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Morgan Representatives On General Motors Board

Banking Firm Recently Bought Interest in Automotive Concern

E. R. Stettinius, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; George F. Baker jr., vice-president of the First National Bank; Seward Prosser, president of the Bankers Trust Company; William H. Woodin, president of the American Car and Foundry Company; Owen D. Young, vice-president of the General Electric Company, and C. M. Wooley, were elected yesterday directors of the General Motors Corporation. Mr. Stettinius, Mr. Prosser and Mr. Baker were made membes of the finance committee.

These elections followed the entrance of the Morgan firm and associates into General Motors in a banking way. Of the recent offering of 3,219,856 new common shares 1,419,856 shares were underwritten by Morgan & Co. The offering price to shareholders was $20 a share, and it was announced this week that approximately 99 per cent of the issue had been subscribed. British interests allied with the du Ponts agreed to take 1,800,000 shares of the new stock.

Reports to Stock Exchange

American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company, for the quarter ended March 31, 1920, as reported to the New York Stock Exchange, shows net income after taxes and charges of $624,336, equivalent, after 7 per cent dividends on common stock, to $11.04 a share earned on the $4,938,200 preferred stock, which was entitled to all profits above 7 per cent on the common.

Bush Terminal Company, in its statement to the New York Stock Exchange for four months ended April 30, 1920, reports surplus after Federal taxes and charges of $288,154, equivalent, after allowing for preferred dividends, to $3.88 a share earned on the $6,242,956 common stock.

Nashville, Chattanooga & San Louis Railway's statement for the four months ended April 30, 1920, as submitted to the New York Stock Exchange, shows net income, after charges and taxes, of $523,533, equivalent to $3.27 a share earned on the $16,000,000 capital stock.

American Bosch Magneto Corporation, in its statement to the New York Stock Exchange for the five months ended May 31, reports net profit, after charges and Federal taxes, of $702,863, equivalent to $8.78 a share earned on the 80,000 outstanding shares of stock of no par value.

Statement of Times Square Auto Supply Company for the six months ended June 30, 1920, as filed with the New York Stock Exchange, shows net profit, after expenses and Federal taxes, of $311,142, equivalent, after preferred dividends, to $1.54 a share earned on the 179,780 shares of common stock of no par value.

Ratify Steel Merger Plan

HALIFAX, N. S., July 15.—Shareholders of the Dominion Steel Corporation at a special meeting here today ratified proposals to merge their company in the $500,000,000 British Empire Steel Corporation. The Nova Scotia Steel and Iron Company has already entered the British corporation, it was announced, and the Canadian steamship lines will soon vote on the merger proposal.

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The Day's Bond Market

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Transactions

	Sales.	Yield.
Liberty 3½s, 1947	$896,000	4.65
do 2d 4s, 1942	11,000	5.11
do 1st 4¼s, 1947	83,000	5.19
do 1st-2d 4¼s	11,000	——
do 2d 4¼s, 1928	1,449,000	5.38
do 3d 4¼s, 1928	2,058,000	5.96
do 4th 4¼s, 1938	2,281,000	5.50
Victory 4¾s, 1923	1,164,000	6.20
do 3¾s, 1923	139,000	5.25

Quotations

	High.	Low.	Last.	Net chgs.
Liberty 3½s	91.10	90.94	91.04	—.04
do 2d 4s	85.40	85.24	85.36	+.06
do 1st 4¼s	86.50	86.10	86.44	+.12
do 1st-2d 4¼s	96.20	95.50	96.20	——
do 2d 4¼s	85.78	85.38	85.42	—.10
do 3d 4¼s	89.04	88.50	88.88	—.14
do 4th 4¼s	85.78	85.58	85.68	—.10
Victory 4¾s	95.98	95.92	95.92	—.04
do 3¾s	95.94	95.90	95.92	—.04

Bid and Asked Quotations

Liberty Bonds.	Closing Yesterday.	Closing Wednesday.
3½s, 1947	91.04@ 91.10	91.00@ 91.01
1st 4s, 1947	86.10@ 86.50	86.20@ 86.40
2d 4s, 1942	85.30@ 85.50	85.40@ 85.60
1st 4¼s, '47	86.40@ 86.44	86.38@ 86.50
2d 4¼s, '42	85.40@ 85.46	85.54@ 85.58
3d 4¼s, '28	88.82@ 88.88	89.00@ 89.06
4th 4¼s, '38	85.66@ 85.70	85.74@ 85.78
Vic. 4¾s, '23	96.20@ 97.00	95.94@ 95.98
Vic. 3¾s, '23	95.92@ 95.94	95.92@ 95.96
Pre-war issues.		
2s reg., '30	100¼ @101½	100¼ @101½
2s coup., '30	100½ @101½	100¼ @101½
3s reg., '46	89 @ 92	89 @ 92
3s coup, '46	89 @ 92	89 @ 92
4s reg., '25	105 @106½	105 @106½
4s coup., '25	105 @106½	105 @106½
2s Pan. c., '36	100¼ @101½	100¼ @101½
2s Pan. r., '36	100¼ @101½	100¼ @101½
2s Pan. c., '38	100¼ @101½	100¼ @101½
2s Pan. r., '38	100¼ @101½	100¼ @101½
3s Pan. reg	77 @ 81	77 @ 81
3s Pan. coup	77 @ 81	77 @ 81
Phil. 4s, '34	78 @ 85	78 @ 85
Phil. 4s, '35	78 @ 85	78 @ 85
Phil. 4s, '36	78 @ 85	78 @ 85
D. Col. 3s, '65	93 @ —	93 @ —

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Anglo-French Extern 5s, 1920	99½	99¾
Province of Alberta 4½s	84¾	—
Argentine Intern. 5s, 1945	70½	71¼
Kingdom of Belgium 7½s, 1945	100¾	101
Canada, Dom. of, notes 1921	97	97½
Kingdom of Belgium 6s, 1921	98¾	98¾
Canada, Dom. of, 5s, 1921	97¾	97½
Kingdom of Belgium 6s, 1925	95½	95¾
Canada, Dom. of, 1926	89	89½
Canada, Dom. of, 1929	90¾	90⅞
Canada, Dom. of, 1931	86½	86¾
Chinese G. Hu Kug Ry 5s, '51	42½	43½
Cuba Extern. 5s, 1944	90	90⅞
Cuba Extern. 5s, Ser. A, 1949	80⅞	82½
Cuba Extern. 4½s, 1949	72½	73
Dominican Rep. 5s, 1958	87½	87¾
City of Lyons 15-yr. 6s, 1934	84¼	85¼
City of Marseilles 15-yr. 6s, 1934	84¼	85¼
City of Bordeaux 15-yr. 6s, 1934	84¼	85¼
City Copenhagen 25-yr. 5½s, '44	74	75
French, Paris City 6s, 1921	93⅞	94
Gov. of Switzerland 8s, '40	102⅞	102⅞
Jap. Gov. 4½s, ster. ln., 1925	74¼	74¼
Jap. Gov. 4½s, 2d ser., 1925	73½	73⅞
Jap. Gov. 4s ster. ln., 1931	55¼	55¾
Japanese Tokio City 5s, 1952	52	53
Un. K. Gt. B. & Ir. 5-yr. 5½s, '21	96½	96½
Un. K. Gt. B. & Ir. 3-yr. 5½s, '22	92¾	93
Un. K. G. B. & Ir. 10-yr. 5½s, '29	87¾	88½
Un. K. Gt. B. & Ir. 20-yr. 5½s, '37	85½	85¾
Mexico Extern, ster. 5s '99, 1945	36½	37
Mexico Extern. gold 4s '04, 1951	28¾	30¼

(Sales)

Anglo-French 5s		Jap 2d ser 4½s	
9,000	99½	5,000	73¾
60,000	99¾	6,000	73½
3,000	99½	2,000	73¾
21,000	99¾	4,000	73¾
16,000	99½	do stlg loan 4s	
Argentine G 5s		1,000	65¾
1,000	71⅛	1,000	65¾
Chinese Ry 5s		7,000	65¼
1,000	42⅞	4,000	65½
1,000	42¾	K of Belg s f 7½s	
City of Copenh 5½s		J P M rcts	
5,000	74½	6,000	100¼
1,000	74½	1,000	100
1,000	74⅞	1,000	100⅛
3,000	75	7,000	100¼
City of Lyons 6s		2,000	100⅛
5,000	84½	9,000	100¼
City of Paris 6s		1,000	100⅛
1,000	93⅞	38,000	100⅜
22,000	94	8,000	100½
City of Tokio 5s		4,000	100¾
1,000	52⅝	1,000	100⅝
10,000	52½	2,000	101
Dominican R 5s		1,000	100⅞
2,000	87¼	do 6s 1921	
1,000	87½	15,000	98¾
Dom Canada 5½s		5,000	98½
notes 1921		R of Cuba 5s 1904	
2,000	97¼	1,000	90
do 1929		U K of Gt Britain &	
6,000	90¾	I 5½s 1921	
5,000	91	7,000	96
do 5s 1921		10,000	95⅞
2,000	97½	10,000	96
5,000	97⅜	1,000	96⅛
do 1926		13,000	96¼
1,000	89½	3,000	96¾
do 1931		18,000	96⅛
2,000	86¾	7,000	96¼
1,000	86	4,000	96¼
Gov of Switz s f 8s		do 1922	
temp rcts		14,000	92⅞
74,000	102¾	do 1929	
3,000	102¾	1,000	88¼
15,000	102¾	22,000	88
3,000	102⅞	do 1937	
8,000	102¾	1,000	85½
10,000	102¾	13,000	85½
3,000	102¾	1,000	85¾
4,000	102⅞	31,000	85½
2,000	102⅞	U S of Mex 6s	
2,000	102½	1,000	37
5,000	102⅞	14,000	37½
1,000	102¾	10,000	37
1,000	102⅞	do 4s	
41,000	102¾	10,000	27¾
Jap 1st ser 4½s		Virginia dfd 6s	
1,000	74⅞	B B & Co ctfs	
1,000	75	7,000	54½
do 2d ser 4½s		4,000	55
5,000	73¼	N Y C 4½s 1960	
500	73	1,000	86¼
1,000	73⅝		

Railway, Other Corporations

Am Smelting 5s		Balt & O Sw 3½s	
15,000	78	4,000	68⅞
2,000	77⅝	Beth Steel rfg 5s	
1,000	78	4,000	78
20,000	77½	3,000	79
Am T & T cv 6s		Bklyn U Elev 5s	
1,000	93½	stamped	
2,000	93¼	4,000	55½
2,000	93½	Bush Ter Bldg 5s	
4,000	93¼	1,000	71¾
3,000	93½	1,000	71½
2,000	93¼	Cen of Ga Ry 6s	
1,000	93½	1,000	85
do col 5s		Cen Leather 5s	
16,000	75⅝	3,000	90⅝
12,000	75½	2,000	91
2,000	75⅛	5,000	90⅞
do col 4s		Cen Pac gtd 4s	
1,000	75⅝	4,000	70
Am W P s f 7s		14,000	70¼
1,000	74½	2,000	70
Armour Co 4½s		do 3¾s	
3,000	75¼	4,000	75¾
3,000	75⅛	Cen R R of N J 5s	
1,000	75	3,000	93½
5,000	75½	do registered	
A T & S F gen 4s		7,000	93
23,000	73	Ches & O cv 5s	
5,000	73¼	18,000	75
15,000	73½	5,000	74½
2,000	73½	2,000	74⅞
do adj 4s stpd		do cv 4½s	
1,000	64¾	1,000	72⅞
do Cal & Ariz		2,000	73
rfg 4½s		2,000	72
2,000	72¼	1,000	72½
Atl Coast L 7s		C & Alton rfg 3s	
J P M rcts		2,000	42⅛
9,000	98⅛	C B & Q joint 4s	
15,000	98	39,000	94
10,000	98⅛	13,000	93⅞
do 1st con 4s		10,000	94
1,000	72	do registered	
do L & N 4s		15,000	93¾
2,000	62¾	C M & St P cv 5s	
5,000	62½	Series B	
1,000	62⅝	15,000	63
Balt & Ohio 6s		do gen 4½s	
1,000	86⅝	1,000	68¾
7,000	86	do cv 4½s	
do rfg 5s		2,000	63¾
1,000	58⅞	13,000	63
do cv 4½s		1,000	63½
2,000	58	3,000	63
3,000	57¾	2,000	63½
1,000	57	2,000	63
1,000	58⅛	5,000	62⅞
1,000	58	do rfg 4½s	
10,000	57⅞	1,000	54¼
2,000	58	do gen 4s Ser A	
do gen 4s		1,000	65
1,000	59⅝	1,000	64¾
8,000	59½	do 4s 1925	
do p l 3½s		1,000	71½
1,000	79	do deb 4s 1934	
do Pitts L E &		2,000	65½
W-Va 4s		2,000	56
1,000	54⅞	do 5s Wis & M dv	
1,000	55	2,000	95

C B & Q-Neb 4s		N Y Cen deb 6s	
1,000	85	3,000	87
Chicago N W 7s		5,000	86¾
temp ctfs		1,000	87
10,000	100⅛	5,000	86¾
5,000	100	do rfg 4½s	
4,000	100⅛	5,000	71⅞
19,000	100	21,000	72⅛
7,000	100⅛	do 4s 1934	
40,000	100	4,000	70⅝
1,000	100⅛	do rfg 3½s	
1,000	100	1,000	64
do gen 5s		2,000	64½
7,000	88	4,000	64¼
2,000	89	1,000	64
do gen 4s		N Y O & W 1st 4s	
2,000	72⅞	3,000	56
20,000	72¾	2,000	55⅞
Chicago Ry 5s		N Y Tele deb 6s	
1,000	62	1,000	88
C R I & P gen 4s		1,000	87¾
5,000	67½	6,000	87¼
5,000	67⅞	Norf & W cv 6s	
do rfg 4s		27,000	97¾
2,000	65½	1,000	97½
5,000	65¼	do con 4s	
2,000	65	3,000	71¼
3,000	64¾	Nor Pacific 4s	
5,000	64⅞	16,000	73¼
3,000	64¾	3,000	73½
8,000	64½	2,000	73
5,000	64½	do registered	
Chicago Un Stn 6½s		1,000	72
Series C		do 3s	
interim ctfs		10,000	52
3,000	102	12,000	52⅝
do 4½s Ser A		1,000	52½
1,000	73½	Nor States Pr 5s	
2,000	72½	1,000	73¾
Chile Copper 7s		Or & Cal 1st 5s	
4,000	96⅞	1,000	86½
1,000	96½	2,000	86¾
do 6s		Or Short Line 4s	
1,000	72⅞	2,000	76¼
Col Industr 5s		Or-W RR & N 4s	
1,000	72	2,000	64
Con Gas tem 7s		1,000	63½
5,000	98¼	5,000	64
2,000	98⅛	Pacific T & T 5s	
23,000	98	2,000	84⅛
1,000	98¾	Penn tem 7s 1930	
2,000	98	10,000	102⅞
1,000	98⅛	20,000	103
5,000	98¾	2,000	102¾
7,000	99	10,000	102⅞
1,000	98½	20,000	102¾
Cuba Cane Sug		5,000	103
cvt deb 7s		1,000	102¾
16,000	97½	1,000	103
10,000	97⅝	do 5s 1968	
1,000	97⅝	13,000	84
3,000	97¼	12,000	84⅛
5,000	97½	11,000	84
Del & H tem 6s		1,000	83½
4,000	100⅞	2,000	83¾
2,000	100¾	do con 4½s	
5,000	101	1,000	87½
do cv 5s		do gen 4½s	
1,000	75	2,000	75¾
8,000	74	18,000	75½
1,000	74½	9,000	75¾
Den & R G rfg 5s		Pere Marq 5s	
80,000	45	1,000	76¾
5,000	45⅝	Phila Co 5s 1922	
do imp 5s		1,000	86
1,000	68⅛	Reading gen 4s	
5,000	68	15,000	77¼
1,000	68⅛	Rio Gr Junc 5s	
do 4½s		1,000	70⅛
2,000	64¼	Rio G W col 4s	
do con 4s		1,000	49⅞
1,000	63⅛	1,000	49¾
Detr Riv T 4½s		R I Ark & L 4½s	
4,000	70	9,000	62½
Detr T Rys 4½s		2,000	62⅞
1,000	59⅞	1,000	62
Distillers S C 5s		St L Ir Mt & S 4s	
2,000	77	5,000	67⅞
E T V & G con 5s		St L & S F 4s Ser A	
5,000	82	1,000	54½
2,000	80	6,000	54¾
Erie 1st lien 4s		18,000	54½
1,000	49	1,000	54¾
2,000	48¾	5,000	54¼
do gen lien 4s		17,000	54⅝
3,000	39¼	5,000	54¼
do cv 4s Ser A		1,000	54½
1,000	34¾	8,000	54
do cv 4s Ser B		1,000	54¼
1,000	37¼	5,000	54¾
do cv 4s Ser D		do 5s Ser B	
1,000	37	4,000	66⅞
5,000	36	do 6s Ser C	
6,000	36⅞	5,000	82¾
12,000	37	2,000	82½
Gen Elec tem 6s		do adj 6s	
1,000	99¼	9,000	61⅝
8,000	99½	1,000	61¼
5,000	99¼	2,000	61⅜
1,000	99½	43,000	61
12,000	99¼	10,000	61⅛
1,000	99½	1,000	61¼
do deb 5s		St L Swn Ter 5s	
1,000	86½	4,000	52½
Great Nor 4¼s		do inc 6s	
3,000	78	3,000	47⅞
Hock Val 4½s		3,000	47¾
5,000	64	4,000	47½
Hud & M rfg 5s		3,000	47¾
12,000	56½	1,000	47⅝
do inc 5s		35,000	47½
2,000	18½	2,000	47¾
Ill Cent rfg 4s		11,000	47⅝
1,000	70	St L Swn con 4s	
do 4s 1953		8,000	52
1,000	63⅛	San An & A P 4s	
5,000	63	2,000	60
Intbo R T rfg 5s		1,000	59½
11,000	45	Seab Air L rfg 4s	
2,000	44⅞	1,000	40⅛
14,000	45	do adj 5s	
2,000	44⅞	51,000	33¾
12,000	44¾	9,000	33⅞
1,000	45	23,000	33½
12,000	44¾	8,000	34
35,000	44⅞	2,000	34¼
18,000	45	do 4s stamped	
3,000	44⅞	6,000	50¼
38,000	45	So Pacific cv 5s	
5,000	44¾	1,000	96½
Int Mer Mar 6s		10,000	96⅛
12,000	85	20,000	96
12,000	84¾	6,000	95¾
2,000	84⅝	10,000	96
7,000	84½	26,000	95⅞
K C Ft S & M 4s		2,000	96
1,000	60⅜	do cv 4s	
Kan City So 3s		6,000	75½
1,000	53⅝	do rfg 4s	
2,000	53½	1,000	73
Kan City Tor 4s		do conv 4s	
2,000	64	3,000	64⅞
Lake S 4s 1928		5,000	64½
1,000	79¾	5,000	64¼
2,000	80	do San F Ter 4s	
5,000	79½	4,000	64½
do 4s 1931		1,000	64⅞
2,000	77½	Southern Ry 5s	
do gen 3½s		9,000	80
1,000	65⅛	do 4s	
Lehigh Val 6s		4,000	68
5,000	95	1,000	67¾
Liggett & M 7s		5,000	68⅛
2,000	103	1,000	68¾
do 5s		5,000	68⅞
3,000	s30f. 77½	5,000	68¾
Lorillard Co 5s		6,000	s30f. 67⅞
1,000	76⅝	2,000	68¾
L & N-Southern Ry		2,000	68⅜
joint 4s		Term R R Assn of	
3,000	58⅞	St L 4s	
Lou & Nash 7s		2,000	62⅝
J P M rcts		Third Av rfg 4s	
2,000	101¼	4,000	39½
6,000	101½	3,000	39¾
6,000	101⅝	do adj 5s	
3,000	101¼	15,000	22
1,000	101⅛	Un Pacific 6s	
1,000	102⅛	1,000	97
do Atl Knoxv &		do 1st 4s	
Cin div 4s		1,000	86¾
1,000	64	3,000	81
Manhat Ry 4s		4,000	81⅜
tax exempt		do rfg 4s	
1,000	52	12,000	69⅞
Mich State T 5s		do cv 4s	
2,000	83½	2,000	79¾
Midvale Steel 5s		2,000	79½
10,000	78	U S Rubber 5s	
15,000	77¾	9,000	79½
19,000	77½	1,000	79¾
1,000	77⅝	3,000	79½
1,000	77½	U S Steel s f 5s	
Mo Pac gen 4s		14,000	91½
2,000	52⅞	5,000	91⅛
7,000	52¾	2,000	91½
6,000	52¼	2,000	91¾
11,000	52½	2,000	91¾
3,000	52	Virginian Ry 5s	
2,000	52¾	3,000	76½
do 3d ext 4s		1,000	78
1,000	63	Wabash 1st 5s	
Montana Pwr 5s		5,000	83¾
2,000	78	3,000	84
N Orl Tex & Mex 5s		4,000	84¼
7,000	50¾	West Maryland 4s	
New Orl Ter 4s		5,000	49
1,000	59	1,000	48⅞
N Y Air Brake 6s		18,000	48⅞
1,000	92	Wilson Co 1st 6s	
N Y N H & H 6s		4,000	88¾
3,000	69	2,000	88¼
do cv deb 3½s		do cv 6s	
1,000	41½	5,000	85¼

Gives Salary Bonus

Irving National Compensates for High Cost of Living

Extra compensation amounting to 39½ per cent of their salaries was paid by the Irving National Bank to all its employees yesterday to equalize the high costs of living during the quarter which ended June 30. This payment makes the average extra compensation of the Irving staff for the last twelve months 37⅞ per cent.

The Irving extra compensation plan is designed to offset for the bank's employees the advanced cost of necessities. It is determined by the price levels of staple commodities, Bradstreet's monthly Index Number supplying the basis of computation. To-day's payment indicates a slight recession in prices from the first quarter of the year, when the extra compensation was 40¾ per cent of the salaries. It is still above the figures for the latter part of 1919, when the payments were 34½ per cent in the third quarter and 36¾ per cent in the fourth.

Paris Market Easy

PARIS, July 15.—Prices were easy on the Bourse to-day. Three per cent rentes, 58 francs 20 centimes; exchange on London, 46 francs 88 centimes; 5 per cent loan, 88 francs 50 centimes. The dollar was quoted at 12 francs 8 centimes.

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, inclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to Financial Editor, The Tribune, 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

Woman Picks Speculative Issues

Question—I have about $200 to invest and ask what you think of the following: Great Northern Railway Company, General Motors, Tonopah Divide, Bethlehem Steel, United States Steel. I am thinking of buying on a margin, say one-half down, and later pay for the stocks in full. In this way I can buy stocks worth $400 now while they are low.—Miss A. C. L.

Answer—If you purchase the stocks you mention you will be entering the speculative field, for all are stocks which are very sensitive to earning power. We do not recommend such issues for investments. Dividends change, as a rule, according to earnings, so that the purchaser never can feel sure as to the amount of his income. If you care to speculate, perhape the stocks would offer as good an opportunity as any, but we make no attempt to advise upon speculation.

No Reason for a Change

Question—I am the owner of 1,000 Chesapeake & Ohio convertible 5 per cent bonds of 1946. Would you advise a change into a Pacific Gas and Electric 5 per cent bond of 1942? Are the Pacific Gas and Electric 5 per cent bonds well secured? Are there any prior liens?—P. McC.

Answer—While the Chesapeake & Ohio convertible 5 per cent bonds are not very well secured, the road is a good one, and under the new railroad act should show greatly improved earnings. The convertible privilege is not at present particularly attractive, yet in the event of substantial rise in the stock the bonds may enjoy a rise; also Pacific Gas and Electric 5 per cent 1942 are good bonds. The company operates successfully, showing bond interest to be amply earned. There are $45,333,300 of prior liens for the retirement of which provision is made in this mortgage. We see no reason for you to make the change, however.

Worthington Pump and Machinery

Question—Kindly advise me the nature of the charges that have been brought against the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation by the Internal Revenue Bureau, the present status of the matter, and whether you think same will have any material influence in determining the price of the stock. Also, let me have your opinion as to Pierce Arrow and Studebaker, and whether Replogle Steel is in line for 100 in the bull market which at present appears to be materializing.—A. C. P.

Answer—It was stated in June that the Internal Revenue Dpartment had served notice upon the Worthington Pump and Machinery Company, giving it from thirty to forty-five days in which to reply to the claim for taxes submitted by the department against earnings for 1916, 1917 and 1918. The aggregate asked by the government is largely in excess of the returns made for those years, but in the claim filed with the company the Federal authorities said the figures were tentative. The company had stated that it has ample reserve to cover any additional taxes. We do not think the affair will have any serious effect upon the company. Pierce Arrow, Studebaker and Replogle are very speculative, moving as a rule with the general list. We do not attempt to advise upon speculation.

Seaboard Air Line Bonds

Question—Will you kindly let us have your opinion regarding Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company's bonds, due some twenty-five years hence, interest at 6 per cent. We understand that these bonds are selling around 50.—E. F.

Answer—The bonds to which you refer are probably the Seaboard Air Line Railway first and consolidated 6 per cent, series A, due September 1, 1945. There are outstanding $27,273,500, while the authorized issue is $300,000,000. There are $5,334,000 pledged under the 6 per cent notes, $260,000 pledged for loans, $72,779,000 reserved for prior liens and $194,333,000 reserved for improvements. The issue is secured by first lien on 4.6 miles of road by deposit of $36,661,000 refunding 4 per cent, 1959, and by deposit of some $1,850,000 par value of stocks of subsidiary roads. There are $49,482,000 of liens prior to the refunding bonds deposited under this mortgage. No more of these prior liens may be issued unless they are pledged hereunder, and sufficient of these bonds are reserved to retire them at maturity. The bonds were first offered in December, 1915, at 99½. When the syndicate agreement expired bonds were thrown on the market, regardless of price, as the condition of the investment market was such at the time that buying power was at a low ebb. We do not regard the bond as high grade by any means, although at present prices it appears to have speculative investment features worthy of consideration. The Seaboard has been a rather poor earner of late. Under the new legislation the road should be better, thus giving assurance of interest payments upon the entire bonded debt of the road.

Equipment Notes and Libertys

Question—I have invested in equipment notes $1,000 in Canadian Pacific, due 1924, yield 7.20; $1,000 New York Central, due 1920, 6s, yield 8.25; $1,000 Western Electric, due 1922, 7s, yield 7.40, and have $1,500 left. Are the above mentioned as safe as Liberty bonds, and would you advise that I buy $1,500 Liberty bonds with what money I have left, or should I sell all the above and invest all in Libertys, even though the yield is smaller, for safety sake?—F. M. McC.

Answer—Your short-term issues are good ones, in our opinion. We see no reason why you should change your investment. There is nothing better than obligations of the United States nor have they sold at such low prices in generations. We believe you would do well to buy Liberty bonds at current figures. Some day, we think, you will be glad you have done so.

The Pennsylvania Tax

Question—What is your opinion of the Hershey Chocolate Corporation 7½ per cent bonds as an investment? Which do you consider safer, Hershey bonds or Belgium 7½ per cent twenty-five-year external bonds? Some industrial companies refund the four-mill Pennsylvania State tax on their bonds. Connecticut has such a tax, and I suppose other states do. Why do they not refund the tax in states other than Pennsylvania?—T. M.

Answer—The Hershey Chocolate Corporation shows good earning power. It appears to be a substantial concern, and for that reason we believe the bonds to be a very fair investment. The Belgian loan, in which there is a better market, offers an opportunity to acquire an investment in a nation which appears to have the moral support as well as the financial support of most of the powers. Belgium is coming back strong. Her people are energetic and thrifty. While there is always a chance of political complications arising in a nation, nevertheless we believe it to be remote in this case. We are inclined to favor the Belgium bonds. The bonds of many industrial corporations and some railroad companies embody the feature of refunding the four-mill tax in Pennsylvania because the companies of issue desire to make the bonds as attractive as possible. Pennsylvania is one of the greatest fields for investment in this country.

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Prices Continue To Slide on Curb In Quiet Trading

Several Favorite Issues Hold Advances, However, as Professionals Take Control of the Market

Interest in trading on the curb market continued to wane yesterday and prices were slightly easier except in a few instances where demand continued strong. The professional character of the market was again noticeable, as outsiders failed to take an interest.

Except for the few popular issues which have been fairly active rec