

STOCKS OPENED DOWN, BUT ROSE IN LATE TRADING

Business Was Very Light and the Supply at Present Prices Appeared to Be Small.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The attendance on the floor of the Stock Exchange and in the brokers' offices today was very light and the transactions were small.

Resulting after opening at 149 1/2, crossed 152 1/2, Pennsylvania touched 194, up one point; Bethlehem Steel advanced to 45 1/2, having opened at 42 1/2.

U. S. Steel failed to respond to the more favorable reports from the steel trade, and transactions were made at the minimum price of 48.

Favorable comment was made of the fact that the Bank of England has sold its first gold since August, the total being \$1,014,000.

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A drop of \$8,176,000 was reported in the actual reserve of the New York banks for the week, while loans increased \$2,350,000.

N. Y. BANK STATEMENT

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RATES FOR MONEY

Table with columns for Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and Mercantile paper, showing rates for call, time, and various types of paper.

Reserve Banks' Discount Rates

Table showing discount rates for various banks including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and others.

Phila. Reserve Bank Statement

Table showing assets and liabilities for the Philadelphia Reserve Bank, including gold, certificates, and deposits.

BANK CLEARINGS

Table showing clearing amounts for various cities like Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Table listing government bonds such as U.S. 4 1/2% and U.S. 4% bonds.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for Chicago and St. Louis, listing prices for various types of live stock.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Table showing exchange rates for various foreign currencies like London, Paris, and India.

NEW YORK STOCK SALES

Table listing stock sales for various companies including Am. Sugar, Am. Tobacco, and others.

NEW YORK BOND SALES

Table listing bond sales for various issues like U.S. 4 1/2% and U.S. 4% bonds.

NEW YORK CURB

Table listing prices for various commodities like copper, tin, and rubber.

MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS

Table listing prices for mining stocks such as Anaconda, Deere, and others.

GOLDFIELD STOCKS

Table listing prices for goldfield stocks like Goldfield, Nevada, and others.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Table listing companies that have declared dividends, such as Am. Tobacco and U.S. Steel.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

Table listing earnings for various railroad companies like Erie, N.Y. & N.J., and others.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT SEIZED

STONEY, Dec. 26.—The Australian Government has seized the entire stock of wheat of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

Her 9-year-old son badly injured trying to extinguish fire.

First Cotton Offer for Germany

GALVESTON, Dec. 26.—The first cargo of cotton to Germany from the port of Galveston since the European war began departed yesterday for Bremen.

WASHINGTON FEELS QUAKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Several earthquakes were recorded on the instruments of the seismic observatory of Georgetown University Thursday night.

SENTIMENT MORE FAVORABLE

General Progress Being Made in Financial Recuperation.

The railroad rate decision, the continued big export of wheat and other products and the colder weather, which stimulates retail distribution, exert the most important influences in the markets this week.

Reports from the leading centers, while indicating no important increase in sales this week, are of an encouraging nature.

FEDERAL BANK STATEMENT

Table showing reserves and assets of Federal Reserve Banks for the week ending Dec. 25.

FINANCIAL BRIEFS

Thirty-seven railroads show a decrease in gross earnings of \$2,293,104 for the second week of December.

The Bank of England has sold its first gold since August, the total being \$1,014,000.

HALF HOURLY SALES

Table showing hourly sales for various commodities like flour, sugar, and oil.

LOCAL BID AND ASKED

Table showing bid and asked prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, and soybeans.

MAJOR URGES ABOLITION OF CITY'S GASOLINE LAMPS

Points out how \$70,000 may be saved by substituting gas.

Need Not Consult Commission

Proposals will be received until December 26 by the city's gas commission.

BAR SILVER

New York commercial bar silver was quoted at 84 1/2 per cent today.

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STAGNATION RULED IN LOCAL MARKET, COALERS STRONG

Rise in Reading and Lehigh Valley Due to Stimulus of Cold Weather—Brokers' Offices Deserted.

As can be deduced from the day's total sales of 309 shares, a state of almost complete stagnation prevailed on the local Stock Exchange this morning.

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LOCAL STOCK AND BOND SALES

Table listing local stock and bond sales for various companies.

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Philadelphia Markets

GRAIN AND FLOUR. WHEAT.—Receipts, 70,835 bush. There was a fair export demand and values were well sustained.

CORN.—Receipts, 25,842 bush. There was a fair local inquiry and the market ruled very firm under light offerings.

PROVISIONS. The market was quiet and without important changes. Quotations: Choice, 100 lbs. per bush, 1.10.

REFINED SUGARS

Trade slow and prices unchanged. Refiners' list prices: Standard granulated, 36, 100 lbs. per bag, 4.85.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER.—The usual Saturday quietness prevailed. Quotations: Choice, 100 lbs. per cwt, 22.00.

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FATHER KIDNAPS HIS SONS AS XMAS GIFT TO HIMSELF

Ex-newspaper Man Takes Boys From City by Their Father, E. Jesse Conway, Director of the Committee of Mercy of New York City.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—A sensational kidnapping, in which "Jerry" and "Jack" Conway were spirited away from the city by their father, E. Jesse Conway, director of the Committee of Mercy of New York City, has baffled the Indianapolis police.

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BANKER FREED FOR CHRISTMAS

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LYONS, Neb., Dec. 26.—Charles McMonies, banker of Lyons, was pardoned from the Leavenworth Federal Prison by President Wilson in order that he might spend Christmas with his sick wife and their two children, reached here yesterday afternoon and had dinner at his home.

1200 COKE OVENS BELIGHTED

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Table listing arrivals and departures of steamships from the Port of Philadelphia.

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BILLED AS BRYAN'S 'CO-STARS'

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