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# \$1,000,000 Scranton Electric Company

10-Year 8% Secured Gold Bonds

To be authorized and presently issued \$1,000,000

To be Dated October 1, 1920

Interest payable April 1st and October 1st. Principal and interest payable in New York City in United States Gold Coin. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 and \$500 denominations registerable as to prin cipal only. Callable at the Company's option as a whole or in part by lot at any time prior to maturity on sixty days' notice at 105 and accrued interest during the first year and at a reduction of 1/2 % from this price for each succeeding year.

## BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, TRUSTEE

Tax Provisions:-Free of Pennsylvania Four Mill Tax. The Company will agree to pay interest without deduction for normal Federal Income Tax up to 2%.

From a letter from Mr. R. E. Breed, President of the Company, we summarize as follows:

BUSINESS :- Scranton Electric Company, organized in 1907, is a Corporation of the State Pennsylvania. It supplies under unlimited franchises the entire commercial and municipal lectric lighting, power and steam heating service in the City of Scranton, Pa., and also the entire electric lighting and power business in twenty-eight nearby cities, towns and townships. The population of the district served is estimated at about 330,000. In addition to a large and increasing business in the supply of electric current for municipal lighting and power for commercial purposes, the Scranton Electric Company has a contract with the Scranton Railways Company, under which the Railways Company purchases from the Electric Company all the current necessary for the operation of its system of over 100 miles of electric railway lines in Scranton and the Lackawanna Valley.

SECURITY :-- These \$1,000,000 Bonds are to be issued under a mortgage which has a lien on the properties of the Scranton Electric Company now owned or hereafter acquired, subject only to the First and Refunding (now First Mortgage) Bonds MANAGEMENT :- Scranton Electric Com-

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Due January 1, 1931

pany is operated by the American Gas and Elec-tric Company. The latter company owns all of the Common Stock, except directors' shares of the former

NET EARNINGS :- Net earnings for the twelve months ended July 31, 1920, were over two and one-half times the annual interest charges on the total funded debt which will be outstanding as of October 1, 1920, including this new issue, and more than eight times the interest charges on this issue after deducting the interest on the first mortgage bonds.

EOUITY :- These Bonds are followed by \$2,069,100 Preferred Stock and \$2,500,000 Common Stock.

Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and received by us; also subject to the authorization of the stockholders of so much of the issue as represents an increase of indebtedness, and to the approval of all legal matters by our counsel.



## **GOSSIP OF** THE STREET

There is not likely to be any material reduction in loaping rates for some time yet, asserted officials of the larger bank-ing institutions yesterday. The revision in commodity prices will have a helpful influence toward quickening the process of credits, they stated, but it will be also some little time before any beneficial re-sults in this connection will be felt. Money is still tight and, in all probabil-tiy, is going to stay tight the balance of the current year. Persons enter-taining a contrary notion, according to the testimony of banking officials, are quite likely to find themselves unhappy residents of a fool's paradise." One of the more striking features of the testimony of the more striking features of the more striking features of There is not likely to be any material One of the more striking features of way Steel Spring \$6,700,000. the situation at the moment is the con- "No branch of the industry can

borrowing element, appears to be well financed for the requirements of the fall and winter trade. The continued active

find winter trade. The continued active inquiry on the part of the larger con-cerns is generally attributed to the fact that they are still carrying large inven-tories at high prices. A great many of the larger manufacturing concerns are apparently experiencing considerable difficulty in working off these goods. The whole situation, howyeer, has been com-pletely transformed from a sellers' to a

in the past week, the Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that the reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that week. The Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices that the price of automobile steel. The Deviation of one of the large New York content for Motor Co. "writes that journal, "Is a determined effort to force down the price of automobile steel. The Deviation of the building and replaced it with white marble. Today the brick front of their building and revision of existing contracts." It is observed that the period in the long run the consumer will be the same house is virtually begging for are carrying a size of coffee bought at the top prices, which they have virtually been unable to market. Speaking of inventories, one of the ment concerning the position of the more as such a rate that many manufactures in a south a further strain was been were at such a rate that many manufactures is stated to be toward lower in the railroads to fur base. The ment concerning the position of the more as stated to be toward lower in the railroads to fur base to fur prices is stated to be toward lower is the same town as figured the railroads, within the next three years, would be in the concerning the position of the interest is stated to be toward lower it to the position of the state as there are pretty well to a market week is a stated to be toward lower is to further additions the state as a stated to be toward lower is the hands of the banks. They have been unable to market. Success of these concerns is the hand of the position of banking district of the unhappy situ-ation of one of the large New York coffee houses. About a year ago the concern was paying tremendous bonuses to the managers, and only last spring fore out the brick front of their building and replaced it with white marble. Today the same house is virtually begging for mercy at the hands of the banks. They are carrying a siew of coffee bought at the top prices, which they have virtually

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the next three years, would be in the market for between 600,000 and 700,-000 cars. The strong cash position of

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the leading equipment corporations, the article went on to say, places these companies in a position to handle a record-breaking business without a strain. ord-breaking business without a strain. Last annual reports of four equip-ment companies, namely American Car and Foundry Co., Railway Steel Spring Co., American Locomotive Co. and Baldwin Locomotive, showed combined inventories of less than \$40,000,000, against \$98,500,000 January 31, 1910. "American Car and Foundary is inven. **BECOMING CHEAPER** Priority Order Made on Rail-

DRY GOODS IN ABEYANCE

The past week, the Iron Age stated that reductions in automobile prices have show branch about a further skrinkage in buying and that in a subtrakage in the past week. tinued urgent inquiry for funds on the show such a drastic shrinkage in inven-part of the larger corporations. On the tories, and small stocks of raw material other hand, the middle class, or medium and other products entering into manu-

### More Patience Needed

The National City Bank, in its September review, has the following to say relative to increased freight rates and prices : "At this time, when the industries and exchanges of the whole world are out of balance, and there is great need

## **Philadelphia Markets**

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While it is possible that recent weath-er reports showing conditions in the state of Sao Paulo have tended to check selling to some extent, it is be-lieved that the season has too far advanced to become seriously damaged by frosts at this time At the end of the first hour the local market held steady, trading was quiet and price changes unimportant.

December ..... March May July

A leading dry-goods trade authority says: "With spot cotton searching out new low levels, the stability that dry-goods men hope for seems far away. While all action on merchandise for future delivery is held in abeyance



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NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

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offee futures showed little change in

conditions, with first prices 4 points lower to 10 points higher. The price of futures seems to be too low to war-

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