partment of Commerce, the position of the trade balance of Switzerland in 1919 was slightly better than the average of the ten-year period before the war. The volume of the foreign trade of Switzerland then reached the highest figures known in the history of the country from the standpoint of value, but even allowing for a general increase of 100% in prices, the indicated volume of commodities is greater than normal.

(including this issue, but after deducting the debt on account of the National Railways, which in normal years have shown a profit over interest and Sinking Fund requirements), amounted to about \$365,202,988 or about \$85 per capita, against which maximum wealth in 1913 was estimated at about \$4,400,000,000, or \$1,125 per capita, and is now estimated at about \$6,000,000,000 or about \$1,400 per capita. The financial credit of Switzerland is high.

United States. This loan is part of a program for the gradual electrification of the Government railway systems of Switzerland.

