

NEW ISSUE

\$13,734,000

PUGET SOUND POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

General and Refunding Mortgage 7 1/2% Gold Bonds "Series A"

Dated May 2, 1921

Due May 1, 1941

Redeemable on any interest payment date prior to and including May 1, 1926 at 105; thereafter decreasing 1/2% annually to 101 on November 1, 1933; and thereafter to and including May 1, 1940 at 101 and thereafter at 100.

The Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal Income Tax to an amount not exceeding 2% which it may lawfully pay at the source. The Pennsylvania 4 mill tax will be refunded to holders who are residents of Pennsylvania who shall within three months make application for such refund.

The Puget Sound Power & Light Company owns and operates one of the most extensive and important electric light and power systems in the United States, doing the greater part of the commercial electric light and power business in the Puget Sound District of the State of Washington, including the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham and Everett.

This system includes five hydro-electric plants with an installed generating capacity of 109,000 h. p. and reserve steam plants of 46,450 h. p. and an extensive transmission and distribution system. The Company, principally through subsidiaries, does a part of the electric railway business in the same territory, except in Seattle where the street railway lines are owned and operated by the city which purchases power from the Company.

These bonds will be secured by a mortgage which covers, in the opinion of counsel, substantially all property now or hereafter owned by the Company, except securities hereafter acquired but not made the basis of the issue of General and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, subject to various underlying mortgage liens, and will be further secured by a direct first lien on \$13,734,000 City of Seattle Municipal Street Railway 5% Bonds maturing serially.

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES

(For the year ended March 31)

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1921, 1920. Rows include Gross Earnings, Operating Expenses and Taxes, Net Operating Income, Net Earnings, Annual interest requirements of Bonded Debt, and Balance.

*Income from \$15,000,000 City of Seattle Municipal Street Railway 5% Bonds

The Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund of \$400,000 per annum, to be used to purchase Series A Bonds, if offered at not exceeding the call price, or for improvements to property. The aggregate sinking fund payments will amount to \$7,600,000.

NET EARNINGS OVER TWICE ANNUAL INTEREST CHARGES ON BONDED DEBT

We Recommend these Bonds for Investment

PRICE 97 1/2 AND ACCRUED INTEREST, YIELDING ABOUT 7 3/4%

LEE, HIGGINSON & CO. HARRIS, FORBES & CO. ESTABROOK & CO.

The statements contained in this advertisement, while not guaranteed, are based upon information and advice which we believe accurate and reliable.

NEW YORK BOND SALES

Summary of Individual Transactions on New York Exchange

Table listing various bond transactions with columns for bond name, quantity, price, and other details.

GOSSIP OF THE STREET

Some observers yesterday claimed to have found conclusive evidence of steady accumulation of Pennsylvania Railroad stock since it sold at low level of 32 1/2, on Tuesday, April 12. This was partly suggested in the relative firmness of the stock the last few days, and the readiness with which the price rallied each time there was a dip under the 35 mark. Some seem to think there has been a big change of heart on the part of the management regarding the dividend, and that when the directors meet next Wednesday the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent will be declared. In truth, not a few went so far as to state that pressure had been brought by some of the most powerful banking interests to have the dividend rate for the present at least maintained. It was pointed out that these same interests that any change in the Pennsylvania dividend at this time would seriously interfere with plans already completed for consideration financing by not only a number of the railroad systems, but industrial concerns as well. There was nothing, of course, to pin down any of this talk as coming from reliable sources, but in view of the peculiarities of the situation the arguments were both feasible and plausible. It was recognized on all sides that a reduction in the Pennsylvania dividend would have a damaging effect, sentimentally, and here are enough natural worries to combat these days without adding new ones which possibly could be avoided.

Pullman Dividend Safe. Once in a while the bear crowd make a bad guess and have to pay for it. Last week they were positively certain the Pullman directors would cut the dividend at least in half. Besides there was going to be a wholesale change in the management. Their little story was punched full of holes yesterday by the Pullman directors when they declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent and the management announced they were perfectly satisfied to remain on the job for another year. There is no doubt that this has been an exceedingly long falling off in Pullman's travel the last year. The reason for it is found in the almost prohibitive rates now asked for this additional comfort in travel. In truth, Pullman cars are almost a millionaire's exclusive privilege these days. Proof of which is to be found any day in the trains running to seashore resorts. Except on the Broad Street Station trains the familiar Pullman chair car is seldom seen these days. Why? Because they got tired of running down empty cars and, as the Pullman men are usually heavy, made that much harder pulling for locomotives. Most of the Reading trains still have them tucked on to the express trains, but the patronage hardly pays for axle grease and the porter's salary. More people travel nowadays in day coaches than ever before.

Western Money Market Still Tight. Money conditions in western sections of the country have apparently been unimproved by current developments whereby no material reduction in rates of interest has occurred. It must be conceded, however, that in spite of continued reconstruction and readjustment progress toward normal is slow being brought about. However, not until such time as the low state of production is improved and wages are proportionate to production of commodities will there be any signs of overcoming tight money rates. Another factor which augments the money stringency is found in the absence of effective demand for commodities on account of the inability of consumers to make exchange for what they wish to obtain, and instead of giving in return either goods or gold, they seek credit in one form or another.

British Oil Requirements. Great Britain consumed approximately 25,000,000 barrels of oil in 1920, a record for any peace-time year, and an increase of 25 per cent over 1919 consumption of 20,000,000 barrels. In 1918 Great Britain imported 30,000,000 barrels, a considerable proportion of which was for war uses, and in 1917 23,000,000 barrels. About 60 per cent of Britain's oil needs are supplied by the United States. In 1920 America exported 15,000,000 barrels to the United Kingdom, and in 1919 about 13,000,000 barrels. In 1920 we supplied 20 per cent of the total of about 6,000,000 barrels of gasoline consumed, 90 per cent of 3,000,000 barrels of lubricating oil, 87 per cent of the kerosene consumption of 4,500,000 barrels, and about 45 per cent of the 11,000,000 barrels of fuel and gas oil consumed in Great Britain.

French Bank Statement. Paris, April 21.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following: Treasury deposits increased 700,000 francs; deposits decreased 82,900,000 francs; disbursements decreased 140,000,000 francs; total deposits decreased 82,900,000 francs. The government has paid to the state 150,000,000 francs this week and 150,000,000 francs the total to the state now stand at 26,200,000,000 francs.

WE OFFER. Federal Farm Loan 4 1/2% NOV. 1, 1921, OPT. 1922. Price 92 1/2. To Yield About 5.18% and Int. Joint Stock Land Bank 5% NOV. 1, 1921, OPT. 1921. Price 95 1/2. To Yield About 5.40% and Int. Barr & Schmelzger.

INVESTORS' HANDBOOK. A statistical manual giving data on stocks and bonds of railroads, industrial, mining and oil corporations. Earnings, working capital, dividend records, high and low prices are shown. Ask for S-10. J. F. McGOVERN & CO. 1430 South Penn. St., Phila.

\$100 Denomination Bond Secured Gold Notes. (Due December 1st, 1921) of Public Utility Company, established 1901. Earnings each year exceed those of previous years. 10% increase for five-year period ending 1920. Price to yield 8 1/2%. Fairman & Company. Drexel Building, Phila. A. H. Bickmore & Co. 111 Broadway, New York.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EQUIPMENT. 6 1/2%, Due 1934, '5 & '6. To Yield 6.40%. COMMERCIAL TRUST COMPANY. Member Federal Reserve System. City Hall Square West.

BETTER OFF TODAY. Special article by former Secretary Houston with group of selected securities in current issue of our Investment Survey No. 616. Also ask for our 20-Payment Booklet P9. Scott & Stump. SPECIALISTS IN ODD LOTS. Stock Exchange Bldg. 40 Exchange Pl. Philadelphia. New York. Longest 418-000. Branch 1311-2.

TO YIELD 12 1/2%. A first mortgage railroad bond with the interest guaranteed by endorsement on each bond by a unit of the United States Government in accordance with an act of the Congress of the United States. FABIAN F. LEVY. 904 Stock Exchange Bldg. Philadelphia. Time Tested Bonds Affording a High Yield.

Manufacturers and Jobbers. We will Discount Your Bills and Trade Acceptances. Guarantee Finance Trust. 314 Chestnut St. BANK OF NORTH AMERICA. Philadelphia. The Oldest Bank in the United States. Chartered by Congress 1781. National Bank 1864. LIBERTY BONDS. Bought and sold for cash at Stock Exchange Prices. ISAAC STARR, JR. & CO. 16th & Sanson Sts., Phila. Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange and N. Y. Cotton Exchange.

H. L. SMITH & CO. INVESTMENT SECURITIES. 1009 Lead Title Bldg. Spruce 4721-2. A Group of Securities. Chosen to Obtain a Regular Income. Bonds of \$1000 Short Term. Varied \$5000 Long Term Types. The Average Return is 7.48%. We will submit the list on request. BATTLES & CO. Established 1890. Independence Square (East).

NEW ISSUE \$85,000. Hanover Township Luzerne County, Pennsylvania 5 1/2% Sewer Bonds, Series 1921. Exempt from all Federal Income Taxes Exempt from Pennsylvania State Tax. Dated April 15, 1921. Assessed Valuation \$64,648,112. Net Debt Less than 2% of Assessed Valuation. We offer this issue, if, when and as issued, and subject to approval of legality by Messrs. Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. MATURITIES \$20,000 April 15, 1926. \$40,000 April 15, 1927-1936, inclusive. \$5,000 April 15, 1937-1941, inclusive. Price and Descriptive Circular upon application. FRANK MULLIN & COMPANY. Successors to Mullin, Briggs & Co. STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING Philadelphia.

South American Sterling Issues. The pre-war development of South American countries was financed chiefly in England. The bonds of these countries issued before the war are seasoned securities, in which unusual profit possibilities exist only by reason of the prevailing abnormal trade conditions and the resulting effect upon Foreign Exchange values. We trade actively in the following—all payable in Pounds Sterling: Argentine Government External 4 1/2%, 1897-1954. Argentine Rys. Rescission 4 1/2%, 1899-1952, 1954. Argentine Internal Gold 5 1/2%, 1907-1944. Payable also in Buenos Aires in gold. Argentine Internal Gold 5 1/2%, 1909-1946. Payable also in Buenos Aires in gold, in New York at 97.3 per peso. Brazilian Government 4 1/2%, 1888-1945. Brazilian Government 4 1/2%, 1889-1966. Brazilian Government 1st Funding 5 1/2%, 1898-1939. Brazilian Government 4 1/2%, 1910-1978. Brazilian Government Rys. Rescission 4 1/2%, 1901-1905-1951. Brazilian Government 5 1/2%, 1913-1963. Costa Rica 5 1/2%, 1911. Payable also in New York at \$4.85 per pound Sterling. Province of Buenos Aires 4 1/2%, 1909-1955. Payable also in Buenos Aires in gold. Province of Buenos Aires 5 1/2%, 1910-1950. Province of Buenos Aires Consolidation 5 1/2%, 1913-1944. Sao Paulo (Sorocabana Ry.), 1905-1945. Payable also in Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. Uruguayan Railway 5 1/2%, 1919. Payable also in New York at \$4.86 per pound Sterling. Venezuelan Diplomatic 3 1/2%, 1905. Payable also in Venezuela in gold. We shall be pleased to give details as to taxation, method of redemption, and yield at current and at normal exchange rates, and to outline profit possibilities, which, upon exchange recovery alone, range from 24% to 50% of the money invested. The current yield ranges from 6% to 9%, which increases with the return of exchange toward normal. Prizes upon application. A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. Investment Securities. 115 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia. New York, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Hartford, Scranton, Pittsburgh.

City of Johnstown Pennsylvania 5%. Prices: To Net 4.80 Per Cent. Circular on Request. Biddle & Henry 104 SOUTH-FIFTH STREET.