | 98 | 74 | 73 | 76 | 61 | 59 |
| Michigan softwoods. . | 152 | 80 | 105 | 141 | 98 | 96 | 94 | 101 | 81 |
| Oak flooring.. | 277 | 59 | 161 | 234 | 159 | 195 | 184 | 175 | 165 |
| Maple flooring | 222 | 55 | 103 | 199 | 180 | 221 | 217 | 150 | 123 |
| Silica brick. | 115 | 81 | 103 | 100 | 92 | 88 | 87 | 107 | 101 |
| Face brick. | 216 | 123 | 157 | 182 | 178 | 216 | 199 | 217 | 192 |
| Cement ${ }^{3}$. | 276 | 79 | 170 | 193 | 185 | 263 | 275 | 248 | 218 |
| Baths (enamel). | 301 | 29 | 50 | 179 | 98 | 167 | 143 | 100 | 81 |
| Lavatories (enamel).... | 95 | 21 | 31 | 78 | 55 | 90 | 75 | 36 | 36 |
| Sinks (enamel) . . . . . . . . | 122 | 34 | 53 | 89 | 73 | 122 | 107 | 49 | 40 |
| Rosin ${ }^{4} . . . . .$. | 183 | 41 | 104 | 157 | 151 | 141 | 127 | 111 | 101 |
| Turpentine ${ }^{4}$. | 215 | 13 | 109 | 149 | 80 | 62 | 36 | 47 | 49 |
| PAPER. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanical wood pulp.. | 143 | 39 | 78 | 108 | 89 | 90 | 104 | 39 | 58 |
| Chemical wood pulp.... | 138 | 64 | 63 | 99 | 98 | 106 | 99 | 96 | 103 |
| Newsprint (at mills). | 175 | 71 | 97 | 125 | 95 | 118 | 104 | 84 | 79 |
| Book paper... | 131 | 66 | 75 | 115 | 121 | 121 | 118 | 99 | 117 |
| Wrapping paper | 130 | 36 | 48. | 101 | 112 | 119 | 125 | 79 | 79 |
| Paper board. | 132 | 70 | 79 | 117 | 114 | 132 | 128 |  | 96 |
| Fine paper. | 112 | 74 | 79 | 101 |  | 95 | 97 |  | 96 |
| oticer agricultural PRODUCTS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tobacco (total). | 134 | 92 | 102 | 117 |  |  |  | ${ }^{1} 134$ |  |
| Flaxseed. | 1,578 | 10 | 550 | 1,242 | 167 | 96 | 127 | 19 | 10 |

${ }^{1}$ Index number less than 1.
On 15th of month.
Relative to stocks at end of 1919.
Relative to season beginning Apr. 1, 1919.

- Apr. 1.

SALES.
Of the 12 individual commodities for which sales data are available the sales in April, with the exception of redwood lumber, clay fire brick, and leather belting, were below those reported for April, 1922. The index of unfilled orders for basic commodities recently compiled by the Department of Commerce declined slightly in April.

Retail sales, on the basis of reports from mail-order houses and ten-cent chains, made the usual seasonal decline, while they were considerably greater than the sales reported for April a year ago. Postal receipts and magazine advertising in the principal cities of the country declined, while newspaper advertising reached a new maximum since 1919. Telephone receipts and telegraph tolls were higher in March than in the corresponding month a year ago.

Sales of both stocks and bonds in April were considerably lower than in the preceding month and in April, 1922. New life insurance written in April reached a new high mark in point of aggregate policy value.

Comparison of Sales in Different Lines of Business.

|  | relative gales ( 1919 m 100 ). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mum } \\ & \text { since } \\ & \text { end of } \\ & 1919 . \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Mini- } \\ & \text { minm } \\ & \text { since } \\ & \text { end of } \\ & 1919 . \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1920 \\ & \text { aver- } \\ & \text { age. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1921 \\ \text { aver- } \\ \text { age. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1922 \\ \text { aver- } \\ \text { age. } \end{gathered}$ | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Mar. | Apr. |
| individual COMMODITIES. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron (merchant)..... | 351 | 14 | 97 | 34 | 85 | 119 | 186 | 216 | 52 |
| Freight cars... | 2,125 |  | 333 | 92 | 750 | - 600 | 1,575 | 2,125 | 490 |
| Structural steel | 199 | 28 | 104 | 69 | 134 | 162 | 184 | 199 | 167 |
| Baths, enamel. | 215 | 12 | 53 | 59 | 129 | 91 | 154 | 167 | 144 |
| Lavatories, enamel | 262 | 27 | 73 | 77 | 156 | 130 | 188 | 201 | 186 |
| Sinks, enamel.. | 222 | 25 | 65 | 73 | 139 | 108 | 160 | 169 | 151 |
| Sanitary pottery. | 205 | 7 | 34 | 43 | 125 | 52 | 81 |  |  |
| Oak flooring. | 336 | ${ }^{23}$ | 54 | 119 | 201 | 199 | 254 | 336 | 215 |
| Maple flooring.. | 135 167 | 17 | ${ }_{7}^{36}$ | 63 74 | 84 120 | $\begin{array}{r}87 \\ 122 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }^{98}$ | 129 | 77 |
| Redwoor fumber | 193 | 33 | 120 | 44 | ${ }_{95}^{120}$ | 122 | ${ }_{89}^{106}$ | 167 | 109 |
| Leather belting. | 129 | ${ }_{35}$ | 98 | 42 | 60 | 53 | 53 | 73 | 70 |
| Abrasive paper and cloth. | 151 | 40 | In | 65 | 105 | 106 | 104 | 151. |  |
| Fine cotton goods....... | 129 | 5. | 26 | 81 | 81 | 72 | 61 | $99^{\circ}$ | 48 |
| Paper... | 147 | 71 | 127 | 89 | 121 | 122 | 106 |  |  |
| Printing ${ }^{1}$ | 168 | 106 | 148 | 121 | 119 | 140 | 111 |  |  |
| Optical goods | 147 | 47 | 114 | 73 | 91 | 87 | 86 | 147 |  |
| DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesalers ${ }^{2}$.. | 114 | 62 | 99 | 87 | 95 | 95 | 88 | 114 |  |
| Mail-order houses | 136 | 50 | 102 | 71 | 77 | 80 | 74 | 110 | 103 |
| Chain stores 1 . | 280 | 82 | 118 | 124 | 141 | 119 | 135 | 164 | 143 |
| services. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Postal receipts ${ }^{1} \ldots$ | 159 | 95 | 113 | 113 | 124 | 132 | 121 | 152 | 133 |
| Telephone receipts | 180 | 114 | 123 | 147 | 163 | 160 | 163 | 180 |  |
| Telegraph tolls ${ }^{1}$. Railroad revenues: | 126 | 98 | 120 | 106 | 111 | 107 | 102 | 126 |  |
| Passengers ${ }^{1}$. | 135 | 84 | 109 | 98 | 91 | 82 | 85 | 90 |  |
| Freight ${ }^{1}$ | 162 | 91 | 122 | 110 | 113 | 120 | 97 | 134 |  |
| Advertising: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Magazine | 144 | 58 | 122 | 78 | 83 | 91 | 97 | 122 | 120 |
| Newspaper. | 130 | 85 | 114 | 103 | 108 | 112 | 117 | 125 | 130 |
| securities. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| stocks. | 117 | 35 | 72 | 5.5 | 83 | 87 | 117 | 99 | 77 |
| Bonds................. | 178 | 67 | 105 | 94 | 111 | 136 | 145 | 85 | 77 |
| Municipal bonds (new)1. | 489 156 | 61 87 | 100 120 | 102 | $\begin{array}{r}163 \\ 114 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 122 | 119 | 109 | 156 |

1 Items based on valuc.
2 Relative proportion of orders to total transactions.

## PRICES.

Prices received by farmers for their crops continued to rise, reaching 39 per cent above the 1913 average. Live-stock prices remained within the same narrow range as during the previous three months, at from 6 to 7 per cent above the 1913 average.

The wholesale price index of the Department of Labor remained unchanged at 59 per cent above the pre-war average, declines in the farm products, fuel, and miscellaneous groups neutralizing increases in the other groups. The Federal Reserve Board's reclassification of this index shows a slight decline in raw materials in spite of an advance in forest products, while producers' and consumers' goods rose in price. Dun's and Bradstreet's index numbers of wholesale prices declined slightly, the first reduction in either index number since last summer.
The retail food index increased slightly in April, while the cost of living figure of the National Industrial Conference Boatd for April shows no change, the increase in food being balanced by declines in clothing and fuel.
Foreign wholesale prices moved within a narrow range, with declines in France and Sweden and increases in Great Britain, Italy, Switzerland, and Canada.

Comparing industrial prices in the table and chart on pages 4 and 5 , it is seen that farmers' prices increased, except for cotton, hogs, and lambs, while the same commodities and also cattle show declines in the market price of farm products. Foodstuffs increased except cottonseed oil, which declined, and beef, which remained unchanged. Clothing prices showed little change except increases in raw silk and cotton sheeting and declines in cotton yarns and print cloth and in packers' hides. Among the fuels coke and petroleum declined, while coal was stationary. Among the metals, iron and steel rose, copper was unchanged, and other metals declined. Building materials in general rose slightly, except for a sharp advance in steel beams, which at 18 per cent was the largest advance in the whole list. Other advances of over 8 per cent were potatoes, corn, and silk, while coke, with 14 per cent, and lambs, with 8 per cent, were the only outstanding declines.

## TEXTILES.

Receipts of wool at Boston made a seasonal decline in April, but were considerably larger than a year ago, owing to foreign receipts being almost doubled, while domestic receipts were slightly lower. Consumption of wool declined about 10 per cent from March. Woolen machinery activity decreased slightly as regards looms, but spindles, cards, and combs showed even greater activity, due to the large amount of overtime work. The price of raw wool to the producer again advanced, but through all other stages prices of wool and woolen goods remained stationary.
The first report compiled by the Bureau of the Census on the monthly output of ready-to-wear clothing
shows the number of garments cut by 327 identical establishments in February and March:

Men's and Boy's Clothina.

| ENND. | NUMBER OF GARMENTS CUT. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February. | March. |
| Men's suits, made wholly or partly of wool.. | 870,160 | 908,132 |
| Men's suits, made wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, etc.. | 144,608 | 155,523 |
| Men's separate trousers, made wholly or partly of wool........ | 735,617 | 788, 242 |
| Men's separate summer trousers, made wholly or partly of mohair, cotton, silk, linen, etc. | 429,381 | 467, 250 |
| Men's overcoats........................ | 119,130 | 144, 950 |
| Boys' suits and separate pants (all grades) | 659,570 | 719,125 |
| Boys' overcoats and reefers (all grades). | 17,733 | 12,294 |

Cotton consumption declined from the March high record to 577,396 bales in April, in a seasonal movement. Stocks of raw cotton at both mills and warehouses continued to decline, and were about 800,000 bales less than a year ago. Exports of raw cotton again declined, and at 262,753 bales were the lowest since September, 1920. Cotton cloth exports declined slightly, as did sales of elastic webbing. Slightly more cotton spindles were active in April than in March, but the total activity declined. Prices of cotton and cotton goods were slightly lower in April, except for a very slight advance in sheetings.

The first report of the Bureau of the Census on the monthly operations of hosiery concerns gives the following statistics for February and March by 311 identical concerns representing 383 mills, which reported over 60 per cent of the total value of hosiery at the Census of Manufactures of 1921:

|  | QUANTITY (DOZEN PAIRS). |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | February. |  |  | March. |  |  |
|  | Total. ${ }^{1}$ | Men's. | Women's. | Total. ${ }^{1}$ | Men's. | Women's. |
| Production: All cotton |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2, 193, 110 | 941, 258 | 596, 828 | 2,520,755 | 1, 071,965 | 663,383 |
| All nat. silk | 862, 949 | 247, 931 | 605,213 | 919,012 | 255, 262 | 655,373 |
| All others. | 972, 844 | 326, 145 | 560, 851 | 1,112,586 | 379, 409 | 616,046 |
| Total | 4,028, 903 | 1,515,334 | 1,762, 892 | 4,552,355, | 1,706,636 | 1,934, 802 |
| Shipments........ | 4,050, 932 | 1,475,080 | 727, 290 | 4, 636, 310 | 1,684,125 | 1,970,981 |
| Stocks, end of mo. | 6,069, 2777 | 1,977,636 | 2, 741,181 | 6, 186, 661 | 2, 014,080 | 2,764,592 |
| Orders............ | 4,299,313 | 1,602,633 | 1,774, 856 | 4, 473, 516 | 1,604,630 | 2,009,238 |
| Cancellations..... | 171, 584 | 41, 874 | 104, 486 | 221, 149 | 57,083 | 127,969 |
| end of month... | 10,972,600 | 4, 423, 648 | 4, 206, 057 | 10, 453, 877 | 4, 277, 225 | 4,024,121 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes men's, women's, boys' and misses', children's and infants', and athletic and sport.

The apparent consumption of silk in April amounted to 38,193 bales, the highest since the end of 1920 . Stocks of raw silk at warehouses were further reduced to the lowest point since last July, while the price of raw silk exceeded $\$ 9$ per pound for the first time since April, 1920.

Cotton Consumption in Northern and Soutrern Mills.


Stocks of Cotton; Number of Days' Supply at Daily Rate of Consumption.


The production of pig iron in April was slightly higher than the previous record made in March, but steel-ingot production declined somewhat. The great falling off in orders for merchant pig iron and continued high production and shipments caused a decline in unfilled orders of merchant pig iron. Stocks of merchant iron increased slightly. Unfilled orders
of the United States Steel Corporation declined in April. Exports of iron and steel products increased slightly and prices continued to advance, especially structural beams, which rose 18 per cent over March.

Production of Pig Iron and Steel Ingots and U. S. Steel Corporation's Unfilled Orders.


Slight declines were registered in the production, shipments, unfilled orders and unsold stocks of independent sheet producers, while sales declined over 43 per cent and total stocks increased slightly. Production of steel barrels rose to 50 per cent of capacity, the highest recorded since 1920 , but shipments and unfilled orders declined. ${ }^{1}$

Bookings of commercial steel castings reported to the Bureau of the Census by two-thirds of the shop capacity devoted to this purpose amounted to 90,968 tons or 93.9 per cent of capacity, a decline of over 50,000 tons from the March record. Railway specialties were booked at only about half the March bookings but miscellaneous bookings declined only slightly.

Sales of fabricated structural steel declined to 80 per cent of capacity, as comparad with 96 per cent in March and 88 per cent in April, 1922. The table on page 12 gives figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census showing the total tonnage booked each month by 171 firms with a monthly capacity of 226,625 tons, and the total bookings computed to a capacity of 250,000 tons at the rate of sales to capacity of the reporting firms.

[^1]Bookings of Fabricated Structural Steel.

|  | YEAR | AND MONTH. | Actual tonnage booked. | Per cent of capacity. | Computed total bookings. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1922. |  |  |  |
| April. |  |  | 199,494 | 88 | 220,000 |
| May |  |  | 183,089 | 81 | 202,500 |
| June. |  |  | 167,641 | 74 | 185,000 |
| July.. |  |  | 155.298 | 69 | 172,500 |
| August. |  |  | 154,676 | 68 | 170,000 |
| September. |  |  | 145,097 | 64 | 160,000 |
| October... |  |  | 131,303 | 59 | 145,000 |
| November. |  |  | 110, 188 | 49 | 122,500 |
| December. |  |  | 136, 168 | 60 | 150,000 |
|  |  | 1923. |  |  |  |
| January. |  |  | 170,190 | 75 | 197,500 |
| February |  |  | 1182,056 | 80 | 200,000 |
| March... |  |  | 2 216,647 | 96 | 237,500 |
| April. |  |  | ${ }^{3} 176,954$ | 80 | 200,000 |

1 Reported by 170 firms with a capacity of 226,425 tons.
${ }^{2}$ Reported by 167 firms with a capacity of 225,425 tons
3 Reported by 150 firms with a capacity of 220,065 tons
Shipments of locomotives from manufacturing plants declined in April, due to the smaller number destined for domestic railroads. Unfilled orders, both domestic and foreign, declined slightly. Orders for domestic freight cars made a sharp decline. Sales of stokers made a considerable increase over April, but shipments of steel furniture declined.

Locomotive Shipments and Unfilled Orders.


## NONFERROUS METALS.

Production of copper was slightly less in April than in March and over 50 per cent higher than a year ago. Exports were the same as in March and there was no change in the price of electrolytic copper.

Zinc production made a slight decline, and stocks were further reduced to a new low record since 1919. Receipts and shipments at St. Louis declined about 20 per cent and the price of slab zinc was reduced.

Stocks of tin declined and the price of tin fell off slightly. Receipts of lead increased, but shipments declined. The price of lead declined slightly.

FUELS.
Production of both bituminous and anthracite coal seasonally declined about 9 per cent from March, but there was little change in the output of both beehive and by-product coke. Storage of anthracite coal increased but was only 7 per cent of last year and confined to steam sizes. Exports of both bituminous and anthracite coal increased slightly, while coke exports were double the March figures. Prices of coal and coke declined.

Production of Bituminous and Anthracite (oal.


Production of crude petroleum for April made another high record at $58,133,000$ barrels, and stocks continued to climb. Consumption declined, as did imports, and the price of crude oil was reduced slightly. A considerable increase took place in the number of oil wells completed during the month.

Gasoline figures for March, the latest available, show increases in production, consumption, and exports, and the rise of stocks to $1,259,000,000$ gallons-a level far above previous high marks. Exports of gasoline declined slightly in April. Production of other refined products increased in March, and stocks declined, except for kerosene oil.

## Production of Bemite and By-Pronuct Coke.



Production of mechanical wood pulp increased almost 25 per cent over March, consumption was slightly greater, and stocks increased 48 per cent in a seasonal movement. Production and consumption of chemical pulp declined and stocks increased slightly.

Production and shipments of newsprint paper declined about 10 per cent and total stocks declined slightly in spite of an increase in jobbers' holdings. Consumption of newsprint by publishers increased. Total printing paper exports declined. A slight increase took place in production of corrugated and solid fiber paper boxes.


## AUTOMOBILES.

The output of automobiles made a new high record in $\Lambda$ pril with 344,474 passenger cars and 37,514 trucks, both showing an increase of 8 per cent over March.

## GLASS AND OPTICAL GOODS.

Production of glass bottles declined slightly in March, while March operations of illuminating glassware plants show declines in production, shipments, and orders, all being slightly over 50 per cent of capacity.

Sales of spectacle frames and mountings made a considerable increase in April, but unfilled orders declined.

## BUTTONS.

Reports furnished to the Department of Commerce by the National Association of Button Manufacturers show the following weekly comparisons regarding stocks of finished fresh-water pearl buttons and machinery activity by 17 companies representing 95.2 per cent of the machine capacity of the Association members. ${ }^{a}$

Button Manufacturing.

| WEEK ENDING- | STOCK ON HAND (GROSS). |  | PER CENT OF machine activity. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1923 | $1929{ }^{1}$ | 1923 | 1922: |
| December 30 (previous year).. | 13,832, 294 | 12,100,792 |  |  |
| January- |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{13}{ }^{3}$. | $13,611,979$ $13,638,275$ | $11,930,906$ $11,920,613$ | 1 1 1 152.1 1 | 33.8 45.1 |
| 20. | $13,646,436$ | 11,976,769 | 152.1 | 51.4 |
| 27. | 13,671,499 | 12,040,558 | 153.2 | 51.4 |
| February - |  |  |  | 51.1 |
| 3. | $13,508,275$ $13,493,976$ | 11,938, ${ }^{11,997} 50$ | 54.2 54.2 | 51.1 |
| 17. | 13, 532,540 | 12,043,674 | 54.5 | 49.5 |
| 24. | 13, 564,760 | 12, 108,272 | 52.1 | 49.8 |
| March- |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | $13,399,376$ $113,340,008$ | $11,909,903$ $11,895,817$ | 53.1 151.0 | 48.7 |
| 17. | 13,373,501 | 11,941, 118 | 53.3 | 48.6 |
| 24 | 13, 454, 219 | 12,000,472 | 54.2 | 50.3 |
| 31. | 13,467,402 | 12,020,933 | 52.8 | 50.5 |
| April- |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | $\begin{aligned} & 13,344,915 \\ & 13,357,190 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| 14. | $13,357,190$ $113,455,624$ | $12,082,463$ $12,161,789$ | 54.8 155.6 | 50.1 48.5 |
| 21. | $113,455,624$ $13,514,369$ | $12,161,789$ $12,199,085$ | 155.6 54.7 | 48.5 45.6 |
| May- | 13,514,369 | 12,199,085 | 54.7 | 45.6 |
| May- | 13,431,057 | 12,164,667 | 53.5 | 44.6 |
| 12 | $13,499,864$ | 12,240, 858 | 54.0 | 48.2 |
| 19. | 13,622.367 | 12,390, 540 | 54.0 | 48.1 |

${ }^{1}$ Based on reports from 16 tirms.
a The National Association of Button Manufacturers has entered into cooperative arrangements with the Department of Commerce for the wider distribution of the statistics compiled and issued by that association. The statistics cover the quantity and price of orders received, quantity of button stocks on hand, and machinery activity weekly forfresh-water pearl buttons specified by kind and grade. Persons desiring to obtain this service may either apply direct to the secretary of the association, 1182 Broadway, New York City, or, if they prefer, may send their names to the Survey of Current Business for forwarding to the association. A limited number of free copies is available for distribution by the association. If the demand for these becomes greater than the supply, a charge will be made by the association sufficient to cover merely the cost of distribution.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.
Building costs remained quite stationary in April, both as regards building materials and the costs of construction.
Building contracts awarded in April in the 27 Northeastern States made a very slight decline from

March, but the total value was considerably higher. The only increases in volume occurred in several groups of public and semipublic buildings, while industrial contracts fell off 21 per cent.

Fire losses declined over 20 per cent from March, but were slightly larger than a year ago.

VOLUME OF BUILDING CONTRACTS AWARDED, BY CLASSES.


## BUILDING MATERIALS.

Production of lumber in general showed a decline from the high March totals. Exceptions were Douglas fir, western pine, and northern pine. Shipments of all species declined except Michigan softwoods, and stocks were less than in March except for western pine. Exports of lumber increased and prices declined fractionally.

Production and Stocks of Portland Cement.


Orders for both oak and maple flooring declined about 40 per cent from March, while production, shipments, stocks, and unfilled orders all declined to a considerable extent.

Production, shipments, and stocks of clay-fire and silica brick declined in April. Orders for clay-fire brick were one-third less than the March orders, but unfilled orders increased slightly. Production, shipments, and unfilled orders of face brick continued to increase, but stocks declined. Prices of common brick showed little change.
The first statistical report of the National Paving Brick Manufacturers' Association, ${ }^{1}$ covering 29 companies representing 66 per cent of the tonnage capacity of the paving brick industry, shows the following figures on No. 1 paving brick for the month of April:

[^2]| Paving Brice (No. 1 Size). |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April. | March. |
| Production. | 33,315 |  |
| Shipments. | 23, 397 |  |
| Stock on hand, end of month | 80, 170 | 70,252 |
| Orders received. | 24, 522 |  |
| Cancellations. | 1,028 |  |
| Unfilled orders, end of month. | 91, 849 | 91, 752 |

The production of No. 1 and No. 2 paving brick in April represented 77 per cent of the normal tonnage capacity of the reporting firms.

Production and shipments of cement made a seasonal increase in April and were larger than a year ago. Stocks declined during April and were considerably lower than a year ago. The price of Portland cement remained unchanged. Contracts for concrete paving let in April increased but were much smaller than in April, 1922.

A considerable decline took place in April in orders and shipments of all classes of sanitary enamel ware, as against an increase during April, 1922, but the totals were about the same as a year ago. Stocks in general declined during April and averaged about half as large as a year ago.

Sales of tubular plumbing goods in April were less than half of the March sales, both in pieces and in value. ${ }^{1}$

The wholesale price index of plumbing fixtures, compiled from reports to the Department of Commerce, shows a further increase in April, with prices about 92 per cent over the 1913 average.

## HIDES AND LEATHER.

Production of sole leather in April was almost as large as in March and reductions of about 8 per cent occurred in the output of skivers and oak and union harness. Exports of sole leather declined, but upper leather exports were larger than in March.

The production of boots and shoes declined about 10 per cent in April, but exports continued to increase. Prices of boots and shoes were unchanged. Sales of leather belting declined slightly.

## CHEMICALS AND OILS.

Exports of sulphuric acid and dyestuffs declined but fertilizer exports increased. Prices of essential oils and chemicals increased, but crude drugs remained unchanged and drugs and pharmaceuticals declined slightly.

[^3]Seasonal increases took place in the receipts of turpentine and rosin, which were larger than a year ago. Stocks of turpentine were greater than the previons month and a year ago, but rosin stocks were less than at both these periods.

Exports of vegetable oils increased slightly in April. The consumption of oleomargarine declined. Stocks of cottonseed and production and stocks of cottonseed oil declined seasonally but were higher than a year ago. The price of cottonseed oil declined fractionally.

Except for a large increase in receipts at Minneapolis, the usual seasonal decline took place in receipts, shipments, and stocks of flaxseed in the Northwest, with stocks far below last year. Shipments of linseed oil and oil cake from Minneapolis, however, showed an increase and were much larger than a year ago.

## CEREALS.

Receipts and shipments of wheat at the principal markets were about the same as in March and considerably larger than a year ago. Exports of wheat and flour were slightly less than either March, 1923, or April, 1922. Prices of wheat and flour advanced slightly. The visible supply of wheat was $30,000,000$ bushels larger than a year ago.

Receipts and shipments of corn made a seasonal decline and were larger than in April, 1922. The visible supply was $15,000,000$ bushels smaller than a year ago. Exports again declined, but the price of corn rose. Grindings of corn by starch and glucose manufacturers made a seasonal decline but exceeded last year's grindings for April.

Reports furnished to the Department of Commerce by the Iowa-Nebraska Canners' Association ${ }^{2}$ show the following comparison of unsold stocks of sweet corn in the 36 canneries of Iowa and Nebraska, in cases:

| February 15, 1921. | 1,956,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| November 18, 1921 | 1,644,000 |
| February 1, 1922. | 1, 400,000 |
| August 1, 1922. | 519,600 |
| November 1, 1922. | 649, 000 |
| January 1, 1923. | 569, 417 |
| March 1, 1923. | 291, 209 |
| April 7, 1923. | 238, 417 |
| May 29, 1923. | ${ }^{3} 133,623$ |

Receipts of oats in April were almost twice as large as a year ago, but the visible supply was less than half as great. Exports increased, but were much less

[^4]than a year ago, while the price of oats advanced fractionally. Prices of barley and rye also advanced.
Total grain exports for April declined to 19,936,000 bushels, slightly more than half as large as a year ago, but car loadings of grain and grain products, though less than in March, were about 15 per cent larger than in April, 1922.

Relative Purchasing Power of Farm Products, and Patents for Agricultural Implements.


Receipts and shipments of rice increased both over March, 1923, and April, 1922, while exports declined in comparison with both periods. Stocks declined but were larger than a year ago.
Cold-storage holdings of apples and carlot shipments made seasonal declines but were larger than a year ago. Slight declines occurred in the carlot shipments of potatoes, onions and citrus fruit, all but onions exceeding the April, 1922 shipments.

## MEATS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS.

The movement and slaughter of all kinds of live stock was generally greater in April than a year ago, with cattle showing an increase over March in contrast to a decline a year ago. Exports of both beef products and pork products declined, with the latter about twice as high as a year ago. Cold-storage holdings of meats were considerably larger than at this season last year. Prices were irregular.
The fish catch for April was considerably larger than a year ago, but cold-storage holdings were much less. Poultry receipts were less than in March but greater than in April, 1922. Cold-storage holdings were about 50 per cent larger than a year ago.

Exports of condensed and evaporated milk declined from March, 1923, and from April, 1922. Receipts of butter and cheese were larger than a year ago, but receipts of eggs were less. Cold-storage holdings of butter and eggs were less than a year ago, but cheese holdings increased. Prices of butter and cheese declined from March.

## товассо.

A decline of about 7 per cent took place in the consumption of tobacco products in April, as represented by tax-paid withdrawals, but there was a considerable increase over the corresponding month of last year. Exports of both unmanufactured tobacco and cigarettes made good increases over March.

Relative Production of Cigars, Cigarettes, and Manufactured Tobacco.
(Relative monthly production $1913=100$.)


WATER TRANSPORTATION.
March traffic through the Panama Canal was the largest on record, with $1,941,000$ tons of cargo passing through, of which over half was carried in American vessels. Clearances of vessels in foreign trade from United States ports increased but entrances declined. The relative proportion of American vessels was slightly greater than in March. Ocean freight rates to England declined but the index for all of Europe rose.

## RAILROADS.

The surplus of idle freight cars was reduced slightly in April and the shortage was cut in half, thus bringing the net shortage down to less than 22,000 cars. The number of bad-order cars increased slightly. Car loadings again increased, owing to the continued growth of merchandise shipments. About 10 per cent more Pullman passengers were carried in April than a year ago.

Panama Canal Traffic.


Shortage, Surplue, Bad-Order, and Total Loadinge of Freight Cars.


March figures on railroad operations show considerably larger revenues, both freight and passenger, than a year ago, and also a considerable advance in operating expense, with net-operating income about the same, at the annual rate of 5.84 per cent on the tentative valuation of the reporting railroads.

## LABOR.

Employment in 1,428 United States factories, each employing 500 workers or over, showed an increase in April, and at $2,040,000$ employees compares with 1,617,000 in April, 1922. Employment reports from Wisconsin also show an increase for the month, while in New York State factories a slight decline was reported in the number of employees during April. Total involuntary unemplo-ment in Pennsylvania was reduced still further, being estimated at 10,025 on May 15. The total pay roll in New York State factories increased but one-tenth of 1 per cent, while for Wisconsin the increase amounted to 2 per cent. The average weekly earnings of Wisconsin factory employees increased 1 per cent during April. Reports from State and municipal employment agencies show that in April the registration of workers amounted to 178,158 , while the number of jobs registered, at 200,692, was higher than at any time since October, 1922. The ratio of workers per job at 0.89 is the lowest since comparable figures became available in July, 1921, and compares with 1.32 in April a year ago.

Factory Employment.


Retail sales of the two largest mail-order houses made the usual seasonal decline in April, and at $\$ 30,691,000$ compare with $\$ 22,071,000$ for the corresponding month
of 1922. April sales of 10 -cent chain stores aggregated $\$ 23,764,000$, which may be compared with $\$ 22,429,000$ in April, 1922, and $\$ 18,589,000$ in April, 1921.

The index of department-store sales as compiled by the Federal Reserve Board also shows the seasonal falling off in this line of trade, and at 117 the index on a 1919 base compares with 113 in April, 1922.

Department store stocks at 128.5 for April, on a 1919 base, compare with 117.6 in April, 1922, and 142.0 in April, 1920.

Sales of Mail-order Houses and Chain Ten-cent Stores.


Magazine advertising in May amounted to $2,270,000$ lines and compares with $1,830,000$ lines in May a year ago. The total magazine advertising for the first five months of 1923 aggregated $9,699,000$ lines and compares with $7,557,000$ lines for the corresponding period of last year. Newspaper advertising increased during April, and at $387,777,000$ agate lines the cumulative total for the first four months of the year compares with $352,909,000$ lines for the same period of 1922.
Postal receipts in 50 selected cities during April amounted to $\$ 24,374,000$, which may be compared with $\$ 22,156,000$ in April a year ago and $\$ 22,441,000$ in April, 1920.

## PUBLIC FINANCE.

The total interest-bearing debt increased in April, but decreased 3 per cent from April, 1922. Customs receipts in April declined, but the total for the first four months of 1923 is 56 per cent greater than for the corresponding period last year. For the four months ending April 30 ordinary expenditures increased 12 per cent from the corresponding period of 1922, while ordinary receipts increased 16 per cent over the same period. The per capita distribution of money held outside of the United States Treasury and the Federal Reserve System amounted to $\$ 42.04$ as against $\$ 40.06$ in April, 1922.

## BANKING AND FINANCE.

As measured by debits to individual accounts, the volume of payments by checks outside of New York City declined to $\$ 18,732,000,000$ in April, which compares with $\$ 16,481,000,000$ in April, 1922, and $\$ 20,279,000,000$ in April, 1920. Debits to individual accounts in New York City declined to $\$ 20,478,000,000$, which may be compared with $\$ 20,717,000,000$ in April a year ago. Discounts, investments, deposits, and note circulation of the Federal reserve banks were reduced slightly during April, while the reserve ratio increased and at 77.0 per cent compares with 75.5 in March and 78.3 in April, 1922. Among the member banks of the Federal Reserve System, loans and discounts increased, and at $\$ 11,839,000,000$ were 10 per cent greater than April a year ago, while total investments were reduced to provide for the increased demand for funds in business. Net demand deposits increased during the month.

Bills Discounted and Total Investments of Federal Reserve Banks.


Interest rates on New York call loans declined appreciably in April, and at 4.94 per cent may be compared with 4.35 per cent for April last year and 7.35 per cent for April, 1920. Rates on prime commercial paper hardened in April, and at 5.13 per cent the April average may be compared with 6.78 per cent in April, 1920.

With the exception of the New York district, savings deposits increased in each of the twelve Federal Reserve districts, the greatest percentage increase over March being in the Kansas City district. The combined total deposits to the credit of depositors in eleven

Exports From the United States and the United Kinadom


Owing to the much larger number of classifications required under the new tariff act and the difficulty in getting the declarations properly made out, all import statistics have been greatly delayed. It is expected that these difficulties will be overcome shortly and that the statistics can again be brought up to date. Figures for imports during January, 1923, have just become available Since these can not easily be fitted into the table on the "Trend of Business Movements," the imports of those items usually reported in the Survey are given in the accompanying table. Comparison is made with the quantities imported in January, 1922. With the exception of rice and mechanical wood pulp, the imports of the commodities here shown in quantities point to a marked increase in the volume of our import trade during the fiscal year 1923 as compared with 1922. In point of value, the total goods imported into the United States since the beginning of the fiscal year was 43 per cent greater than the corresponding period a year ago.

IMPORTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES.


Prices of both industrial and railroad stocks declined during April, as did industrial bonds, while prices of railroad bonds advanced slightly. Sales of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange declined 22 per cent
from March and the $20,136,000$ shares sold compare with $30,468,000$ shares in April, 1922. Sales of bonds showed a decline both as compared with March and with April a year ago.

NUMBER OF BUSINESS FAILURES BY GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.


GOLD AND SILVER.
Gold receipts at the mint in April totaled 65,043 fine ounces as against 64,494 ounces in March and 71,768 ounces in April, 1922. The Rand output for April declined, as did both exports and imports of gold. The total imports of gold for the first four months of 1923 amounted to $\$ 66,342,000$, which is

34 per cent less than the corresponding period of 1922. Gold exports for the same period amounted to $\$ 20,918,000$, or 307 per cent greater than the total exports of gold in the first four months of 1922. Imports and exports of silver declined during April as did the price of silver at New York.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Exchange on London declined in April, while French, Belgian and Italian exchanges increased during the month. Exchange on Switzerland and the Netherlands also declined in April while Japanese yen rose during the month. Of the other important countries, exchange on India, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile declined in April. The general index of forcign exchange for April shows no change from the preceding month at 67.

## FOREIGN TRADE.

Owing to the much larger number of classifications required under the new tariff act and the difficulty in getting the declarations properly made out, all import
statistics have been greatly delayed. It is expected that these difficulties will be overcome shortly and that the statistics can be brought up to date. Figures for imports during February, March, and April, 1923, have just become available. The imports of those items usually reported in the Survey are given in the accompanying table. Comparison is made with the quantities imported in the corresponding months of 1922. With the exception of tea, sugar, and vegetablo oils, the imports of the commodities here shown in quantities point to a marked increase in the volume of our import trade during the first four months of 1923 as compared with 1922. In point of value, the total goods imported into the United States since the beginning of the calendar year was 54 per cent greater than the corresponding period a yeur ago.

IMPORTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES.


RELATIVE PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND UNFILLED ORDERS IN BASIC INDUSTRIES.


PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND WHOLESALE PRICES.
(Monthly average $1919=100$.)


## INDEX NUMBERS OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING.

In recent numbers of the Survey there have been published detailed discussions of certain index numbers of production and marketing dealing particularly with raw materials. The following tables give the recent figures for each of these index numbers, compared with the corresponding months of 1922. The methods of compiling these indices and the weighting factors used are discussed in detail in the issues of the Survey referred to.

Combined Production Index Numbers.
(Relative monthly production $1919=100$.)

|  | Mavimum since end of 1919. | Mini- <br> mum <br> since <br> cad of <br> 1919. | $\begin{aligned} & 1921 \\ & \text { aver- } \\ & \text { age. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1922 \\ \text { aver- } \\ \text { age. } \end{gathered}$ | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| Manufacturing (total). | 126.7 | 81.2 |  | 102.2 | 96.7 | 92.7 | 109.3 | 126.7 |  |
| Manulacturing ( 62 iden- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw materials, total. | 119.7 | 74.9 | 892.9 | 197.8 | 93.6 93.6 | 88.6 | 100.9 87.4 | 122.7 | 90.5 |
| Minerals. . | 131.7 | 62.5 | 93.3 | 99.0 | 116.2 | 62.5 | 106.5 | 125.8 | 121.1 |
| Animal products. | 119.6 | 79.7 | 97.5 | 106. 3 ? | 102.5 | 106.9 | 95.4 | 113.6 | 111.4 |
| Crops.. | 194.6 | 49.1 | 112.1 | 112.6 | 77.8 | 54.5 | 73.4 | 74.3 | 61.0 |
| Forestry | 127.9 | 60.6 | 85.5 | 109.9 | 99.3 | 101.7 | 95.9 | 119.9 | 120.4 |

Index of Forestry Production. ${ }^{1}$
(Relative production $1919=100$.)

|  | 1922 |  |  | 1923 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| Yellow pine................... | 97.5 | 110.3 | 103.7 | 101.3 | 124.6 | 110.5 |
| Western and sugar pine and white fir | 32.3 | 46.6 | 80.4 | 51.7 | 103.3 | 169.1 |
| Douglas fir. | 109.5 | 109.1 | 114.4 | 109.4 | 139.8 | 146. 4 |
| Redwood. | 95.5 | 142.9 | 137.7 | 128.3 | 175.1 | 139.9 |
| Hemlock. | 38.9 | 57.8 | 79.4 | 65.7 | 80.9 | 71.0 |
| Maple, birch, and beech... | 68.7 | 94.6 | 80.7 | 112.1 | 119.6 | 110.7 |
| Total lumber | 88.8 | 100.4 | 101.7 | 97.6 | 123.8 | 121.7 |
| Pulp wood.. | 76.2 | 109.7 | 107.3 | 91.4 | 108.1 | 111.8 |
| Gum. | 47.9 | 53.6 | 96.7 | 63.9 | 64.3 | 113.0 |
| Distilled wood. | 71.6 | 83.7 | 63.3 | 123.1 | 132.1 | 119.9 |
| Grand total. | 85.7 | 99.3 | 101.7 | 95.9 | 119.9 | 120.4 |

${ }^{1}$ For complete tableand discussion see August, 1922 (No. 12), issue of the Survey.

Index of Marketings of Animal Products. ${ }^{1}$
(Relative marketings $1919=100$.)

|  | 1922 |  |  | 1923 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| Total. | 87.8 | 102.5 : | 106. 9 | 95.4 | 113.6 | 111.4 |
| Wool. | 75.2 | 61.1 | 54.2 | 33.6 | 52.4 | 45.5 |
| Cattle and calves. | 69.1 | 79.0 | 71.6 | 69.5 | 71.2 | 81.4 |
| Hogs.... | 99.7 | 91.3 | 82.1 | 120.1 | 181.8 | 115.5 |
| Sheep. | 61.5 | 64.7 | 54.2 | 60.3 | 63. 1 | 63.9 |
| Esgenili. | 86.4 | 163.9 | 245.0 | 86.3 | 178.8 | 188.3 |
| Fish... | 123.7 | ${ }^{107.6}$ | 56.5 75.8 | 119.3 67.1 | 86.6 89.4 | 62.8 87.1 |
| Milk | 101.9 | 117.9 | 115. 1 | 106.9 | 122.5 | 122.6 |

${ }^{1}$ For complete table and discussion, see Junc, 1922 (No. 10), issue of the Survey.

Index Numbers of Manufacturing Production. ${ }^{1}$

|  | 1922 |  |  | 1923 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| Total index. | 82.1 | 96.7 | 92.7 | 109.3 | 126.7 |  |
| Foonsruprs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meats. | 99.3 | 93.9 | 83.7 | 107.2 | 120.2 |  |
| Wheat ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 83.2 | 87.1 | 70.5 | 85.0 | 95.6 |  |
| Sugar meltings | 127.8 | 164.6 | 163.6 | 105.4 | 157.0 | 149.6 |
| İce cream. | 49.0 90.9 | 65.7 107.2 | 115.9 | 250.0 280.6 | 295.7 |  |
| Cheese. | 50.7 | 67.6 | 74.3 | 2:43.3 | 260.0 |  |
| Condensed milk | 51.8 | 61.7 | $\stackrel{69.4}{ }$ | 232.0 | ${ }^{2} 46.2$ |  |
| Glucose and starch | 109.9 | 123.5 | 77.8 | 104.0 | 115.8 | 102.7 |
| Oleomargarine (production). | 47.6 | 52.0 | 45.3 | 60.8 | 269.9 |  |
| Rice.. | 166.8 | 195.9 | 81.7 | 91.8 | 107.0 | 1i5. 7 |
| Total. | 86.3 | 95.3 | 85.3 | : 89.7 | 2102.5 |  |
| Texpres: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton (consumption) | 95.8 | 105.4 | 89.9 | 114.9 | 126.3 | 117.0 |
| Wool (consumption). | 116.8 | 131.2 | 92.5 | 125.8 | 135.4 | 122.6 |
| Total | 103.2 | 114.5 | 90.8 | 118.8 | 129.5 | 119.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pip iron...... | 64.0 | 79.8 | 81.3 | 117.5 | 138.2 | 139.2 |
| Lecomotives. | 71.0 19.7 | 96.5 17.5 | 99.5 9.4 | ${ }_{92.8}^{18.5}$ | 138.5 126.5 | 135.2 97.3 |
| Total | 67.2 | 89.8 | 92.0 | 117.2 | 140.4 | 133.5 |
| Lumper: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumbe | 88.8 | 100.4 | 101.7 | 97.6 | 123.8 | 119.4 |
| Flooring | 131.9 | 146.9 | 148.9 | 177.5 | 221.3 | 209.1 |
| Total. | 96.5 | 108.7 | 110.1 | 111.9 | 141.2 | 135.4 |
| Leather: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sole leather | 78.1 | 78.5 | 70.7 | 77.2 | . 5 | 90.1 |
| Boots and shoes | 90.4 | 107.8 | 98.7 | 109.8 | 8130.1 |  |
| Total | 85.6 | 96.4 | 87.8 | 97.1 | ${ }^{3} 114.7$ | 105.2 |
| Paper and printing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paper.... | 97.3 | 115.1 | 102.4 | 119.1 | 2128.9 | 117.4 |
| Printing (paper purchases). | 109.5 | 123.2 | 107.0 | 127.0 | 2138.2 |  |
| Consiumption by printers, newspaper printing. . | 105.5 | 119.3 | 124.4 | 116.2 | 134.1 | 137.6 |
| Total. | 103.9 | 119.1 | 114.3 | 118.5 | ${ }^{2} 132.7$ |  |
| Chemicals, etc.: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 63.7 | 77.9 | 74.8 | 116.6 | 135.9 | 135.3 |
| Petroleum products. | 113.4 | 127.8 | 124.0 | 140.4 | 153.0 | 151.8 |
| Cottonseed oil. | 76.1 | 61.1 | 20.4 | 84.3 | 52.2 | 33.9 |
| Turpentine and rosin | 51.0 | 57.2 | 98.0 | 66.6 | 67.4 | 113.8 |
| Total. | 96.0 | 105.9 | 100.3 | 124.0 | 131.0 | 130.8 |
| Stonf, CLAY, AND GLASS: 58.4 85.4 89.2 93.7 96.6 92.9 <br> Brick       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Glass bottles | 81.0 | 67.0 | 79.0 | 82.0 | 79.0 |  |
| Cement. | 63.9 | 99.9 | 138.1 | 120.8 | 147.7 | 169.2 |
| Total. | 68.9 | 81.7 | 97.4 | 95.8 | 102.4 | ........ |
| Metals, except iron and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copper smelting and refin- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7inn smelting and refining. | 46.1 58 | 29.0 |  | 111.7 | 123.2 | 111.9 |
| Enamel ware.............. | 142.2 | 178.7 | 200.8 | 189.9 | ${ }_{225.5}$ | 198.6 |
| Lead. | 113.5 | 113.0 | 107.9 | 126.2 | 149.8 | 138.5 |
|  | 93.9 | 115.4 | 114.2 | 140.4 | 3167.7 | 151.4 |
| Tobacco: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manitactured tobacco and | 91.8 | 107.9 |  |  |  |  |
| Cigars. | 75.9 | 89.8 | 85.1 | 86.1 | 63.5 | 90.4 |
| Cisarettes.. | 70.6 | 82.1 | 78.0 | 104.4 | 113.9 | 106.4 |
| Total. | 76.9 | 90.3 | 83.1 | 94.3 | 80.5 | 97.7 |
| Miscrllanfous: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipbuilding. | 10.9 | 1.8 | 9.8 | 6.1 | 7.1 | 11.1 |
| Automobiles. | 74.4 | 105.0 | 133.5 | 168.1 | 214.6 | 232.2 |
| Rubber tires. | 85.7 | 124.3 | 112.0 | 158.9 | 193.1 | 178.0 |
| Total | 53.1 | 70.6 | 81.2 | 104.1 | 130.5 | 134.7 |
| ${ }^{1}$ For complete table and discussion, see January, 1923 (No.17), issue of the Survey. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Subiert to revision; partly estimated. <br> - Revised |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS.

The following table contains a summary of the monthly figures, designed to show the trend in important industrial and commercial movements. The numerical data for the latest months are given and in addition index numbers for the last four months and for two corresponding months of a year ago. In many lines the figures do not lend themselves readily to statistical uniformity, due to lateness of their publication or publication at other than monthly intervals; therefore the following explanations of the various headings are offered to make clear such distinctions and in general to facilitate the use of the table:

March, 1923.-This column gives the March figures corresponding to those for April shown in the next column-in other words, cover the previous month, and in some cases, where indicated by a footnote, refer to the previous quarter; that is, ending December 31, 1922.
April, 19\%3.-In this column are given the figures covering the month of April, or, as in the case of stocks, etc., the situation on April 30 or May 1. In a few cases (usually where returns are reported quarterly only) the figures are for the quarter ending April 30 or the condition on that date. Where this column is left blank, no figures for April were available at the time of going to press (June 7).
Corresponding month, March, 1922, or April, 1922. -The figures in this column present the situation exactly a year previous to those in the "April, 1923," column (that is, generally April, 1922), but where no figures are available for April, 1923, the March, 1922, figures have been inserted in this column for comparison with the March, 1923, figures. In the case of quarterly figures, this column shows the corresponding quarter of 1922.
Cumulative total through latest month. -These columns set forth, for those items that can properly be cumulated, the cumulative total for the first four months of the calendar years 1922 and 1923, respectively, except where the April, 1923, figures are lacking, in which case the cumulative total for three months in each year is given.
Percentage increase $(+$ ) or decrease ( - ) cumulative, 1933 from 1922. -This column shows the per cent by which the cumulated total for the four months ending April, 1923, is greater $(+)$ or less $(-)$ than the total for the corresponding period ending April, 1922.
Base year or period.-For purposes of comparison with a previous more or less normal period, all items, so far as possible, are related to such a period by index numbers. The period taken for each item, called the base, is the monthly average of the year or period stated in this column. Wherever possible, the year 1913 is taken as a base, and if no pre-war figures are available, 1919 is usually taken to avoid using a war year as a basis. In some cases it will be noted that figures were not available prior to 1920 or even 1921, and that sometimes a month, or an average of a few months, has to be used rather than a year's average. Also, for some industries, 1919 would not be a proper base on account of extraordinary conditions in the industry and therefore some more representative year has been chosen.
Index numbers.-In order to visualize the trend of each movement, index or relative numbers are given for the last four months and for two corresponding months of a year ago. These index numbers are computed by allowing the monthly average for the base period, usually 1913 or 1919 , to equal 100 . If the movement for a current month is greater than the base the index number will be greater than 100 . It the converse is true the index number will be less than 100 . The difference between 100 and any index number gives at once the per cent increase or decrease compared with the base period. Index numbers may also be used to compute the approximate per cent increase or decrease from one month to the next.
Percentage increase $(+)$ or decrease $(-)$ April from March. -The last column shows the per cent increase or decrease of the figure for the last month compared with the preceding month.
Note.-All import figures are omitted from this table. February, March, and April imports are given on page 21.

| Note.-Items marked with an asterisk (*) have not been published previously in the SURVEy or are repeated for special reasons; detailed tables covering back figures for these items will be found at the end of this bulletin. For detailed tables covering other items, see the last quarteriy issue of the Survey (No. 21). | NUMERICAL DATA. |  |  |  |  | Per-centageincrase(t)or de-crease(1-mu-clativelati1923from1922. | $\begin{gathered} \text { BASE } \\ \text { YEAR } \\ \text { OR } \\ \text { PERIOD. } \end{gathered}$ | INDEX NUMBERS. |  |  |  |  |  | Per-cent-agein.crease( + )or decrease( - )Apr.romMar. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March, 1923. | April, | Corre-sponding Month, or April, 1922. | cumulative total throver latest month. |  |  |  | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1822 | 1828 |  |  | Mar. |  |  | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| TEXTILES. <br> Wool. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption by textile mills, grease equivalent...............thous. of libs. . | 62,859 | 56,411 | 42,574 | 208,996 | 240,534 | + 15.1 | 1921 | 137 | 96 | 144 | 131 | 142 | 128 | $-10.3$ |
| Receipts at Boston: <br> Domestic. $\qquad$ thous. of lbs | 9,337 | 8,109 | 9,655 | 47,786 | 30,159 | - 36.9 | 1913 | 81 | 72 | 50 | 44 | 69 | 60 | - 13.2 |
| Foreign.....................thous. of lbs.. | 55,200 | 45, 497 | 24,539 | 78,486 | 180,628 | +130.1 | 1913 | 550 | 465 | 740 | 775 | 1,046 | 862 | - 17.6 |
| Total......................thous. of lbs.. | 64, 537 | 53,586 | 34, 194 | 126, 272 | 210,787 | +66.9 | 1913 | 213 | 182 | 244 | 250 | 344 | 286 | $-17.0$ |
| Machinery activity: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Looms, wide.......per ct. of hours active.. | 92.9 | 89.5 | 58.4 |  |  |  | 1921 | 92 | 85 | 126 | 116 | 135 | 130 | $-3.7$ |
| Looms; narrow.....per ct. of hours active.. | 85.7 | 83.7 | 53.4 |  |  |  | 1921 | 99 | 84 | 131 | 110 | 134 | 131 | $-2.2$ |
| Looms, carpet and rug...per ct. of hours active. . | 87.1 | 82.5 | 74.8 |  |  |  | 1921 | 152 | 146 | 168 | 160 | 170 | 161 | - 5.3 |
| Sets of cards.......per ct. of hours active.. | 103.9 | 127.3 | 86.2 |  |  |  | 1921 | 124 | 121 | 133 | 133 | 145 | 178 | + 22.8 |
| Combs............per ct. of hours active. . | 117.2 | 119.8 | 72.7 |  |  |  | 1921 | 92 | 82 | 116 | 105 | 132 | 134 | + 1.5 |
| Spinning spindles- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Woolen........per ct. of hours active. . | 98.6 | 102.0 | 84.8 |  |  |  | 1921 | 119 | 118 | 127 | 132 | 137 | 142 | + 3.6 |
| Worsted.......per ct. of hours active.. | 1021 | 109.5 | 62.1 |  |  |  | 1921 | 86 | 76 | 116 | 117 | 125 | 134 | + 7.2 |
| Looms and spindies: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Woolen spindles.. per ct. of active to total. . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 90 | 90 | 83 |  |  |  | 1913 | 109 | 108 | 110 | 113 | 117 | 117 | 0.0 |
| Worsted spindles.perct. of active to total.. | 94 | 94 | 62 |  |  |  | 1913 | 101 | 84 | 122 | 123 | 127 | 127 | 0.0 |
| Wide looms......perct. of active to total. . | 86 | 87 | 60 |  |  |  | 1913 | 88 | 81 | 109 | 112 | 116 | 118 | + 1.7 |
| Narrow looms.... per ct. of active to total. | 86 | 85 | 64 |  |  |  | 1913 | 99 | 88 | 118 | 118 | 118 | 116 | - 1.7 |
| Carpet looms.....per ct. of active to total. . | 87 | 86 | 79 |  |  |  | 1913 | 116 | 116 | 123 | 125 | 128 | 126 | \|- 1.6 |

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS--Continued.

${ }^{1}$ Six months' average, July to December, inclusive.
${ }^{2}$ Eleven months' average, February to December, inclusive.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March, 1823. | April, 1923. | Corre-spondmonth, March, or April, 1922. | cumulative total through Latest month. |  |  |  | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1922 | 1928 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| METALS-Continued. Iron and Steel-Continued. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Steel castings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total bookings. . . . . . . . . . . . short tons.. | 143,564 | 90,968 | 75,665 | 195,096 | 425, 289 | +118.0 | 1920 | 72 | 114 | 152 | 136 | 217 | 138 | - 36.6 |
| Railroad speciaities...........short tons.. | 76,409 | 39,610 | 40,560 | 109,010 | 203, 743 | +86.9 | 1920 | 90 | 176 | 181 | 150 | 288 | 149 | - 48.2 |
| Miscellaneous bookings....... short tons.. | 67, 155 | 51,358 | 29,105 | 86,086 | 221,546 | +157.4 | 1920 | 61 | 74 | 133 | 127 | 170 | 130 | - 23.5 |
| Exports (comparable).....thous. of long tons.. | 135 | 141 | 185 | 617 | 490 | - 20.6 | 1913 | 78 | 81 | 46 | 48 | 59 | 62 | + 4.4 |
| Exports (total)...........thous. of long tons.. | 166 | 179 | 201 | 707 | 604 | - 14.6 | 1922 | 124 | 119 | 74 | 80 | 98 | 106 | + 7.4 |
| Unfilled orders, U. S. Steel Corp., end of month............thous. of long tons.. | 7,403 | 7,289 | 5,097 |  |  |  | 1913 | 76 | 86 | 117 | 123 | 125 | 123 |  |
| Foundry production, Ohio..per ct. of normal.. | 83.20 |  | 48.40 |  |  |  | 1921 | 193 | 234 | 287 | 327 | 402 |  |  |
| Wholesale prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron- <br> Foundry No. 2, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern......... dolls. per long ton.. Basic, | 32.27 | 32.77 | 22.71 |  |  |  | 1913 | 131 | 142 | 180 | 183 | 202 | 205 | + 1.5 |
| Valley furnace...dolls. per long ton.. | 30.13 | 31.00 | 20.00 |  |  |  | 1913 | 122 | 136 | 175 | 179 | 205 | 211 | + 2.9 |
| Steel billets, Bessemer.dolls. per long ton.. | 44.38 | 45.00 | 29.50 |  |  |  | 1913 | 109 | 114 | 145 | 154 | 172 | 175 | + 1.4 |
| Iron and steel......... dolls. per long ton.. | 45.04 | 47.01 | 34, 42 |  |  |  | 1913 | 125 | 131 | 150 | 162 | 171 | 179 | + 4.4 |
| Composite pig iron. . . dolls. per long ton. . | 30.36 | 31.44 | 20.77 |  |  |  | 1913 | 125 | 135 | 177 | 181 | 197 | 204 | + 3.9 |
| Composite steel . . . . . . . . dolls. per 100 lbs. . | 2.83 | 2.99 | 2.16 |  |  |  | 1913 | 122 | 126 | 151 | 158 | 165 | 174 | + 5.7 |
| Composite finished steel. .dolls. per $100 \mathrm{lbs} .$. | 2.70 | 2.81 | 2.08 |  |  |  | 1913 | 122 | 125 | 149 | 157 | 163 | 169 | + 4.1 |
| Structural steel beams. .dolls. per $100 \mathrm{lbs} .$. | 2.20 | 2.60 | 1.50 |  |  |  | 1913 | 96 | 99 | 132 | 139 | 146 | 172 | + 18.2 |
| Finished Iron and Steel. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheets, blue, black, and galvanized: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production...................short tons.. | 279, 475 | 254,808 | 184, 979 | 559,792 | 1,032,722 | + 84.5 | 1920 | 97 | 108 | 152 | 139 | 163 | 149 | - 8.8 |
| Per cent of capacity...................... | 92.7 | 90.9 | 75.2 |  |  |  | 1920 | 94 | 103 | 127 | 122 | 128 | 125 | - 1.9 |
| Shipments................--short tons.. | 287,203 | 253,563 | 177, 855 | 517,391 | 1,006,911 | +94.6 | 1920 | 87 | 103 | 144 | 127 | 167 | 147 | - 11.7 |
| Sales. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . short tons.. | 325,526 | 183,904 | 264,629 | 712,965 | 1,015,116 | $+42.4$ | 1920 | 193 | 188 | 179 | 180 | 231 | 131 | - 43.5 |
| Unfilled orders. .............short tons.. | 619,823 | 577,969 | 395,620 |  |  |  | 1920 | 46 | 57 | 74 | 79 | 90 | 84 | - 6.8 |
| Unsold stocks. . . . . . . . . . . . . short tons.. | 29,084 | 24,470 | 34,166 |  |  |  | 1920 | 817 | 611 | 577 | 521 | 520 | 438 | - 15.9 |
| Total stocks. .................short tons.. | 136,347 | 140, 044 | 101, 863 |  |  |  | 1820 | 96 | 91 | 117 | 132 | 122 | 125 | + 2.7 |
| Steel barrels: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments.....................barrels.. | 254,573 | 245, 125 | 200, 214 | 559,736 | 899, 711 | + 60.7 | 1921 | 150 | 179 | 184 | 173 | 227 | 219 | - 3.7 |
| Production............per ct. of capacity.. | 48.1 | 50.1 | 36.1 |  |  |  | 1921 | 159 | 207 | 182 | 236 | 276 | 288 | + 4.3 |
| Unfilled orders..................barrels.. | 627, 143 | 556,801 | 350,445 |  |  |  | ${ }^{1} 1921$ | 120 | 149 | 221 | 257 | 267 | 237 | - 11.2 |
| Structural steel: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales (prorated).............. - short tons.. | 240,000 | 200,000 | 220,000 | 623,100 | 827, 500 | + 34.0 | 1913 | 202 | 230 | 207 | 209 | 249 | 209 | - 15.8 |
| Sales. . . . . . . . . . . . per ct. of capacity.. | 96 | 80 | 88 |  |  |  | 1913 | 154 | 176 | 150 | 159 | 190 | 159 | -16.3 |
| Iron and Steel Products. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Locomotives: <br> Shipments- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total $\qquad$ number. | 282 | 217 | 21 | 178 | 935 | +425.3 | 1913 | 13 | 7 | 75 | 68 | 92 | 71 | - 23.0 |
| Domestic...................number. . | 269 | 201 | 13 | 99 | 883 | +791.9 | 1920 | 32 | 12 | 197 | 178 | 245 | 183 | - 25.3 |
| Foreign.....................number.. | 13 | 16 | 8 | 79 | 52 | -34.2 | 1920 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 18 | +23.1 |
| Unflled orders- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.......................number.. | 2,316 | 2,204 | 617 |  |  |  | 1920 | 25 | 47 | 135 | 168 | 175 | 167 | - 4.8 |
| Domestic..................number. | 2,214 | 2,111 | 515 |  |  |  | 1920 | 29 | 58 | 190 | 239 | 248 | 236 | - 4.7 |
| Foraign......................number.. | 102 | 93 | 102 |  |  |  | 1920 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 18 | 24 | 22 | - 8.2 |
| Frelght cars: Orders, domestic........number. Ship construction: | 42,500 | 9,800 | 31,500 | 69,000 | 73,490 | +6.5 | 1913 | 114 | 300 | 128 | 74 | 405 | 93 | - 76.9 |
| Vossels under construction. ........thous. of gross tons. . | 270 | 241 | 212 |  |  |  | 1920 | 17. | 18 | 26 | 24 | 23 | 21 | - 10.7 |
| Now vessels completed .thous. of gross tons. . | 25 | 39 | 34 | 132 | 100 | - 24.2 | 1919 | 17 2 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 10.7 +56.0 |
| Stokers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 10 | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Sales............................number.. | : 120 | 167 | 125 | 397 | 561 | + 41.3 | 1919 | 50 | 53 | 62 | 55 | 51 | 71 | + 39.2 |
| Sales.....................horsepower.. | '68,955 | 85,339 | 62,027 | 201,563 | 304, 183 | $+50.9$ | 1919 | 132 | 118 | 158 | 126 | 131 | 162 | + 23.8 |
| Steel furniture, shipments. ....thous. of dolls. . | 1,709 | 1,520 | 1,058 | 4,097 | 5,899 | + 44.0 | 1919 | 120 | 117 | 150 | 144 | 188 | 167 | - 11.1 |
| Agricuipments-Total . . . . . . .thous. of dolls.. | 640 |  | 476 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pitcher, hand, etc...........number.. | 75,371 |  | 44, 123 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Power pumps...............number.. | 3,635 | ........ | 2,858 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Six months average, July to December, inclusive.
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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March, } \\ & 1923 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April, } \\ & 1923 . \end{aligned}$ | Corre-spondmonth, March or Apri, 1922. | cumulative total through LATEST MONTH. |  |  |  | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 192\% | 1923 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| GLASS AND OPTICAL GOODS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bottles, production...........index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 67 | 79 | 80 | 82 | 79 |  |  |
| Illuminating glassware: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net orders. ............per ct. of capacity. | 55.6 | 52.4 | 39.2 |  |  |  | - 1921 | 117 | 107 | 134 | 188 | 151 | 143 | $-5.3$ |
| Actual production..... per ct. of capacity. . | 51.9 | 55.7 | 43.4 |  |  |  | - 1921 | 128 | 120 | 142 | 154 | 143 | 154 | - 7.6 |
| Shipments billed. . . . . per ct. of capacity.. | 54.2 | 54.8 | 41.1 |  |  |  | - 1921 | 111 | 115 | 146 | 155 | 152 | 154 | - 1.3 |
| Spectacle frames and mountings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales (shipments). . . . . . . .index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 259 | 257 | 334 | 351 | 439 | 454 | + 3.4 |
| Unflled orders (value)....index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 42 | 44 | 76 | 93 | 92 | 97 | + 5.4 |
| BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. Bullding Costs. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building materials: <br> Frame house. index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 169 | 168 | 195 | 198 | 209 | 206 |  |
| Brick house.............index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 173 | 172 | 199 | 201 | 209 | 209 | 0.0 |
| Building costs...............index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 165 | 165 | 197 | 205 | 214 | 217 | + 1.4 |
| Concrete factory costs 1st of following month.............index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1914 | 152 | 157 | 197 | 197 | 204 | 204 | 0.0 |
| Construction and Losses. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Building volume...............index number. . Contracte awarded, floor space: |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 202 | 150 | 126 | 105 | 195 | 160 | $\rightarrow 17.9$ |
| Business buildings. $\qquad$ thous. of sq. ft. . | 9,886 | 9,561 | 10,419 | 30,447 | 32,361 | + 6.3 | 1919 | 97 | 113 | 64 | 76 | 107 | 103 | - 3.3 |
| Industrial buildings.......thous. of sq. ft. . | 7,673 | 5,997 | 5,130 | 14,745 | 23,176 | + 57.2 | 1919 | 33 | 40 | 35 | 40 | 60 | 47. | -21.8 |
| Residential buildings. . . . .thous. of sq. ft .. | 39,286 | 39,174 | 31,666 | 96,587 | 125,714 | + 30.2 | 1919 | 151 | 157 | 122 | 112 | 195 | 194 | - 0.3 |
| Educational buildings....thous. of sq. ft .. | 4,092 | 5,849 | 7,277 | 16,674 | 16,086 | - 3.5 | 1919 | 265 | 380 | 112 | 208 | 214 | 305 | + 42.9 |
| Hospitals and institutions.thous. of sq. ft .. | 1,172 | 672 | 865 | 3,391 | 3,016 | -11.1 | 1919 | 218 | 235 | 130 | 188 | 318 | 183 | - 42.7 |
| Public buildings..........thous. of sq. ft.. | 274 | 264 | 249 | 890 | 848 | - 4.7 | 1919 | 219 | 145 | 116 | 64 | 159 | 153 | - 3.6 |
| Social and recreational <br> buildings $\qquad$ thous. of sq. ft. | 1,643 | 1,736 | 1,432 | 4,495 | 5,547 | + 23.4 | 1919 | 108 | 113 | 64 | 107 | 130 | 137 | + 5.7 |
| Religious and memorial buildings................... .thous. of sq. ft.. | 892 | 1,270 | 1,092 | 2,971 | 3,190 | $+7.4$ | 1919 | 179 | 246 | 89 | 143 | 201 | 286 | + 42.4 |
| Grand total..............thous. of sq. ft.. | 64,920 | 64,527 | 58,146 | 170, 425 | 210,005 | + 23.2 | 1919 | 111 | 125 | 83 | 89 | 139 | 138 | - 0.6 |
| Contracts awarded, value: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business buildings........thous. of dolls.. | 44,076 | 45,322 | 58,711 | 171,405 | 151,372 | - 11.7 | 1919 | 147 | 174 | 92 | 92 | 130 | 134 | + 2.8 |
| Industrial buildings.......thous. of dolls.. | 37,034 | 24,913 | 24, 312 | 79,010 | 111, 409 | $1+41.0$ | 1919 | 57 | 57 | 51 | 64 | 87 | 58 | -32.7 |
| Residential buildings......thous. of dolls.. | 164, 267 | 163, 476 | 132,478 | 405, 485 | 540,513 | $1+33.3$ | 1919 | 172 | 187 | 158 | 143 | 232 | 231 | - 0.5 |
| Educational buildings.....thous. of dolls.. | 22,550 | 35,822 | 36,719 | 87,471 | 94,386 | $\underline{+} 7.9$ | 1919 | 257 | 369 | 140 | 222 | 226 | 360 | + 58.9 |
| Hospitals and institutions thous. of dolls.. | 5,869 | 5,015 | 6,584 | 24,914 | 18,688 | -25.0 | 1919 | 160 | 202 | 87 | 152 | 180 | 154 | - 14.6 |
| Public buildings. . . . . . . .thous. of dolls.. | 1,486 | 1,431 | 1,380 | 4,929 | 5,268 | + 0.9 | 1919 | 170 | 123 | 139 | 71 | 133 | 128 | - 3.7 |
| Public worts and utilities..thous. of dolls.. | 42,586 | 60,926 | 75, 251 | 167, 176 | 159, 626 | - 4.5 | 1919 | 124 | 180 | 62 | 72 | 102 | 146 | + 43.1 |
| Social and recreational buildings...................thous. of dolls. | 9,272 | 11,609 | 9,317 | 27, 842 | 35,196 | + 26.4 | 1919 | 118 | 134 | 81 | 125 | 133 | 167 | + 25. |
| Religious and memorial buildings. $\qquad$ thous. of dolls. | 6,170 | 8,931 | 8,288 | 21,417 | 21,142 | ir | 1919 | 156 | 265 | 86 | 107 | 197 | 286 | + +44.7 |
| Grand total..............thous. of dolls.. | 333, 518 | 357, 475 | 353, 162 | 990,592 | 1,138, 264 | $1+14.9$ | 1919 | 137 | 164 | 101 | 107 | 155 | 166 | + 7.2 |
| Fire losses....................thous. of dolls. . | 41,160 | 32,638 | 31,010 | 138, 888 | 153, 184 | $1+10.3$ | 1919 | 178 | 138 | 163 | 191 | 184 | 146 | $-20.7$ |
| Lumber. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southern pine: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production (computed)....... M ft. b. m.. | 480,966 | 428, 471 | $397,553$ | 1,595, 402 | 1,772,121 | + 11.1 | 1917 | 101 | 94 | 109 | 94 | 114 | 101 | -10.9 |
| Stocks, end of mo. (computed).M ft. b. m.. | 1, 107,612 | 1, 056,358 | 1,159, 422 |  |  |  | 1917 | 88 | 85 | 84 | 82 | 81 | 77 | $-4.6$ |
| Price, "B" and better........ dolls. per M ft. b. m. | 52.95 | 53.53 | 41.35 |  |  |  | 1917 | 178 | 180 | 220 | 221 | 230 | 232 | + 1.1 |
| Douglas fir: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production (computed)........ $\mathrm{Mf}$. b. m.. | 515,698 | 539,871 | 422, 157 | 1,578, 499 | 1,883,372 | $1+19.3$ | 1917 | 115 | 121 | 122 | 116 | 148 | 155 | + 4.7 |
| Shipments (computed)........ M ft. b. m.. | 589, 561 | 568,074 | 439, 169 | 1, 484, 488 | 2,141, 625 | + 44.3 | 1917 | 114 | 136 | 156 | 149 | 182 | 176 | - 3.6 |
| Price, No. 1 common.dolls. per M ft. b. m.. | 21.500 | 21.500 | 11.500 |  |  |  | 1913 | 124 | 125 | 212 | 212 | 236 | 236 | 0.0 |
| California redwood: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production (computed). ...... M ft.b. m.. | 59,844 | 47, 855 | 47,099 | 166,017 | 188,590 | + 13.6 | 1918 | 130 | 126 | 99 | 117 | 160 | 128 | - 20.0 |
| Shipments (computed)........ M ft. b. m.. | 361,796 | 52,744 | 35,888 | 151,988 | 210, 079 | + 38.2 | 1918 | 156 | 126 | 150 | 185 | 216 | 185 | -14.6 |
| Orders received (computed)... M ft. b. m.. | 66,878 | 43,347 | 42,479 | 169,846 | 237,305 | + 39.7 | 1918 | 169 | 148 | 235 | 208 | 233 | 151 | $-35.2$ |

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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March, } \\ & 1923 . \end{aligned}$ | April, 1923. | Corre sponding month, March or April, 1922. | cumulative total THROUGH LATEST MONTH. |  |  |  | 1822 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1922 | 1923 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION- <br> Continued. <br> Lumber-Continued. <br> California white pine: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.................... $\mathrm{Mt}$. b. m.. | 39,463 | 01,929 | 19,149 | 56,084 | 182,188 | +224.8 | 1918 | 14 | 36 | 53 | 43 | 75 | 175 | +132.9 |
| Shipments. .................. M ft. b. m.. | 56,156 | 54, 444 | 32,730 | 111,237 | 207,884 | +87.0 | 1918 | 95 | 103 | 166 | 139 | 176 | 171 | - 3.0 |
| Stocks....................... $\mathrm{Mt}$. b. m..Michigan softwood: | 333, 169 | 328,040 | 287, 452 |  |  |  | 1918 | 118 | 108 | 163 | 139 | 126 | 124 | $-1.4$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production................... M ft. b.m.. | 5,981 | 5,505 | 8,893 | 20,796 | 24,285 | + 16.8 | 1917 | 24 | 51 | 42 | 32 | 35 | 32 | - 8.0 |
| Shipments.................. Mt f. b. m. . | 7,128 | 10,949 | 8,157 | 26,063 | 30,453 | + 16.8 | 1917 | 34 | 46 | 37 | 33 | 40 | 62 | + 53.6 |
| Stocks, end of month.......... M ft. b. m.. | 53,490 | 42,980 | 49,716 |  |  |  | 1917 | 48 | 47 | 44 | 46 | 50 | 40 | - 19.6 |
| Michigan hardwood: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.................... M ft.b. m.. | 14,365 | 13,047 | 13,402 | 52,563 | 61,093 | + 16.2 | 1917 | 41 | 48 | 65 | 56 | 52 | 47 | - 9.2 |
| Shipments....................M ft. b.m.. | 16,961 | 15,538 | 10,790 | 39,491 | 63,299 | + 60.3 | 1917 | 29 | 34 | 55 | 43 | 54 | 49 | - 8.4 |
| Stocks, end of month......... M ft. b. m.. | 102,477 | 100,329 | 127,960 |  |  |  | 1917 | 55 | 57 | 48 | 47 | 46 | 45 | - 2.1 |
| Western pine: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production (computed)........ M ft. b.m.. | - 124,188 | : 175, 881 | 108, 186 | 251,873 | 423,310 | + 68.1 | 1917 | 61 | 99 | 59 | 54 | 113 | 161 | + 41.6 |
| Shipments (computed)........ M ft. b. m.. | - 144,948 | : 132,521 | 132, 001 | 420,698 | 522,737 | + 24.3 | 1917 | 106 | 120 | 117 | 108 | 131 | 120 | - 8.6 |
| Stocks, end of mo. (computed).M ft. b. m.. | 8 737, 489 | - 781, 229 | 805,870 |  |  |  | 1920 | 93 | 91 | 94 | 87 | 84 | 89 | + 5.9 |
| North Carolina pine: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production (computed)....... M ft. b.m.. | 61, 460 | 52,500 | 54, 180 | 199, 850 | 198,000 | - 1.9 | 1919 | 153 | 158 | 120 | 120 | 180 | 153 | - 14.6 |
| Shipments (computed)........ M ft. b. m.. | 68, 110 | 54,040 | 50,330 | 173, 740 | 214, 200 | +23.3 | 1919 | 158 | 156 | 134 | 152 | 212 | 168 | -20.7 |
| Northern pine: <br> Lumber- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production................ M ft. b.m.. | 38,714 | 49,748 | 52,096 | 128, 021 | 156,900 | + 23.3 | 1920 | 80 | 129 | 86 | 84 | 98 | 124 | + 28.5 |
| Shipments..................M ft. b.m.. <br> Lath- | 52,720 | 43, 039 | 48,416 | 136, 720 | 188, 370 | +37.8 | 1920 | 68 | 97 | 99 | 86 | 105 | 86 | -18.4 |
| Production................M ft. b. m.. | 10,607 | 11,896 | 13,430 | 33,660 | 41,199 | + 22.4 | 1920 | 94 | 140 | 94 | 101 | 111 | 124 | +12.2 |
| Shipments............... M ft. b.m.. | 17,241 | 14,342 | 8,748 | 28,434 | 51,007 | + 79.4 | 1920 | 143 | 138 | 135 | 171 | 271 | 228 | -16.8 |
| Northern hemlock: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.................... M ft. b. m.. | 28,334 | 24,636 | 24,793 | 79,084 | 101,904 | + 28.9 | 1913 | 54 | 66. | 71 | 59 | 75 | 65 | - 13.1 |
| Shipments................... M ft. b.m.. | 28,432 | 24, 117 | 21,913 | 68,762 | 93, 193 | +35.5 | 1913 | 58 | 60 | 59 | 52 | 78 | 66 | -15.2 |
| Northern hardwood: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.................... Mf f. b.m.. | 49,070 | 45,700 | 29,404 | 123, 161 | 180,711 | $+46.7$ | 1913 | 137 | 104 | 148 | 155 | 173 | 141 | - 6.9 |
| Shipments.................. M ft. b.m.. | 40,512 | 40,365 | 27,228 | 103, 803 | 147,472 | + 42.1 | 1913 | 125 | 107 | 149 | 314 | 160 | 159 | - 0.4 |
| Exports: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Planks, scantling, joists....... m ft. b. m.. | 128,773 | 141,630 | 132, 807 | 567,324 | 533,719 | - 5.9 | 1909-13 | 90 | 74 | 73 | 74 | 72 | 79 | +10.0 |
| Composite lumber prices (lst of following month): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hardwoods.........dolls. per M ft. b. m.. | 50.19 | 49.85 | 37.82 |  |  |  | 1921 | 90.6 | 90.5 | 115.4 | 116.2 | 120.2 | 119.3 | $-0.7$ |
| Softwoods..........dolls. per M ft. b. m.. | 30.86 | 36.62 | 28.87 |  |  |  | 1920 | 55.6 | 58.2 | 70.8 | 72.8 | 74.5 | 73.8 | - 0.9 |
| Flooring. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oak flooring: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.................... M ft. b.m.. | 32,236 | 30,706 | 19,892 | 76,803 | 114,836 | + 49.5 | 1013 | 305 | 298 | 412 | 368 | 483 | 480 | - 4.7 |
| Shipments.................. M It. b. m.. | 34,964 | 32,068 | 22, 227 | 76,342 | 117,025 | + 63.3 | 1913 | 378 | 370 | 402 | 417 | 582 | 58 | $-8.3$ |
| Orders booked................ Mft . b. m.. | 30,641 | 25,298 | 29,951 | 83,099 | 128,534 | +54.7 | 1913 | 385 | 491 | 494 | 548 | 040 | 414 | - 38.2 |
| Stocks, end of month.......... M ft. b. m.. | 25, 297 | 23,749 | 28,615 |  |  |  | 1913 | 312 | 296. | 283 | 281 | 281 | 264 | - 6.1 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month..M ft. b. m.. | 65,823 | 57,356 | 33,501 |  |  |  | 1913 | 344 | 462 | 695 | 785 | 908 | 791 | - 12.9 |
| Maple flooring: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production................... M ft. b. m.. | 12,344 | 11,401 | 9,478 | 39,008 | 49,007 | + 25.6 | 1919 | 92 | 94 | 139 | 113 | 123 | 114 | - 7.6 |
| Shipments.................. $\mathrm{Mf}$. b. m.. | 15,329 | 15,181 | 10,429 | 37, 520 | 55,133 | + 46.9 | 1919 | 90 | 88 | 112 | 96 | 129 | 128 | - 1.0 |
| Orders booked.............. Mft ft b. m.. | 18,321 | 10,924 | 13,002 | 41,381 | 69,759 | $+68.6$ | 1919 | 87 | 98 | 173 | 113 | 129 | 77 | - 40.4 |
| Stocks, end of month.......... M ft. b. m.. | 23,161 | 19,000 | 33,467 |  |  |  | 1919 | 221 | 217 | 162 | 165 | 150 | 123 | - 17.7 |
| Brick. | 42,434 | 36,722 | 18,420 |  |  |  | 1918 | 39 | 48 | 94 | 105 | 111 | 98 | - 13.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clay fire brick (computed): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production...................thousands.. | 66, 456 | 64, 617 | 41,446 | 148,876 | 251, 882 | + + 3 | 1919 | 94 | 82 | 128 | $1 \times 1$ | 181 | 121 | $-2.7$ |
| Shipments..................thousands.. | 70,624 | 65, 278 | 38,458 | 138,496 | 246,691 | + 78.1 | 1919 | 76 | 76 | 114 | 105 | 139 | 120 | - 7.6 |
| Stocks, end of month..........thousands.. | 159, 180 | 157,685 | 150, 292 |  |  |  | 1918 | 107 | 108 | 118 | 118 | 115 | 114 | - 0.9 |
| New orders...................thousands.. | 90,330 | 06, 818 | \%,851 | 146, 112 | 207, 900 | $y+\infty .9$ | 1219 | 94 | 89 | 128 | 13t | 298 | 130 | -32.9 |
| Unflled orders...............thousands. . | 118, 284 | 120, 504 | 30,402 |  |  |  | 119 |  | 42 | , |  | 120 |  | + 1.9 |

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${ }^{7}$ Ten months' average, March to December.

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|  | March, 1923. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April, } \\ & \text { 19233. } \end{aligned}$ |  | cumblative totalthrough latest month. |  |  |  | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1922 | 1823 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| TRANSPORTATION-RAIL-Continued. Railroad Operations-Continued. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating expense............thous. of dolls.. | 417,913 | 404,058 | : 336, 425 | 1,359,792 | 1,606,611 | + 18.2 | 1913 | 199 | 185 | 225 | 207 | 230 | 222 | $-3.3$ |
| Net operating income.........thous. of dolls.. | 83,568 | 83,201 | - 49, 974 | 210,791 | 266,502 | + 26.4 | 1913 | 139 | 83 | 102 | 65 | 140 | 139 | $-0.4$ |
| Receipts per ton-mile.........index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 167 | 180 | 150 | 154 |  |  |  |
| Pullman passengers carried $\qquad$ thousands.. LABOR. | 2,637 | 2,682 | 2,461 | 9,375 | 10,321 | + 10.1 | 1913 | 114 | 119 | 130 | 112 | 127 | 129 | + 1.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States (1,428 firms). ...thousands. . | 2,037 | 2,040 | 1,617 |  |  |  | 1921 | 103 | 104 | 124 | 128 | 131 | 131 | + 0.1 |
| New York State. $\qquad$ thousands.. | 567 | 566 | 478 |  |  |  | ${ }^{10} 1914$ | 101 | 100 | 114 | 116 | 119 | 118 | - 0.2 |
| Wisconsin..................index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 111915 | 100 | 102 | 121 | 125 | 126 | 127 | + 0.8 |
| Total pay roll: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York State..........thous. of dolls.. | 15,262 | 15,276 | 11,546 |  |  |  | ${ }^{10} 1914$ | 200 | 194 | 241 | 241 | 257 | 257 | + 0.1 |
| Wisconsin...............index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{11} 1915$ | 187 | 193 | 245 | 262 | 264 | 270 | + 2.3 |
| Av. weekly earnings, Wisconsin index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11915 | 188 | 190 | 203 | 210 | 210 | 212 | + 1.0 |
| Unemployment, Pennsylvania (1st of following month)...............number. | 14,940 | 11,605 | 215,410 |  |  |  | 1921 | 106 | 82 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | - 22.3 |
| Employment agency operations: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Workers registered...............number. . | 169, 217 | 178,158 | 213,167 | 824, 391 | 727,110 | - 11.8 | 1921 | 115 | 105 | 101 | 87 | 84 | 88 | + 3.5 |
| Jobs registered................. number.. | 178, 384 | 200,692 | 161,768 | 509, 585 | 705,944 | + 38.5 | 1921 | 119 | 138 | 136 | 144 | 153 | 172 | + 12.5 |
| Workers placed.................number. . | 135, 228 | 143, 582 | 120,763 | 418,427 | 533,550 | + 27.5 | 1921 | 129 | 128 | 134 | 135 | 143 | 152 | +6.2 |
| Average applicants per job.......number.. | . 95 | . 89 | 1.32 |  |  |  | 1921 | 97 | 76 | 74 | 61 | 55 | 51 | $-6.3$ |
| Immigration........................number.. | 53,330 | 65,135 | 29,166 | 93,981 | 195,178 | +108.0 | 1913 | 21 | 25 | 32 | 33 | 45 | 55 | + 22.1 |
| Emigration..........................number. . | 10,630 | 13,763 | 24,962 | 70,666 | 44,739 | - 36.7 | 1913 | 31 | 49 | 23 | 17 | 21 | 27 | +29.5 |
| PRICE INDEX NOMBERS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farm prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crops (15th of month) .....index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 112 | 115 | 128 | 130 | 134 | 139 | $+3.7$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 117 | 115 | 106 | 107 | 106 | 107 | + 0.9 |
| Wholesale prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farm products........index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 130 | 129 | 143 | 142 | 143 | 141 | - 1.4 |
| Food, etc.............index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 137 | 137 | 141 | 141 | 143 | 144 | + 0.7 |
| Cloths and clothing....index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 172 | 171 | 196 | 199 | 201 | 205 | + 20 |
| Fuel and lighting......index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 191 | 194 | 218 | 212 | 206 | 200 | - 2.9 |
| Metals and metal <br> products. $\qquad$ index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 109 | 113 | 133 | 139 | 149 | 154 | + 3.4 |
| Building material.....index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 155 | 156 | 188 | 192 | 198 | 204 | + 3.0 |
| Chemicals and drugs.. index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 125 | 124 | 131 | 132 | 135 | 136 | + 0.7 |
| House-furnish. goods. .index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 175 | 175 | 184 | 184 | 185 | 187 | + 1.1 |
| Miscellaneous........ index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 117 | 116 | 124 | 126 | 127 | 126 | - 0.8 |
| All commodities.......index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 142 | 143 | 156 | 157 | 159 | 159 | 0.0 |
| Fed. Reserve Bd. (Dept. Labor prices)- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural prod index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 141 | 145 | 164 | 170 | 174 | 172 | - 1.1 |
| Animal products..index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 122 | 120 | 125 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 0.0 |
| Forest products. . .index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 165 | 167 | 215 | 220 | 227 | 232 | + 2.2 |
| Mineral products..index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 178 | 180 | 213 | 207 | 202 | 198 | - 2.0 |
| Froducer's goods......index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 120 | 122 | 136 | 141 | 148 | 150 | $+1.4$ |
| Consumer's goods.....index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 150 | 149 | 155 | 155 | 156 | 157 | + 0.6 |
| All commodities......index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 142 | 143 | 156 | 157 | 157 | 159 | + 1.3 |
| Federal Reserve Board Index- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods imported.......index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 111 | 115 | 139 | 146 | 154 | 156 | $+1.3$ |
| Goods exported. ......index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 144 | 144 | 180 | 187 | 193 | 186 | - 3.6 |
| All commodities......index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 147 | 149 | 165 | 166 | 169 | 169 | 0.0 |
| Dun's <br> (1st of following month).index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 137 | 139 | 154 | 158 | Dun's |  | - 0.6 |
| Bradstreet's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail prices, food...........index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 139 | 139 | 144 | 142 | 142 | 143 | $1+0.7$ |
| Revised. | ${ }^{4} \mathrm{~S}$ | month | erage, | e to De | er, in |  |  |  | ¢ | er | year. |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March, 1923. | April, 1923. | Corre <br> sponding <br> month, March or April, 1922. | cumulative total through LATEST MONTH. |  |  |  | 1922 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1922 | 1923 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| PRICE INDEX NUMBERS-Continued. <br> Cost of living: <br> National Industrial Conference Board- <br> Food......................index number. <br> Shelter . . . . . . . . . . . . . . index number. <br> Clothing. . . ..............index number. <br> Fuel and light...........index number. <br> Sundries. . ...............index number. . <br> All items weighted.., .index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 139 | 139 | 144 | 142 | 142 | 143 | $+0.7$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 165 | 165 | 167 | 167 | 170 | 170 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 154 | 155 | 160 | 162 | 168 | 167 | - 0.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 174 | 174 | 187 | 187 | 186 | 180 | - 3.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 174 | 174 | 171 | 171 | 173 | 173 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 155 | 155 | 158 | 158 | 159 | 159 | 0.0 |
| Foreign wholesale prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| British Board Trade...index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 163 | 163 | 157 | 158 | 160 | 161 | + 0.6 |
| London Economist....index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 160 | 159 | 161 | 164 | 163 | 165 | + 1.2 |
| U. S. Fed. Res. Bd....index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 168 | 167 | 167 | 170 | 175 | 177 | +1.1 |
| France- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gen. Stat. Bureau.....index number. . ${ }^{\text {. }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 307 | 314 | 387 | 422 | 424 | 415 | - 2.1 |
| U. S. Fed. Res. Bd....index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 287 | 299 | 324 | 355 | 372 | 369 | + 0.8 |
| Italy (Bachi).............index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 533 | 527 | 575 | 582 | 586 | 588 | + 0.3 |
| Sweden...................index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 164 | 165 | 156 | 158 | 162 | 159 | - 1.9 |
| Switzerland..............index number.-. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1914 | 171 | 163 | 175 | 181 | 186 | 187 | $+0.5$ |
| Canada- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian Dept. Labor.index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 160 | 166 | 165 | 166 | 167 | 168 | $+0.6$ |
| U. S. Fed. Res. Bd....index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 150 | 152 | 148 | 152 | 155 | 156 | + 0.6 |
| Australia.................index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1914 | 146 | 148 | 163 | 161 | 163 | 166 | + 1.8 |
| India (Calcutta). ...........index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1914 | 182 | 182 | 179 | 180 | 181 | 178 | - 1.7 |
| Japan- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank of Japan........index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 201 | 198 | 184 | 192 | 196 | 196 | 0.0 |
| U. S. Fed. Res. Bd....index number. . |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1913 | 182 | 180 | 176 | 183 | 185 | 185 | 0.0 |
| DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mail-order houses, total sales... thous. of dolls.. | 32,730 | 30,691 | 22,071 | 83,883 | 117,006 | +39.5 | 1913 | 211 | 196 | 243 | 232 | 290 | 272 | $-6.2$ |
| Sears, Roebuck \& Co......thous. of dolls. . | 19,755 | 19,178 | 14,713 | 57, 115 | 74,978 | + 31.3 | 1913 | 198 | 185 | 238 | 215 | 248 | 241 | - 2.9 |
| Montgomery Ward \& Co...thous. of dolls.. | 12,975 | 11,513 | 7,358 | 26,768 | 42,028 | + 57.0 | 1913 | 243 | 222 | 256 | 274 | 392 | 348 | - 11.3 |
| Chain stores, total sales ${ }^{12}$.....thous. of dolls.. | 27,158 | 23,764 | 22,429 | 74,566 | 89,693 | + 20.3 | 1913 | 247 | 281 | 242 | 245 | 341 | 298 | - 12.5 |
| F. W. Woolworth Co......thous. of dolls.. | 15,780 | 13,940 | 13,439 | 44,883 | 52,000 | +15.9 | 1913 | 215 | 244 | 200 | 203 | 280 | 253 | $\rightarrow 11.7$ |
| S. S. Kresge Co............thous. of dolls. | 6,950 | 5,862 | 5,208 | 17,050 | 22,757 | + 33.5 | 1913 | 406 | 471 | 446 | 454 | 629 | 530 | $-15.7$ |
| McCrory Stores Corp......thous. of dolls.. | 1,772 | 1,466 | 1,379 | 4,590 | 5,722 | + 24.7 | 1913 | 268 | 306 | 273 | 279 | 394 | 326 | $-17.3$ |
| S. H. Kress \& Co..........thous. of dolls.. | 2,650 | 2,496 | 2,396 | 7,997 | - 9,214 | + 15.2 | 1913 | 238 | 267 | 229 | 223 | 296 | 278 | $-6.0$ |
| J. C. Penney Co...........thous. of dolls.. | 4,387 | 4,458 | 3,943 | 11,656 | 14,408 | + 24.1 | 1913 | 1,433 | 1,792 | 1,273 | 1,283 | 1,994 | 2,026 | + 1.6 |
| United Cigar Stores Co....thous. of dolls.. | 6,281 | 5,775 | 6,012 | 21, 717 | 22,654 | + 4.3 | 1913 | 244 | 244 | 221 | 209 | \| 255 | 234 | $-8.1$ |
| Owl Drug Co. $\qquad$ thous. of dolls. | 935 | 849 | 825 | 3,249 | 3,463 | $+6.6$ | 1913 | 265 | 254 | 263 | 253 | 288 | 261 | -9.2 |
| Music (4 chains) $\qquad$ index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 81 | 79 | 95 | 88 | 96 | 99 | + 3.1 |
| Grocery ( 21 chains).......index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 149 | 139 | 165 | 159 | 188 | 164 | $-12.8$ |
| Drug (8 chains)...........index number... |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 123 | 121 | 129 | 125 | 145 | 135 | - 6.9 |
| Cigar (3 chains)...........index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1910 | 124 | 125 | 116 | 110 | 135 | 125 | - 7.4 |
| Shoe (5 chains)...........index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 104 | 156 | 86 | 71 | 146 | 122 | -16.4 |
| Total department-store sales <br> ( 306 stores) $\qquad$ .weighted index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 101 | 113 | 100 | 89 | 122 | 117 | - 4.1 |
| Total department-store stocks <br> (265 stores) $\qquad$ weighted index number |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 118 | 118 | 105 | 115 | 125 | 129 | $+3.2$ |
| American Wholesale Corp., <br> total sales $\qquad$ thous. of dolls. | 2,472 | 1,836 | 2,107 | 9,272 | 10,934 | + 17.9 | 1913 | 163 | 154 | 311 | 174 | 181 | 134 | $-25.7$ |
| Wholesale trade: ! |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hardware.......weighted index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 82 | 85 | 87 | 82 | 109 | 111 | + 1.8 |
| Shoes...........weighted index number. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 70 | 65 | 56 | 56 | 82 | 62 | \|-24.4 |
| Dry goods.......weighted index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 88 | 75 | 105 | 101 | 113 |  |  |
| Groceries........weighted index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 76 | 66 | 75 | 75 | 81 | 80 | - 1.2 |
| Drugs...........weighted index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 114 | 94 | 113 | 106 | 120 | 106 | - 11.7 |
| Meat packing....weighted index number.. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 51 | 48 | 60 | 57 | 59 | 54 | - 8.5 |
| Candy sales by manufacturers thous. of dolls.. | 32,398 | 31,080 | 23,116 | 137,065 | 135,443 | $1-1.2$ | 1920 | 64 | 58 | 101 | 81 | 82 | 78 | -4.1 |

${ }^{1 s}$ Includes F. W. Woolworth, S. S. Kresge, MeCrory Stores Corp. and S. H. Kress.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | March, :1923. | April, 1923. | Corre-spondmonth March or April, 1922. | cumulative total THROUGH latest month. |  |  |  | 1902 |  | 1923 |  |  | Apr. |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1922 | 1923 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. |  | Feb. | Mar. |  |  |
| DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT-Contd. <br> Magazine advertising <br> (for following month)........thous. of lines. | 2,298 | 2,270 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,830 \\ 398,031 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} { }^{13} 7,557 \\ 352,909 \\ 87,790 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & { }^{13} 9,699 \\ & 387,777 \\ & 100,261 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +28.3 \\ +\quad 9.9 \\ +\quad 14.2 \end{array}$ | 1913 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 140 | 150 | 141 | 164 | 188 | 185 | 1.2 |
| Newspaper advertising. . . . . . .thous. of lines. | 105,023 | 108, 836 |  |  |  |  | 1919 | 112 | 117 | 108 | 100 | 125 | 130 | + 3.6 |
| Postal receipts...............thous. of dolls.. | 27,870 | 24,374 | ${ }^{3} 22,156$ |  |  |  | 1919 | 132 | 121 | 136 | 126 | 152 | 133 | $-12.5$ |
| Internal-revenue taxes collected on theater admissions........thous. of dolls.. PUBLIC FINANCE. | 6,700 | 6,051 | 5,439 | 24,044 | 25,394 | + 5.6 | 1919 | 87 | 75 | 93 | 81 | 92 | 83 | $-9.7$ |
| U. S. interest-bearing debt . . . . mills. of dolls. . | 22,389 | 22,327 | 22,954 |  |  |  | 1919 | 91 | 91 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 88 | $-0.3$ |
| Liberty and Victory Loans and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| War Savings securities.......mills. of dolls.. | 16,110 | 16,084 | 18,405 |  |  |  | 1919 | 89 | 89 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 | - 0.2 |
| Customs receipts..............thous. of dolls.. | 62,172 | 53,736 | 33,804 | 134,995 | 210, 565 | + 56.0 | 1913 | 152 | 127 | 174 | 182 | 234 | 202 | - 13.6 |
| Ordinary receipts.............thous. of dolls.. | 641,082 | 241,830 | 197, 920 | 1,115,330 | 1,293,987 | + 16.0 | 1913 | 913 | 328 | 354 | 327 | 1,062 | 401 | -62.3 |
| Ordinary expenditures.......thous. of dolls.. | 310,473 | 301,848 | 242,561 | 981,969 | 1,098,027 | + 11.8 | 1913 | 573 | 426 | 425 | 429 | 546 |  | - 2.8 |
| Money held outside U. S. Treasury and Federal Reserve System: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total......................mills. of dolls.. | 4,656 | 4,668 | ${ }^{3} 4,385$ |  |  |  | 1919 | 90 | 89 | 92 | 94 | 95 | 95 |  |
| Per capita.......................dollars.. | 41.98 | 42.04 | ${ }^{3} 40.06$ |  |  |  | 1919 | 88 | 87 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 91 |  |
| bANKING AND FINANCE. Banking. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Debits to individual accounts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York City.............mills. of dolls.. | 22,541 | 20,478 | 20,717 | 76,722 | 84,125 | + 9.6 | 1919 | 100 | 102 | 109 | 93 | 111 | 101 | - 9.2 |
| Outside New York City....mills. of dolls.. | 19, 567 | 18,732 | 16,481 | 65,220 | 74,870 | + 14.8 | 1919 | 99 | 94 | 112 | 96 | 112 | 107 | - 4.3 |
| Bank clearings: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York City............ mills. of dolls.. | 19,768 | 18,010 | 18,759 | 70,115 | 74,340 | + 6.0 | 1913 | 237 | 238 | 251 | 213 | 251 |  | - 8.9 |
| Outside New York City....mills. of dolls.. | 15,585 | 15,005 | 12,237 | 47, 882 | 60,431 | + 26.2 | 1913 | 223 | 213 | 289 | 230 | 271 |  | $-3.7$ |
| Federal Reserve Banks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bills discounted............milis. of dolls. | 700 | 637 | 500 |  |  |  | 1919 | 33 | 26 | 31 | 31 | 36 | 33 | $-2.0$ |
| Total investments.........mills. of dolls.. | 504 | 468 | 650 |  |  |  | 1919 | 92 | 110 | 92 | 96 | 85 | 79 | - 7.1 |
| Notes in circulation.........mills. of dolls. | 2,232 | 2,223 | 2,158 |  |  |  | 1919 | 83 | 82 | 84 | 86 | 85 | 85 | $-0.4$ |
| Total reserves. . . . . . . . . . . . mills. of dolls. . | 3,176 | 3,179 | 3,125 |  |  |  | 1919 | 142 | 143 | 147 | 146 | 145 | 145 | + 0.1 |
| Total deposits. ............mills. of dolls.. | 1,976 | 1,909 | 1,833 |  |  |  | 1919 | 93 | 95 | 103 | 101 | 102 | 99 | - 3.4 |
| Reserve ratio...................per cent. | 75.5 | 77.0 | 78.3 |  |  |  | 1919 | 155 | 156 | 153 | 152 | 150 | 153 | + 2.0 |
| Federal Reserve member banks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total loans and discounts. . mills. of dolls. . | 11,783 | 11,839 | 10,846 |  |  |  | 1921 | 91 | 91 | 96 | 98 | 99. | 99 | + 0.5 |
| Total investments..........mills. of dolls. | 4,714 | 4,634 | 3,865 |  |  |  | 1921 | 110 | 115 | 144 | 139 | 140 | 138 | $-1.7$ |
| Net demand deposits.......mills. of dolls.. | 11,082 | 11,156 | 10,676 |  |  |  | 1919 | 97 | 101 | 109 | 109 | 105 | 105 | $+0.7$ |
| Interest rates: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York call loans............per cent.. | 5.23 | 4.94 | 4.35 |  |  |  | 1913 | 137 | 137 | 137 | 150 | 164 | 155 | - 5.5 |
| Commercial paper, $60-90$ days . . .per cent. . | 5.00 | 5.13 | 4.58 |  |  |  | 1913 | 83 | 79 | 80 | 80 | 87 | 89 | + 2.3 |
| Savings deposits (bal. to credit of depositors): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, 11 Fed. Res. dists. . .thous. of dolls. . 6 | 6, 276, 223 | 6,314,793 | 5,734, 744 |  |  |  | 1920 | 108 | 108 | 117 | 118 | 118 | 119 | + 0.6 |
| Boston dist...........thous. of dolls.. 1 | 1,155,719 | 1,173, 515 | 1,092,416 |  |  |  | 1920 | 105 | 105 | 111 | 112 | 112 | 113 | $+0.7$ |
| New York dist. . . . . . .thous. of dolls.. 1 | 1,825,991 | 1,820,182 | 1,700,636 |  |  |  | 1920 | 111 | 111 | 118 | 118 | 119 | 119 | - 0.3 |
| Philadelphia dist. .....thous. of dolls.. | 449,252 | 453, 217 | 426,745 |  |  |  | 1920 | 110 | 110 | 113 | 115 | 115 | 116 | + 0.9 |
| Cleveland dist........thous. of dolls.. | 415,526 | 418, 287 | 376, 115 |  |  |  | 1920 | 108 | 109 | $119{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 120 | 120 | 121 | + 0.7 |
| Richmond dist........thous. of dolls.. | 287, 828 | 290,706 | 262,969 |  |  |  | 1920 | 115 | 117 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | $+1.0$ |
| Atlanta dist..........thous. of dolls.. | 179,131 | 183, 251 | 158, 711 |  |  |  | 1920 | 107 | 108 | 121 | 120 | 122 | $12 \overline{5}$ | + 2.3 |
| Chicago dist..........thous. of dolls.. | 834,622 | 838,895 | 755,475 |  |  |  | 1920 | 102 | 102 | 110 | 112 | 111 | 112 | + 0.5 |
| St. Louis dist.........thous. of dolls.. | 126,838 | 126,920 | 111,990 |  |  |  | 1921 | 106 | 107 | 119 | 120 | 121 | 121 | + 0.1 |
| Minneapolis dist.......thous. of dolls.. | 87,987 | 88,246 | 79,152 |  |  |  | 1920 | 110 | 110 | 120 | 124 | 123 | 123 | + 0.3 |
| Kansas City dist.......thous. of dolls.. | 96,619 | 99, 078 | 89,133 |  |  |  | 1920 | 114 | 116 | 130 | 130 | 125 | 129 | $+2.5$ |
| Dallas dist............thous. of dolls.. | 57,958 | 58,495 | 50,464 |  |  |  | 1920 | 116 | 113 | 122 | 127 | 129 | 131 |  |
| San Francisco dist.....thous. of dolls.. | 885, 590 | 890, 921 | 742,928 |  |  |  | 1920 | 111 | 110 | 128 | 130 ' | 132 | 132 | + 0.6 |
| U. S. Postal Savings.......thous. of dolls.. | 132, 180 | 132,255 | 142,326 |  |  |  | 1913 | 362 | $3 \overline{8} 8$ | 331 | 332 | 333 | 33.3 | + 0.1 |
| Life Insurance. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Policies, new: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary . ..............thous. of policies.. | 209 | 186 | 161 | 598 | 706 | + 18.1 | 1913 | 226 | 218 | 205 | 215 | 282 | 251 | $-11.0$ |
| Industrial..............thous. of policies.. | 669 | 950 | 572 | 2,363 | 2,717 | $+15.0$ | 1913 | 180 | 151 | 144 | 145 | 176 | 250 | + 42.0 |
| Group................number of policies.. | 104 | 88 | 40 | 170 | 325 | + 91.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $-15.4$ |
| Total insurance........thous of policies.. | 879 | 1,137 | 733 | 2,960 | 3,425 | + 15.7 | 1913 | 187 | 161 | 154 | 156 | 194 | 250 | + 29.4 |
| ${ }^{8}$ Revised |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{12}$ Cumula | e for five | months | ing M |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March, } \\ & 1923 \text {, } \end{aligned}$ | April, 1523. | Corre-spondspong month, Marchor April, 1922. | cumblative total THROUGH latest month. |  |  |  | 1822 |  | 1923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 1922 | 1923 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| BANKING AND FINANCE-Continued. <br> Life Insurance--Continued. <br> Amount of new insurance: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ordinary . . . . . . . . . . . . . .thous. of dolls. . | 541,388 | 485, 874 | 408,361 | 1,495,299 | 1,840,418 | + 23.1 | 1913 | 318 | 310 | 302 | 315 | 411 | 369 | - 10.3 |
| Industrial. . . . . . . . . . . . . .thous. of dolls.. | 137,853 | 208, 105 | 123, 208 | 470,720 | 573,394 | + 21.8 | 1913 | 256 | 237 | 217 | 221 | 266 | 401 | + 51.0 |
| Group....................thous. of dolls.. | 19,848 | 33,199 | 24,379 | 60,301 | 76,681 | +27.2 | 1913 | 1,053 | 1,687 | 948 | 687 | 1,374 | 2,298 | $+67.3$ |
| Total insurance.............thous. of dolls.. <br> Business Finances. | 699,089 | 727, 179 | 555,948 | 2,026,321 | 2,490,494 | + 22.9 | 1913 | 307 | 300 | 283 | 291 | 377 | 393 | + 4.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business failures: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Firms..........................number. . | 1,682 | 1,520 | 2,167 | 9,884 | 6,836 | -29.4 | 1913 | 184 | 162 | 159 | 113 | 128 | 114 | - 9.6 |
| Liabilities.................thous. of dolls.. | 48,393 | 51,492 | 73,059 | 291, 071 | 189, 723 | - 34.8 | 1913 | 315 | 322 | 217 | 179 | 213 | 227 | + 6.4 |
| Total dividend and interest payments (for following month)........thous. of dolls.. | 372,535 | 253,425 | 242,576 | 121,418,036 | ${ }^{111,544,125}$ | + 8.9 | 1913 | 245 | 184 | 119 | 191 | 252 | 171 | - 32.0 |
| Dividend payments (for following mo.): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total...................thous. of dolls.. | 88, 275 | 52,925 | - 50,976 | 13 424,377 | 18436,775 | + 2.9 | 1913 | 124 | 73 | 107 | 112 | 126 | 76 | - 40.0 |
| Indus. and misc. corp......thous. of dolls. | 56,900 | 28, 950 | *25,875 | 13 221,625 | 12229,350 | + 3.5 | 1913 | 144 | 67 | 106 | 120 | 148 | 70 | - 52.6 |
| Steam railroads...........thous. of dolls.. | 23,100 | 20,975 | - 20, 501 | 13123,926 | 12 125, 430 | + 1.2 | 1913 | 92 | 83 | 112 | 117 | 93 | 85 | $-9.2$ |
| Street railways. ..........thous. of dolls.. | 8,275 | 5,000 | 14,601 | ${ }^{13} 36,177$ | 1837,395 | + 3.4 | 1913 | 162 | 94 | 128 | 65 | 169 | 102 | $-39.6$ |
| New capital issues:Corporations............thous. of dolls. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 313,928 | 274,425 | 445,196 | 1,141,331 | 1,458, 746 | +27.8 | 1913 | 207 | 325 | 461 | 173 | 229 | 200 | - 12.6 |
| New incorporations...........thous. of dolls.. | 500,819 | 1,006, 258 | 792,372 | 2,959, 295 | 3,117, 479 | + 5.3 | 1913 | 425 | 460 | 528 | 407 | 291 | 584 | +100.9 |
| Telephone earnings:Total operating revenue. . .thous. of dolls. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 44,324 |  | 39,393 | 114,574 | 128, 482 | + 12.1 | 1913 | 300 | 305 | 326 | 315 | 338 |  |  |
| Total operating income....thous. of dolls..Telegraph earnings: | 11,102 |  | 9,070 | 25,292 | 34,428 | + 36.1 | 1913 | 244 | 250 | 260 | 362 | 299 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9,565 |  | 8,117 | 22,518 | 26,717 | + 18.6 | 1919 | 107 | 102 | 118 | 108 | 126 |  |  |
| Telegraph and cable operating revenue....................thous. of dolls. . | 11,699 |  | 10,302 | 28,820 | 32,923 | + 14.2 | 1919 | 102 | 97 | 110 | 100 | 116 |  |  |
| Operating income..........thous. of dolls.. | 1,775 |  | 1,643 | 3,568 | 5,149 | + 44.3 | 1919 | 100 | 78 | 120 | 86 | 108 |  |  |
| Stocks and Bonds. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stock prices, closing: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 industrials, average .... dolls. per share. . | 116.03 | 113.48 | 94. 59 |  |  |  | 1913 | 153 | 163 | 190 | 198 | 199 | 195 | - 2.2 |
| 25 railroads, average..... dolls. per share.. | 65.06 | 63.04 | 61.62 |  |  |  | 1913 | 70 | 74 | 74 | 79 | 78 | 76 | - 3.1 |
| Combined index (103 stocks)...................dolls. per share.. | 99.29 | 96.48 | 93.53 |  |  |  | 1921 | 111 | 111 | 112 | 117 | 117 | 114 | - 2.8 |
| Stock sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N. Y. Stock Exchange . . .thous. of shares.. | 25,855 | 20,136 | 30,468 | 84,781 | 88,893 | + 4.9 | 1913 | 328 | 440 | 292 | 328 | 373 | 291 | $-22.1$ |
| Bond sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous.............thous. of dolls.. | 195,146 | 176,642 | 264,341 | 880,777 | 773,123 | -12.2 | 1919 | 333 76 | 371 | 300 32 | 262 26 | 274 28 |  | - 9.5 |
| Liberty-Victory...........thous. of dolls.. | 66,599 | 60,351 | 182, 582 | 713,815 | 264,396 | -63.0 | 1919 | 76 | 77 | 32 | 26 | 28 |  | - 9.4 |
| Total.....................thous. of dolls.. | 261, 745 | 236,993 | 446,923 | 1,594,592 | 1,037,519 | -34.9 | 1919 | 136 | 145 | 94 | 81 | 85 | 77 | $-9.5$ |
| Bond prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Highest-grade rails..p. ct. of par, $4 \%$ bond.. | 81.15 | 81.55 | 84.60 |  |  |  | 1915 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 90 | 91 | + 0.5 |
| Second-grade rails. .p.ct. of par, $4 \%$ bond. . | 67.42 | 67.48 | 72.20 |  |  |  | 1915 | 93 | 96 | 92 | 92 | 89 | 89 | + 0.1 |
| Public utility.......p.et. of par, $4 \%$ bond.. | 67.41 | 66.52 | 66.58 |  |  |  | 1915 | 88 | 90 | 93 | 93 | 91 | 90 | - 1.3 |
| Industrial..........p.et. of par, $4 \%$ bond.. | 72.25 | 71.44 | 73.59 |  |  |  | 1915 | 102 | 104 | 106 | 105 | 102 | 101 | - 1.1 |
| Comb. price index..p.ct. of par, $4 \%$ bond. . | 71.65 | 71.29 | 73.69 |  |  |  | 1915 | 94 | 96 | 96 | 96 | 93 | 83 | -0.5 |
| 5 Liberty and Victory ..p. ct. of par value. . | 98. 55 | 98.88 | 99.80 |  |  |  | 1921 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 106 | 106 | 106 | + 0.3 |
| 16 foreign government and city................p. ct. of par value. | 100. 78 | 101.48 | 102. 84 |  |  |  | 1921 | 110 | 111 | 107 | 109 | 109 | 110 | + 0.7 |
| Combined index (67 bonds)..................p. ct. of par value.. | 93.11 | 93.81 | 95.21 |  |  |  | 1921 | 110 | 112 | 110 | 110 | 109 | 110 | + 0.8 |
| Gold: Gold and Sliver. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic receipts at mint . . . .fine ounces.. | 64, 494 | 65,043 | 71,768 | 284,924 | 271,246 | $-4.8$ | 1913 | 48 | 48 | 47 | 49 | 44 | 44 | + 0.9 |
| Rand output...........thous. of ounces.. | 762 | 744 | 511 | 1,151 | 2,975 | +158.4 | 1913 | 31 | 70 | 104 | 96 | 104 | 101 | - 2.4 |
| Imports..................thous. of dolls.. | 15,951 | 9,188 | 12,244 | 101,042 | 66,342 | - 34.3 | 1913 | 631 | 231 | 618 | 158 | 300 | 173 | $-42.4$ |
| Exports.................thous. of dolls.. | 10,392 | 655 | 1,579 | 5,137 | 20,918 | +307.2 | 1913 | 13 | 21 | 111 | 18 | 136 | : 9 | $-93.7$ |

${ }^{3}$ Revised.
${ }^{12}$ Cumulative for five months ending May.

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|  |  |  | Correspond | CUMULATIVE THROU LATEST M | E total Gif MONTII. |  |  | 1922 |  |  | 192 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | or April, 1922. | 1922 | 1923 |  |  | Mar. | Apr. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |  |
| U. S. FOREIGN TRADE-Continued. Exports by Grand Divisions-Continued. Asia and Oceania: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.....................thous. of dolls. | 58,080 | 47,539 | 41,874 | 194,026 | 194,340 | + 0.2 | 1913 | 311 | 242 | 241 | 271 | 335 | 274 | - 18.1 |
| Japan....................thous. of dolls. . | 23,642 | 18,939 | 14,041 | 83,599 | 73,609 | - 11.9 | 1913 | 438 | 270 | 257 | 339 | 454 | 364 | $-19.9$ |
| Africa, total.................thous. of dolls.. | 4,493 | 7,122 | 3,961 | 16,795 | 21,024 | + 24.2 | 1913 | 218 | 164 | 186 | 204 | 186 | 295 | $+58.5$ |
| Grand total.................thous. of dolls.. | 341,162 | 325, 727 : | 318,470 | 1,177,918 | 1,309,636 | + 11.2 | 1913 | 159 | 154 | 162 | 148 | 165 | 157 | - 4.5 |
| TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES. <br> United Kingdom. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports (values): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total...............thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 90,002 | 86,417 | 80,601 | 314,303 | 359, 974 | + 14.5 | 1913 | 137 | 126 | 150 | 131 | 140 | 135 | - 4.0 |
| Food, drink, tobacco..thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 40,720 | 41,772 | 40,097 | 151,587 | 167,037 | + 10.2 | 1913 | 187 | 166 | 196 | 154 | 168 | 173 | + 2.6 |
| Raw material........thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 27,732 | 22,939 | 21,404 | 88,275 | 107, 698 | $+22.0$ | 1913 | 94 | 91 | 129 | 114 | 118 | 98 | - 17.3 |
| Manufactured articles.thous. of $£$ sterling. . | 21,220 | 21,440 | 18,962 | 73,557 | 83,841 | + 14.0 | 1913 | 126 | 118 | 15 | 121 | 132 | 133 | + 1.0 |
| Exports (values): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total...............thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 60,921 | 62,871 | 55,508 | 241,571 | 248, 241 | + 2.8 | 1913 | 148 | 127 | 153 | 131 | 139 | 144 | + 3.2 |
| Food, drink, tobacco..thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 2,646 | 3,224 | 3,011 | 11,896 | 12,098 | + 1.7 | 1913 | 120 | 111 | 124 | 105 | 97 | 119 | $+21.8$ |
| Raw material........thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 11,564 | 11, 717 | 7,376 | 29,742 | 42, 123 | + 41.6 | 1913 | 145 | 127 | 161 | 163 | 199 | 201 | + 1.3 |
| Manufactured articles.thous, of $£$ sterling.. | 45,935 | 46, 922 | 44,336 | 195,920 | 190,316 | - 2.9 | 1913 | 151 | 129 | 155 | 129 | 134 | 137 | + 2.1 |
| Reexports (values): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total................thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 9,086 | 12,429 | 9,200 | 37,987 | 41,136 | $+8.3$ | 1913 | 111 | 101 | 107 | 108 | 100 | 136 | $+36.8$ |
| Food, drink, tobacco..thous. of $£$ sterling.. | 1,639 | 1,592 | 2,323 | 9,463 | 6,218 | - 34.3 | 1913 | 204 | 175 | 127 | 98 | 123 | 120 | - 2.9 |
| Raw material........thous. of $\boldsymbol{£}$ sterling.. | 5,586 | 8,618 | 4,704 | 19,057 | 26, 634 | 1+39.8 | 1913 | 94 | 88 | 111 | 122 | 105 | 162 | + 54.3 |
| Manufactured articles.thous. of $\mathbf{£}$ sterling.- | 1,858 | 2,207 | 2,168 | 9,456 | 8,258 | $-12.7$ | 1913 | 99 | 88 | 88 | 82 | 76 | 90 | + 18.8 |
| Exports of key commodities (quantities): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton piece goods......thous. of sq. yds.. <br> Woolen and | 337, 900 | 316,736 | 302,598 | 1,198,517 | 1,398,220 | $+10.7$ | 1920 | 82 | 82 |  | 93 | 91 | 86 | - 6.3 |
| worsted tissucs........thous. of sq. yds.. | 14,466 | 12,982 | 14,002 | 56,867 | 67,446 | + 18.6 | 1920 | 68 | 64 | 100 | 80 | 65 | 50 | $-10.3$ |
| Iron and steel........thous. of long tons.. | 369 | 385 | 258 | 1,032 | 1,429 | + 38.5 | 1913 | 71 | 63 | 86 | 77 | 89 | 94 | + 5.1 |
| (ral................thons. of long tons.. | 7, 180 | 6,841 | 4,097 | 17,333 | 25,566! | + 47.5 | 1913 | 85 | 67 | 92 | 97 | 117 | 112 | - 4.7 |
| Stocks, zinc......................short tons. | 938 | 1,387 | (i, 790 |  |  |  | 1920 | 28 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Production: Belgium. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total trade: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports..................thous. of dolls.. | 891,881 | 68, 181 | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{4 7 , 6 9 5}$ | 232,844 | 293,456 | + 26.0 | 1913 | 142 | 86 | 122 | 117 | 164 | 122 | - 25.8 |
| Exports................thous. of dolls. . | 77,787 | 54, 328 | 32,652 | 187, 601 | 256,396 | + 36.7 | 1913 | 194 | 104 | 209 | 187 | 248 | 173 | $-30.2$ |
| Exports of key commodities (quantities): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canned salmon........thous. of pounds.. | 2,271 | 1,979 | 980 | 6,042 | 9,448 | + 56.4 | 1913 | 106 | 50 | 127 | 168 | 129 | 113 | $-12.9$ |
| Cheese................thous. of pounds. . | 562 | 610 | 1,080 | 10,841 | 4,742 | $-56.3$ | 1913 | 27 | 8 | 24 | 3 | 4 | 5 | + 8.5 |
| Wheat..................thous of bushs.. | 6,614 | 5,143: | 1,740 | 19,487 | 28,626 | + 46.9 | 1913 | 72 | 21 | 116 | 85 | 79 | 61 | $-22.2$ |
| Production: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron..............thous. of long tons.. | 65 | 84 | 34 | 142 | 234 | +64.8 | 1913 | 50 | 40 | 49 | 52 | 77 | 100 | +29.2 |
| Steel ingots..........thous. of long tons.. | 89 | 93 | 22 | 127 | 277 | +118.1 | 1913 | 34 | 25 | 55 | 54 | 102 | 107 | + 4.5 |
| Bank clearings................mills. of dolls.. | 1,152 | 1,218 | 1,165 | 4,877 | 4,693 | $-3.8$ | 1913 | 167 | 150 | 167 ! | 133 | 149 | 157 | + 5.7 |
| Bond issues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Govt. and provincial. . . . . thous. of dolls.. | 7,125 | 10,500 | 118,000 | 141,620 | 26,075 | -81.6 | 1913 | 51 | 2,668 | 191 | - | 161 | 237 | + 47.4 |
| Municipal................thous. of dolls.. | 10,935 | 4,493 | 17,925 | 33,594 | 56,997 | + 69.7 | 1913 | 29 | 186 | 165 | 266 | 113 | 47 | - 58.9 |
| Corporation.............thous. of dolls. . | 5,550 | 3,225 | 6,475 | 26,838 | 48,406 | +80.4 | 1913 | 158 | 105 | 219 | 423 | 90 | 52 | -41.9 |
| Employment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applications....................number.. | 37,820 |  | 42,144 | 121,722 | 120,817 | - 0.7 | 1920 | 101 | 95 | 111 | 89 | 91 |  |  |
| Vacancies $\qquad$ number. Placements- | 31,827 |  | 30,655 | 76,220 | 90, 154 | + 26.1 | 1920 | 76 | 91 | 83 | 77 | 79 |  |  |
| Placements- <br> Regular. number. | 15,005 |  | 16,319 | 38,768 | 32.557 | $-16.0$ | 1920 | 54 | 71 | 51 | 39 | 49 |  |  |
| Casual......................number.. | 12,636 |  | 9,182 | 27,302 | 42,518 | $+55.7$ | 1920 | 139 | 112 | 218 | 235 | 192 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production................... short tons.. | 106, 361 | 100, 742 | 83, 731 | 329,416 | 308,835 | + 21.1 | 1919 | 128 | 124 | 148 | 137 | 158 | 150 | - 5.3 |
| Shipments...................short tons.. | 104, 496 | 100, 874 | 82,924 | 334, 527 | 391, 197 | + 17.0 | 1919 | 129 | 122 | 140 | 134 | 1.4 | 149 | -3.5 |
| Stocks......................short tons.. | 12,639 | 12,338 | 8,726 |  |  |  | 1919 | 63 | 69 | 92 | 85 | 100 |  | - 2.4 |
| Exports (total printing).......short tons.. | 113,450 | 78,378 | 61,453 | 295,079 | 359,012 | ${ }_{3}+21.7$ | 1919 | 172 | 111 | 150 | 153 | 2 C 6 | 142 | -30.9 |

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# BANKING AND FINANCE. 

NOMERICAL DATA.
From Government and non-Government sources. ${ }^{1}$
[Base year in bold-faced type; index numbers on opposite page.]

| Year and Month. | AGBICULTURAL LOANS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | NEW CORPORATE BOND ISSUES. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | War Finance Corporation. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Rallroads. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | With banks and livestock loan companies. ${ }^{5}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { With coo } \\ & \text { keting } \end{aligned}$ | operatI assocta | emartions. |  |  | Public u | tilities. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Indus } \\ & \text { corpora } \end{aligned}$ | rions. |
|  | Loans closed. |  |  | Ad-vancements. |  | Balance. | Ad-vancements. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Re- } \\ \text { pay- } \\ \text { ments. } \end{gathered}$ | Balance. | New capital. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Re- } \\ \text { fund- } \\ \text { ling. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { New } \\ \text { capital. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Re- } \\ & \text { fund- } \\ & \text { ling. } \end{aligned}$ | New capital. | Re-funding. |
|  | Thousands of dollars. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1917 monthly average... | \$3,259 | \$3,259 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1918 monthly average... | 10,526 | 9,826 | \$701 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1919 monthly average... | 15,937 | 11,614 | 4,323 |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$8,314 | \$2,933 | \$9,754 | \$4,729 | \$10,608 | 5943 |
| 1920 monthly average... | 7,883 | 6,071 | 1,812 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25, 198 | 4,500 | 16,667 | 1,504 | 24,903 | 2,730 |
| 1921 monthly average... | 8,364 | 7,586 | 778 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28,056 | 25, 152 | 29,165 | 10,269 | 24,163 | 3,138 |
| 1922 monthly average.... | 30,235 | 18,688 | 11,557 | \$14,060 | \$8,862 | \$166,969 | \$1,708 | \$1,391 | \$7,082 | 38,707 | 10,394 | 35,923 | 16,777 | 26,232 | 6,383 |
| 1920. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May.................... | 1,748 | 1,191 | 557 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 64,333 | 9,000 | 16,160 | 840 | 6,775 | None. |
| June.................... | 6,605 | 6,312 | 293 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 61,325 | None. | 11,540 | 960 | 12,020 | 3,000 |
| July.................... | 7,038 | 6,743 | 295 |  |  |  |  |  |  | None. | None. | 14,785 | 1,300 | 7,009 | 116 |
| August................. | 2,478 | 2,478 | None. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10,000 | 15,000 | 11,420 | None. | 19,300 | None. |
| September.............' | 3,124 | 3,124 | None. |  |  |  |  |  |  | None. | None. | 40,249 | 1,398 | 35,475 | None. |
| October................ | 1,187 | 1,187 | None. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 33,757 | 5,000 | 28,075 | 500 | 93,850 | None. |
| November.............. | . 1,160 | 786 | 374 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4,500 | 25,000 | 9,250 | 2,900 | 27,850 | None. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January................ | - 387 | 355 | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22,846 | 50,510 | 48,722 | 3,072 | 33,904 | 10,436 |
| February............... | 438 | 279 | 159 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30,350 | 15, 495 | 20,313 | 7,377 | 26,627 | 1,500 |
| March................. | - 604 | 411 | 193 |  |  |  |  |  |  | None. | None. | 15,475 | 3,500 | 22,560 | 1,400 |
| April.................. | - 561 | 213 | 348 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18,453 | 217,227 | 21, 424 | 1,500 | 31,645 | 650 |
| May.................... | 2,426 | 1,958 | 468 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12,196 | None. | 29, 170 | 11,780 | 17,673 | 2,428 |
| June.................... | 6,706 | 6,129 | 577 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8,000 | 6,987 | 9,180 | 70 | 10,929 | 6,443 |
| July.. | 9,332 | 9,204 | 128 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25,600 | None. | 30,741 | 9,800 | 15,450 | 600 |
| August............... | 12,906 | 12,506 | 400 |  |  |  |  |  |  | None. | 1,500 | 29,450 | 3,611 | 10,600 | 2,250 |
| September.............. | . 11,840 | 11,407 | 433 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 133,020 | None. | 8,909 | 28,108 | 16,700 | 8,000 |
| October............... | . 14,050 | 13,300 | 750 | 1,716 |  | 1,716 | 640 |  | 641 | None. | None. | 22,716 | 14,737 | 15,575 | None. |
| November.............. | . 17,263 | 15, 054 | 2,209 | 28,108 | 103 | 29,720 | 2,987 | 2 | 3,625 | 8,454 | 5,655 | 98,640 | 10,432 | 13,640 | 2,200 |
| Decerber.... <br> 1922. | 32,877 | 29,238 | 3,639 | 44,988 | 343 | 74,365 | 4,521 | 172 | 7,975 | 77,751 | 4,449 | 16,236 | 29,244 | 74,656 | 1,750 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | - 23,215 | 18,192 | 5,023 | 44,324 | 1,596 | 117,093 | 1,759 | 189 | 9,545 | 84,629 | 27,643 | 11,218 | 13,300 | 8,875 |  |
| February............... | . 27,100 | 18,527 | 8,573 | 34,357 | 2,730 | 148,720 | 975 | 497 | 10,023 | 26,021 | 18,800 | 17,733 | 18,575 | 29,060 | 10,250 |
| March................. | - 31,036 | (22,249 | 8,787 | 37,107 | 6,648 | 179, 179 | 477 | 3,424 | 7,076 | 70,684 | 15,383 | 40,902 | 5,395 | 35,192 | 4,858 |
| April. | 32,953 | 18,208 | 14,745 | 17,967 | 7,372 | 189,775 | 278 | 2,573 | 4,782 | 103,756 | 11,945 | 25,628 | 26,567 | 38,000 | 4,990 |
| May.................... | 32,597 | 19,464 | 13, 133 | 15,129 | 10,625 | 194, 279 | 4,209 | 2,084 | 6,906 | 19,543 | None. | 126, 888 | 15,746 | 33,418 | 18,757 |
| June. | 27,747 | 18,077 | 9,670 | 6,714 | 8,231 | 192,762 | 13 | 1,066 | 5,852 | 64,511 | 750 | 52,510 | 17,459 | 23,936 | 8,074 |
| July. <br> August. | $\therefore 26,260$ | 16,549 | 9,711 | 4,232 | 8,181 | 188,813 | None. | 980 | 4,872 | 23,825 | 33,702 | 19,791 | 22,209 | 31,806 | 9,144 |
|  | . 29,239 | 17,605 | 11,634 | 3,166 | 11,926 | 180,053 | 700 | 630 | 4,942 | 4,879 | None. | 10,971 | 470 | 14,459 | 4,641 |
| September | 32,670 | 17,967 | 14,703 | 1,139 | 9,048 | 172,143 | 112 | 326 | 4,728 | 30,637 | None. | 29,085 | 22,500 | 18,240 | None. |
| October................ | : 41,358 | 19,478 | 21,880 | 897 | 15,307 | 157,733 | 880 | 450 | 5,158 | 10,625 | 4,500 | 59,512 | 28,852 | 34,303 | 12, 297 |
| Norember............. | . 37,410 | 18,399 | 19,011 | 1,867 | 13,261 | 146,339 | 6,336 | 2,173 | 9,321 | 3,505 | 4,000 | 20,241 | 27, 822 | 25,384 | 2,591 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.. |  | 21,501 |  | 3,346 | 13,011 | 127,072 | 1,607 | 1,212 | 12,172 | 50,802 | 4,000 | 66,940 | 44,833 | 167,149 | 49,601 |
| February. |  | 17,486 |  | 2,026 | 8,268 | 119,830 | 300 | 1,865 | 10,609 | 32,555 | 9,903 | 47,082 | 2,855 | 31,410 | 5,805 |
| March. |  | $18,916$ | . | . 1,996 | 9,480 | 112,346 | $6 \quad 329$ | 2,029 | 8,907 | 56,300 | 10,000 | 63,683 | 13, 132 | 45, 890 | 250 |
| April.. |  | $15,942$ | ......... | - 1,213 | 7,153 | 106, 406 | 5,089 | 1,469 | 12,528 | 27,061 | None. | 28,860 | 31,800 | 40,273 | 3,872 |
| May..........................i 15,910 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June..................... | . ......... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^5]${ }_{5}^{4}$ Advances for "Agricuitural and live-stock purposes" under the agricultural credits act of August 24, 1921.
${ }^{5}$ Loans to banks and livestock associstions were combined because of their parallel trend. Cooperative Marketing Association figures could not well be combined of because of their opposite movement.
and manufacturing companies.

# BANKING AND FINANCE. 

## INDEX NUMBERS.

From Government and non-Government sources. ${ }^{1}$
[Base year in bold-faced type; numerical data on opposite page.]


See footnotes on opposite page also
1 Data on loans closed by joint-stock banks and Federal farm-loan banks from the Federal Farm Loan Board; other agricuitural loans from the War Finance Corporation; new corporate bond issues are compiled by the Commercial and Financial Chronicle.
${ }^{2}$ Index number less than 1
These data represent loans for agricultural development secured by mortgages on land and buildings. For detailed information as to organization and operations of the Federal Farm Loan Board see the first "Annual Report" of the board, Document No. 714, and subsequent "Annual Reports" of the board. The banks were closed during the greater part of 1920, pending litigation in the Supreme Court involving the constitutionality of the Federal farm-loan act. When operations were resumed for the diminished figures of 1920 and 1921 .

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## INDEX NUMBERS.

Based on data from Government and commercial sources. ${ }^{1}$
[Base year in bold-faced type; numerical data on opposite page.]


## MISCELLANEOUS.

## NOMERICAL DATA.

From Government and commercial sources. ${ }^{1}$
[Base year in bold-faced type; index numbers on opposite page.]


[^6]WORLD PRODUCTION OF COTTON.*

${ }^{1}$ From private sources.
21922 acreage $12,406,000$ compared with $11,976,000$ in 1921.

## WORLD PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.*

| Country ......... | World total. | Argentina. | Australla. | India. | United States. | Spain. | Italy. | France. | Germany | Rumania. | Canada. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New crop available... |  | January. | January. | March. | July. | August. | August. | August. | August. | August. | September |
|  | Millions of busbels. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Normal consumption (1900-1913) |  | 64 | 37 | 301 | 531 | 136 | 236 | 361 | 221 | 34 | 116 |
| 1909-1913 average..... | 3,577 | 157 | 85 | 351 | 687 | 130 | 183 | 317 | 152 | 87 | 197 |
| 1914. | 3, 586 | 114 | 103 | 312 | 891 | 116 | 170 | 283 | 146 | 49 | 161 |
| 1915. | 4,199 | 169 | 25 | 377 | 1,026 | 139 | 171 | 223 | 142 | 80 | 394 |
| 1916. | 12,609 | 173 | 179 | 323 | 636 | 152 | 177 | 205 | : 110 | 78 | 263 |
| 1917. | 12,288 | 80 | 152 | 282 | 6.37 | 143 | 140 | 135 | ${ }^{2} 82$ |  | 23.4 |
| 1918. | 1 2,804 | 184 | 115 | 370 | 921 | 136 | 183 | 226 | 286 | ${ }^{3} 18$ | 189 |
| 1919. | 12,743 | 172 | 76 | 280 | 968 | 129 | 170 | ${ }^{2} 187$ | 280 | ${ }^{5} 66$ | 193 |
| 1920. | 12,868 | 214 | 46 | 377 | 833 | 139 | 141 | 1237 | 183 | 170 | 263 |
| 1921. | 13,069 | 170 | 146 | 250 | 814 | 145 | 194 | - 323 | - 10 s | ${ }^{176}$ | 301 |
| 1922, latest estimates. | 13,107 | 181 | 128 | 366 | 856 | 125 | 162 | - 243 | 476 | 483 | 400 |
| 1923, latest estimates. |  | 194 | 109 | 425 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1 Russia excluded. No accurate statistics are arailable. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { New boundaries. } \\ & 2\end{aligned}$ Excludes Asce-Lorraine.
${ }^{3}$ Excludes Dobraja.

* Data compiled by U.S. Department of 4 griculture, Bureau of A gricultural Economics, and corrected monthly in aceordance wilh latest available information received bs that department or by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Cominercc. Countries are maeed in the order in which crops are harrested.


## WORLD PRODUCTION OF CANE SUGAR AND FLAXSEED.*

| Yfar. | Cane sugar. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FLAXSEED. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | World total. | Java. | United States. | Brazil. | Hawali. | Porto Rico. | Cuba. | India. |  | Argen tina. | India. | United States. | Canada. |
|  |  | May. | Oct. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. |  | Jan. | Apr. | Aug. | Aug. |
|  | Thousands of short tons. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thousands of bushels. |  |  |  |  |
| 1909-1913 average | 9,971 | 1,514 | 311 | 238 | 567 | 363 | 2,295 | 2,614 | 110,992 | 31,989 | 19,870 | 19,505 | 12,040 |
| 1914. | 11,293 | 1,054 | 247 | 344 | 646 | 346 | 2,967 | 2,757 | 94, 559 | 36,928 | 15,448 | 13,749 | 7,175 |
| 1915. | 12,7:6 | 1,797 | 139 | 486 | 593 | 484 | 3,437 | 2,950 | 103, 287 | 45,040 | 15,880 | 14,030 | 10,628 |
| 1916. | 13,442 | 2,009 | 311 | 413 | 645 | 503 | 3,442 | 3,058 | 82, 151 | 39,289 | 19,040 | 14,296 | 8,260 |
| 1917. | 14,503 | 1,960 | 246 | 493 | 577 | 454 | 3,957 | 3,708 | 41,063 | 4,032 | 21,040 | 9,164 | 5,935 |
| 1918. | 13,324 | 1,478 | 284 | 440 | 600 | 406 | 4,597 | 2,617 | 61,821 | 19,588 | 20,600 | 13,369 | 6,055 |
| 1919. | 13,799 | 1,473 | 122 | 496 | 556 | 485 | 4,209 | 3,361 | 61,692 | 30,775 | 9,400 | 7,256 | 5,473 |
| 1920. | 13,656 | 1,579 | 176 | 580 | 522 | 490 | 4,408 | 2,826 | 87,964 | 42,038 | 16,760 | 10,774 | 7,998 |
| 1921. | 14,698 | 1,858 | - 328 | 676 | 522 | 408 | ${ }^{3} 4,476$ | 2,911 | 83,288 | 50,470 | 10,800 | 8,029 | 4,112 |
| 1922 latest estimates........ $14,864 \quad 1,993$ |  |  | ${ }^{4} 295$ | ${ }^{3} 532$ | 3592 | ${ }^{3} 393$ | 34,183 | 33,347 |  | 32,272 | 17,360 | 12,238 | 3,685 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 46,297 | .............................. |  |  |

## WORLD PRODUCTION OF BEET SUGAR.*

| Year. | World total. ${ }^{1}$ | United States. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ger- } \\ & \text { many. } \end{aligned}$ | Czecho- <br> slovakia. | Russia. | Poland. | Netherlands. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bel- } \\ \text { gium } . \end{gathered}$ | France. | Italy. | Spain. | Denmark. | Sweden. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Thousands of short tons. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1909-1913 average. | 8,432 | 610 | 2,296 | 1,017 | 1,726 | 279 | 246 | 276 | 759 | 209 | 116 | 128 | 154 |
| 1914. | 8,331 | 722 | 2,721 | 1,004 | 1,879 |  | 316 | 215 | 334 | 166 | 112 | 168 | 170 |
| 1915. | 0,050 | 374 | 1,678 | 812 | 1,824 | 239 | 264 | 120 | 150 | 166 | 117 | 143 | 140 |
| 1916. | 5, 508 | 821 | 1,721 | 805 | 1,457 | 293 | 286 | 140 | 204 | 160 | 139 | 124 | 151 |
| 1917. | 5,208 | 765 | 1,726 | 58.4 | 1,134 | 263 | 215 | 136 | 221 | 162 | 154 | 142 | 144 |
| 1918. | 4,592 | 761 | 1,484 | 688 | 318 | 249 | 182 | 78 | 121 | 120 | 169 | 156 | 141 |
| 1919. | 3,490 | 726 | 803 | 559 | 86 | 106 | 263 | 152 | 171 | 185 | 91 | 149 | 141 |
| 1920. | 4,997 | 1,089 | 1,212 | 770 | 55 | 195 | 314 | 263 | 370 | 150 | 104 | 168 | 181 |
| 1921. | 5,5:0 | ${ }^{4} 1,074$ | 1,429 | 720 | 55 | 198 | 421 | 325 | ${ }^{4} 315$ | 244 | 151 | 158 | 259 |
| 1922 latest estimates | 25,673 | ${ }^{9} 711$ | 1,635 | 2799 | ${ }^{23} 217$ | ${ }^{3} 292$ | ${ }^{3} 319$ | 2302 | 4496 | ${ }^{2} 291$ | ${ }^{2} 190$ | ${ }^{2} 102$ | ${ }^{2} 79$ |
| 1923 latest estimates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Crops in all countrics here given are harvested beginning in September. $\quad{ }^{2}$ From private sources.
${ }^{3}$ Includes Ukraine; data from private sources. 4 Refined sugar in terns of raw on the basis of 95 per cant of the raw.
WORLD PRODUCTION OF RICE.*

${ }^{1}$ Java and Madura. ${ }^{2}$ Acreage about half of normal: S ummer crop ouly given. ${ }^{3} 1922$ acreage 296,500 compared with 286,400 acres in 1921.
*Data compiled by U.S. Department of A griculure, Burcau of 4 griculu ural Economics, and corrected monthly in accordance with latest avalable information received by that department or by the Department of Commerce, Burcau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Countries are placed in the order in which crops are harvested.

PATENTS GRANTED-INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINES. ${ }^{1}$

${ }^{1}$ Data compiled from the official records on file in the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Patent Office, Division of Publications. It should be noted that inasmuch as patents are granted on Tuesdays only, the number of patents shown for a given month represents the total of either 4 or 5 Tuesdays.

INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS. ${ }^{1}$

| Monte. | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 | 1920 | 1921 | 1927 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January . | 89.2 | 87.1 | 130.5 | 167.8 | 184.5 | 198. 1 | 206.6 | 230.9 | 168.7 |
| February. | 89.2 | 87.4 | 134.5 | 167.8 | 184.5 | 201.5 | 225.1 | 230.7 | 168.7 |
| March. | 89.0 | 87.7 | 143.0 | 175.7 | 184.5 | 198.1 | 240.9 | 224.3 | 162.0 |
| April. | 88.0 | 90.2 | 147.3 | 183.4 | 186.0 | 191.3 | 265.2 | 213.1 | 164.7 |
| May. | 88.6 | 90.2 | 148.9 | 187.6 | 186.0 | 191.3 | 268.9 | 210.8 | 161.6 |
| June. | 87.9 | 89.0 | 146.5 | 199.3 | 186.3 | 191.9 | 273.8 | 209.8 | 166.6 |
| July. | 88.1 | 90.5 | 145.8 | 204.0 | 188.7 | 193.7 | 265.7 | 203.8 | 169.7 |
| August. | 90.1 | 91.8 | 146.6 | 198.4 | 193.9 | 196.7 | 252.0 | 193.1 | 173.4 |
| September. | 90.4 | 93.0 | 149.6 | 190.3 | 193.9 | 202.9 | 255.2 | 188.3 | 185.0 |
| October. | 88.5 | 96.2 | 152.9 | 167.1 | 193.9 | 202.3 | 255.2 | 182.6 | 188.6 |
| November. | 87.3 | 101.1 | 155.7 | 166.5 | 193.6 | 206.9 | 255.3 | 166.3 | 188.6 |
| December. | 86.5 | 107.1 | 167.2 | 167.1 | 194.8 | 206.9 | 251.6 | 167.8 | 192.6 |
| Average... | 88.6 | 92.6 | 147.4 | 181.2 | 189.2 | 198.4 | 251.3 | 201.8 | 174.5 |

${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the Engineering News-Record. The index numbers are based on the costs of steel (structural shapes, Pittsburgh base), cement (f. o. b. Chicago, exclusive of bags), lumber (Southern pine, Now York base), and the average rates paid common labor in the building industry as obtained from the prevailing rates in 20 represent ative cities. From 1913 to 1920 , inclusive, the rates paid common labor in the steel industry were used. The prices are weighted on the basis of the total production of steel, cement, and latabgr, and the total supply of common labor as follows: Steel, 37.50 per cent; cement, 7.14 per cent; lumber, 17.10 per cent; and labor, $3 s$ per cent.

## SOURCES OF DATA.

| sOURCE. | data. | CURRENT PUBLICATION. | DATE OF PUBLICATION. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## I.-RTPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL, STATE, AND FOREIGN.

| AUSTRALIAN Commonwealth's Bubeat of Census and Statistics. |  |  | Second week of month. Second week of month. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Price index for Australia. | Federal Reserve Bulletin |  |
|  | Price index for Japan | Federal Reserve Bullet |  |
| British Board of Trade | Price index ior United Kingdom | British Board of Trade Jour |  |
| Canadian Derartment of | Price index for Canada.... | Labour Gazette (Canadia | Monthly. <br> Semimonthly. <br> Semimonthly. |
|  | Employment in Canadian trade-unions | Employment |  |
|  | Operations of Canadian emplorment se | Employn |  |
| Canadan Department of Trade and Comyerce. | Foreign trade of Canada............... | Foreign t | Monthly. |
|  | Canadian railroad operation | Operating Revenues, etc., of | Monthy. |
|  | Canadian iron and steel productio |  |  |
| Federal Farm Loan Board | Agricultural loans by land banks. | Not published |  |
| Federal Reserve Bank of atlanta. | Wholesale trade.............................. | Business Condition | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. | Savings deposits in First Federal Reserve District. | Monthly Reriew | monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. | Savings deposits in Seventh Federal Reserve District. | Business Conditions | Montbly. |
|  | Agricultural pumps ......... | Business Conditions. | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of CleveLAND. | Sarings deposits in Fourth Federal Reserve District. | Business Review. | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.. | Wholesale trade. ............. | Business Conditions | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Kaysas City. | Wholesale trade | Busmess Condition | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve bank of New York. | Foreign exchange rates and index | Federal Reserve Bulletin and daily statement.* | Daily and monthly. |
|  | Savings deposits in Second Federal Reserve District. | Monthly Review | Monthy. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of PhlaDELPHIA. | Savings deposits in Third Federal Reserve District. | Business and Financial Con | Monthly. |
|  | Wholesale | Business and Finan |  |
| Federal Reserve Bank of RichMOND. | Savings deposits in Fifth Federal Reserve District. | Business and Agricultural Conditio | Monthly. |
|  | Wholesale trade. | Business and Agricultural Condition | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. | Savings deposits in Twelfth Federal Reserve District. | Business Conditions. | Monthly. |
|  | Wholesale trade. | Business Conditions | Monthly. |
| Federal Reserve Board............ | Foreign exchange index num | Federal Reserve Bulletin | Monthly (second week of month). Sunday newspapers and monthly. |
|  | Deblts to individual accounts | Federal Reserve Bulletin and weekly press releases.* |  |
|  | Condition of Federal reserve banks | Federal Reserve Bulletin and weekly press releases.* | Friday morning newspapers and monthly. |
|  | Condition of reporting member banks........ | Federal Reserve Bulletin and weekly press releases. | Friday afternoon newspapers and monthly. |
|  | Money held outside U. S. Treasury and Federal reserve system to July 1, 1922. | Federal Reserve Bulletin. | Monthly. |
|  | Wholesale price index numbers. | Federal Reserve Bulletin | Monthly. <br> Monthly. |
|  | Department store trade: in cooperation with National Retail Dry Goods Association. | Federal Reserve Bulletin |  |
|  | Index numbers of department store, mailorder, and chain store trade. | Federal Reserve Bulletin | Monthly. |
|  | Barley and rye receipts. | Federal Reserve Bulletin | Monthly. |
|  | Index of ocean freight rate | Federal Reserve Bulletin | Monthly. |
|  | Index numbers of produc | Federal Reserve Bulletin | Monthly. Monthly. |
|  | Wholesale trade. | Federal Reserve Bulletio | Monthly. |
| Federal Trade Commission. | Paper and wood pulp production, prices, etc.. | Monthly press releases | Newsprint, 20th to 25 th of the month; other paper and wood pulp, 1st of following month. |
| French Ministry of Labor and Priceindex for Social Welfare. |  | Bulletin de la Statisque Generale. |  |
| Illinois Department of Labor.. | Employment in Illino | The Employment Bulletin. | Monthly. |
| Indian Department of Statistics... | Price index for India. | Federal Reserve Bulletin. | Second week of month. |
| Interstate Commerce Commission.. | Railway revenues and expense | Preliminary statement of operations of Class I roads. | Monthly. |
|  | Telephone operating revenue and income...... | Not published. |  |
|  | Telegraph operations and income. | Not published. |  |
|  | Express operations and income | Not published |  |
| Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. | Milk receipts at Boston | Not published |  |
|  | New York State factory employment and | Labor Market Bulletin and press releases*. | Monthly. |
| LABOR. | earnings. | Labor Market bulletin and press releases *. |  |
| New York State Department of Public Works. | New York State canal traffic.. | Annual report |  |
| Panama canal.. | Panama Caval traffic. | The Panama Canal Record | Last weekiy issue of month. Semimonthly. |
| Pennsylvanta Department of La- Unemployment in Penns |  | Semimonthly report |  |
| U. S. Department of AgricultureBureau of Animal Industry. | Beef, pork, and lamb production. | Market Reporter | Last weekly issue of month or first of next month. <br> Monthly. |
| U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AgRICULTUREbureau of Agricultural | Prices of farm products to producer | Monthly Crop Reporter ${ }^{\text {P }}$. |  |
|  | Wool stocks in dealers' hands | Market Reporter ${ }^{\text {a }}$ M................... | First weekly issue of month. |
| ECONOMICS. | Crop productio | Monthly Crop Reporter ${ }^{2}$ and press releases.* | Releases about lst of month (cotton) and 10th (other crops). |
|  | Cold-storage holdings and fish frozen. | Market Reporter ${ }^{2}$. | Fourth weekly issue of month. Third weekly issue of month. |
|  | Movement of cattle, hogs, and sheep......... Receipts of butter, cheese, eggs, and poultry | Market Reporter ${ }^{\text {Market }}$ Reporter |  |
|  | Production of dairy products...... | Market Reporter ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Weekly. Quarterly. |
|  | Car lot shipments of fruts and vegetable | Market Reporter ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Third weekly issue of month. Monthly. |
|  | Farm labor, wages, supply, etc. | Monthly Crop Reporter |  |
|  | World crop production. | Foreign crops and markets | Weekly. |
|  | Live stock on farms. |  | Annually. |
| U.S. Department of AgricultureForest Service. | Total lumber production from 1913 to 1920 | Production of Lumber, Lath, and Shingles. |  |
|  | Wood pulp production, 1914 and 1916........... | Pulp wood consumption and wood-pulp production. | Yearly. |
| U. S. Department of CommerceBureau of the Census. | Cotton ginned. Cotton consumed and on hand. . ............... Active textile machinery............................ <br> Leather, hides, and shoes, production and stocks. <br> Cottonseed and cottonseed oil. | Preliminary report on ginnings *.......... | Semimonthly during season. <br> 15th of month. <br> 20th of month. <br> First week of month. <br> 18th of month. |
|  |  | Preliminary report on cotton consumed... |  |
|  |  | Reports on wool machinery and on cotton spindles.* |  |
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|  |  | Preliminary report on cottonseed. |  |

* Multigraphed or mimeographed sheets

1 This is not necessarily the source of the figures published in the Surver as many of them are obtained direct from the compllers prior to publication in the respec tive journals. This column and the right-hand column have been added to assist readers in obtaining current statistics between publication dates of the Survey.
${ }_{2}$ Beginning Jan. 7, 1922, combined into new publication called, Weather, Crops, end Markets, issued weakly.

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## I.-REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FEDERAL, STATE, AND FOREIGN-Continued.

| U. S. Department of CommerceBureav of the Census-Contd. | Stocks of tobacco held by manufacturers and dealers. <br> Wool consumption and stocks in manfacturers' hands. <br> Production indexes of raw materials and manufactures. <br> Fats and oils, production, consumption, and stocks. <br> Fabricated structural steel salesfrom April, 1922. <br> Automobie production <br> Sugar statistics. <br> Steel castings sales. <br> Steel furniture shipments. <br> Earnings of public utilities. <br> Plumbing goods price index........................... | Statement on stocks of lear tobacco. <br> Press release $\qquad$ <br> Survey of Current Business $\qquad$ <br> Statistics of fats and oils * $\qquad$ <br> Press release * $\qquad$ <br> Press release * $\qquad$ <br> Press release * $\qquad$ <br> Press release * <br> Press release * <br> Survey of Current Business $\qquad$ <br> Survey of Current Business... | Quarterly (one month after ent of quarter). <br> Quarterly. <br> Monthly. <br> Quarterly (one month after end of quarter). <br> 15 th of month. <br> 20th of month. <br> 20th of month. <br> 20th of month. <br> 20th of month. <br> Monthly. <br> Monthly. |
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| U. S. Department of CommerceBureau of Fisheries. | Fish catch at principal fishin | Monthily statement. |  |
| U. S. Department of CommerceBureau of Foreign and Domestic COMMERCE. | All imports and exports. $\qquad$ <br> Tonnage of ressels, entered and cleared in United States foreign trade. <br> Data on trade, employment and coal and iron production of foreign countries. <br> Wholesale price of wool. $\qquad$ <br> Warehouse stocks of rice. $\qquad$ | Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce. (PartI.) ${ }^{1}$ <br> Monthly Summary of Foreign Commerce. (Part İI.) <br> Various foreign sources. <br> Wholesale Prices. <br> Monthly summary of Foreign Cormmerce. (PartII.) | Last week of month. <br> Middle of next month. <br> Yearly. <br> Monthly. |
| I. S. Department of CommerceBuread of Navigation. <br> U. S. Department of CommerceBureau of Standards. <br> U.S. Grain Corporation.............. | Vessels under construction and vessels completed. <br> Building material price indices. $\qquad$ <br> Wheat flour production, prior to July, 1920.... | Commerce Reports. $\qquad$ <br> Not published $\qquad$ <br> No longer published. $\qquad$ | First weekly issue of month (Mondays). |
| U. S. Department of the LnteriorBureau of Mines. | Refined petroleum products, production, etc.. | Refinery Statistics*. | Second week of month. |
| r.S. Departmest of the InteriorGeological Subvey. | Portland cement, production, etc. $\qquad$ Coal and coke production <br> Crude petroleum, production, etc $\qquad$ <br> Electric power production. <br> Annual figures on nosferrous metal production. | Report on Portland cement output*.. Weekly report on production of coal *. <br> Preliminary statistics on petroleum *.. <br> Production of electric power *.......... <br> Mineral Resources... | 20 th of month. <br> Second or third weekly issue of month (Saturdays). <br> 25 th of month. <br> End of month. <br> Annually. |
| U.S. Department of the InteriorU. S. Patent Office. | Patents granted. | Not published |  |
| U. S. Department of Labor-Emplotment Service. | Number on pay roll-United States factories.. Employment agency operations................. | Industrial Survey *.......................... Report of Activities of State and Municipal Employment Agencies. | First week of month. Every 4 or 5 weeks. |
| Č. S. Department of Labor-Bupreau of Imyigration. | Immigration and emigration statistic | Not published. |  |
| UT. S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics. | Wholesale prices of commodities, including farm products, food, clothing, metals, etc. Wholesale price index. Retail price index of foods. Retail coal prices. | Wholesale Prices of Commodities...... <br> Monthly Labor Reriew $\qquad$ <br> Monthly Labor Review. <br> . ................. <br> Monthly Labor Review. | Monthly. Monthly. Monthly. |
| U.S. Post Office Department. | United States postal savings | Postal Savings News Bulleti | 12th of month. |
|  | Postal receipts. | Statement of Postal Receipts | th of month. |
| U. S. Treasury Department. | Government debt. receipts and disbursements. Money in circulation from July 1, 1922 | Daily Statement of the C.S. Treasury.... Federal Reserve Bulletin. | Last day of month. Monthly. |
| U. S. Treasury DepartmentBureau of the Mint. | Domestic receipts of gold at mint.............. | Not published........ |  |
| U. S. Treasury Department-Bureat of Interval Revenue. | Oleomargarine production. Consumption of manufactured tobacco, snuff, cigars, cigarettes. and oleomargarine. Internal Revenue tixes on specified articles. | Not published. $\qquad$ Statement of tax-paid products * <br> Classified collections of Internal Revenue. | First week of month. 25th of month. |
| U. S. War Department-Engineer | Iron ore movement........................... | Monthly statistical report................... | Monthly during season. |
| Corps. | Sault Ste. Marie Canal traffic. | Mronthly statistical report | Moathly during season. |
| U. S. War Department-Mississippi Warrior Service. | Barge traffic on Mississippi Rirer | Not published. |  |
| War Finance corporation.......... <br> Wisconsin Industrial Commission... | Agricultural loans. Wisconsin factory earnings and employment. . | Not published in form used. Bulletin on Wisconsin labor market *.. | 15 th of month. |
| I.-REPORTS FROM TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. <br> (Excluding individual firms reporting data to be combined with other firms or trade associations.) |  |  |  |
| Aberthaw Construction Co | Building costs. | Construction trade papers. |  |
| Abrasive Paper and Cloth Manu- facturers' Exchange. | Sale of abrasive paper and | Not published. |  |
| American Manufacturers Association of Production from Corn. | Corn ground into starch, glucose, etc. | Not published. |  |
| american bureau of metal Statistics. | Copper production. <br> Silver production. <br> Zinc production in Belgium...... <br> Zinc stocks in United Kingrom. | Not published.. Not published.. Not published. Not published. |  |
| American Face Brick Assoclation.. | Face brick production, stocks, etc | Not published. |  |
| American Iron and Steel Institute | Steel ingot production........................... | Press release to trade papers | 7th of month. |
| american Petroleum Institute... American Pig Iron Assochation... | Gasoline and Kerosene Consumption by States. <br> Merchant pig iron production, etc. | Special statement. Not published..... |  |
| American Railway Association (Car Service Division). | Freight car surplus. $\qquad$ <br> Freight car shortage. <br> Car ladings. $\qquad$ <br> Bad-order cars. | Car Surplusages and Shortages * Car Surplusages and Shortages * Information Bulletin *. Information Bulletin * $\qquad$ | Weekly. <br> Weekly. <br> Weekly. <br> Third week of month. |
| American Telephone and Telegrapfe Co. | Stockholders in the company. | Financial papers.. | Quarterly. |
| American Walnut Manufacturers' Assoclation. <br> American Writing Paper Company. | Walnut lumber and logs... Purchases and sales of paper | Not published.. |  |
| imerican Zinc Institute............. <br> * Multigraphed | Production and stocks of zinc or mimeographed sheets. | Press release to trade papers *. <br> 1 Imports and exports of gold and silver | 15th of month. Part ll. |

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II.-REPORTS FROM TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS-Continued.
(Excluding individual firms reporting data to be combined with other firms or trade associations.)

| Southern Furniture Manufac- | Furniture shipments and unfilled orders.. | Not published in form used. . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
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| TURERS' Association. |  |  |  |
| Southern Pine Association.......... | Yellow pine production and stocks. | Not published in form used.. |  |
| Steel Barrel Manufacturers' association. | Steel barrel shipments. | Monthly reports * (not published).... |  |
| Steel Founders' Society ........... | Sales of steel castings | Not published. |  |
| Stoker Mantfacturers' AssociaTION. | Sales of stokers... | Not published. |  |
| Structural Steel Society........... | Sales of fabricated structural steel. | Not published. |  |
| Tanners' Council. | Leather production through May, 1922 | Not published. |  |
| tubular Plumbing goods AssociaTION. | Tubular plumbing sales... | Semiweekly reports |  |
| Twin City Milk Producers' Assoclation. | Milk production, Minnesota..................... | Not published................................... |  |
| U.S. Stesl Corporation.............. | Unfilled orders. | Press release *. | 10th of menth. |
|  | Earnings...... | Press release*. | Monthly. |
|  | Stockholders... | Financial papers | Quarterly. |
|  | Wages of common labor | Special reports*. | Occasionally. |
| United Typothetae of America... | Printing activity...... | Typothetae Bulletin | Monthly. |
| West Coast Lumbermen's AssociaTION. | Douglas fir lumber production, ete............. | Not published. |  |
| Webbing Manufacturers' Ex- | Sales of elastic webbing.......................... | Not published................................. |  |
| Western Pine Manufacturers' Assoclation. | Western pine lumber production, etc.......... | Not published................................ |  |

## II.-REPORTS FROM TECHNICAL PERIODICALS




[^0]:    * Monthly statistics on the movements since January, 1913, or as far back as available, are given on pages 47-49 of the December Survey (No. 16).

    1 Monthly prices are for the 15th of the month indicated.
    2 Based on the total computed production reported by 5 associations. Inciudes southern pine, Douglas fir, western pine, North Carolina pine, and Michigan hard and soft woods. The total production of these associations in 1919 was equal to $11,190,000,000$ board feet, compared with a total lumber production for the country of $34,552,000,000$ board feet reported by the census.
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    - Yearly figures are monthly averages for the crop year ending July 31 of year indicated.
    - Does not include stocks of topped oil or crude oil held at refineries; this omission reduced the January stocks by about 15,000,000 barrels.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Steel Barrel Manufacturers' Association has entered into cooperative arrangements with the Department of Commerce for the wider distribution of the statistics compiled and issued by that association. The statistics are issued daily and monthly and cover the sales, production, shipments, and unfilled orders of steel barrels and drums specified by kind and size; shipments are distributed by states. Persons desiring to obtain this service may either apply direct to the secretary of the association, 1428 Bulkley Building, Cleveland, Ohio, from whom a statement of the subscription charges for tho various reports may be obtained; or if they prefer, may send thejr names to the Survey of Current Business for forwarding to the association.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ The National Paving Brick Manufacturers' Association has èntered into cooperative arrangements with the Department of Commerce for the wider distribution of the statistics compiled and issued by that association. The statistics are issued weekly and cover the production, shipments, stocks, new orders, cancellatlons and unflled orders for paving brick, classified by sizes. The distribution of unfilled orders and shipments is shown by states and classes of highways. Persons desiring to obtain this service may either apply direct to the secretary of the association, 830 Engineers Building, Cleveland, Ohio, or, if they prefer, may send their names to the Survey of Current Business for forwarding to the assoclation. A umited number of free copies is available for distribution by the assoctation. If there is a large demand for these sheets, a charge will probably be made by the association to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Tubular Plumbing Goods Association has completed cooperative arrangements with the Department of Commerce for the wider distribution of the statistics compiled and issued by that association. These statistics are issued semiweekly and cover manufacturers' sales, in 3-day intervals, of traps and supply pipes. The figures are given in great detail in the regular reports specifying the quantities, subdivided by sizes, which have been sold in particular States, cilies, or Territeries.
    Persons desiring to obtain this service may do so by applying either to the secre tary of the association at 25 Broad Street, New York City, or, if they prefer, may send their names to the Survey of Current Business for forwarding to the association. If there is a large demand for these sheets, a charge will probably be made by the association to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

[^4]:    ${ }^{2}$ The Iowa-Nebraska Canners' Association has entered into cooperative arrange ments with the Department of Commerce for the wider distribution of trade statistics collected, compiled, and issued by that association. These statistics cover periodic reports on acreage planted to sweet corn and the production, stocks, and sales of canned corn. Persons desiring to obtain this service may either apply direct to the secretary of the association at Marshalltown, Iowa, or, if they prifer, may send thetr names to the Survey of Current Business for forwardin, to the association. A limited number of free copies are available for distribution by the secretary of the association. If the demand for these is greater than the supply, a charge will be made by the association sufficient to cover merely the cost of distribution
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[^5]:    See footnotes on opposite page also.

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Data on immigration and emigration compiled by the U.S. Department of State, Division of Passport Control; New York employment from the New York State Department of Labor; Great Lakes movement of iron ore is from the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association; consumption and visible supply of tin from the A merican Metal Market. Schulte cigar store sales from A. Schulte (Inc.). Wholesale price of plumbing fixtures is an average from 13 firms reporting to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
    ${ }^{2}$ Passports are not required of American citizens for travel in the following countries: Bahamas; Bermuda; Canada; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Honduras; Jamaica, when the person is a tourist or winter visitor; Newfoundland; Paraguay; St. Pierre-Miqueion; Trinidad. Passports are not required for direct travel from the United States to Mexico; they are required of Americans who enter Mexico via a third country.

    Eurnaces reporting vary in number from 319 to 341 . Beginning with Jone, 1922 , reports from 15 Canadian furnaces are included
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