Note to the Paperback Edition

The Appendix Tables included in the original hardcover edition are omitted in this paperback edition. The tables rank the 200 largest industrial enterprises in the United States, Great Britain, and Germany by industry for three different sets of years: a year around World War I, a year at the end of the prosperity of the 1920s, and a year at the beginning of the post–World War II era. Ranking is based on the assets for the United States and Germany and the market value of shares for Great Britain. The tables also contain the product lines for each company listed and the historical turnover of the ranked enterprises. Readers are encouraged to consult the tables available in the hardcover edition.