

Penn. R.R. Sells \$50,000,000 7 P. C. Bonds

Kuhn, Loeb & Company Form a Syndicate to Offer Ten-Year Security to the Public

Other Roads in Market Operation Marks Recognition of Investment Demand

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. yesterday announced that they were forming a syndicate to offer \$50,000,000 of ten-year 7 per cent bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The new bonds, it is understood, will be offered at par and accrued interest by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Company, the Guaranty Trust Company, William A. Rorer & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, the Girard Trust Company and the Commercial Trust Company, both of Philadelphia.

This is the largest piece of railroad financing since the roads were returned to private ownership, and comes after bankers discerned a genuine turn for the better in the investment market.

Moreover, this is the most important borrowing operation since the flotation of the United Kingdom loan of \$250,000,000 last October.

The fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad, whose credit was traditionally considered prime among the roads of the country, will pay 7 per cent for the better accommodation indicates the high cost of borrowing under existing conditions.

In pre-war days the better roads were able to finance their needs at 4 to 4 1/2 per cent on their prime obligations.

Although no announcement was made of the use to which the new funds will be put, it is assumed that approximately \$20,000,000 will be employed to pay off obligations that mature in July.

Part of the remainder may go to purchase new equipment.

The New York Central Railroad also is known to be in the market for funds to finance payment of new equipment for which it already has placed orders.

The officials of the road, so far as can be learned, have not yet decided whether the system should borrow as a group or whether component parts of the New York Central Lines should seek separate accommodations.

Among the other roads whose new financing is believed to be near is the Archibald, Tonck & Santa Fe. Bankers report that virtually every road in the country is inquiring about the terms on which it could get funds to pay for new equipment.

March sales of the F. W. Woolworth Company totaled \$10,822,951, or \$1,721,609 over the corresponding period of the preceding year.

For the first quarter of the current year sales aggregated \$27,511,545, a \$4,065,073 gain over the three months ended March 31, 1919.

30 P. C. Stock Dividend Directors of the American Thermos Bottle Company have declared a stock dividend of 30 per cent, payable April 25 to stockholders of record April 15.

The Day's Bond Market

U. S. Government Transactions

Table with columns: Liberty 3 1/2%, 1947, Sales, Yield, etc. Includes various government bonds and their market prices.

Quotations

Table with columns: High, Low, Last, Net, etc. Lists various bond quotations and their price movements.

Bid and Asked Quotations

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, etc. Shows bid and asked prices for various bonds.

Foreign Govt. and Municipal Bonds (Interest To Be Added)

Table listing foreign government and municipal bonds with their respective interest rates and market values.

(Sales)

Table listing various bond sales and their market prices.

Railway, Other Corporations

Table listing railway and other corporate bonds and their market prices.

Adams Express

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Am. Smelting

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Am. T. & T. Co.

Table listing American Telephone & Telegraph bonds and their market prices.

Armour & Co.

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A. T. & S. F. Gen.

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Baldwin Loco

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East & Ohio

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Investment Information

Questions of general interest to investors will be answered in this column, in which case only initials will be used. Others will be answered by mail. Address all inquiries, including a stamped and addressed envelope, to Financial Editor, The Tribune, 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

On the Wrong Track

Question—I own 3,000 shares Allied Oil Corporation which cost me \$2,312 and paid 8 per cent dividend. Dividends were passed, and this stock at today's quotations represents a loss of about \$1,150. I am thinking of selling this stock and investing in the proceeds in United States Steamship at 25 per share, as it occurs to me that the prospects of United States Steamship at present prices and possibilities of reorganization are better for me regarding the action of Allied Oil shares.

Answer—For us to attempt to advise you in regard to a transaction such as you outline is out of the question. The United States Steamship Company has not made public any statement of earnings which would enable one to judge whether the stock is worth more or less than it is selling for at the present time.

Investment Not Bettered

Question—I would like your advice on this: I bought 100 shares of 1948 Liberty Victory 1 per cent bonds for \$100. Do you think it a good investment? I have \$100 worth of Liberty Bonds and I am thinking of selling them and buying French 4 1/2 per cent bonds.

Answer—We do not consider any foreign government bonds as good an investment as Liberty bonds. Whenever you sell the latter to purchase other securities we believe you weaken the position of your principal.

Boston and Montana Development

Question—I would be pleased to have you give me information concerning Boston and Montana Copper-M. R. Answer—Boston and Montana Development Company was incorporated July 17, 1913, under Montana laws.

A Speculative Pair

Question—Am thinking of buying some shares in United Retail Stores and Anaconda Copper. I understand they are both paying dividends. Do you think they are a good speculative investment at present prices?

Answer—Both United Retail Stores and Anaconda Copper are speculative. The purchase of such securities for investment purposes is not wise, in our opinion.

Northern Pacific's Dividend

Question—I will very much appreciate a reply from you regarding the prospect of dividends to apply on Northern Pacific Railroad Company stock after the Interstate Commerce Commission has passed on the merits of the case, etc.

Granby Consolidated

Question—What is your opinion of Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting as an investment? Answer—As the Granby directors passed the dividend due last August, we do not regard the stock as an investment issue at all.

Tires Use More Long Cotton Than U. S. Grows

More long staple cotton than is grown in the United States will be required for the estimated production of automobile tires during 1920, according to the calculations of the president of a prominent rubber company.

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New Haven Orders Engines. Announcement was made yesterday that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad has placed orders for forty large freight locomotives to be used on the Shore Line division of the system.

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