

BANK OF ENGLAND REDUCES RATE TO FOUR PER CENT; THE LOWEST SINCE JUNE, 1914

ENGLAND FOLLOWS WITH A RATE CUT

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Wall Street, New York, April 12.—Under the momentum of yesterday's heavy transactions, following the trade announcement of a 2½ per cent rate cut, new short-term loans and influences remain today for further improvement in foreign exchange and the lowering of the Bank of England discount rate the bond market went ahead, carrying prices to a new high level. This combination of favorable developments in the money situation is the dominant force behind the movement of security prices. Inflationary factors, such as government spending, continued very large and the volume of business in other parts of the list too was equally great. The street was awaiting the Federal Reserve bank's report of the subscriptions to the new six-months treasury certificate loan. When the books have been closed it is expected that the issue will have been easily over-subscribed and that the market in these certificates will be very active.

The rise in French exchange for a few days in 1919 found reflection in the French Republic and municipal external bonds. French 7½s crossed 103 and the 8½ per cent loan advanced a half point or more while the Department of the Seine 7s struck a new high above 92.

NEW YORK BOND TRANSACTIONS

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	High	Low	Clos.
do 8½ 1935	107 ½	107 ½	107 ½
U. S. Brazil 2d 1941	107 ½	107	107
U. S. Mexico 5d 1945	68	68	68
do 4d 1945	58 ½	58 ½	58 ½
do 4d 1954	44	44	44

NEW YORK CITY BONDS

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S. Y. City 4 ½ 1935	105 ½	105 ½	105 ½
U. S. All. & M. Misc. 1935	100 ½	100 ½	100 ½
Ajax U. S. 1945	100 ½	100 ½	100 ½
Am. Agr. Chem. 3 ½ 1941	102 ½	102 ½	102 ½
Am. Steel & Wire Co. 4 ½ 1941	91	90 ½	91

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Am. Steel & Wire Co. 4 ½ 1941	92	92	92
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