Mr. Underhill, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

**REPORT**

[To accompany H. R. 12404]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12404) for the relief of Shadyside Bank, Shadyside, Ohio, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to redeem, in favor of Shadyside Bank, Shadyside, Ohio, United States Treasury note numbered 8232 in the denomination of $500, series A-1924, issued June 15, 1921, matured June 15, 1924, with interest at the rate of 5¼ per centum per annum from June 15, 1922, to June 15, 1924, without presentation of said note, the said note, together with coupons due December 15, 1922, to June 15, 1924, inclusive, attached, having been lost, stolen, or destroyed; also, to redeem United States Treasury note numbered 34075 in the denomination of $1,000, series B-1925, issued June 15, 1922, matured December 15, 1925, with interest at the rate of 4½ per centum per annum from June 15, 1922, to December 15, 1925, without presentation of the said note, the said note, together with coupons due December 15, 1922, to December 15, 1925, inclusive, attached, having been lost, stolen, or destroyed: Provided, That the said notes shall not have been previously presented and paid and that payment shall not be made hereunder for any coupons which shall have been previously presented and paid: And provided further, That the said Shadyside Bank shall first file in the Treasury Department a bond on the penal sum of double the amount of the principal of the said notes and the unpaid interest which had accrued thereon when the principal became due and payable in such form and with such surety or sureties as may be acceptable to the Secretary of the Treasury with condition to indemnify and save harmless the United States from any loss on account of the Treasury notes or the coupons thereof hereinbefore described.
The facts are stated in the following letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, which is made a part of this report:

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

Washington, January 8, 1927.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I have your letter of December 20, 1926, inclosing another copy of H. R. 12404, a bill for the relief of the Shadyside Bank, on account of the loss, theft, or destruction of 5½ per cent Treasury note No. 8232 for $500, series A, issued June 15, 1921, matured June 15, 1924, and 4½ per cent Treasury note No. 34085 for $1,000, series B, issued June 15, 1922, matured December 15, 1925, and inquiring whether the department is now willing to give this matter favorable consideration.

Under date of November 30, 1926, Hon. Frank Murphy, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., forwarded to the department affidavits in connection with the claim on account of the alleged destruction of the above-described notes, submitted by the Shadyside Bank, Shadyside, Ohio.

From an examination of the evidence it does not appear that the claimant will be able to establish that clear and unequivocal proof of destruction required by section 3702 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, set forth in the inclosed extract No. 16 from "Regulations of the Treasury Department with respect to United States Bonds and Notes." However, the claimant was advised through Representative Murphy under date of December 14, 1926, as to the additional evidence to be submitted if it is desired to further prosecute the claim for relief under existing law.

Since a reasonable time has elapsed after the maturity of the notes and they are outstanding according to the records, and since no claim for relief has been filed other than by the bank, the Treasury will interpose no objections to the passage of a bill for the relief sought. A new draft of a bill in the form preferred by the department is inclosed for consideration.

A copy of this letter is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

[Inclosed letter from Hon. Charles L. Underhill, Chairman Committee on Claims, House of Representatives.]