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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In addition to figures given from Government sources, there are also incorporated for completeness of service figures from other sources generally accepted by the trades, the authority and responsibility for which are noted in the "Sources of Data" on pages 139-142 of the February, 1929, semiannual issue.

## INTRODUCTION

The Suryey of Curbent Bubiness is designed to present each month a picture of the business situation by setting forth the principal facts regarding the various lines of trade and industry. The figures reported are very largely those already in existence. The chief function of the department is to bring together these data which, if available at all, are scattered in hundreds of different publications. A portion of these data are collected by Government departments, other figures are compiled by technical journals, and still others are reported by trade associations.

At semiannual intervals detailed tables are published giving, for each item, monthly figures for the past two years and yearly comparisons, where available, back to 1913 ; also blank lines sufficient for six months have been left at the bottom of each table, enabling those who care to do so to enter new figures as soon as they appear (see February, 1929, issue). In the intervening months the more important comparisons only are given in the table entitled "Trend of business movements."

## WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT

Realizing that current statistics are highly perishable and that to be of use they must reach the business man at the earliest possible moment, the department has arranged to distribute supplements every week to subscribers in the United States. The supplements are usually mailed on Saturdays and give such information as has been received during the week ending on the preceding Tuesday. The monthly information contained in these bulletins is republished in the Survey, and the supplements also contain charts and tables of weekly data.

## RELATIVE AND INDEX NUMBERS

To facilitate comparison between different important items and to chart series expressed in different units, relative numbers (often called" index numbers," a term referring more particularly to a special kind of number described below) have been calculated. The monthly average for 1923-1925 has usually been used as a base equal to 100 .

The relative numbers are computed by allowing the monthly average for the base year or period to equal 100. If the movement for a current month is greater than the base, the relative number will be greater than 100 , and vice versa. The difference between 100 and the relative number will give at once the per cent increase or decrease compared with the base period. Thus a relative number of 115 means an increase of 15 per cent oven the base period, while a relative number of 80 means a decrease of 20 per cent from the base.
Relative numbers may also be üsed to calculate the approximáte percentage increase or decrease in a movement from one period to the next. Thus, if a relative number at one month is 120 and for a later month it is 144 there has been an increase of 20 per cent.

When two or more series of relative numbers are conbined by a system of weightings, the resulting series is denominated an index number. The index number, by combining many relative numbers, is
designed to show the trend of an entire group of industries or for the country as a whole, instead of for the single commodity or industry which the relative number covers. Comparisons with the base year or with other periods are made in the same manner as in the case of relative numbers.

## RATIO CHARTS

In most instances the charts used in the Survey of Curient Business are of the type termed "Ratio Charts" (logarithmic scale), notably the Business Indicator charts on page 2. These charts show the percentage increase and allow direct comparisons between the slope of one curve and that of any other curve regardless of its lacation on the diagram; that is, a 10 per cent increase in an item is given the same vertical movement whether its curve is near the bottom or near the top of the chart. The difference between this and the ordinary arithmetic form of chart can be made clear by an example. If a certain item having a relative number of 400 in one month increases 10 per cent in the following month, its relative number will be 440 , and on an ordinary chart would be plotted 40 equidistant scale points higher than the preceding months. Another movement with a relative number of, say, 50 also increases 10 per cent, making its relative number 55. On the ordinary (arithmetic) scale this item would rise only 5 equidistant points, whereas the previous item rose 40 points, yet each showed the same percentage increase. The ratio charts avoid difficulty and give to each of the two movements exactly the same vertical rise, and hence the slopes of the two lines are directly comparable. The ratio charts compare percentage changes, while the arithmetic charts compare absolute changes.

## RECORD BOOK

As an aid to readers in comparing present data with monthly statistics in previous years, the department is compiling a Record Boor of Business Statistics, in which data now carried in the Survey of Current Business are shown by months as far back as 1909, if available. Full descriptions of the figures and reports of how the data are used in actual practice by business firms are contained in the Record Book. The sections covering textiles and metals have already been issued and may be obtained for 10 cents per copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. (Do not send stamps.) Notices of other sections will be given in the SURvEy as they are issued.

## METHODS OF USE

Methods of using and interpreting current business statistics have been collected by the department from many business concerns and are described in a booklet entitled "How to Use Current Business Statistics," together with methods of collecting statistics. This booklet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., át 15 cents per copy. (Do not send stamps.)

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#### Abstract

Subscription price of the Survey of Current Business is $\$ 1.50$ a year; single copies (monthly), 10 cents, semiannual issues, 25 cents. Foreign subscriptions, $\$ 2.25$; single copies (monthly issues), including postage, 14 cents; semiannual issues, 36 cents. Subscription price of Commerce Reports is $\$ 4$ a year; with the Survey, $\$ 5.50$ a year. Make remittances only to Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., by postal money order, express order, or New York draft. Currency at sender's risk. Postage stamps or foreign money not accepted




## PRELIMINARY SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY

The volume of money turnover during the early weeks of February, as indicated by check payments, was greater than in the corresponding period of the previous year. Industrial activity, as reflected by steel-plant operations, was greater than in either the previous month or January, 1928. Activity in automobile factories, as indicated by Detroit employment, showed expansion over both the preceding month and the same month of last year. The volume of new building contracts awarded during February was lower than in either the preceding month or February, 1928. Bituminous coal output was higher in February than in either the previous month or the same month of last year. The production of lumber showed declines from both periods.
Loans and discounts of Federal reserve member banks at the end of February were somewhat higher than at the end of the preceding month, showing a gain also over a year ago. Interest rates on call money showed practically no change from the previous month, but were higher than a year ago. Time-money rates averaged lower than in January, but were higher than in

February, 1928. Stock prices reached a new high point during the month and on the whole averaged higher than in the previous month or February of last year. Prices for bonds averaged lower than in either prior period, reflecting higher interest rates. Brokers' loans reached a new high point during February but declined toward the close of the month. On the whole, brokers' loans were higher, however, than in the preceding month or February of last year. The Federal reserve ratio at the end of the month was higher than at the end of the preceding month but showed a decline from a year ago.

The primary distribution of goods, as indicated by carloadings, was greater than in either the previous month or the corresponding period a year ago. The general index of wholesale prices showed practically no change from the previous month but was higher than a year ago. Prices for wheat averaged higher than in January but were lower than a year ago. Prices for cotton and iron and steel showed practically no change from the level which prevailed in January but reflected gainsover a year ago.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS, 1923-1928

[Ratio charts-see explanations on inside front cover. The curves on check payments, wholesale trade, sales of mail-order houses, and 10-cent chains, and department stores have been adjusted for normal seasonal variations, and manufacturing production for the varying number of working days in the month as well]


## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS

The principal business indicators are shown below, all calculated on a comparable basis, the average for the years 1923 to 1925 , inclusive. Thus the table gives a bird's-eye view of the business situation in a concise form, so that trends of the principal indicators may be seen at a glance.

Certain indicators, in which there is a marked seasonal movement, art shown with the average seasonal variations eliminated, as noted below. In this manner a more understanding month-to-month comparison may be made.

| ITEM | MONTHLY AVERAGE |  |  |  |  |  | 1927 | 1028 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1929 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1823 | 1924 | 1225 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | Dec. | Jan. | Feb | Mar | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |  |
|  | 1923-1925 monthly average $=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial produ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Total manufacturing- | 101.0 | 94.0 | 105. 0 | 108.0 | 106.0 | 111.0 | 99.0 | 107.0 | 111.0 | 110.0 | 110.0 | 110.0 | 110.0 | 111.0 | 113.0 | 116.0 |  | 111.0 | 113.0 | 117.0 |
| - Total minerals... | 105.0 | 96.0 | 99.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 106.0 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 103. 0 | 105.0 | 103.0 | 105.0 | 99.0 | 101. 0 | 105.0 | 108.0 | 114.0 | 113. 0 | 112.0 | 118.0 |
| Pigiron. | 111.7 | 86.7 | 101.5 | 109.0 | 101.0 | 105.5 | 90.2 | 96.1 | 97.1 | 107.1 | 106. 6 | 109.9 | 103.1 | 1028 | 105.0 | 102.5 | 112.9 | 9110.5 | 112.8 | 115.2 |
| Steel ingots. | 104.8 | 88.7 | 106. 4 | 113.1 | 104.6 | 120.2 | 91.9 | 115.4 | 117.0 | 130.4 | 124.5 | 121.6 | 108.3 | 110.3 | 120.9 | 120.0 | 134.5 | 123.2 | 116.3 | 129.9 |
| Automobiles | 101.7 | 80.8 | 107.5 | 108.4 | 85.7 | 109.8 | 40.4 | 70.1 | 07.9 | 125.0 | 124.0 | 128.8 | 120.0 | 118. 6 | 138.5 | 125. 6 | 120.1 | 177.7 | 70.7 | 121.6 |
| Cement. | 92.1 | 99.8 | 108.1 | 110.0 | 115.3 | 118.0 | 96.5 | 78.6 | 70.8 | 82.3 | 108.4 | 139.3 | 140.8 | 140.6 | 150.9 | 143.9 | 141. 1 | 1124.5 | 98.1 | 78.7 |
| Lumber ( 5 species) | 88.6 | 96.2 | 105. 2 | 101. 5 | 94. 8 |  | 82.9 | 75.8 | 86.7 | 96.3 | 98.4 | 101.2 | 97.4 | 92.7 | 90.4 | 79.1 |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton (consumption) | 105.9 | 88.7 | 104.4 | 108.8 | 120.2 | 106.8 | 105.0 | 114.2 | 111. 6 | 113.3 | 102.3 | 112.5 | 99.5 | 85.7 | 102.6 | 95.9 | 120.6 | 119.0 | 104. 1 | 130.2 |
| Wool (consumption). | 1128 | 94.6 | 92.6 | 89.7 | 87.0 | 94.7 | 88.0 | 95.2 | 102. 0 | 98.7 | 82.0 | 92.7 | 87.1 | 80.4 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 1086 | 105. 7 | 96.8 | 114.0 |
| Raw material output: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crops.-...... | 92.0 | 104. 0 | 104.0 | 109.0 | 113.0 | 119.0 | 120.0 | 98.0 | 81.0 | 77.0 | 81.0 | 72.0 | 520 | 87.0 | 114.0 | 178.0 | 251.0 | 179.0 | 152.0 | 114.0 |
| Forest products | 99.0 | 97.0 | 104. 0 | 98.0 | 93.0 | 88.2 | 86.0 | 81.0 | 87.0 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 101.0 | 97.0 | 88.0 | 90.0 | 78.0 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 76.0 | 84.0 |
| Crude petroleum | 99.4 | 96.8 | 103.7 | 104. 6 | 122.3 | 122. 2 | 122.1 | 117.8 | 110.9 | 122.2 | 117.5 | 122.5 | 118.1 | 122.9 | 126. 8 | 124.5 | 129.5 | 123.8 | 129.4 | 133.5 |
| Bituminous coal. | 108.0 | 92.5 | 99.5 | 1097 | 99.0 | 94.3 | 94, 4 | 101. 5 | 94.9 | 100.9 | 73 9 | 84.1 | 82.6 | 83.3 | 94.4 | 94.8 | 115. 6 | 105. 7 | 99.6 | 118.1 |
| Copper | 93.4 | 100.2 | 106. 4 | 110. 2 | 104. 9 | 114.9 | 101.9 | 103.8 | 102. 2 | 106.6 | 105. 7 | 111.8 | 111.0 | 111.3 | 116.7 | 118.8 | 131.1 | 129.5 | 129.8 | 131.4 |
| Power and construction: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electric power......... | 92.5 | 08.1 | 109.5 | 122.6 | 183.3 | 146. 0 | 143.8 | 144.9 | 137.0 | 144.5 | 136.7 | 142.2 | 139.8 | 142.4 | 149.8 | 145.2 | 158.0 | 154. 6 | 157.7 | 163.9 |
| Building contracts (37 States)...- | 89.7 | 92.7 | 117.6 | 111.0 | 106. 8 | 121.4 | 05. 2 | 96.0 | 103. 7 | 132.7 | 142.4 | 143.5 | 142.2 | 123.7 | 118.8 | 114. 2 | 129.1 | 111.1 | 98.2 | 88.6 |
| Tnfllled orders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General inder. | 121.7 | 87.0 | 91.3 | 84.6 | 74.0 | 76.2 | 71.5 | 81.2 | 81.6 | 81.4 | 76.8 | 73.9 | 75.2 | 77.1 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 71.5 | 72.7 | 71.0 | 79.0 |
| J. S. Steel Corporation | 125.8 | 83.6 | 90.6 | 82.1 | 71.1 | 80.7 | 83.2 | 89, 5 | 92.1 | 90.8 | 81.1 | 71.6 | 76.2 | 74.8 | 75.9 | 77.4 | 78.6 | 76.9 | 83.3 | 86.1 |
| Stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General inder. | 94.5 | 102.0 | 103. 5 | 114.6 | 120.8 | 122.7 | 133.3 | 128.7 | 129.9 | 126.8 | 122.4 | 116.3 | 108.3 | 105.0 | 107.5 | 116.0 | 132.9 | 138.4 | 141.3 | 137.2 |
| Manfd. commodities (28) | 93.8 | 103.2 | 103. 0 | 106.3 | 127.0 | 116.7 | 111.6 | 114.7 | 120.0 | 120.2 | 118.5 | 120.2 | 117.3 | 118.3 | 115.4 | 111.3 | 110.7 | 113.7 | 119.7 | 124.0 |
| Cotton. | 102.5 | 91, 4 | 106.2 | 145. 6 | 153.1 | 123.8 | 195. 9 | 178.8 | 159.1 | 135.8 | 117.7 | 95.5 | 74.7 | 58.6 | 52.4 | 89.5 | 155.1 | 181.4 | 187.7 | 169.8 |
| Copper (refined) .-.-.....--.......- | 108.4 | 113.9 | 73.1 | 64.8 | 85.4 | 58.4 | 84.2 | 85.2 | 76.8 | 77.1 | 64.4 | 58.6 | 52.0 | 48.5 | 48.4 | 45.8 | 40.3 | 46.1 | 57.8 | 55.4 |
| Fimployment: Factories | 106. 6 | 96.3 | 07.2 | 88 | 94 |  |  | 89.8 | 91.2 | 91 | 91 | 91.2 | 91 | 90 | 01 | 93 |  |  | 93.6 | 93.4 |
| Prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farm products, to producers.... | 97.8 | 97.1 | 106.5 | 98. 8 | 94.9 | 100.7 | 99.3 | 90.3 | 97.8 | 99.3 | 101.4 | 107.2 | 105.1 | 105.1 | 100.7 | 102.2 | 993 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 96.4 |
| Wholesale, all commodities. | 99.9 | 97.4 | 102.8 | 89.3 | 94.7 | 97.0 | 96.1 | 95.6 | 95.7 | 95.3 | 96.7 | 97.9 | 96.9 | 97.6 | 98.2 | 99. | 97.1 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 96.5 |
| Retail food... | 97.8 | 97.6 | 104.8 | 107. 6 | 103. 6 | 102.9 | 104.2 | 103.6 | 101. 3 | 101.2 | 101.6 | 102.8 | 102.0 | 102. 1 | 103.0 | 105.4 | 104. 8 | 105.1 | 104.1 | 103.3 |
| Cost of living (including food).... | 08.1 | 99.9 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 99.9 | 98.7 | 99.9 | 90.2 | 88.4 | 88.1 | 97.9 | 98.4 | 98.0 | 93.0 | 98.0 | 99.3 | 09.3 | 99.3 | 98.7 | 98.0 |
| Distribution (values) : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * Bank debits, 141 cities. | 01.2 | 96.7 | 111.8 | 119.6 | 132.8 | 158. 2 | 136. 9 | 1421 | 149.6 | 164.8 | 161.8 | 168.8 | 165.4 | 140.4 | 149.9 | 156.9 | 161.0 | 165.1 | 172.3 | 187.2 |
| - Wholesale trade.. | 101. 0 | 98.0 | 101.0 | 88.0 | 95.0 | 94.1 | 95.3 | 96.3 | 99.1 | 95. 6 | 91.6 | 98.7 | 92.5 | 94.2 | 100.6 | 96.4 | 97.4 | 100. 0 | 94.9 | 101.3 |
| - Department stores, sales | 98.0 | 99.0 | 103.0 | 106. 0 | 106.0 | 108.0 | 111.4 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 103.0 | 104.0 | 104. 0 | 108.0 | 106. 0 | 120.0 | 105. 0 | 107.0 | 117.0 | 107.0 |
| - Mail-order houses, sal | 92.0 | 98.0 | 110. 0 | 115.0 | 120.0 | 137.0 | 128.0 | 113.0 | 116.0 | 113.0 | 117.0 | 132.0 | 144.0 | 153.0 | 160.0 | 154.0 | 140.0 | 141.0 | 165.0 | 136.0 |
| - 10-cent chains, sales | 88.0 | 99.0 | 113.0 | 125. 0 | 138.0 | 150.0 | 147.0 | 140.0 | 142.0 | 142.0 | 147.0 | 144.0 | 153.0 | 148.0 | 144.0 | 165.0 | 148.0 | 151.0 | 163. 6 | 145.8 |
| Imports. | 97.8 | 93.1 | 109.0 | 114.3 | 108.0 | 105. 5 | 102.5 | 104.6 | 108. 7 | 117.8 | 106.9 | 109.6 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 107.3 | 99.0 | 110. 0 | 101.1 | 105.0 | 114.1 |
| Exports. | 91.5 | 100.8 | 107.8 | 106.5 | 106.8 | 112. 6 | 107.4 | 108.2 | 97.8 | 110.8 | 95.9 | 111.1 | 102.3 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 111.1 | 145.1 | 143.5 | 125.3 | 129.3 |
| Transportation: <br> - Car loadings.. | 99.8 | 97.6 | 102.8 | 100.8 | 105.1 |  |  | 88.0 | 101.8 | 129.0 | 3.0 | 106.4 |  | 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Freight, net ton-miles..............- | 102.2 | 95.8 | 101.8 | 109.1 | 106.0 | 106.5 | 92.7 | 97.2 | 95.7 | 105.8 | 96.1 | 105. 2 | 100.0 | 105.0 | 113. G | 117.3 | 129.2 | 124.6 | 88.4 | 101.5 |
| Finance: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Member bank loans and discounts | 94.1 | 98.5 | 107.4 | 112.8 | 117.3 | 126.8 | 123.2 | 121.9 | 120.8 | 123.3 | 127.3 | 126.9 | 128.4 | 126.6 | 125.6 | 127.3 | 128.3 | 129.8 | 135.4 | 128.7 |
| Interest rate (commercial paper). | 116.2 | 90.0 | 93.5 | 100.9 | 95.4 | 112.8 | 92.8 | 92.8 | 92,8 | 95.8 | 101.6 | 104. 4 | 113.2 | 119.0 | 124.8 | 130.6 | 127.6 | 124.8 | 124.8 | 124.8 |
| Federal reserve ratio. | 99.0 | 104.1 | 96.9 | 96.0 | 92.1 | 89.1 | 86.5 | 95.5 | 96.0 | 95.6 | 90.9 | 89.2 | 84.7 | 88.9 | 90.0 | 86.5 | 87, 0 | 84.5 | 80.2 | 89.9 |
| Price, corporation bonds. | 96.4 | 90.9 | 103.6 | 108.0 | 112. 5 | 113.0 | 115. 6 | 115.9 | 115.8 | 115.7 | 116.0 | 115.0 | 112.3 | 110.9 | 109.8 | 111.0 | 111.3 | 112.0 | 110.7 |  |
| Price, railroad stocks.. | 86.0 | 96.1 | 117.9 | 133.4 | 162.7 | 174.5 | 171.11 | 169.1 | 164.7 | 170.1 | 176.0 | 178.9 | 169.6 | 170.3 | 173.8 | 178.5 | 176.4 | 186.0 | 180.3 | 189.3 |
| Price, industrial stocks. | 86.1 | 81.8 | 122.0 | 132.4 | 171.4 | 214.8 | 193. 7 | 183.5 | 191.2 | 204.8 | 210.4 | 213.6 | 202.1 | 206.1 | 213.4 | 226.0 | 234.5 | 252.6 | 229.0 | 275.0 |
| Fsilures (liabilities). | 106.0 | 106. 8 | 87.2 | 80.4 | 102.2 | 95.6 | 120.3 | 1123 | 106.3 | 129.3 | 82.5 | 85.2 | 70.3 | 69.8 | 137.3 | 80.1 | 82.5 | 95.8 | 96.2 | 127.1 |

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## BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN JANUARY

The index of manufacturing production for January, allowing for seasonal conditions, showed a gain over the previous month and January last year. The principal gains over a year ago occurred in the output in automobiles, rubber tires, and iron and steel. Mineral production, after adjustment for seasonal conditions, also showed gains over the previous month and January of last year.

## COMMODITY STOCKS

Stocks of commodities held at the end of January were lower than at the end of the preceding month, but were higher than a year ago. Contrasted with a
tribution of goods, as indicated by car loadings, was greater than a year ago.

Wholesale trade showed larger volume than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month of 1928. All lines of wholesale business showed gains as compared with December except hardware and furniture, which declined. Wholesale trade was greater in all lines than in January, 1928, except dry goods and men's clothing, which declined, and hardware, which showed no change.
Sales by department stores showed gains over both the preceding month and January of last year. Merchandise stocks, held by department stores at the end

PRODUCTION STOCKS AND UNFILLED ORDERS FOR MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES
[1923-1925 monthly average $=100$. Adjustment has been made for the seasonal movement and relative number of working days for production. Unfilled orders are principally those of iron, steel, building materials, and textiles. January, 1929, is the latest month plotted]

year ago, stocks of textiles, lumber, and chemicals and oils, among the manufactured commodities, declined.

## SALES

The general index of unfilled orders showed a substantial gain over the preceding month, but was lower than a year ago. All groups entering into the index showed larger forward business than at the end of the preceding month. With the exception of textiles, all groups showed declines from a year ago. New orders for basic materials and machinery and equipment placed in January was generally greater than in either the preceding month or January of 1928. The dis-
of the month, were smaller than at the end of either the previous month or January a year ago. Sales by mail-order houses showed a seasonal decline from the preceding month, but were considerably larger than a year ago. The volume of business, transacted by 10 -cent chains, also showed a seasonal decline from the previous month, but were considerably greater than a year ago. Sales by grocery chains showed gains over both the preceding month and January of last year. Business of other chains showed declines from December, but in all cases increased business was recorded as compared with January of the preceding year.

## PRICES

Wholesale prices, although showing no change from December, averaged 1 per cent higher than in January, 1928. As compared with the preceding month, gains in prices for farm products, foods, metals and metal products, house-furnishing goods, and certain miscellaneous items were counterbalanced by declines in prices for hides and leather and fuel and lighting. Compared with a year ago, gains in prices for fuel and lighting, metals and metal products, and building materials were more than sufficient to offset declines in hides and leather, textiles, and house-furnishing goods. Classified by state of manufacture, prices for raw materials and finished products advanced as compared with the

The cost-of-living index showed a decline from both the preceding month and January of last year. As compared with the previous month, all items showed lower prices, except fuel and light, which showed no change. As compared with last year, all items were lower except food and fuel, which showed no change.

## EMPLOYMENT

The general index of factory employment showed a seasonal decline from the preceding month, but was 3 per cent higher than a year ago. It is to be noted that this index does not include any of the newer industries, such as aircraft, radio, rayon, etc., where employment conditions are known to be good. Compared with the previous month, declines in employ-

PRICE COMPARISONS
[Prices at wholesale are relative to 1926; farm prices and the cost of living are relative to the average for 1923-1925. January, 1929, is latest month plotted]

preceding month, while prices for nonagricultural commodities and semimanufactures showed no change. As compared with last year, prices for nonagricultural commodities and finished manufactured products were higher, while raw materials and semimanufactures were lower.

The index for prices received by farmers for their produce was lower than in either the previous month or January of last year. As compared with the preceding month, all price gains recorded in fruits and vegetables, grains, meat animals, and certain unclassified items were insufficient to offset the decline in the prices for dairy and poultry products.
ment in food factories, textiles, lumber, paper and printing, chemicals, stone, clay and glass, nonferrous metals and tobacco manufactures were more than sufficient to offset unemployment in leather factories and automobile factories. As compared with a year ago all groups showed larger employment except textiles, leather, stone, clay and glass, and tobacco, which declined, and lumber and paper and printing, which showed no change. Factory pay-roll payments in January were likewise lower than in the preceding month, but were almost 6 per cent higher than a year ago. As compared with the preceding month, pay-roll payments were lower in all industrial groups, except leather, which showed a gain.

## WHOLESALE PRICES FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES

( Relative numbers, 1926 monthly average taken as 100 . January, 1929, is latest month plotted. Data from which these charts are drawn are given on the opposite page]


## WHOLESALE PRICES FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES

Note.-Prices to producer on farm products and market price of wool are from U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, nonferrous motals from the Engineering and Mining Journal-Press, except tin, which is from the American Metal Market. All other prices are from U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. So far as possible all quotations represent prices to producer or at mill.

| COMmOdities | Unit | ACTUAL PRICE (dollars) |  |  | belative price |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1926 average $=100$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | December, 1928 | $\underset{1929}{\text { January }^{2}}$ | $\underset{1928}{\text { January }}$ | November, 1928 | Decem- <br> ber, 1928 | January, 1929 | December, 1927 | January, 1928 |
| FARM PRODUCTS-AVERAGE PRICE TO PRODUCER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat. | Bushel | 0.982 | 0.985 | 1.152 | 72 | 73 | 73 | 84 | 85 |
| Corn. | Bushel-.....- | . 761 | . 802 | . 752 | 108 | 109 | 115 | 107 | 108 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Potatoes }}$ Cotton. | Pushel......- | .579 .180 | .889 .179 | . 936 | 31 118 1 | 31 119 | $\begin{array}{r}32 \\ 119 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}51 \\ 124 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 50 |
| Cottonseed | Ton......-. | 37. 74 | 38.05 | 37.40 | 137 | 139 | 140 | 137 | $\begin{array}{r}123 \\ 138 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Cattle, beef | Pound.-. | . 0894 | . 0897 | . 0848 | 143 | 138 | 139 | 129 | 131 |
| Hogs.- | Pound. | . 07141 | . 0812 | . 0781 | 72 99 | ${ }_{99}^{67}$ | 69 106 | $\stackrel{69}{98}$ | 66 98 |
| FARM PRODUCTS-MARKET PRICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat, No. 1, northern spring (Minneapolis) | Bushel. | 1. 172 | 1. 217 | 1. 293 | 77 | 76 | 79 | 82 | 84 |
| Wheat, No. 2, red, winter (Chicago) | Bushel......- | 1. 414 | 1. 405 | 1. 425 | 87 | 92 | 91 | 90 | 92 |
| Corn, contract grade No. 2, cash (Chicago) | Bushel.-....- | . 858 | . 915 | . 886 | 118 | 113 | 121 | 114 | 117 |
| Oats, contract grades, cash (Chicago). | Bushel-.....- | . 486 | . 523 | . 564 | 110 | 113 | 122 | 129 | 131 |
| Barley, feeding (Chicago)-- | Bushel....... | . 574 | . 600 | . 932 | 80 | 83 | 87 | 126 | 134 |
| Rye, No. 2, cash (Chicago)--.----------- | Bushel......- | 1.059 | 1.044 | 1. 085 | 112 | 111 | 109 | 114 | 114 |
| Tobacco, leaf, average sales, warehouse (Kentucky) | Cwt.......-- | 25.691 | 28.136 | 23. 227 | 117 | 303 | 332 | 239 | 274 |
|  | Pound.....- | . 205 | . 202 | . 190 | 114 | 117 | 115 | 112 | 108 |
| Wool, $1 / 4$ blood combing, Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces (Boston) | Pound....... | $\stackrel{.55}{14.175}$ | ${ }_{13}{ }^{.55}$ | .50 1500 | 120 | 120 149 | 120 | 1107 | 106 |
| Cattle, steers, good to choice, corn fed (Chicago). Hogs, heary (Chicago)..................... | Cwt | 14.175 8.780 | 13.631 9.100 | 15.800 8.320 | 150 73 | 149 | $\begin{array}{r}142 \\ 74 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 163 70 | 166 67 |
| Sheep, ewes (Chicago) | Cwt | 6. 275 | 8. 388 | 6. 050 | 81 | 95 | 127 | 85 | 92 |
| Sheep, lambs (Chicago) | Cwt.......... | 13.775 | 15.594 | 12.650 | 93 | 101 | 114 | 95 | 92 |
| FOOD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flour, standard patents (Minneapolis) | Barrel | 6. 131 | 6. 340 | 7.450 | 74 | 73 | 75 | 84 | 88 |
| Flour, winter straights (Kansas City) | Barrel....-.- | 5. 500 | 5.519 | 6. 700 | 76 | 76 | 76 88 | 91 106 | 92 |
|  | Pound....-. | . 039 | . 038 | . 045 | 89 | 91 | 88 | 106 | 104 |
| Sugar, granulated, in barrels (New York) | Pound......- | . 052 | . 050 | . 057 | 92 | 94 | 92 | 101 | 104 |
| Cottonseed oil, prime yellow (New York) - | Pound. | . 103 | . 103 | . 101 | 81 | 87 | 87 | 84 | 85 |
| Beef, fresh, carcass, good native steers (Chicago) | Pound | . 245 | . 240 | . 220 | 154 | 149 | 144 | 136 | 134 |
| Beef, fresh, carcass, stears (New York) .-.-...-. | Pound. | . 245 | . 245 | . 230 | 154 | 144 | 144 | 139 | 135 |
| Pork, smoked hams (Chicago)...-.-. | Pound.... | . 244 | . 232 | . 212 | 79 | 79 | 76 | 70 | 69 |
| Butter, creamery, 92 score (New York) | Pound....--- | . 512 | . 483 | . 239 | 1103 | 113 | 107 | 116 103 | 109 103 |
| TEXTILES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton yarns, carded, white, northern, mule spun, 22-1-cones (Boston).. | Pound. | . 378 | . 382 | . 369 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 104 | 103 |
| Cotton-print cloth, 64 $\times 60-3813^{\prime \prime}$ '-5.35-yards to pound................ | Yard. | . 078 | . 076 | . 080 | 103 | 103 | 101 | 105 | 106 |
| Cotton sheeting, brown 4/4 Trion (New York) | Yard | . 091 | . 090 | . 098 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 113 | 105 |
| Worsted, yarns, 2/32's cross-bred stock, white, in skein (Boston) | Pound. | 1.575 | 1.575 | 1.425 | 108 | 110 | 110 | 98 | 99 |
| Woman's dress goods, French, 39 inches at mills, serge | Yard.......- | . 975 | . 975 | 1. 000 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 97 | 97 |
| Suitings, unfinished worsted-13-ounce, mill.-.... | Yard... | 2.008 | 2. 008 | 1.935 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 96 | 97 |
| Suitings, serge, 11-ounce, 56-58 inch | Yard | 1. 998 | 1. 998 | ${ }^{2} .093$ | 92 | ${ }_{81}^{92}$ | 92 | ${ }_{81}^{96}$ | 97 |
| Silk, Japan, 13-15-......-.j....ill | Pound......- | 4. 998 10.290 | 4. 998 10.290 | 5. 145 10.290 | 82 85 | 81 85 | 81 85 | 81 86 | 83 85 |
| Hosiery, women's, pure silk, mill | Dozen pair.- | 10. 290 | 10. 290 | 10. 290 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 86 | 85 |
| Leather |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hides, green salted, packers' heavy native steers (Chicago) | Pound. | . 226 | . 205 | . 261 | 159 | 161 | 146 | 178 | 186 |
| Hides, calfskins, No. 1, country, 8 to 15 , pounds (Chicago). | Pound.-.--- | . 250 | . 219 | . 300 | 140 | 144 | 126 | 144 | 173 |
| Leather, chrome calf, dull or bright " $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ " grades (Boston). | Square foot.- | . 500 | . 530 | . 535 | 108 | 110 | 117 | 118 | 118 |
| Leather, sole, oak, scoured backs, heavy (Boston) | Pound...--- | . 590 | . 590 | . 590 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 | 135 |
| Boots and shoes, men's black calf, blucher (Massachusetts) | Pair--.......- | 6. 750 | 6. 750 | 6. 750 | 106 | 106 | 106 | 102 | 106 |
| FUEL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal, bituminous, mine-run (composite price) | Net ton....-- | 4. 006 | 4.005 | 4.121 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 96 | 96 |
| Coal, bituminous, prepared sizes (composite price) | Net ton..... | 4. 547 | 4. 514 | 4.619 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 99 | 96 |
| Coal, anthracite, chestnut (composite price) | Long ton...- | 13.040 | 12.987 | 13. 130 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 97 | 95 |
| Coke, Connellsville (range of prompt and future) furnace-at ovens... | Short ton.-. | 2.750 | 2. 750 | 2.780 | 70 | 67 | 67 | 68 | 88 |
| Petroleum, crude, Kansas-Oklahoma-at wells...- | Barrel. | 1.210 | 1. 185 | 1. 220 | 64 | 64 | 63 | 65 | 65 |
| Metals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron, foundry No. 2, northern (Pittsburgh) | Long ton...-- | 19.510 | 19. 260 | 19.010 | 94 | 95 | 93 | 92 | 92 |
| Pig iron, basic, valley furnace - | Long ton...- | 17.500 | 17.500 | 17.000 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 92 | 92 |
|  | Long ton.... | 33.000 | 33.000 | 33.000 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 |
| Copper ingots, electrolytic, early delivery (New York) | Pound.-...- | . 1584 | . 1660 | . 1385 | 114 | 115 | 120 | 100 | 100 98 |
| Brass, sheets, mill......-.......-................- | Pound...--- | . 2065 | . 213 | . 188 | 108 | 108 | 112 | 99 | 99 77 |
| Tin, Straits (New York) ........................... | Pound-....-- | . 50521 | . 06065 | . .65564 | 78 | 77 | 75 | 90 | 85 |
| Zinc, slab, western (St. Louis)...... | Pound....-. | . 0635 | . 0635 | . 0564 | 85 | 87 | 87 | 78 | 77 |
| bUILDING MATERIAL AND Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumber, pine, southern, yellow flooring, mill. | M feet. | 37. 19 | 36.55 | 35. 26 | 83 | 82 | 81 | 79 | 78 |
| Brick, common red, domestic building (New York) | Thousand..- | 12.00 | 11. 50 | 12.75 | 73 | 73 | 70 | 68 | 78 |
| Cement, Portland, net without bags to trade, f. o. b. plant (Chicago district) | Barrel......- | 1.650 | 1.650 | 1.683 | 97 | 95 | 95 | 97 | 97 |
| Steel beams, mill (Pittsburgh) | Cwt.......--- | 1. 900 | 1. 900 | 1.800 | 97. | 97 | 97 | 92 | 92 |
| Rubber, smoked sheets (New York) | Pound....-- | . 179 | . 198 | . 402 | 38 | 37 | 41 | 84 | 83 |
| Sulphuric acid, $66^{\circ}$ (New York) | Ton-......... | 15. 500 | 15. 500 | 15.500 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 107 |
| Wood pulp, sulphite, domestic, unbleached, nows grade (New York).- | Cwt | 2. 488 | 2. 450 | 2. 525 | 88 | 87 | 86 | 88 | 88 |
| Newsprint, rolls, contract, mill............................................ | Cwt.........- | 3. 250 | 3. 250 | 3. 250 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 |

## NEW BUILDING CONTRACTS AND AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION

[Relative numbers, monthly average, 1923-1925, taken as 100]


MINERAL PRODUCTION AND RAILROAD TON-MILEAGE
[Relative numbers, monthly average, 1923-1925, taken as 100]


FACTORY EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING, AND ELECTRIC-POWER PRODUCTION


## REVIEW OF PRINCIPAL BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

## TEXTILES

Imports of wool in January showed sizeable gains over both the preceding month and January, 1928. The consumption of wool by textile mills was likewise greater than in either prior period. Stocks of wool at the end of 1928 were about 2 per cent greater than at the end of the preceding year.

- The consumption of cotton was considerably greater than in either prior period. Stocks of cotton held at the end of January, both at mills and in public storage, were lower than a year ago. Raw cotton exports in January showed a gain of 12 per cent over the same month of 1928 . Cotton prices paid to producers were lower than in either the previous month

Stocks of raw silk, both at manufacturing plants and at warehouses, were greater at the end of January than at the end of the preceding month. Warehouse stocks were greater also than a year ago, but inventories at mills were lower. The price index for silk goods showed no change from the previous month but was lower than a year ago. Imports of rayon were lower than in December but 25 per cent greater than a year ago. Rayon prices showed no change from either the previous month or January of last year.

More men's and boys' suits were cut in December than in November, but a decline was registered from the output of 1927.

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or January a year ago, but the wholesale price for cotton, showing a decline from December, averaged higher than a year ago. Spindle activity at cotton mills, reduced to a ratio to plant capacity, was higher than in either the previous month or January of last year.

Imports of silk were greater than in either period. Deliveries of silk to consuming establishments were also larger than in either the previous month or January a year ago, while machinery activity in silk mills also showed gains over both periods.

The production of hosiery in December showed a decline from both the preceding month and December, 1927. Net shipments of hosiery by manufacturers likewise declined from both periods. Hosiery stocksheld by manufacturers at the end of 1928 were lower than at the end of 1927.

Textiles spread with pyroxylin during January showed a substantial gain over both the preceding month and the corresponding month of 1928. Unfilled orders for pyroxylin-coated textiles at the end of January were greater than at the end of December.

## METALS

The consumption of iron ore by furnaces was greater in January than in either the preceding month or January of last year. Pig-iron production likewise showed gains over both periods. Wholesale prices for pig-iron, though showing no appreciable change from the preceding month, averaged higher than a year ago.

The production of steel ingots was greater than in either the previous month or January of last year. Reduced to a ratio to plant capacity the output of steel ingots showed a gain of almost 9 per cent over January, 1928. Unfilled steel orders at the end of January were greater than at the end of the previous

New orders for fabricated steel plate were smaller than in either the preceding month or January of last year. Shipments of cold finished steel bars showed gains over both periods. New orders for steel boilers, measured in square feet of heating surface, showed a decline from the previous month but were 25 per cent greater than a year ago. Production of steel barrels was larger than in either period. Shipments of lock washers also showed gains over both periods.

New orders for machine tools were larger than in either the preceding month or January of last year, with shipments also showing gains over both prior periods. New orders for foundry equipment were like-

## THE METAL INDUSTRIES

[Relative numbers, monthly avorage 1923-1925, taken as 100. January, 1929, is latest month plotted. Curve covering zinc stocks is plotted from 12 months' moving monthly averages plotted on the end month

month, but showed a decline from the same month of last year. Earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the year 1928 showed a gain of almost 18 per cent over the preceding year. The output of steel sheets by independent manufacturers showed a gain in January over both the preceding month and the same month of 1928. Reduced to ratio to capacity, steel sheet production in January was 23 per cent greater than in January of last year. Unfilled orders for steel sheets at the end of January showed a gain of 10 per cent over the previous month, but declined six per cent from a year ago.

The production of track work in January was smaller than in December but greater than a year ago.
wise larger than in either the previous month or January, 1928. Unfilled orders for foundry equipment at the end of January were almost three times as large as a year ago. New orders for mechanical stokers were likewise greater than in January, 1928. Domestie shipments of industrial pumps also showed gains over a year ago, while new orders and unfilled orders for industrial pumps were greater than in either the previous month or January of last year. New orders for electric hoists showed gains over both periods. Shipments, new orders, and unfilled orders for electric overhead cranes and new orders and shipments for woodworking machinery also recorded advances over both the preceding month and the same month of 1928.

## FUELS

The output of bituminous coal in January showed substantial gains over both the preceding month and January of last year. Anthracite production was likewise greater than in either prior period. Prices for coal, both bituminous and anthracite, averaged lower than in either prior period.

## AUTOMOBILES AND RUBBER

The output of automobiles, both passenger cars and trucks, showed gains of more than 70 per cent over both the preceding month and January of last year.

## HIDES AND LEATHER

Imports of hides and skins during January exceeded those of either the previous month or the corresponding month of last year. Increases from December of imports of cattle hides and sheepskins more than offsetting declines in imports of calfskins and goatskins. Prices of cattle hides and calfskins averaged lower than for either the preceding month or the corresponding month of last year. Leather prices, however, showed little change upper leather being slightly higher than in December and slightly lower than a

THE FUEL INDUSTRIES
[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925 taken as 100. January, 1929, is latest month plotted where data were available]


The gain in the output over a year ago of passenger cars was about 71 per cent, while the production of trucks was almost twice as large as in January of the previous year. The output of automobiles in Canada during January was more than 150 per cent greater than in January of the previous year. Domestic exports of automobiles showed substantial gains over both the previous month and the same month of 1928. Canadian exports were likewise greater than in either period.

The imports of crude rubber in January showed considerable gains over both the previous month and the corresponding period of last year. The wholesale price of rubber averaged higher than in the preceding month but was about 50 per cent lower than a year ago.

year ago, while sole leather was unchanged from either period. The output of sole leather was greater than for either prior period, and exports, although smaller than a year ago, greatly exceeded those for the previous month. Exports of upper leather were smaller than for either prior period. Shoe prices were the same as during the previous month but slightly higher than in January, 1928. Production of boots and shoes was considerably larger than in December and slightly larger than a year ago. Exports also exceeded those of both prior periods. More cattle, calves, and sheep were slaughtered during January than during the previous month and more cattle and hogs than in January, 1928. The number of hogs slaughtered in January, however, was slightly less than during the previous month.

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Construction costs on the whole averaged slightly above those for the previous month but showed no uniform tendency as compared with January, 1928. Contracts awarded for new buildings were smaller both in square footage and in value than for either the previous month or for January, 1928, increases in contracts for commercial and industrial buildings as compared with both periods being more than offset

## STONE AND CLAY PRODUCTS

The production and shipments of Portland cement, while slightly larger than a year ago, declined seasonally from the previous month. Stocks of cement were larger than at the end of either prior period and prices, while the same as in December, were slightly ower than a year ago. New contracts let for concrete pavements during January were slightly smaller than during the previous month despite the substantial

THE AUTOMOBILE AND RUBBER INDUSTRIES
[Relative numbers, monthly average 1923-1925 taken as 100 . Where available, January, 1929, is latest month plotted]

by declines in contracts for residential and public buildings.

## LUMBER AND LUMBER PRODUCTS

The production of lumber was generally greater than for either the previous month or for the corresponding month of last year, declines for the previous month being recorded only in the case of California redwood and California white pine, while the output of Douglas fir, California redwood, Northern pine, and walnut was less than a year ago. Lumber shipments were greater during January in most instances than for either prior period, North Carolina pine being the only species for which shipments were less than during the previous month, while Southern pine and Douglas fir showed declines from January, 1928. New orders for lumber were also greater in most instances than during the previous month.
increase in road contracts, but were much larger than a year ago. Federal aid highways completed also greatly exceeded those finished during January, 1928

New orders and shipments of porcelain plumbing fixtures considerably exceeded those of the previous month, but were smaller than in January, 1928. Unfilled orders and stocks, on the other hand, were less than at the end of December, but much greater than a year ago. New orders and shipments for vitreous china fixtures were greater than during either prior period. Unfilled orders also exceeded those at the end either of December or January, 1928, and stocks, while less than at the end of the previous month, were greater than a year ago. New orders for terra cotta were greater both in quantity and in value than during December, the value of such orders also exceeding those of January, 1928.

## FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO

The visible supply of wheat at the end of January in both the United States and Canada was considerably larger than a year ago. Receipts of wheat at principal domestic markets showed a decline from the previous year, but shipments showed gains. Exports of wheat, including flour, showed declines from both the preceding month and January of last year. Prices for wheat, averaging higher than in December, were lower than a year ago.
The visible supply of corn at the end of January was 7 per cent smaller than a year ago. Corn exports, including meal, were considera'bly greater than a year

Receipts of butter at the principal markets showed gains over both the previous month and January a year ago. Storage holdings of butter at the end of January were 13 per cent lighter than a year ago. The wholesale price of butter averaged lower than in either the previous month or the same month of last year. Receipts of cheese at primary markets showed a decline from a year ago. Storage holdings of cheese were 33 per cent greater than last year.
Imports of raw sugar were greater in January than in either the previous month or January a year ago. Meltings of sugar at refineries were also greater than in either prior period. Stocks of raw sugar held at

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ago. Receipts and shipments of corn at principal primary markets showed gains over last year.

Receipts and shipments of cattle at principal markets showed a decline from last year. Local slaughter of cattle was also smaller than in January, 1928. The output of inspected beef was greater than in either the preceding month or January of last year, the indicated consumption of beef also showing gains over both periods. Exports of beef products were greater than in either the previous month or January of last year. Cold storage holdings of beef at the end of the month were considerably larger than a year ago. Prices for beef averaged higher than for last year. Receipts of hogs at primary markets were smaller than in January of last year, but shipments showed a gain.
refineries at the end of January were 15 per cent heavier than a year ago. Shipments of refined sugar by refineries showed gains over both the previous month and the same month a year earlier.

Imports of coffee were larger than in December, but showed a decline from a year ago. The world's visible supply of coffee at the end of January was 4 per cent greater than a year ago. Clearances of coffee for the United States showed a gain over the previous month, but were smaller than a year ago. The price of coffee averaged higher than in either the previous month or January, 1928. Imports of tea and cocoa showed gains over the previous month. Tea imports were also greater than a year ago but cocoa imports declined from the previous month.

## TRANSPORTATION

Freight carloadings in January showed a gain of almost 4 per cent over a year ago. As compared with January, 1928, increases were registered in the loadings of coal and coke, ores, and miscellaneous merchandise, all other groups showing declines. Freight car surplusages were considerably smaller than a year ago. Shipments of railroad locomotives by manufacturers were more than 50 per cent smaller than a year ago

## BANKING AND FINANCE

Check payments outside New York City showed a gain of 13 per cent over a year ago. Loans and discounts of Federal reserve member banks at the end of

## DISTRIBUTION MOVEMENT

Sales by mail-order houses and chain 10 -cent stores showed substantial gains over January, 1928. Magazine advertising also showed a considerable gain. Advertising in newspapers was greater than in January of last year. Postal receipts in 100 representative cities were greater than a year ago. Mail dispatched by air continued to show further growth in business volume.

## GOLD, SILYER, AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Receipts of gold at the mint were smaller than in either the previous month or January, 1928. The output of gold at the Rand mines was greater than in either prior period. Imports of gold showed gains over both periods, while gold exports showed declines.

WHOLESALE TRADE


January were 5 per cent smaller than at the end of the preceding month but were greater than a year ago. The Federal reserve ratio showed a substantial gain during the month, but was lower than a year ago. Interest rates on time loans averaged higher than in either period, while call-loan renewal rates, averaging lower than in December, were higher than in January, 1928. New sales of life insurance were almost 19 per cent larger than in January, 1928. Prices for stocks, both industrial and railroads, averaged higher than in either the previous month or the same month of last year. Bond prices averaged lower than a year ago. Dividend and interest payments scheduled for February were considerably larger than a year ago.

The price of silver at New York averaged lower than in either the previous month or January of last year.

Exchange on the principal currencies showed only slight change from the preceding month, the principal changes being downward. Exchange on Netherlands, Sweden, and Japan showed declines from December. Contrasted with a year ago, exchange rates were generally lower, declines occurring in the British pound, the Italian lira, the Dutch guilder, the Swedish krone, the Swiss franc, the Japanese yen, the Indian rupee, the Argentine peso, the Brazilian milreis, and the Chilean peso. Imports of merchandise showed gains over both the preceding month and January a year ago. Merchandise exports likewise showed gains over both previous periods.

## INDEXES OF BUSINESS

The index numbers presented in this table are designed to show the trend in production, prices, trade, etc., by commodities or groups. They consist in general of weighted combinations of series of individual relative numbers; often the individual relative numbers are also given. The function of index and relative numbers is explained on the inside front cover. All of the index numbers, except where noted, are based on the average of the years 1923 to 1925, while maxima and minima are given only since 1923, thus eliminating the abnormal period prior to 1923 . Complete descriptions and figures for earlier years may be found in the following issues of the Survey (later data being available in the latest semiannual issues): Production, in the July, 1928, issue (No. 83), pages 18 to 22 ; stocks in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), pages 20 to 22 ; new orders in the September, 1928, issue (No. 85), page 19; unfilled orders in the January, 1928, issue (No. 77), pages 22 and 23 ; wholesale trade in the January, 1928, issue (No. 77), page 21; mail-order and chain stores in the May, 1928, issue (No. 81), pages 20 and 21 ; department stores in the April, 1928, issue (No. 80), pages 20 and 21; employment, based on 1923 as 100, in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), page 108; farm prices, in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), page 27; wholesale prices (Department of Labor), in the November, 1927, issue (No. 75), page 24, and the June, 1928, issue (No. 82), page 23; wholesale prices, commercial, in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), page 26; cost of living in the August, 1928, issue (No. 84), page 27, and the June, 1926, issue (No. 58), page 24.

| Relative to 1923-1925 monthly average as $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Maxi- } \\ \text { minm } \\ \text { mince } \\ \text { Jan. } 1, \\ 1923 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mini- } \\ \text { mum } \\ \text { since } \\ \text { Jan. }, \\ 1923 \end{gathered}$ | 1927 |  | 1928 |  |  | 1929 | Per cent increase ( + ) <br> © OR DEcrease ( - ) |  |
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|  |  |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Novem- } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Decem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | January | $\begin{gathered} \text { Novem } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Decem- } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | January | $\begin{aligned} & \text { January, } \\ & \text { Dape, rom } \\ & \text { Deeember, } \\ & \text { 1923 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \begin{array}{c} \text { January, 1929, } \\ \text { from January, } \\ \text { 1928 } \end{array} \end{array}$ |
| PRODUCTION TOTAL INDUSTRIAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted, except for working days | 117 | 81 | 101 | 95 | 105 | 114 | 109 | 116 | +6.4 | +10.5 |
| Adjusted for seasonal variations...-- | 117 | 83 | 99 | 99 | 106 | 112 | 113 | 117 | $+3.5$ | +10.4 |
| manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (adjusted for working days only) | 116 | 79 | 101 | 95 | 106 | 113 | 109 | 116 | +6.4 | +9.4 |
| Total (adjusted for seasonal variations) | 117 | 82 | 98 | 99 | 105 | 111 | 113 | 117 | +3.5 | +11.4 |
|  | 127 | 59 | 88 | 93 | 108 | 119 | 123 | 117 | $-4.9$ | +8.3 |
| Textiles.- | 121 | 77 | 112 | 105 | 107 | 114 | 111 | 116 | +4.5 | +8.4 |
| Food products | 106 | 92 | 94 | 95 | 103 | 103 | 104 | 103 | $-1.0$ | 0.0 |
| Paper and printing | 119 | 91 | 110 | 113 | 115 | 117 | 120 | 119 | $-0.8$ | +3.5 |
| Lumber.- | 110 | 80 | 96 | 93 | 92 | 80 | 87 | 92 | +5.7 | 0.0 |
| Automobiles. | 139 | 47 | 47 | 53 | 92 | 90 | 98 | 96 | $-2.0$ | +4.3 |
| Leather and shoes | 134 | 86 | 97 | 96 | 99 | 99 | 92 | 134 | $+45.7$ | +35.4 |
| Cement, brick, and gl | 130 | 92 | 107 | 105 | 114 | 118 | 130 | 124 | -4.6 | +8.8 |
| Nonferrous metals.. | 129 | 87 | 106 | 111 | 100 | 126 | 129 |  |  |  |
| Petroleum refining | 162 | 84 | 140 | 137 | 135 | 159 | 159 | 159 | 0. 0 | +17.8 |
| Rubber tires.- | 166 | 66 | 117 | 110 | 124 | 150 | 143 | 147 | +2.8 | +18.5 |
| Tobacco manufactures | 131 | 93 | 122 | 113 | 119 | 125 | 127 | 131 | $+3.1$ | +10.1 |
| minerals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total (adjusted for working days only) | 124 | 84 | 105 | 103 | 99 | 118 | 112 | 113 | +0.9 | +14.1 |
| Total (adjusted for seasonal variations) | 120 | 90 | 101 |  |  | 115 |  | 117 |  | +3.9 |
| Bituminous coal----.- | 125 | 77 | 85 | 87 | 92 | 98 | 96 | 103 | +7.3 | +12.0 |
| Anthracite coal | 133 | 1 | 105 | 91 | 89 | 115 | 99 | 110 | +11. 1 | +23.6 |
| Crude petroleum | 138 | 88 | 124 | 124 | 121 | 127 | 132 | 138 | +4.5 | +14.0 |
| Iron-ore shipments | 134 | ${ }^{0}$ | 49 |  |  | 105 |  |  |  |  |
| Copper | 129 | 82 | 106 | 105 | 102 | 133 | 133 | 129 | -3. 0 | +26.5 |
| Zinc-- | 124 | 93 | 107 | 109 | 105 | 110 | 106 | 100 | $-5.7$ | -4.8 |
| Lead. | 125 | 75 | 110 | 109 | 103 | 114 | 113 | 112 | $-0.9$ | +8.7 |
| Silver. | 123 | 85 | 100 | 95 | 93 | 91 | 103 | 91 | $-11.7$ | -2.2 |
| Total ANMMAL PRODUCTS (Marketings) | 124 | 79 | 92 | 88 | 96 | 93 | 92 | 96 | +4.3 | 0.0 |
| Wool | 421 | 26 | 68 | 66 | 61 | 70 | 55 | 35 | $-36.4$ | -42.6 |
| Livestock | 131 | 76 | 101 | 92 | 107 | 98 | 95 | 102 | +7.4 | -4.7 |
| Poultry and egg | 148 | 68 | 114 | 126 | 80 | 110 | 126 | 85 | -32.5 | +6.3 |
| Dairy products. | 160 | 64 | 71 | 71 | 89 | 77 | 78 | 95 | +21.8 | +6. 7 |
| Fish---------- | 187 | 44 | 119 | 79 | 81 | 131 | 119 | 87 | -26.9 | +6.9 |
| Total Crors (Marketings) | 251 | 45 | 168 | 121 | 98 | 179 | 152 | 114 | -25.0 | +16.3 |
| Grains | 205 | 38 | 109 | 104 | 99 | 122 | 124 | 104 | -16.1 | +5.1 |
| Vegetables | 199 | 60 | 107 | 74 | 100 | 94 | 69 | 94 | +36.2 | -6. 0 |
| Fruits *- | 266 | 55 | 96 | 57 | 45 | 119 | 70 | 72 | +2.9 | $+60.0$ |
| Cotton products * | 353 | 11 | 231 | 148 | 81 | 258 | 206 | 100 | -51. 5 | +23.5 |
| Miscellaneous crops *--... <br> FOREST PRODUCTS | 266 | 22 | 237 | 169 | 193 | 205 | 192 | 238 | +24.0 | +23.3 |
| Total | 112 | 76 | 93 | 86 | 81 | 84 | 76 | 81 | +6. 6 | 0.0 |
| Lumber. | 112 | 71 | 91 | 83 | 80 | 80 | 71 | 78 | +9.9 | -2. 5 |
| Pulpwood | 151 | 54 | 111 | 111 | 99 | 116 | 111 | 111 | 0.0 | +12.1 |
| Gum (rosin and turpentine) | 161 | 18 | 109 100 | ${ }_{95}^{98}$ | 38 97 | 119 | 122 | 41 | -66. 4 | +7.9 |
| Distilled wood.- | 148 | 65 | 100 | 95 | 97 | 104 | 104 | 101 | $-2.9$ | +4.1 |

[^2]INDEXES OF BUSINESS-Continued


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## INDEXES OF BUSINESS-Continued

| Relative to monthly average indicated | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maxi- } \\ & \text { mum } \\ & \text { since } \\ & \text { Jan. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mini- } \\ \text { mum } \\ \text { since } \\ \text { Jan. 1, } \\ 1923 \end{gathered}$ | 1927 |  | 1928 |  |  | 1929 | $\underset{\text { OR DECREASE }(-)}{\text { PER CENT INCRASE }}(+)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Novem. } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Decem- } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | January | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Novem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Decem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | January | January, 1929, from December, 1928 | January, 1929, from January, |
| PRICE INDEX NUMBERS-Contd. cost of living <br> National Industrial Conference Board Indexes (Relative to July, 1914) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All items weighted | 172 | 158 | 164 | 164 | 163 | 163 | 162 | 161 | -0. 6 | -1. 2 |
| Food (Department of Labor) | 167 | 141 | 157 | 156 | 155 | 157 | 156 | 155 | -0.6 | -0.0 |
| Shelter--------------------- | 186 | 161 | 167 | 166 | 166 | 160 | 160 | 159 | $-0.6$ | $-4.2$ |
| Clothing | 177 | 160 | 171 | 171 | 172 | 172 | 171 | 169 | $-1.2$ | $-1.7$ |
| Fuel and light (combined) | 179 | 156 | 163 | 163 | 163 | 162 | 163 | 163 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Fuel | 208 | 174 | 184 | 184 | 184 | 183 | 184 | 184 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Light | 123 | 118 | 122 | 122 | 122 | 121 | 121 | 121 | 0. 0 | $-0.8$ |
| Sundries. | 176 | 171 | 173 | 173 | 172 | 171 | 171 | 170 | -0.6 | $-1.2$ |

FABRICATED STRUCTURAL STEEL ${ }^{1}$


[^3]
## STEEL CASTINGS ${ }^{1}$


${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the U. S. Department of Cammerce, Bureau of the Census, from reports of 130 identical firms, including reports collected through the Steel Founders' Society. These firms have a monthly capacity of 147,400 tons, at present representing over 80 per cent of the capacity of the industry for commercial castings (as distinguised from castings used in further manufacture in the same plant), of which 67,700 tons is usually devoted to railway specialties and represents the complete capacity of that branch, while 79,70 tons is generaly devoted to miscellaneous castings. New orders for 1925 were 6 per cent larger than the production of direct steel castings manufpctured
for sale and interplant transfer by steel works and rolling mills, and represented 83 per cent of the total of these direct steel castings and of steel castings manufactured in the foundry and machine shop industry according to the census of manutacture for 1925 . Railway specialties include such items as bolsters, side arms, draft arms, couplers foundry and machine shop industry according to the census of manutacture for 1925 . Railway specialties include such items as bolsters, side arms, draft arms, couplers,
and cast steel car wheels. Owing to reports from additional firms, these figures represent revisions of those shown in the Record Book of Business Statistics, Metals and Machinery Section. This table revises all data previously shown on this subject in the Survey of Current Business.

STEEL BOILERS, NEW ORDERS ${ }^{1}$

| Month | GRAND TOTAL |  | TOTAL |  | Water tube |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { HORIZONTAL } \\ \text { RETURN } \\ \text { TUBULAR } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { STEEL } \\ & \text { HEATIN } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MISCELLA- } \\ & \text { NEOUS } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1927 | 1928 | 1927 | 1928 | 1927 | 1928 | 1927 | 1928 | 1927 | 1928 | 1927 | 1928 |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.. | 1,347 | 1,244 | 1,328 | 1,229 | 114 | 84 | 115 | 89 | 559 | 769 | 13 | 19 |
| February | 1,250 | 1,171 | 1,236 | 1,137 | 110 | -98 | 106 | $\begin{array}{r}87 \\ 113 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{853}^{595}$ | ${ }_{8}^{682}$ | 11 | $\stackrel{4}{4}$ |
| March... | 1,700 1,775 | 1,462 1,567 | 1,682 1,765 | 1,440 1,539 | 132 | 132 | 199 | 113 | 853 1,059 | 859 1,020 | 11 19 | ${ }_{13}^{16}$ |
| May... | 1,672 | 1,836 | 1,663 | 1,828 | 122 | 114 | 169 | 141 | 1,064 | 1,269 | 7 | 13 |
| June... | 1,795 | 1,887 | 1,773 | 1,861 | 147 | 138 | 194 | 156 | 1,071 | 1,215 | 6 | 9 |
| July | 1, 822 | 1,932 | 1,770 | 1,911 | 113 | 138 | 189 | 148 | 1,088 | 1,299 | 16 | 8 |
| August. | 1,907 | 2,018 | 1,881 | 2,001 | 142 | 122 | 191 | 199 | 1,135 | 1,288 | 11 | 18 |
| September | 1,597 | 1,749 | 1,575 | 1,731 | 79 | 104 | 174 | 135 | 1,023 | 1, 151 | 11 |  |
| October--- | 1,538 | 1, 803 | 1,529 | 1,793 | 72 | 86 | 124 | 160 | 1,062 | 1, 195 | 11 | 6 |
| November. | 1,459 | 1,660 | 1,445 | 1,650 | 97 | 95 | 116 | 108 | 944 | 1,055 | 18 | 43 |
| December | 1,248 | 1,343 | 1,223 | 1,321 | 80 | 72 | 117 | 71 | 750 | 883 | 14 | 8 |
| Total Monthly average | 19, 108 | 19, 672 | 18, 870 | 19,441 | 1,329 | 1,315 | 1,882 | 1,513 | 11, 203 | 12, 885 | 142 | 174 |
|  |  | 1,639 |  | 1,620 |  |  | 157 |  |  | 1,057 |  |  |
|  | Thousands of square feet |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January.- | 1,431 | 993 | 1,411 | 974 | 672 | 347 | 133 | 141 | 255 | 359 | 6 | 12 |
| February | 1,488 | 1,285 | 1,462 | 1,084 | 795 | 525 | 142 | 123 | 286 | 320 | 2 | 1 |
| March | 1,665 | 1,470 | 1,634 | 1,448 | 714 | ${ }_{505}$ | 217 | 132 | 419 | 437 | $\stackrel{4}{9}$ | 9 |
| April. | 1,645 | 1,460 | 1,639 | 1,406 | 714 | 595 | 233 | 128 | 522 | 536 | 9 | 9 |
| May | 1,529 | 1,661 | 1,526 | 1,654 | 677 | 770 | 187 | 176 | 504 | 568 | 2 |  |
| June. | 1,524 | 1,666 | 1,500 | 1,635 | 581 | 649 587 | 240 | 188 | 526 | 568 | $\stackrel{2}{9}$ | ${ }_{4}^{5}$ |
| July..- | 1,984 | 1,738 | 1,554 | 1,683 | 537 | ${ }_{560}$ | $\stackrel{244}{ }$ | 198 | 549 | 685 | 9 | 8 |
| August.. | 1,825 | 1,691 | 1,763 | 1,677 | 739 | 560 | 237 | 233 | 566 | 632 | 5 | 8 |
| September. | 1,327 | 1,453 | 1,308 | 1,418 | 445 | 436 | 220 | 154 | 495 | 591 | 9 | 8 |
| October-... | 1,088 | 1,500 | 1,079 | 1,482 | 338 | 514 | 153 | 193 | 468 | 567 | 9 | ${ }^{2}$ |
| November. | 1,266 1,024 | 1,460 1,308 | 1,257 1,011 | 1,454 1,230 | 534 396 | ${ }_{699}^{593}$ | 133 | 131 | 445 | 497 | 14 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6,152 |  |  |
| Monthly average | 1,483 | 1,474 | 1,429 | 1,429 | 595 | 576 | , 190 | 157 | , 447 | 513 | 7 | 6 |

${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the $U$. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, from reports of 72 firms estimated to represent about 90 per cent of the capacity of the industry, Data for classifications included in these totals, covering the principal types of stationary and marine boilers are given in press releases. This table revises all data previously shown on this subject in the SURVEy Of CURRENT Business and in the Record Book of Business Staistics, Metals and Machinery Section.

MALLEABLE CASTINGS ${ }^{1}$
[Short tons]

| Monte | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | Ratio to capacity (per cent) |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  | 75, 550 | 71, 188 | 66, 776 | 56, 627 | 61, 072 |  | 62.7 | 58.9 | 57.4 | 52.0 | 62.7 |
| February |  | 77, 203 | 64, 885 | 71, 161 | 62, 335 | 615,359 |  | 65.2 | 53.9 | 61.1 | 57.8 | 66.8 |
| March. |  | 80, 600 | 65,889 67 | 80, 116 | 72, 205 | 70,070 683 |  | 68.5 56.6 | 54.8 | 68.9 | ${ }^{65.7}$ | 73.0 |
| April |  | 66,923 | 67, 608 | 72, 241 | 64, 612 | 63, 380 |  | 56.6 | 56.4 | 62.7 | 59.1 | 66.0 |
| May | 76,818 | 57,583 | 65, 714 | 65, 106 | 62, 747 | 67, 003 | 73.6 | 48.9 | 55.2 | 56.9 | 57.2 | 70.7 |
| June. | 75, 810 | 39, 985 | 63, 343 | 66, 358 | 64, 310 | 67, 090 | 69.2 | 34.1 | 52.7 | 57.3 | 58.5 | 69.9 |
| July. | 68, 306 | 36, 562 | 61, 727 | 60,384 | 53,046 | 60, 290 | 61.1 | 31.0 | 51.3 | 52.9 | 49.3 | 63.1 |
| August. | 80,030 | 40, 188 | 61, 042 | 62, 218 | 57,096 | 68,606 | 68.7 | 33.9 | 50.6 | 54.6 | 52.4 | 72.1 |
| September | 71,654 | 45, 105 | 62,798 | 63, 399 | 50, 807 | 62,665 | 62.1 | 38.0 | 52.2 | 56.4 | 47.6 | 66.3 |
| October-- | 74, 724 | 54, 638 | 73, 195 | 62,321 | 52, 458 | 70, 054 | 63.6 | 45.6 | 61.8 | 55.5 | 50.0 | 73.4 |
| November | 63, 057 | 51, 862 | 65, 248 | 50, 946 | 46, 698 | 63, 560 | 52.6 | 43.4 | 55.8 | 45.9 | 44.4 | 66.8 |
| December | 58, 488 | 63, 523 | 70,622 | 55, 561 | 53,824 | 59,432 | 47.7 | 52.9 | 59.9 | 49.4 | 51.2 | 63.4 |
| Total ${ }_{\text {Monthly }}$ | 2568, 887 | 689, 722 | 793, 199 | 76, 587 | 696, 765 | 779,481 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{2} 71,111$ | 57,477 | 66,100 | 64, 716 | 58, 064 | 64,957 | ${ }^{2} 62.3$ | 48.4 | 55.3 | 56.6 | 53.8 | 67.9 |
|  | SHIPMENTS |  |  |  |  |  | NEW ORDERS |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  | 77, 261 | 63, 980 | 60, 817 | 54, 747 | 55,432 |  | 88, 232 | 67, 312 | 74, 545 | 61,597 | 62, 328 |
| February |  | 70, 257 | 65, 135 | 68,628 | 60,775 | ${ }_{71,011}$ |  | 76, 221 | 55,638 | 67, 188 | 68,767 | 64, 419 |
| March-- |  | 73,916 | 71, 199 | 76, 151 | 71, 609 | 71, 224 |  | 72, 319 | 64, 619 | 69, 174 | 66, 376 | 70,288 |
| April. |  | 65, 361 | 70,829 | 72,322 | 66, 811 | 65, 001 |  | 56,645 | 66, 360 | 63,096 | 64, 427 | 62, 056 |
| May.-. | 75, 214 | 62, 263 | 69,721 | 64, 379 | 63, 385 | 65, 823 | 65, 232 | 39,705 | 59, 232 | 59, 109 | 57,311 | 63, 847 |
| June... | 75, 565 | 44, 213 | 67, 668 | 68,128 | 62, 316 | 66,737 | 52,451 | 30, 191 | 55, 693 | 55,796 | 54,456 | 61, 071 |
| July | 70,470 | 42,109 | 62,573 | 60, 552 | 54, 240 | 60, 084 | 51,976 | 35,941 | 65, 220 | 52,455 | 53, 484 | 60,964 |
| August. | 76, 522 | 40,601 | 60, 242 | 62, 420 | 57, 193 | 66, 962 | 54, 731 | 38,548 | 56,511 | 62, 264 | 51,368 | 66, 128 |
| September | 59, 649 | 44, 055 | 62,347 | 60, 067 | 52,722 | 61, 736 | 48, 958 | 53, 163 | 58, 098 | 57, 155 | 46, 161 | 61, 163 |
| October. | 71, 619 | 49, 417 | 69, 100 | 58,993 | 48,724 | 63, 510 | 63, 893 | 59,946 | 75,039 | 55, 085 | 48, 062 | 65, 780 |
| November. | 59,498 | 47,934 | 64, 043 | 49,618 | 44,983 | 58, 346 | 50, 438 | 53, 304 | 63, 895 | 47, 345 | 43, 202 | 59, 664 |
| December | 55, 450 | 56, 112 | 67,337 | 49,663 | 49,989 | 56,861 | 56,828 | 62, 249 | 63, 144 | 49,558 | 57, 579 | 61,319 |
| Total | ${ }^{2} 543,987$ | 673, 499 | 794, 174 | 751,738 62645 | $\begin{array}{r}687,494 \\ 57 \\ \hline 9\end{array}$ | 752, 727 | 2 444,507 | 666,464 | 750, 761 | 712,770 | 672,790 | 759,027 |
| Monthly average | ${ }^{2} 67,998$ | 56, 125 | 66, 181 | 62,645 | 57, 291 | 62, 727 | ${ }^{2} 55,563$ | 55, 539 | 62,563 | 59,398 | 56,066 | 63, 252 |

${ }^{1}$ Compiled by the $U$. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, representing reports from 137 establishments covering most of the industry. New orders were furnished by 133 firms. This table revises all data on malleable castings previously shown, on this subject, in the Survey or Current Business and the Record Book of Business Statistics, Metals and Machinery Section.
${ }_{2}$ Eight months.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ${ }^{1}$

[Relative numbers, 1923-25 monthly average $=100$ ]

| Monte | PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |  | SHIPMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | Domestic |  |  |  |  |  | Forelgn |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 |
| January - | 108.9 | 96.1 | 98.5 | 130.7 | 119.6 | 130.7 | 72.4 | 69.9 | 86.4 | 119.0 | 103.7 | 115.7 | 81.5 | 75.1 | 85.6 | 119.4 | 105.6 | 116.8 | 24.6 | 42.5 | 90.8 | 116.9 | 93.5 | 109.9 |
| February | 113.5 | 98.9 | 103.6 | 130.7 | 121.4 | 136. 5 | 79.5 | ${ }^{93.2}$ | 103. 2 | 152.2 | 140.4 | 168.8 | 86.7 | 197.4 | 108. 9 | 147.4 | 133.5 | 159. 4 | 42. 1 | 70.8 | 73.1 | 177.3 | 176.2 | 218.2 |
| March. | 118.0 | 97.4 | 106.6 | 133.4 | 119.1 | 143. 9 | 107.2 | 109.0 | 135. 6 | 176. 4 | 187.4 | 216.0 | 117.8 | 107.3 | 142.8 | 176.7 | 185. 1 | 216.8 | 52.1 | 118.3 | 98.0 | 175.0 | 199.8 | 211.4 |
| April... | 118. 1 | 98.5 | 105. 8 | 133.5 | 122.7 | 148. 3 | 101. 3 | 105.1 | 138.4 | 146.3 | 152.3 | 187.2 | 107.0 | 100. 4 | 137.8 | 147.5 | 154.8 | 184.4 | 71.2 | 129.6 | 141.4 | 140.3 | 139.2 | 201.8 |
| May. | 115.9 | 88.6 | 104.9 | 129.4 | 119.3 | 146.0 | 107.6 | 88.2 | 121.9 | 154.1 | 149.1 | 186.6 | 108.9 | 91.0 | 126.6 | 155.9 | 153.9 | 186.2 | 100.9 | 73.9 | 96.9 | 144.4 | 124.0 | 188.3 |
| June. | 108. 0 | 80.1 | 103. 4 | 125. 8 | 116. 7 | 142.6 | 113.0 | 90.6 | 126.3 | 180.7 | 167.6 | 219.3 | 118.6 | 95.2 | 133.9 | 191. 4 | 176. 2 | 222.5 | 83.9 | 66.4 | 86.3 | 124. 4 | 123.0 | 202.7 |
| July | 103.3 | 74.6 | 101.9 | 122.8 | 113.8 | 142.5 | 109.2 | 98.7 | 138.0 | 156.4 | 158.5 | 211.7 | 112.7 | 105. 0 | 141.9 | 162.5 | 158.5 | 206. 1 | 90.4 | 65. 7 | 117.6 | 124.5 | 158.8 | 241.0 |
| August..... | 95.6 | 76.3 | 108.0 | 122.6 | 115.6 | 146. 1 | 113.5 | 104. 4 | 142.9 | 154.3 | 177.6 | 219.7 | 102.9 | 105.3 | 135.7 | 141.8 | 166.8 | 187.5 | 169.3 | 99.5 | 180.4 | 219.7 | 234.0 | 387.5 |
| September | 91.8 | 79.6 | 114.9 | 122.3 | 106. 2 | 145.5 | 95.8 | 101. 1 | 132.0 | 123.5 | 157.2 | 179.2 | 76.4 | 96.5 | 114.4 | 112.4 | 134.4 | 145.7 | 197.5 | 125.3 | 233.8 | 182.1 | 277.0 | 354.0 |
| October-- | 90.2 | 79.3 | 112.9 | 118.8 | 112.4 | 148. 5 | 81.7 | 79. 6 | 104.9 | 84.7 | 121. 5 | 153.4 | 76.5 | 77.4 | 100.9 | 81. 8 | 110.7 | 129.1 | 109. 4 | 91.2 | 125. 7 | 99.8 | 178.0 | 280. 3 |
| November. | 92.9 | 87.6 | 116.9 | 118.5 | 115. 0 | 154.6 | 60.5 | 64.3 | 84.5 | 77.0 | 87.3 | 108.2 | 59.2 | 63.4 | 81.0 | 68.4 | 80.0 | 79.6 | 67.1 | 69.2 | 103.0 | 121.9 | 125.6 | 257.4 |
| December. | 92.9 | 92.6 | 127.0 | 117.1 | 127.5 | 159.1 | 63.4 | 73.0 | 103.8 | 82.8 | 90.7 | 124.3 | 61.3 | 71.7 | 95.4 | 80.4 | 82.4 | 88.9 | 74.3 | 79.7 | 147.9 | 95.8 | 133.8 | 294.0 |
| Mo. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 104. 1 | 87.2 | 108.7 | 125. 5 | 117.4 | 145.4 | 92.1 | 89.8 | 118.2 | 134.0 | 141.1 | 174.2 | 92.5 | 90.5 | 117.1 | 132.1 | 136.8 | 160.3 | 90.2 | 86.0 | 123.7 | 143.5 | 163.6 | 245.5 |

1 Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago covering 83 manufacturers estimated to represent 80 per cent of the industry. The production figures are based on the employment data of 82 firms and the figures on the value of goods shipped by 83 firms ( 56 reporting foreign shipments). The total shipment group is made up of three separate groups, the heavy, light, and barn equipment groups. The heavy group is comprised of threshers, tractors, and combines; the light group consists of all classes of agricultural machinery and equipment not included in the heavy machinery and bapn equipment groups. For the 3 -year period, July, 1925 , to June, 1928 , inclusive, the average distribution of total sales were as follows: Heavy group, 45.1 per cent; light group, 52.7; and barn equipment, 2.2. Details for each class, segregated as to foreign
and domestic shipments, are shown separately in the monthly summaries of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. These data revise all previously shown, on this subject, in the SURvey of Current Business and the Record Book of Business Statistics, Metals and Machinery Section.

ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY RETURNS, CENSUS OF MANUFACTURES, $1927{ }^{1}$


## 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. These data represent continuations of the figures presented in the latest semiannual number (February, 1929), in which monthly figures for 1927 and 1928 may be found, together with explanations as to the sources and exact extent of the figures quoted. The figures given below should always be read in connection with those explanations. Data on stocks, unfilled orders, etc., are given as of the end of the month referred to. For explanations or relative numbers, including base periods, see introduction on inside front cover.

${ }^{2}$ Quarter ending in month indicated.
${ }^{8}$ Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1927.

TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


## TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through December except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 27 to 138 of the February, 1929, "Survey" | 1928 |  |  |  |  | 1929 | 1928 | PER CENT INCREASE ( + ) OR DECREASE ( - ) |  | cumulative total fromjan. 1 through DEC. 31 |  | Per ct. <br> in <br> crease <br> ( + ) <br> or de- <br> crease <br> ( $-(-)$ <br> cumu <br> lative <br> 1928 <br> from <br> 1927 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | August | Septem- ber | October | $\begin{gathered} \text { Novem- } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Decem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | January | January | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan., } \\ & \text { 1929 } \\ & \text { from. } \\ & \text { Dee., } \\ & \text { 1928 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan., } \\ & 1929 \\ & \text { from } \\ & \text { Jan., } \\ & 1928 \end{aligned}$ | 192'7 | 1928 |  |
| IRON AND STEEL-Continued Crude Steel-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Steel barrels: | $\begin{array}{r} 677,313 \\ 57.8 \end{array}$ | 593,255 | $\begin{array}{r} 656,021 \\ 564 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 563,647 \\ 48.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 451,113 \\ 47.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 558,492 \\ 48.4 \end{array}$ | $475,906$ | +1.3 | $\begin{aligned} & +17.4 \\ & +10 \end{aligned}$ | 6, 630, 569 |  | +11.6 |
| Production..---.-......-............. barrels.-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7, 387, 785 |  |
| Rhipments |  | 595, 640 | 661,009 |  | 549,913 | 548, 5881 | 474, 159 | ${ }_{-0.2}^{+2.8}$ | +15.7 | 6,624,753 | 7, 403, 726 | +11.8 |
| Stocks, end of month ---.-.-.-.-.-- barrels | 57, 544 | 55, 059 | 50, 071 | 45, 365 | ${ }^{4} 468,465$ | 56, 376 | 54, 353 | +21.3 | +3.7 | 6, | , |  |
| Unfilled orders, end of month....-barrels.- | 1, 064, 358 | 996, 820 | 823, 872 | 957, 117 | 1, 357, 443 | 1,661,710 | 1,351, 797 | +22.4 | +22.9 |  |  |  |
| Track work, production.................short tons. Iron, steel, and heavy hardware | 11,040 | 10, 767 | 8,493 | 8,379 | 11,061 | 1, 9,996 | 1, 9,332 | $-9.6$ | +7.1 | 160, 631 | 139,645 | -13.1 |
|  | 215 | ${ }_{207}$ | 236 | $\underline{210}$ |  |  | 157 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron and steel, comp...dolls. per long ton.. | 34. 93 | 35.17 | 35. 48 | 35.92 | 36.20 | 36. 24 | 35.27 | +0.1 | +2.8 |  |  |  |
| Structural steel beams_-dolls. per 100 lbs-- | 1.85 | 1. 85 | 1.85 | 1.90 | ${ }^{1.90}$ | 1.90. | 1.80 | 0.0 | +5.6 |  |  |  |
| Composite finished steel_dolls. per 100 lbs .- | 2.48 | 2.50 | 2. 52 | 2.52 | 2.53 | 2.55 | 2.47 | +0.8 | $+3.2$ |  |  |  |
| Fabricated Steel Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Structural steel, fabricated: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ratio to capacity |  |  | 65 |  |  |  |  | +7.8 | +25.5 | 3, | 3,28, |  |
| Shipments (prorated) -.........-short tons.- | 288, 750 | 273, 350 | 319, 550 | 281, 050 | + 273,350 | 273, 350 | 204, 050 | 0.0 | +34.0 | 2, 853, 750 | 3,068,450 | $+7.5$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total.........-........-.....--short tons.- | 47, 245 | 40,281 | 53, 983 | [ 54,418 | 40, 441 | 32, 724 | 35, 787 | -19.1 | -8.6 | 497, 707 | 532, 810 | +7.1 |
| Ratio to capacity ----..........- per cent |  | 50 | 68 |  | 451 |  |  | -19.6 | -8.9 |  |  |  |
| Oil-storage tanks-.-.-.-.....-short tons-- | 24, 807 | 18,572 | ${ }^{23,960}$ | 32,381 | ${ }^{4} 15,152$ | 11,055 | 11, 101 | -27.0 | -0.4 | 20,974 | 242,763 | +15.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quantity $\qquad$ number- | +2,018 | ${ }^{4} 1,749$ | ${ }^{4} 1,803$ | : 1,660 | ${ }^{4} 1,343$ | 1,075 | 4 1, 244 | -20.0 | -13.6 | 19, 108 | 19,672 | +3.0 |
|  | ${ }^{4} 1,691$ | +1,453 | -1,500 | ${ }^{1} 1,460$ | 4, 1,308 | 1,243 | ${ }^{+993}$ | $-5.0$ | +25.2 | 17, 796 | 17,685 | $-0.6$ |
| Steel furniture:-------------1, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New orders.............thous. of dolls | 2,619 | 2,689 | 3, 193 | 2, 676 | 3, 611 | 3,906 | 3, 248 | +8.2 | +20.3 | 30,760 | 35, 974 | +17.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New orders--------....-.thous. of dolls..- | 863 | 800 | 959 | 875 | 829 | 1,099 | 769 | +32.6 | +42. 9 | 7,351 | 9,601 | $+30.6$ |
| Iron and steel: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 287, 297 | 228, 056 | 256, 870 | 256, 886 | 221, 810 | 274, 296 | 205, 766 | +23.7 | +33.3 | 2, 180,970 | 2,862, 997 | +31.3 |
|  | 54, 062 | 47, 68 | 50, 176 | 50, 038 | 41,628 | 45, 573 | 49, 903 | 9. | 7 | 552, 907 | 589, 716 | +6.7 |
| Baths: Enameled Ware |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Baths: <br> Shipments $\qquad$ pieces | 103, 878 | 86, 342 | 939, 174 | 68,783 | 58,425 | 69,415 | 471,519 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks, end of month | 122, 167 | 134, 749 | 147, 656 | 165, 738 | 175, 104 | 188, 738 | [155,418 | $+7.8$ | +21.4 | 1,131, 207 | 1,116,352 | -1.3 |
| New orders | 96, 876 | 76, 074 | 90, 665 | 72, 673 | 63,756 | 66,991 | ${ }^{4} 78,190$ | +5.1 | -14.3 | 1,146,867 | 1, 220,800 | +6.4 |
| Unfilled orders, end of month ......-pieces.. | 68, 263 | 53,303 | 44, 842 | 45, 561 | 39, 182 | 35, 073 | 36,473 | -10.5 | -3.8 |  | 1, 20 |  |
| Lavatories: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stocks, end of month | 161, 276 | 168, 211 | 180, 651 | 195, 323 | 207, 940 | 230, 527 | ${ }^{4} 202,755$ | +10.9 | $+13.7$ | 1,251, 6.5 | 1,265, 22 | +1.1 |
| New orders....................-pieces.-Sinks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sinks: ${ }_{\text {Shipments...........................pieces.. }}$ | 116, 497 | 101,777 | 111, 740 | 89,309 | 73, 623 | 93,321 | 493,158 | +26.8 | +0.2 | 1,313,952 | 1,317, 163 | +0.2 |
| Stocks, end of month .-.-............pieces.. | 216,338 | 216, 255 | 230, 725 | 242, 837 | 258,426 | 276, 037 | 4 234,675 | +6.8 | +17.6 | 1,313, | 1,31, 1 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments $\qquad$ pieces.- | 54, 003 | 44,910 | 46, 129 | 44, 159 | 34, 971 | 41, 197 | 4 39, 744 | +17.8 | +3.7 | 563, 731 | 558, 671 | -0.9 |
| Stocks, end of month ................-pieces.- | 95, 958 | 103, 509. | 116, 110 | 125, 108 | 128,259 | 137, 588 | [131, 427 | +7.3 | +4.7 |  |  |  |
| New orders | 41,692 | 44, 707 | 43, 899 | 37, 852 | 28,838 | 42, 036 | 439, 798 | +45.8 | +5.6 | 558, 381 |  | +0.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100, 160 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enameled sheet-metal ware: |  |  | 129,181 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments | 358, 811 | 352, 484 | 417,387 | ${ }^{4} 328,875$ | 324, 445 |  | 319,871 |  |  | 3, 916, 930 | 4, 193, 867 | +7.1 |
| Porcelain flat ware: <br> New orders- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total. $\qquad$ thous. of sq. ft.per cent.- | $\begin{array}{r}5,495 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 6, 54 | 7,700 | 6,60259 | 5,15346 | 5,473, |  |  |  | 76, 818 | 72, 011 | -6.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machinery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vacuum cleaners, shipments.........number. . | 65, 164 | 89, 222 |  | 96, 528 |  | 90, 427 | 114, 272 | 71,335 | 78,342 | -37.6 | -8.9 9 | 1, 038, 614 | 1, 019, 460 | $-1.8$ |
| Washing machines, shipments: | 92, 955 | 98, 065 | 92,971 | 85, 798 | 62,533 | 82,976 | 68,840 | +32.7+25.9+ | $+20.5$ | 944,506 | 1, 000,204 | +5.9+5.8 |
|  | 74, 253 | 80, 770 | 76,757 | 75, 252 | 53, 442 | 67,297 | 56, 728 |  | $+18.6$ | 775, 661 | 1, 820,430 |  |
| Water softeners, shipments.---.-......-units-- | 1,402 | 1,187 | 1,505 | 1,125 | 928 | 1,080 | 1,268 | +16.4 | $-14.8$ | 18, 118 | 16, 189 | $-10.6$ |
| Water systems, shipments.........--.....-units.- | 411,243 | 410,190 | 411,333 | 49,867 | 18,048 | 7,930 | ${ }^{4} 7,943$ | -1.5. | -0.2. | 100,843 | 117, 736 | +16.8 |
| Domestic shipments- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pitcher, hands, etc....-..........units.- | $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 40,953 \\ 42,531 \end{gathered}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 42,538 \\ 42,017 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42,315 \\ 42,732 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 437,563 \\ 42,093 \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 444,238 \\ 42,124 \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 50,723 \\ 2,265 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 450,408 \\ 41,591 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | +14.7+6.6 | ${ }^{+0.6}$ | $\begin{gathered} 521,653 \\ 13,133 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 550,386 \\ 25.980 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +5.5 \\ +97.8 \end{array}$ |
| Power, horizontal type........-units.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | +42.4 |  |  |  |
| Steam, power, and centrifugal- <br> New orders.............thous. of dolls.- Shipments. <br> Unfilled orders, end mo.thous. of dolls-- | $\begin{aligned} & 1,579 \\ & 1,520 \\ & 3,023 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,405 \\ & 1,369 \\ & 3,056 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,708 \\ & 1,634 \\ & 3,128 \end{aligned}$ | $\left.\begin{aligned} & 2,084 \\ & 1,494 \\ & 3,714 \end{aligned} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,424 \\ & 1,593 \\ & 3,538 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1}, 695 \\ & 1,481 \\ & 3,8800 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,137 \\ & 1,138 \\ & 3,112 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +19.0 \\ -7.0 \\ +7.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +49.1 \\ & +3.1 \\ & +22.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17,179 \\ & 16,799 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17,998 \\ & 17,364 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +4.8 \\ +3.4 \\ +\ldots \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

TERND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued


TREND OF BUSINESS MOVEMENTS-Continued

| The cumulatives shown are through December except where otherwise noted. Earlier data for items shown here may be found on pages 27 to 138 of the February, 1929, "Survey"' | 1928 |  |  |  |  | 1.929 | 1928 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PER CENT IN- } \\ & \text { CREASE ( }+ \text { ) } \\ & \text { OECREASE }(-) \end{aligned}$ |  | cumulative total FROM JAN. 1 THROUGH DEC. 31 |  | Per ct- <br> in- <br> crease <br> ( + de <br> or <br> crease <br> $(--$ <br> cumu- <br> lative <br> 1928 <br> from <br> 1927 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | August | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Septem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | October | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Novem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Decem- } \\ \text { ber } \end{gathered}$ | January | January | Jan., 1929, from Dec., 1928 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan., } \\ & \text { 1929, } \\ & \text { from, } \\ & \text { Jan., } \\ & \text { 19228 } \end{aligned}$ | 1927 | 1928 |  |
| NONFERROUS METALS-Continued <br> Lead |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production....-.-.-.-.-............--short tons.. | 53, 403 | 55, 167 | 58, 118 | 58,021 | ${ }^{4} 57,225$ | 58,897 | 54, 406 | +2.9 | +8.3 | 687, 273 | 651, 130 | 5.3 |
| Ore shipments: |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7,463 | -41.2 | -18.3 | 104,099 |  | -5. 2 |
|  | 78,811 | 65,353 | 71,887 | 91,538 | 67, 395 | 71, 412 | 75,855 | - +6.0 | - -1.9 | 822, 352 | 853, 817 | -5.2 |
| Receipts in U. S. ore.-..............-short tons--1 | 53, 575 | 51,978 | 55,610 | 55,660 | 53, 953 | 53, 881 | 55,970 | $-0.1$ | -3.7. | 660, 125 | 638, 337 | -3.3 |
| Stocks, U. S. and Mexico, end mo--short tons-- | 156,976 | 155, 482 | 152,746 | 156, 879 | 161, 460 | 155, 270 | 157, 417 | -3.8 | -1.4 |  |  |  |
| Price, pig, desilverized, N. Y...-.dolls. per lb.. | . 0625 | . 0645 | . 0650 | . 0639 | . 0650 | . 0665 | . 0650 | +2.3 | $+2.3$ |  |  |  |
| Other Metal Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Babbitt metal, consumption: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total apparent-..-.-...-....thous. of lbs.-- | 4,756, 939 | 5,308 999 | 5, 7961 1,191 | $\mathbf{5 , 6 3 0}$ <br> 1,274 <br> 1 | 4,986 837 | 6,093 1,217 | 4, 8989 | +22.2 +45.4 | +23.6 +36.1 | 60,112 13,108 | 59,677 12,338 | -0.7 -5.9 |
|  | 3,817 | 4,309 | 4,605 | 4,357 | 4,149 | 4,877 | 4,034 | +17.5 | +20.9 | 47, 004 | 47,339 | +0.7 |
| Band instruments, shipments: <br> Total. dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 325, 688 | 448, 155 | 579, 715 | 469,884 | 528, 391 | 322, 284 | 283, 049 | -39.0 | +13.9 | 5, 458, 232 | 4,822, 010 | -11.7 |
| Cup mouthpieces | 147, 470 | 188, 711 | 244, 512 | 197, 028 | 199, 785 | 13, 704 | 114, 059 | $-32.1$ | +19.0 | 2, 2828,983 | 1,963,904 | $-3.2$ |
|  | 161,034 17 | 216,481 42,963 | 270,417 64,786 | 242,561 30,295 | 275,400 53,206 | 145,252 41,328 | 146,786 22,204 | -47.3 -22.3 | -1.0 +86.1 | 3, 130,703 298,54 | 2, 473, $\mathbf{3 8 4}, 296$ | -21.0 +28.7 |
| Pails and tubs, galvanized: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production..........................dozens.. | 127, 797 | 150, 845 | 153, 813 | 131, 792 | 112,923 | 151, 106 | 125, 536 | +33.8 | +20.4 | 1, 668,725 | 1,795, 625 | +7.6 |
| Shipments ---------...---.......-dozens.- | 142, 487 | 139, 183 | 152, 258 | 103, 290 | 102, 802 | 165, 745 | 149, 304 | +61.2 | +11.0 | 1,688, 162 | 1, 763, 401 | +4.5 |
| Other galvanized ware: <br> Production. dozens | 37,846 | 55,850 | 56,469 | 33,553 | 36, 042 | 40,649 | 32,678 | +12.8 | +24.4 | 425, 080 | 515, 428 | +21.3 |
| Shipments.........................-dozens.- | 44, 377 | 50,606 | 54, 596 | 34,012 | 23, 567 | 36,896 | 35,689 | +56.6 | +3.4 | 421, 161 | 481, 421 | +14.3 |
| Nlectrical Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electrical mfrs., new orders <br> (quarterly) $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.- |  | ${ }^{2} 264,466$ |  |  | ${ }^{2} 281,988$ |  | ${ }^{3}$ 232,878 | +6.6 | +21.1 | 926, 725 | 1,029, 483 | +11.1 |
| Electrical porcelain, shipments: dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{129,813}^{111,803}$ | 112,210 129,587 | 128, 255 | 152, 143 | 92,359 129,835 |  | 77,212 115,394 |  |  | 924,437 $1,713,685$ | 1, 091, 391 | +18.1 -9.4 |
|  | 649, 599 | 493, 067 | 539, 810 | 518, 956 | 440, 079 |  | 408, 401 |  |  |  | 6, 147, 103 |  |
| Glazed nail knobs.....-.--thous. of pieces.- | 4,328 | 4, 213 | 5,257 | 5, 350 | 3,767 |  | 3, 363 |  |  | 29,426 | 41, 071 | +39.6 |
| Unglazed nail knobs...-.--thous. of pieces.- | 2, 401 | 2,796 | 3,042 | 2,644 | 1,614. |  | 1,091 |  |  | 12,943 | 21, 963 | +69.7 |
| Tubes .-...-.-...........thous. of pieces.- | 2,542 | 2,694 | 2,807 | 3,111 | 1,997 |  | 1,127 |  |  | 14,588 | 22,844 | +56.6 |
| Laminated phenolic products, shipments dollars.- | 1,356, 179 | 1,243, 476 | 1,365,690 | 1,139, 205 | 1, 062, 194 |  |  |  |  | 7,823,380 | 12, 282, 109 | +57.0 |
| Outlet boxes and covers, shipments......pieces.. | 3, 049,567 | 2,915,560 | 3, 123, 321 | 3, 071,288 | 1, 784, 587 |  | 2, 139, 038 |  |  | 27, 050,375 | 32, 795, 023 | +21.2 |
| Vulcanized fiber: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments, total. <br> Consumption. $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.- | $\begin{array}{r} 591 \\ 2,805 \end{array}$ | 568 2,362 | $\begin{array}{r} 649 \\ 2,971 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 585 \\ 2,731 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 577 \\ 2,748 \end{array}$ |  | 2, 665 |  |  | 8,912 28,851 | 7,450 32,875 | -16.4 +13.9 |
| Industrial refiectors, sales.-.........-......units.. | 122, 124 | 126, 151 | 156, 243 | 163, 491 | 128, 077 |  | 137, 417 |  |  | 1,534, 634 | 1, 539,606 | +0.3 |
| Power cables, shipments..........thous. of ft.- | 2,138 | 2, 197 | 2, 384 | 2, 405 | 2,151 |  | 1, 710 |  |  |  | 24, 041 |  |
| Electrical Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flexible cord: <br> Shipments. $\qquad$ thous. of ft -- <br> Stocks, end of month thous. of ft | 51,062 | 43, 854 | 54,973 |  | 44, 544 |  | 35, 082 |  |  |  | 527, 251 |  |
|  | 47, 351 | 44, 193 | 43, 214 | 39,013 | 41,461 |  | 51,396 |  |  |  | 52, 25 |  |
| Stocks, end of month .-....-----thous. of ft-- <br> Welding sets, new orders: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 228 8 | 234 | 297 58 | 218 24 | 291 90 |  | 128 |  |  | 1,620 182 | 2, 838 | +74.7 +63.2 |
| Panel boards and cabinets, shipments (quarterly) $\qquad$ thous. of dolls |  | ${ }^{2} 1,357$. |  |  | ${ }^{2} 1,564$ |  | ${ }^{3} 821$ | +15.3 | +90.5 | 3,247 | 5,043 | +55.3 |
| Electric furnaces, new orders........kilowatts.- | 6,960 | 7,376 | 8,804 | 7,543 | 4,733 |  | 8, 085 |  |  | 113,846 | 89,343 | -21.5 |
|  | 6,493 | 4, 226 | 4, 719 | 7, 171 | 8,109 | 10,769 | 2,937 | +32.8 | +266. 7 |  | 64, 132 |  |
| Manufactured mica: | 283 | 247 | 302 | 267 | 259 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unfilled orders, end of mo thous. of dolls.- | 20 | 285 | 326 | 244 | 254 | 305 |  | +20. |  |  |  |  |
| Delinquent accounts, electrical trade: Amount. dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 167, 136 | 141, 101 | 163,281 | 147, 737 | 170, 226 | 131,447 | 184, 500 | -22.8 | -28.8 |  |  |  |
| Delinquent firms.-.-------------number-- | 1,384 | 1,223 | 1,257 | 1, 107 | 1,107 | 1,056 | 1,361 | 4.6 | -22.4 |  |  |  |
| AUTOMOBELES* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States- | 461,298 | 4 415, 293 | 397, 112 | 4 256, 933 | ${ }^{4} 233,907$ | 402, 154 | 231,728 | +71.9 | +73.5 | 3, 401,326 | 4,358, 150 | +28.1 |
| Passenger cars...........number of cars.. | 400, 593 | 358, 872 | 339, 976 | ${ }^{4} 217,254$ | - 205, 793 | 350, 617 | 205, 646 | +70.4 | +70.5 | 2,946, 601 | 3,827, 260 | +29.9 |
| Trucks...----..--...- | 60,705 | ${ }^{4} 56,421$ | 57, 136 | 39,679 | ${ }^{4} 28,114$ | 51,537 | 26, 082 | +83.3 | +97.6 | 454, 725 | 530,890 | +16.7 |
|  | 31,245 | 21, 193 | 18,536 | 11,769 | 9,425 | 21,501 | 8,463 | +128.1 | +154.1 | 179, 054 | 242, 382 | +35.4 |
| Passenger cars..........number of cars.. | 24, 274 | 16,572 | 13,016 | 8,154 | 6,734 | 17,164 | 6,705 | +154.9 | +156.0 | 146, 827 | 196,741 | +34.0 |
| Trucks --.-.-.-.-.....number of cars.. | 6,971 | 4,621 | 5,520 | 3,615 | 2,691 | 4,337 | 1,758 | +61.2 | +146.7 | 32, 227 | 45, 641 | +41.6 |
| Exports (assembled): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| From United States- | 49,007 | 30,559 | 46,524 | 46, 893 | 29, 954 | 37,665 | 32,060 | +25.7 | +17.5 | 384, 195 | 507, 954 | +32.2 |
| Passenger cars....................... | 32, 815 | 22, 494 | 29,951 | 29,684 | 20,945 | 24,631 | 20,476 | +17.6 | +20.3 | 278, 748 | 369, 073 | +32.4 |
| Trucks .-..--.-....... ${ }^{\text {number of cars.- }}$ | 16, 192 | 8,065 | 16,573 | 17, 209 | 9,009 | 13,034 | 11,584 | +44.7 | +12.5 | 105, 447 | 138,872 | +31.7 |
| From Canada- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 79,748 | +38.9 |
|  | 11,011 | 8, 670 | ${ }_{6}^{9,705}$ | 8,783 <br> 4,906 | 6,646 4,510 | 8,640 5,640 | 1,838 | $+25.1$ | +206. 9 | 39,900 | 55, 972 |  |
| Trucks ........................ <br> Shipments (General Motors Co.): | 7,985 3,026 | 6,279 <br> 2,391 | 6,696 <br> 3,009 | - ${ }^{4,987}$ | 2, 436 | 5,640 $\mathbf{3 , 3 3 1}$ | 1, 1,684 | +25.1 +55.9 | +206.9 +100.2 | -39, ${ }^{37}$, 514 | 23,776 | + +35.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To dealers........................number of cars.-- | 186,653 187,463 | 167,460 148,784 | 120,876 140,883 | 47,587 91,410 | 35,441 33,442 | 127,580 104,488 | 125,181 107,278 | +260.0 +212.4 | +1.9 -2.6 | 1, $1,564,548$ | $1,810,806$ | +15.9 +18.5 |

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* See table on p. 9 of the February, 1929, issue for earlier data.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | August | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Septem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | October | Novem- ber | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Decem- } \\ & \text { ber } \end{aligned}$ | January | January | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan., } \\ & \text { 1992, } \\ & \text { from, } \\ & \text { Dece., } \\ & \text { 1928 } \end{aligned}$ | Jan., <br> from <br> Jan., <br> 1928 | 192\% | 1928 |  |
| AUTOMOBILES-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accessories and parts: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Original equipment_-rel. to Jan., 1925. Replacement parts_._rel. | 230 176 | ${ }_{185}^{218}$ | ${ }_{184}^{200}$ | 163 149 | 164 |  | $1 \begin{aligned} & 163 \\ & 137\end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acessories -.......-.rel. to Jan., 1925.. | 147 | 122 | ${ }_{91}$ | 78 | 73 |  | 79 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service parts---------rel. to Jan., 1925. | 148 | 140 | 141 | 122 | 120 |  | 142 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exports .-.....-.-.-.-.-.-.- thous. of dolls.- | 13, 858 | 10,079 | 17,522 | 13,151 | 11,182 | 20,068 | 7,604 | +79.5 | +163.9 | 106,343 | 143,610 | +35.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Highest price group.................... | 11, 482 | 11, 600 | 12, 264 | 7,950 | 6,914 |  | 6, 817 |  |  | 110, 125 | 128,138 | +16.4 |
| Second highest group...... ${ }^{\text {number of cars.- }}$ | 76,968 | 60, 730 | 56, 936 | 35, 034 | 27,966 |  | 32,515 |  |  | 640, 708 | 654, 627 | +2.2 |
| Third highest group.......number of cars.- | 76, 158 | 61, 579 | 59,451 | 52, 294 | 37, 283 |  | 43, 330 |  |  | 662, 258 | 832, 974 | +25.8 |
| Lowest price group.........number of cars.. | 164,682 | 137,403 | 155, 514 | 115, 981 | 82,045 |  | 52, 630 |  |  | 1, 195, 806 | 1,509,897 | +26.3 |
| Miscellaneous..............number of cars.. | 537 | 470 | 491 | 756 | 395 |  | 551 |  |  | 14, 641 | 7,560 | -48.4 |
| FUELS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coal and Coke |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bituminous: Production- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada.-.....---.-- -- thous. of short tons--- | 1,552 | 1,410 | 1,702 | 1,695 | 1,519 |  | 1,698 |  |  | 17,427 | 17,487 | +0.3 |
| Exports -----.-.-.-.-.-. - thous. of long tons.- | 1,618 | 1,577 | 1,497 | 1,617 | 1,093 | 917 | 850 | -16. 1 | +7.9 | 16,095 | 14, 439 | -10.3 |
| Consumption- By vessels | 356 | 313 | 333 | 334 | 301 | 284 | 319 | -5.6 | -11.0 | 4, 076 | 3,834 | -5.9 |
| By vessels........-.thous. of long tons.--By electric-powerplants.-.t.o.thous. of short tons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3,441 7 | 3,421 | 3, 828 | 4 3, 740 | 3,838 |  | 3,695 |  |  | 41,888 | 41,336 | -1.3 |
| By coke plants-United States.....thous. of short tons.- | 7,403 | 7,627 | 8,433 | 8,084 |  |  | , 304 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6, 194 | 6, 180 | 6, 726 | 6,595 | 6,830 | 7, 021 | 6, 1688 | +2.8 | +13.8 | 74, 115 | 76, 137 | $+2.7$ |
| United States...--thous. of short tons.-- Canada |  |  |  | 284 |  | 300 | 257 | +1.4 | 16.7 | 2,884 | 3,213 |  |
| Stocks held by <br> consumers. thous. of short tons |  | 41,100 | 42, 400 |  | 41,800 |  | 51, 500 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prices- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mine aver. (spot)-dolls. per short ton.-Wholesale, comp-.dolls. per short ton-- | ${ }^{4} 1.74$ | 1.81 | ${ }^{1} 1.83$ | ${ }^{4} 1.85$ | 1.81 | 1.85 | 1.85 | +2.2 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 4. 009 | 4.019 | 4. 020 | 4.008 | 4.006 | 4.005 | 4. 093 | 0.0 | -2.2 |  |  |  |
| Anthracite: | 8.74 | 8.84 | 8.96 | 9.07 | 9.11 | 9.09 | 9. 21 | -0.2 | -1.3 |  |  |  |
| Production......-.-.-.thous of short tons - | 6,883 | 6,036 | 8,554 | 7,457 | 6,226 | 7,337 | 5, 690 | +17.8 | $+28.9$ | 80,096 | 76, 734 | 4. 2 |
|  | 278 | 265 | 405 | 306 | 259 | 298 | 233 | +15. 1 | +27.9 | 2, 982 | 2,983 | 0.0 |
| Stocks, end of mo. in yds. of dealers $\qquad$ |  | 57 | 53 |  | 54 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prices- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale, comp---dolls. per long ton-- | 12.853 | 13.040 14.93 | 13.040 14.98 | 13. 040 | $\begin{array}{r} 13.040 \\ 15,07 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12.987 \\ 15,06 \end{array}$ | 13.130 15.08 | $-0.4$ | -1.1 -0.1 |  |  |  |
| Coke: Retail, composite dolis. per short ton-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, U. S.- thous of short tons |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beehive--..........thous. of short tons- | 288 | 312 | 421 | 416 | 398 | 479 | 376 | +20.4 | +27.4 | 7,207 | 4, 376 | -39.3 |
|  | 3,995 | 3, 959 | 4, 219 | -4, 133 | 4, 317 | 4, 360 | 3, 897 | $\begin{array}{r}+1.0 \\ +3.8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | +11.9 <br> +21.4 | 43,885 <br> 1,981 | 47, 415 | +8.7 +16.5 |
| Exports $\qquad$ thous. of long tons.- <br> Price, furnace, <br> Connellsville..........dolls. per short ton.- | 70 | 77 | 100 | 121 | 98 | 104 | 65 | +6.1 | $+60.0$ | 719 | 1,037 | +44.2 |
|  | 88 | 2.88 | 2.91 | 2.87 | 2. 75 | 2.75 | 2.78 | 0.0 | -1.1 |  |  |  |
| Crude petroleum: ${ }^{\text {co.....doms. per shor ton.- }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production.-Stocks at end of month-.......thous. of bbls.- | 77, 829 | ${ }^{4} 76,404$ | 79,662 | 76,031 | 79,448 | 81,979 | ${ }^{4} 72,713$ | +3.2 | +12.7 | 901, 129 | 900, 364 | -0.1 |
|  | 4368,816 | 4366,750 | ${ }^{4} 367,907$ | ${ }^{4} 367,619$ | 368, 431 | 372, 913 | ${ }^{4} 359,260$ | +1.2 | +3.8 |  |  |  |
| Tank farms and pipe lines. thous. of bbls.- |  |  |  |  | 368, 430 | 330395 | +317.680 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 326,399 \\ & 142,417 \end{aligned}$ | 326,153 40,597 | $\begin{aligned} & 328,101 \\ & 439806 \end{aligned}$ | 326,852 40,767 | $\begin{array}{r} 327,902 \\ 40.529 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 330,395 \\ 42,518 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4317,680 \\ 4 \\ 41,580 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +0.8 \\ +4.9 \end{array}$ | +4.0 +2.2 |  |  |  |
| California- |  | - 4 , 595 16,80 |  | $\begin{array}{r}16,524 \\ \hline 16\end{array}$ |  | 19, 196 | 20,493 |  | -6.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 95, 057 | 96,563 | 97, 097 | 98, 529 | 99, 975 | 99, 738 | 94, 327 | -0.2 | +5.7 |  |  |  |
| Imports .-.---.------------ thous. of bbls.- | 6,141 | 7, 140 | 6, 703 | 6,908 | 6,807 | 8,075 | 6,145 | +18.6 | +31.4 | 58,383 | 79,-583 | $+36.3$ |
| Consumption (run to stilis) thous. of bbls- | 81, 582 | ${ }^{4} 79,894$ | ${ }^{4} 79,607$ | ${ }^{4} 77,149$ | 79, 520 | 76,830 | ${ }^{-69,067}$ | -3.4 | +11.2 | 828, 835 | 912, 713 | +10.1 |
| Refinery operation .....per ct. of capacity-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -2.6 | +5.6 |  |  |  |
| Price, Kansas-Oklahoma--.-dolls. per bbl.- | 1.210 | 1.210 | 1.210 | 1.210 | 1.210 | 1.185 | 1. 220 | -2.0 | -2.9 |  |  |  |
| Oil wells completed................number.. | 1,247 | 1,192 | 1,224 | 1,195 | 1,059 | 1,205 | 764 | +13.8 | +57.7 | 14.442 | 12, 540 | $-13.2$ |
| Production ...........-.thous of bbls.- | 4, 047 | 3,716 | 3,904 | 3,724 | 3,748 |  | 4, 780 |  |  | 64, 121 | 50, 144 | -21.8 |
| Exports.-------.......-thous. of bbls-- | 2, 212 | 2, 244 | 2,731 | 2,199 | 1,808 |  | 2,955 |  |  | 48, 421 | 33, 622 | -30.6 |
| Venezuela- <br> Production $\qquad$ thous. of bbls |  |  |  | 11, 291 | 12,270 | 11,521 | 6,994 | -6.1 | +64. 7 | 64, 437 | 108, 099 |  |
| Gasoline: Exports..-.-.-.----.....thous. of bbls. | 8,933 | 8, 615 | 9, 283 | 9,660 | 10,010 | 9,982 | 6,837 | -0.3 | +46.0 | 54, 593 | 100, 617 | +84.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw (at refineries) .-.--thous. of bbls-. | 434,101 | ${ }^{4} 33,669$ | [ 34, 403 | ${ }^{4} 33,171$ | 33,907 | 34, 335 | ${ }^{4} 27,981$ | +1.3 | +22.7 | 330, 435 | 377, 183 | +14.2 |
| Exports...............-.--thous of bbls-- | 4 3,445 | 43,488 | 43,731 | 4 3, 769 | ${ }^{4} 3,929$ | 3,983 | 1 3,405 | +1.4 | +17.0 | 38, 657 | 42,286 | +9.4 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}4,452 \\ \hline 43 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 4, 4 , 670 | 3,919 4 40 | +4,610 | 3, 675 | 4, 506 | 3,692 | +22.6 | +22.0 | 43, 103 | 52, 422 | +21.6 |
| Consumption-.....-.......thous. of bbls | ${ }^{4} 33,336$ | ${ }^{1} 29,722$ | ${ }^{4} 30,680$ | ${ }^{4} 26,052$ | + 26,644 | 22,602 | 4 20,778 | -15.2 | +8.8 | 297, 780 | 328, 832 | +10.4 |
| Stocks, end of month-Raw (at refineries)Natural gas (at plants) thous. of bbls.-Prices--Wholesale, New York.._dolls. per gal. | - 414 | - 436 |  | - 404 | -608 | 40, 741 | -37, 740 | +21.9 | +8.8 +0.1 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | . 180 | . 180 | . 180 | . 180 | . 180 | . 178 | . 170 | 1.1 | +4.7 |  |  |  |
| Retail, wagon 50 cities - -dolls. per gal.-- | . 160 | 163 | 163 | 160 | . 160 | . 160 | 143 | 0.0 | $+11.9$ |  |  |  |
|  | -988, 358 | 4915,036 | 4 896, 934 | - 807, 565 | 777, 079 |  | 612, 219 |  |  | 8, 777, 249 | 9,724, 013 | +10.8 |
|  | 5,389 | 45,060 | 4, 5 , 190 | 4,908 | 4,968 | 4,700 | 4 5, 058 | -5.4 | -7.1 | 56,114 | 60, 156 | +7.2 |
|  | 1,653 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,068 \\ 43, \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,749 \\ 43,7469 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2,087 \\ 4,2,545 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{4}^{1,229}$ | $1,896$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42,350 \\ & 42 \\ & 42909 \end{aligned}$ |  | -19.3 | 19, 278 | 21, 499 | +11.5 |
| Consumption--....-.thous. of bbls... | $4,3,269$ <br> 4888 <br> 8 | 43,264 48.593 | 4,469 48,614 | 42,545 <br> 48,886 <br> 8 | 4, <br> 4 <br> 4 <br> 9,001 | 2,956 8,865 | 12,799 <br> 77670 | $\begin{array}{r}\text {-18.6 } \\ -1.5 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | +5.6 +15.6 | 37,491 | 37,008 | -1.3 |
| Stocks at refineries, end mo-thous. of bbls.-. | ${ }^{\text {. }} 072$ | ${ }^{8.086}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { + } \\ \hline 8.082\end{array}$ | - 8.080 | $\xrightarrow{.078}$ | ${ }^{\text {8, } 077}$ | . 070 | -1.3 | +10.0 |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | August | September | October | November | Decem- ber | January | January | Jan., 1929, from Dec., 1928 | Jan., 1992, from, Jan., 1928 | 1927 | 1928 |  |
| CHEMICALS AND OILS-Continued Roofing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, dry felt $\qquad$ tons.. Stocks, end of month, dry felt............tons.- | 25,574 3,356 | 24,343 3,427 | 23,930 3,367 | $\begin{array}{r}17,424 \\ 4,045 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 14,475 4,600 |  | 21,743 3,088 |  |  | 303,311 | 281, 420 | -7.2 |
| Prepared roofing: <br> shipments. thous. of roof squares.- | 2,447 | 3,774 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total vegetable oils and copra: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exports...--.-....-.-.----- thous. of lbs.- | 1,444 | 3,222 | 3,681 | 5,570 | 3,928 | 2,884 | 9,405 | -26.6 | -69.3 | 70,713 | 55,006 | -22.2 |
| Imports...--.-----..--------- thous. of libs-- | 56, 364 | 80, 914 | 82, 176 | 71, 918 | 70,010 | 74, 261 | 59, 870 | +6.1 | +24.0 | 704, 365 | 762, 773 | +8.3 |
| Copra, imports...-...........-.-.-.-short tons.- | 19,716 | 20,754 | 22, 897 | 30,955 | 57,087 | 46, 949 | 26, 872 | -17.8 | +74.7 | 225, 519 | 276, 271 | +22.5 |
| Copra or coconut oil: Imports.-............thous. of libs.- | 12,581 | 34,008 | 31,534 | 29,672 | 36,444 | 35, 164 | 32,751 | -3.5 | +7.4 | 293, 369 | 290, 638 | -0.9 |
| Consumption in <br> oleomargarine. thous. of lbs.- | 11,910 | 14,452 | 15,714 | 16,026 | 14,839 | 15, 455 | 13, 191 | +4.2 | +17.2 | 122, 575 | 159, 852 | $+30.4$ |
| Oleomargarine: <br> Production thous. of lbs.- | 23, 610 | 28, 446 | 30,631 | 30,569 | 28,899 | 29,474 | 26,205 | +2.0 | +12.5 | 276, 714 | 316,489 | +14.4 |
|  | 24, 965 | 29,002 | 30, 137 | 32, 755 | 28, 226 | 27, 847 | 27, 729 | -2.4 | +0.4 | 274, 577 | 317, 475 | +1.4 +15.6 |
| Animal glues: <br> Shipments. $\qquad$ thous. of lbs.- | 6,780 | 6,256 | 7,528 | 6,958 | 6,325 | 6, 108 | 6,814 | -3.4 | -10.4 | 75, 140 | 79,441 | +5.7 |
| Cottonseed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cottonseed: <br> Receipts at mills $\qquad$ short tons. | 169, 498 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 169,498 73,795 | 420, 883 | 1, 919,076 | 1,010,791 | 707, 392 | 420,026 748,093 | 318,741 570,704 | -40.6 +6.7 | +31.8 +31.1 | 5, 616, 815 $5,902,232$ | $4,930,020$ $4,612,930$ | -12.2 -21.8 |
| Stocks at mills, end of month. . short tons.- Cottonseed oil, crude: | 117,484 | 566, 530 | 1, 182, 175 | 1, 323, 367 | 1,328, 703 | 991, 366 | 760, 890 | -25.4 | +30.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 20, 863 | 126,584 | 280, 383 | 272, 893 | 219, 532 | 237, 127 | 182, 334 | +8.0 | +30.1 | 1,806, 754 | 1, 460, 201 | -19.2 |
| Stocks, end of month .-...-.- thous. of lbs..- | 15, 346 | 67, 951 | 123,167 | 143, 080 | 133, 837 | 141, 595 | 170,499 | +5.8 | -17.0 |  |  |  |
| Cottonseed oil, refined: <br> Production- $\qquad$ thous. of lbs.. | 19,677 | 61,889 | 204, 255 | 223, 886 | 217, 211 | 205, 804 | 143, 230 | -5.3 | +43.7 | 1,592, 888 | 1,328, 463 | -16.6 |
| Stocks, end of month.-.....- thous. of lbs-- | 236, 200 | 159, 629 | 220, 449 | 322, 857 | 431, 694 | 511, 162 | 539, 445 | +18.4 | +5.2 | 1,532,88 | 1,328, 463 | -16.6 |
| Price, yellow, prime, N. Y -.--dolls. per lb-. | . 094 | . 099 | . 099 | . 096 | . 103 | . 103 | . 101 | 0.0 | +2.0 |  |  |  |
| Consumption in oleomarg.--.thous. of lbs.- | 2,062 | 2,437 | 2,678 | 2,621 | 2,522 | 2,283 | 2,162 | -9.5 | +5.6 | 24, 621 | 26, 933 | +9.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 19,794 | 61,350 | 124,196 | 160, 899 | 182, 173, | 237, 067 | 176, 416 | +30.1 | +34.4 | 2,648, 03.3 | 2,085, 350 | -21.2 |
|  | 944 | 22,013 | 60, 015 | 40, 482 | 60, 272 | 34, 135 | 53, 249 | -43.4 | -35.9 | 440, 550 | 290, 510 | $-34.1$ |
| Flaxseed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minneapolis and Duluth: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shipments------------------ thous. of bushs.- | 1,426 | 1,260 | 2, 348 | $\stackrel{2,140}{2,862}$ | 190 | ${ }_{283}{ }^{36}$ | ${ }^{723} 5$ | -52.1 +42.2 | -49.0 -51.0 | 20,163 11,692 | 18,104 10,624 | -20.0 -9.1 |
| Stocks, end of month .-.--thous. of bushs.- | 310 | , 615 | 2,585 | 1,243 | 1,257 | 1,063 | 3,312 | -15.4 | $-67.9$ |  |  |  |
| Mill receipts at Duluth- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Superior-------------. ${ }^{\text {thous. }}$ of bushs-- | 137 | 62 | 1,014 | 515 | 115 | 69 | 101 | -40.0 | $-31.7$ | 2,929 | 2,240 | -23.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Linseed oil: <br> Shipments from Minneapolis_thous. of lbs.. | 13,571 | 14, 443 | 15,437 | 13, 622 | 8,375, |  | 13, 023 |  |  | 127, 407 | 170,859 | +34.1 |
| Linseed cake and meal: <br> Shipments from Minneapolis thous. of lbs. <br>  | . 098 | . 098 | . 101 | . 102 | . 101 | 100 | . 098 | $-1.0$ | +2.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 16,051. | 26, 257 | 30,071 | 31, 468 | 26,141 |  | 27, 056 |  |  | 206, 416 | 274,837 | +33.1 |
|  | 52, 392 | 38,772 | 51,894 | 44, 131 | 46,569 | 22, 859 | 44, 367 | -50.9 | -48.5. | 663, 299 | 561, 549 | $-15.3$ |
| FOODSTUFFS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visible supply, end of month: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 92, 728 | 114, 78,069 | 158, 204 | 140, 785 | 197, 1919 | 188, 742 | - 152,3680 | -8.7 | +57.9 +23.7 |  |  |  |
| Receipts, principal markets.-.thous. of bushs.- | 84, 221 | 73, 322 | 84, 423 | -43, 532 | -32,963 | -22, 537 | -23, 542 | -31.6 | +4.3 | 481,256 | 522, 787 | $+8.6$ |
| Shipments, principal markets_thous. of bushs.- | 46,105 | 39,508 | 30,365 | 35, 627 | 21, 415 | 16, 762 | 14, 284 | -21.7 | +17.3 | 314, 495 | 305, 522 | $-2.9$ |
| United States- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wheat only $\qquad$ thous. of bushs.. | 10,394 | 17,939 | 22, 058 | 10,561 | 7,641 | 3,399 | 5,956 | $-55.5$ | -42.9 | 188, 307 | 96, 270 | -42.8 |
| Including wheat flour.thous. of bushs.- | 14,588 | 22, 528 | 28, 272 | 15,955 | 11, 866 | 9,559 | 11, 560 | -19.4 | $-17.3$ | 226, 011 | 150, 036 | -33.6 |
| Prices: Including wheat flour_thous. of bushs.- | 29,220 | 30,928 | 48, 957 | 80,633 | 53,242 | 25,032 | 18,647 | -53.0 | +34.2 | 296, 741 | 413, 746 | +39.4 |
| Prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No. 2 Red Winter, <br> St. Louis dolls. per bush | 1.38 | 1. | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.39 | 1.42 |  | +2. | 6. 0 |  |  |  |
| No. 2 Hard Winter, Kansas City $\qquad$ dolls. per bush.- | 1.06 | 1.07 | 1.10 | 1.12 | 1.11 | 1.14 | 1.33 | +2.7 | -14.3 |  |  |  |
| Wheat Flour |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grinding of wheat: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States...--........-thous. of bushs.- | ${ }^{4} 47,657$ | ${ }^{4} 48,014$ | + 52,890 | ${ }^{4} 45,289$ | 4 42, 246 | 45,759 | 4 42, 823 | +8.3 | $+6.9$ | 500, 850 | 521, 448 | +4.1 |
|  | 7,330 | 8,554 | 9, 473 | 9, 690 | 7,600 | 7,794 | 7, 246 | +2.6 | +7.6 | 80, 788 | 90, 380 | +11.9 |
| United States, actual .....thous. of bushs | 410,370 | - 10, 512 | 411.587 | 49,909 | -9,269 | 10,022 | 49,242 | +8. 1 | +8.5 | 109, 178 | 113, 129 | +3.6 |
| United States, prorated...--thous. of bbls.- | 11, 563 | 11, 197 | 13, 316 | 11, 200 | 10,229 |  | 10, 502 |  |  | 123, 812 | 126, 736 | $+2.4$ |
| Canada.---..................thous. of bbls... | 1,590 | 1,892 | 2, 130 | 2, 175 | 1, 672 | 1,698 | 1,579: | +1.6 | -7.5 | 17, 702. | 19,791 | +11.8 |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | August | September | October | November | Decem- ber | January | January | Jan, 1929, from Dec., 1928 | Jan, 1929, from, Jan, 1928 | 1927 | 1928 |  |
| P |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mption of electrical energy-Con. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| By industry-Continued <br> Leather and its products <br> rel. to 1923-25 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1122 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumber and its products $\qquad$ rel. to 1923-25-- | 111.6 | 111.3 | 109.3 | 111.8 | 107.3 | 107.4 | 107.7 | +0.6 +0.1 | -16.0 -0.3 |  |  |  |
| Paper and pulp............-rel. to 1923-25.- | 129.1 | 132.0 | 133.3 | 135.2 | 127.4 | 126.2 | 121.3 | $-0.9$ | +4.0 |  |  |  |
| Rubber and its products....rel. to 1923-25.-- | 138.4 | 151.2 | 146.4 | 143.8 | 124.8 | 148.2 | 120.4 | +18.8 | +23.1 |  |  |  |
| Shipbuilding.-.-....------rel. to 1923-25.- | 67.3 | 72.3 | 73.8 | 102. 2 | 91.8 | 108.2 | 94.2 | +17.9 | +14.9 |  |  |  |
| Stone, clay, and glass.....-rel. to 1923-25.- | 135.3 | 152.0 | 144.7 | 149.1 | 136.6 | 137.4 | 105.2 | +0.6 | +30.6 |  |  |  |
| Textiles | 97.3 | 112.5 | 121.0 | 132.5 | 126.3 | 129.4 | 116.7 | $+2.5$ | $+10.9$ |  |  |  |
| Automobiles, including <br> repair parts. $\qquad$ rel. to 1923-25.. | 143.2 | 161.0 | 141.2 | 127.1 | 130.0 | 149.4 | 135.2 | +14.9 | +10.5 |  |  |  |
| EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment in factories: <br> Massachusetts. $\qquad$ rel. to 1919-23 | 74.2 | 75. 6 | 78.8 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 78.1 | 82.3 | -1.0 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 82.5 | 84.3 | 86.0 | 85.8 | 85.3 | 84.8 | 82.6 | $-0.6$ | +2. |  |  |  |
| New Jersey | 91 | 94 | 95 | 97 | 98 | 97 | 91 | -1.0 | +6.6 |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania...-.-.............-rerer. to 1923-- | 81 | 81 | 82 | 82 | 80 | 81 | 80 | +1.3 | +1.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 74 | 77 | 74 | 74. | 75 | 75 | 75 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Maryland.........-...........-.rel. - to 1924-- | 88.1 | 89.0 | 90.4 | 88.0 | 87.7 | 85.7 | 85.4 | -2.3 | +0.4 |  |  |  |
|  | 124.0 | 124.0 | 126.0 | 125.3 | 122.3 |  | 117.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 85.6 | 86.8 | 86.9 | 487.3 | 88.1 | 87.2 | 80.5 | -1.0 | +8.3 |  |  |  |
|  | 134.7 | 135.4 | 131.3 | 126.0 | 123.3 |  | 102.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 293,457 | 294, 829 | 285, 936 | 274, 397 | 268, 601 | 289, 611 | 223, 502 | +7.8 | +29.6 |  |  |  |
|  | 37, 385 | 38,077 | 38,090 | 38, 179 | 38,995 | 40, 707 | 35, 492 | +4.4 | +14.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 456, 303 | 466,357 | 475, 753 | 475, 043 | 472, 054 | 469, 125 | 457,275 | -0.6 | +2.6 |  |  |  |
| Oklahoma.---.................-.-number-- | 31, 137 | 30, 812 | 31, 960 |  |  |  | 25, 615 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 106 | 109 | 110 | 110 | 109 | 108 | 97 | -0.9 | +11.3 |  |  |  |
| Total pay roll: <br> New York State (weekly)..thous. of dolls.- | 13,411 | 13,862 | 14,168 | 14,094 | 14,217 | 13,938 | 13,361 | -2.0 | +4.3 |  |  |  |
| New York State (weekly).-thous. of dolls.-. Oklahoma (weekly) | 1877 | ${ }^{865}$ | 12888 |  |  |  | 685 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wisconsin--........---.-.-.--rel. to 1923-- | 108.7 | 106.5 | 110.2 | 107.3 |  |  | 88.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| New York State....-.-.-.-.-.-.-rel. to 1923.. | 89.0 | 92.0 | 94.0 | 93.5 | 94.3 | 92.5 | 88.6 | $-1.9$ | +4.4 |  |  |  |
|  | 989 | 102 | 105 | 107 | 110 | 108 | 98 | -1.8 | +10.2 |  |  |  |
|  | 83 | 83 | 87 | 85 | 85 | 82 | 79 | -3.5 | +3.8 |  |  |  |
|  | 76 | 77 | 78 | 77 | 82 | 79 | 76 | -3.7 | +3.9 |  |  |  |
| Employment, Canada..........el. to Jan. 1920.. | 119.5 | 118.9 | 119.1 | 116.7 |  |  | 100.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ohio construction....-...........-.rel. to 1923.- | 139.4 | 135.0 | 137.7 | ${ }^{4} 128.1$ | 4108.7 | 89.3 | 79.6 | -17.8 | +12.2 |  |  |  |
| Employment, trade-unions: <br> United States.................per cent of total.. | 91.0 |  | 91.0 |  | 87.0 | 85.0 |  | -2.3 | +3.4 |  |  |  |
| Canda | 97.6 | 97.8 | 96.9 | 95.8 | 93.4 |  | 93.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anthracite mines: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Employment...--.---...-...rel. to 1923-25-- | 107.9 | 110.8 | 112.8 | ${ }_{4} 113.4$ | 114.6 |  | 120.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pay roll <br> Federal civilian employees, Wash- <br> ington, D. C., end of month $\qquad$ | 86.7 | 92.5 | 119.8 | ${ }^{4} 108.8$ | 106.8 |  | 98.7 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 62, 111 | 62,010 | 62, 016 | 62, 244 | 62, 140 |  | 60, 743 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average weekly earnings, factories: <br> rlinois |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 29.13 29.38 | 28.31 29.72 | 28.57 29.78 | 28.38 29.67 | 29.55 30.12 |  | 27.49 29.22 |  | +1.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 26.30 | 29.72 26.30 | 29.78 27.25 | 29.67 26.87 | 30.12 28.40 | 29.71 | 29.22 23.60 | -1.4 | +1.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 28.15 | 28.08 | 27.16 |  |  |  | 26.73 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 234.4 | 230.9 | 230.2 | 225.6 | 229.9 | 225.8 | 232.1 | $-1.8$ | -2.7 |  |  |  |
|  | 235.5 | 238.1 | 238.6 | 237.7 | 241.3 | 238.1 | 234.1 | -1.3 | +1.7 |  |  |  |
| New Jersey.......................-rel. to 1923.- | 109 | 110 | 112 | 111 | 113 | 112 | 109 | -0.9 | +2.8 |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania | 102 | 101 | 106 | 104 | 105 | 102 | 98 | -2.9 | +4.1 |  |  |  |
|  | 102 | 101 | 104 | 103 | 108 | 104 | 100 | -3.7 | +4.0 |  |  |  |
|  | 107.6 | 104.6 | 105.5 | 104.8 | 109.2 |  | 101. 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 111.0 | 109.7 | 113.7 | 112.1 | 118.5 |  | 98.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total (both sexes)............ dollars.-- | 27.35 | 27.76 | 27.76 | 27.42 | 27.73 |  | 27.24 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 30.30 | 30. 93 | 30.70 | 29.75 | 30.06 |  | 29.80 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 31. 77 | 32.42 | 35. 26 | 31. 21 | 31.47 |  | 31.22 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 24.78 | 25. 27 | 24.72 | 24.34 | 24.76 |  | 24.66 |  |  |  |  |  |
| A verage weekly hours: | 17.04 | 17.33 | 17.34 | 17.16 | 17.24 |  | 17.23 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 49.6 | 49.8 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 49.6 |  | 49.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 47.9 | 48.2 | 48.0 | 47.8 | 48.5 |  | 47.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New England | 48 | 48 | 51 | 50. | 51. | 52 | 53 | +2.0 | -1.9 |  |  |  |
| Middle Atlantic.-.-.......-cents per hour.- | 41 | 42 | 41 | 41. | 44 | 45 | 48 | +2.3 | -6.2 |  |  |  |
| South Atlantic.-............cents per hour.. | 34 | 24 | ${ }^{26}$ | 27 | 28. | 23 | 24 | -17.9 | -4.2 |  |  |  |
| East South Central | 25 | 25 | 26 | 27 | ${ }^{26}$ | 26 | 25 | 0.0 | +4.0 |  |  |  |
| West South Central....-.-.cents per hour-- | 29 | 26 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 26 | $+3.3$ | +19.2 |  |  |  |
| East North Central...-..-.cents per hour-- | 39 | 38 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 45 | 39 | $+9.8$ | +15.4 |  |  |  |
|  | 38 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 38. | 38 | 37 | 0.0 | +2.7 |  |  |  |
| Mountain..................-cents per hour.- | 50 | 52 | 49 | 42 | 46 | 44 | 41 | -4.3 | $+7.3$ |  |  |  |
|  | [53 | 54 43 | 54 42 | 53 42 | 53 <br> 39 | 52 36 | 50 37 | $-1.9$ | $\pm 4.0$ |  |  |  |
| Wage rates, U. S. Steel Corp.-- cents per hour--- | 42 50 | 43 50 | 42 50 | 42 50 | 39 50 | 36 50 | 37 50 | -7.7 0.0 | -2.7 |  |  |  |
| Wages, steel sheet workers. $\qquad$ Applicants per $100 j$ $\square$ per cent of base.- | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 125.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Applicants per 100 jobs, employment agencies: <br> United States. <br> number. | 129 | 107 | 117 | 134 | 100 | 156 | 170 | +56.0 | -8.2 |  |  |  |
|  | 223 | 120 | 128 | 142 | 146 | 154 | 192 | +5.5 | -19.8 |  |  |  |
|  | 132 | 126 | 133 | 125 | 146 | 164 | 203 | +12.3 | -19.2 |  |  |  |
|  | 121 | 91 | 142 | 153 | 193 | 283 | 188 | +46.6 | +50.5 |  |  |  |
|  | 69 109 | 63 98 | 62 114 | 71 143 | 69 135 | 80 | 87 161 | +15.9 | -8.0 |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August | September | October | November | $\underset{\text { ber }}{\substack{\text { Decem- }}}$ | January | January | Jan., 1929, from Dec., 1928 | Jan., 1929, from Jan., 1928 | 1927 | 1928 |  |
| BANKING AND FINANCE-Continued. Gold and Silver |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Domestic receipts at mint...-. fine ounc | 98,769 | 83,247 | 121, 539 | 102, 893 | 77, 220 | 68, 042 | 73,624 | -11.9 | -7.6 | 972, 927 | 981, 313 | +0.9 |
| Rand output.-..----.-.-.-- ine ounces.- | 891, 863 | 857, 731 | 897, 720 | 4872, 484 | ${ }^{4} 859,761$ | 876, 452 | 843, 857 , | +1.9 | +3.9 | 10, 130, 630 | 10,358, 596 | +0.9 +2.3 |
| Monetary stock of U. S.daily average....................... of dolls. | 4,118 | 4,125 | 4,133 | 4,151 | -4,142 | - 4,115 | 4,377 |  |  | 10,130, | 10,38, |  |
|  | 2, 445 | 4, 273 | 4 14, 331 | 29,591 | 24,950 | 48,577 | 38,320 | +94.7 | +26.8 | 195, 022 | 168, 898 | -13.4 |
|  | 1,698 | 3,810 | ${ }^{4} 992$ | 422,916 | 1,636 | 1,378 | 52,086 | -15.8 | -97.4 | 201, 455 | 560, 760 | +178.4 |
| Silver: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States........thous. of fine oz.. | 4,776 | 4, 087 | 4,352 | ${ }^{4} 4,756$ | ${ }^{4} 5,273$ | 4,909 | 4,980 | -6.9 | -1.4 | 59, 412 | 56, 149 | -5.5 |
| Canada. $\qquad$ thous. of fine oz.Stocks, end of month- | 2, 252 | 2, 177 | 2, 051 | ${ }^{4} 1,459$ | ${ }^{4} 1,815$ | 1,747 | 1,433 | -3.7 | +21.9 | 20,761 | 20, 328 | -2.1 |
| Stocks, end of month- United States.......thous. of fine oz.. | 263 | 872 | 856 | 4905 | 1,011 | 594 | 574 | -41.2 | +3.5 |  |  |  |
| Canada_-.-.-.-....-.thous. of fine oz..- | 720 | 1,457 | 718 | 346 | 1,011 | 334 | 1,141 | -67.0 | -70.7 |  |  |  |
| Imports...-................- thous. of dolls.-- | 6,496 | 45,739 | 7,319 | 45,448 | 5, 120 | 8,260 | 6, 305 | +61.3 | +31.0 | 55,073 | 68, 119 | +23.7 |
| Exports .-.-.-.-.-.......thous. of dolls.- | 9,246 | 6,229 | ${ }^{4} 7,252$ | ${ }^{4} 7,674$ | 8,489 | 8,264 | 6, 692 | -2.7 | +23.5 | 75, 624 | 87, 381 | +15.5 |
| Price at New York.-..-.-dolls. per fine oz.- | . 588 | . 575 | . 581 | . 580 | . 573 | . 570 | . 571 | -0.5 | -0.2 |  |  |  |
| Tiabilities. Rusiness Failures |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total commercial $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.. Manufacturing | 58, 202 | 33,957 | 34,990 | 40,601 | 40, 774 | 53,877 | 47,634 | +32.1 | +13.1 | 520, 105 | 486, 559 | -6.4 |
| establishments............thous. of dolls.- | 16,877 | 14,727 | 13,490 | 15, 446 | 17, 783 | 16,690 | 14, 871 | -6.1 | +12.2 | 211, 006 | 182, 778 | -13.7 |
| Trade establishments.......thous. of dolls.- | 19,096 | 13, 567 | 17,268 | 17, 224 | 18,933 | 32, 024 | 26, 446 | +69.1 | +21.1 | 228, 194 | 225, 301 | -1.3 |
| Agents and brokers........thous. of dolls.- | 22, 229 | 5,662 | 4,232 | 7,932 | 4, 059 | 5, 164 | 6,318 | +27.2 | -18.3 | 80,405 | 81, 781 | 1.3 +1.7 |
| Banks (quarterly) -.-------thous. of dolls |  | ${ }^{2} 20,810$ |  |  | ${ }^{2} 43,085$ |  | 4330,545 | +107.0 | +41.1 | 143, 449 | 129, 650 | -9.6 |
| Liabilities (Canada) $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.. Firms: | 2, 589 | 2, 572 | 2,504 | 3,287 | 3, 065 | 2,241 | 3,249 | -26.9 | -31.0 | 25, 287 | 36, 457 | +44.2 |
| Total commercial_-...-...-.-.-. number.- | 1, 852 | 1,635 | 2, 023 | 1,838 | 1,943 | 2, 535 | 2,643 | $+30.5$ | -4.1 | 23, 146 | 23,942 | +3.4 |
| Manufacturing establishments . . number-- | 493 | 454 | 528 | 519 | 498 | 614 | 553 | +23.3 | +11.0 | 5,682 | 5,924 | +4.3 |
| Trade establishments_.......-....number-- | 1,241 | 1,073 | 1,369 | 1,202 | 1, 324 | 1,769 | 1,946 | +33.6 | $-9.1$ | 16,082 | 16, 471 | +2.4 |
| Agents and brokers.................number | 112 | 108 | 126 | 117 | 121 | 152 | 144 | +25.6 | +5.6 | 1,382 | 1,441 | +4.3 |
| Banks (quarterly)...-....-.-.-...-number.- |  | 255 |  |  | ${ }^{2} 116$ |  | 4384 | +110.9 | +38.1 | 394 | 372 | -5.6 |
| Firms (Canada) | 135 | 120 | 159 | 174 | 214 | 185 | 210 | -13.6 | -11.9 | 2, 016 | 1,875 | -7.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 36 | 35 | 33 | 46 | 30 | 30 | 35 | 0.0 | -14.3 | 374 | 443 | +18.4 |
| Textiles.........................number.-- | 59 | 74 | 79 | 85 | 69 | 75 | 74. | $+8.7$ | +1.4 | 703 | 793 | +12.8 |
| Lumber-.........................number-- | 60 | 73 | 94 | 105 | 107 | 92 | 81 | -14.0 | +13.6 | 850 | 970 | +14.1 |
| Chemicals.-.-....-.-.-.........number-- | 4 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 11 | 3 | -15.4 | +266.7 | 75 | 98 | +30.7 |
| Printing and engraving...-. ${ }^{\text {number-- }}$ | 22 | 6 | 18 | 9 | 11 | 25 | 21 | +127.3 | +19.0 | 264 | 172 | $-34.8$ |
| Foodstuffis---------------- | 51 | 24 | 47 | 29 | 46 | 47 | 43 | +2.2 | +9.3 | 461 | 496 | + 7.6 |
| Leather, etc--...---.-.-.-.-. number-- | , | 15. | 14 | 18 | 8 | 24 |  | $+200.0$ | +71.4 | 140 | 157 | +12.1 |
| Liquors and tobacco.-........number.- | ${ }^{6}$ | 4 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 7 | $+50.0$ | +28.6 | 104 | 75 | -27.9 |
| Stone, clay, and glass.............number.- | 10 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 10 | +150.0 | +50.0 | 91 | 94 | +3.3 |
|  | 237 | 212 | 217 | 202 | 202 | 286 | 265 | +41.6 | +7.9 | 2,620 | 2,626 | +0.2 +0.2 |
| General stores...-...-......... ${ }^{\text {number -- }}$ | 54 | 60 | 87 | 100 | 104 | 116 | 100 | +11.5 | +16.0 | 1, 214 | 1, 042 | -14.2 |
| Foods and tobacco...........number.- | 423 | 376 | 503 | 412 | 441 | 499 | 521 | +13.2 | -4.2 | 4,821 | 5,153 | +14.2 +6.9 |
|  | 210 | 168 | $22 \overline{5}$ | 200 | 250 | 351 | 446 | +40.4 | -21.3 | 2,978 | 3, 153 | +5.9 |
| Household furniture | 171 | 187 | 190 | 157 | 219 | 374 | 368 | +70.8 | +1.6 | 2,758 | 2,768 | +0.9 +0.4 |
| Chemicals and paints.-...-. number-- | 71 | 43 | 78 | 62 | 65 | 68 | 99 | +1.5 | -33.3 | 799 | ${ }^{8} 83$ | +0.5 |
| Books and paper $\qquad$ number- | 11. | 13 | 10 | 14 | , | 17 | 23 | $+240.0$ | -26.1 | 142 | 144 | +1.4 |
| All other $\qquad$ number.- | 307 | 226 | 276 | 257 | 240 | 346 | 389 | +44.2 | -11.1 | 3,370 | 3, 405 | +1.0 |
| Dividend and Interest Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand total......-.-.-.---..- thous. of dolls.- | 333, 400 | 408, 600 | 586,750 | 400, 560 | 566, 500 | 853, 575 | 753,200 | +50.7 | +13.3 | 5, 580, 548 | 5, 907, 911 | +5.9 |
| Interest payments.......---...-thous. of dolls.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend payments: <br> Total thous. of dolls | 151, 400 | 146, 100 | 198, 150 | 166, 340 | 184, 400 | 337, 200 | 292, 600 | +82.9 | +15.2 | 2, 099, 150 | 2,223,987 | +5.9 |
| Industrial and mise.......-thous. of dolls.- | 109, 450 | 118, 450 | 156, 200 | 118,500 | 141, 200 | 215, 000 | 182, 800 | +52.3 | +17.6 | 1, 555, 475 | 1,630,542 | +4.8 |
| Steam railroads .-.-.......--thous. of dolls.-- | 35, 200 | 20,400 | 29,400 | 34,900. | 26, 900 | 39, 100 | 33, 800 | +45.4 | +15.7 | 349, 500 | 365, 455 | +4.6 |
| Aver. payments on industrial stocks (quarterly) dolls. per share | 6,750 | 7,250 | 12, 550 | 12,900 | 16,300 | 22, 200 | 21,000 | +36.2 | +5.7 | 124, 675 | 130, 550 | +4.7 |
|  |  | 29.10 |  |  | 29.251 |  | ${ }^{3} 8.57$ | +1.6 | 7.9 |  |  |  |
| New Security Issues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign loans in the U. S.....--thous. of dolls..- |  | 108, 949 | 65, 121 ? | 102, 527 | 59, 298 | 28,000 | 158,575 | -52.8 | -82. 3 | 1, 592, 598 | 1, 426, 490 | -10.4 |
| Foreign governments...--.-----thous. of dolls.- |  | 43,500 | 36,750 | 15, 000 | 13, 000 | 15, 750 | 79, 808 | +21.2 | $-80.3$ | 1, 777, 126 | 648, 120 | -16.6 |
| Total corporation.--...............thous. of dolls.Purpose of issue- | 199,426 | 428, 184 | 655,604 | 760, 629 | 993, 328 | 970, 276 | ${ }^{4} 577,073$ | -2.3 | +68.1 | 7, 301, 417 | 7, 712,112 | +5.6 |
| New capital...........- thous. of dolls.- | 180, 716 | 391, 158 | 600, 473 | 702, 055 | 931, 673 | 827, 729 | ${ }^{4} 412,045$ | -11.2 | +100.9 | 5,373,128 | 6, 008, 312 | +11.8 |
| Refunding.-.-..........thous. of dolls.- | 18,710 | 37,026 | 55, 131 | 58, 574 | 61, 655 | 142, 547 | 165, 028 | +131.2 | -13.6 | 1, 928,189 | 1, 70.0 , 500 | -11.6 |
| Type of security- <br> Stocks $\qquad$ thous. of dolls.- | 73,892 |  | 390,610 | 447, 080 |  | 632, 738 |  | -7.6 |  |  |  |  |
| Bonds and notes .....-.- thous. of dolls..- | 125, 534 | 256, 137 | 264, 994 | 313, 549 | 308, 647 | 337, 538 | - 436,028 | +9.4 | $\underline{+22.6}$ | 5,545, 160 | 4, 181, 464 | +101.0 |
| Class of industry - | 125, 53 |  | 20, |  | 308, 64 | 33, 383 | 436,028 | +9.4 | -22.6 | 5,545, 160 | 4, 181, 464 | -24.6 |
| Railroads ------------ thous. of dolls-- | 13,726 |  | 45,830 | 57, 800 | 79,479. | 61, 613 | 78, 222 | -22.5 | -21.2 | 962, 807 | 726, 740 | -24.5 |
| Public utilities .-.-.-.-- thous. of dolls -- | 97, 776 | 202, 239 | 214, 466 | 151,851 | 199, 708 | 202, 134 | 210, 155 | +1.2 | -3.8 | 2,986,503 | 2,625, 026 | -12.1 |
| Industrials----------- ibous. of dolls.- | 32,989 | 98, 234 | 114, 233 | 154,752 | 228, 959 | 234, 405 | 118,902 | +2.4 | +97.1 | 1, 174,984 | 1,551, 022 | +32.0 |
| Land and buildings .-.........thous. of dolls.-- | 30256 |  | 7,000 | ${ }_{-39,740}$ | 54, 169 | 134, 570, | 2,200 | +148.4 | -..--1 | 1,425, 338 | 1,263, 112 | -38.1 |
| Shipping and misc.....thous of dolls.-! <br> States and municipalities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Permanent loans.---.-.....thous of dolls -- | 478,445 | ${ }^{4} 70,170$ | +98,233 | ${ }^{4} 173,824$ | ${ }^{1} 115,451$ | 69, 766 | [103, 139 | $-39.6$ | -32.4 | 1,478,569 | 1,389, 129 | -6.0 |
| 'iemporary loans...............thous. of dolls.- ${ }^{4} 63,543$ Tax-exempt securities outstanding, end of month mills. of dolls_- 18.911 <br> ${ }^{2}$ Quarter ending in month indicaled. |  | 73, 419 | 82, 552 | +14,496 | 26, 183 | 20, 325 | 73, 320 | $-22.4$ | -72.3 | -624, 873 | 716, 793 | $+14.7$ |
|  |  | 16, 932 | 17,007 | ${ }_{4} 17,072$ | ${ }^{4} 17,109$ | 17,126 | $416,270$ | +0.1 | - | 2t, 8.3 | 16, 50 | +1.6 |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }^{3}$ Quarter | ending D | c. 31, 1927 |  |  | ${ }^{4} \mathrm{Re}$ | vised. |  |  |

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[^1]:    - Seasonal adjustments.

[^2]:    -F

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Fabricated structural steel data compiled by the Bridge Builders and Structural Society up to April, 1922, and since then by U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, including reports from the Structural Steel Society. Percentages of capacity calculated from reports of the Bridge Builders and Structural Society up to April, 1922, and applied to estimated total capacity each year based on a special annual survey by the Bureau of the Census. Beginning with A pril, 1922, reports received rom 12 frms (and in addition 30 firms now out of business) with a total capacity of 245,140 tons in $1922,253,020$ tons in 1923, 266,155 tons in $1924,282,675$ to ons in 1926, 312,895 tons in 1927, and 322,960 tons in 1928, have been prorated to the estimated total capacity of the United States, 304,000 tons in 1922 and 312,000 tons in 1923, 326,000 tons in 1824, 347,000 in 1925, 360,000 tons in 1926, 375,000 tons in 1927, and 385,000 tons in 1928 for comparison with previous figures.
    , Nine months.

[^4]:    - Revised.

