

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION CONTINUED THE DOMINATING FACTOR OF THE STOCK MARKET

RAILROAD SHARES WERE STRONG SPOTS

Missouri Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande Exceptions. Atchison May Earnings Good

NEW YORK, June 25.—The stock market during the early hours today was a very quiet affair. Demand for stocks of an irregular sort. Price movements were very light. The market was waiting to adopt a watchful waiting policy because of the present international difficulties. The memorandum sent by London, in which it is stated that the trade by that country is fair to the United States, did not meet with favor in the Street.

After some little irregularity at the start, shares developed moderate strength, but advances were not general throughout the list. There was also some increase in activity, but not to any great extent. Railroad shares, with few exceptions, again furnished the strong spots, simply showing that interest had been switched from the industrials, or the war specialists, to this group of securities.

A weak stock was Missouri Pacific, which lost 2½ points before noon, while Missouri, Kansas and Texas slipped off a little. Setting pressure against "Mop" was large. A distinctly strong feature was Bethlehem Steel, which gained 3½ in its first two hours. Baldwin advanced more than 2 points.

Steel was a fraction above yesterday's close, being favorably affected by the exports of iron and steel products in April, the total being \$25,314,000, the largest since June 1914. Total exports for May were \$20,995,971 and for April, 1914, were \$20,779,484.

There has been a steady increase in the shipments of war material in the last several months. At the same time, however, there has also been an increase in articles for peaceful purposes.

A generally better tone prevailed in the afternoon session, with the railroad shares the feature. Business continued small, however, transactions representing the most part operations of the speculative element on the floor. Recoveries were shown in virtually all parts of the list, and about the only weak shares among the railroads were Missouri Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas and Denver and Rio Grande. The preference latter declined over 5 points.

A helpful factor to the railroads was the Atchison earnings for May, which were good. The gains showed an increase of \$722,306 and the net \$284,851. For the 11 months of the year the gain was \$5,375,339 above the previous year and the net advanced \$30,388. The close was irregular, railroads holding most of their gains. Industrials showed the largest gains for the day.

On the movements of currency this week the banks here gained \$4,000. They received \$1,000,000 in deposits, \$10,770,000, plus to the interior \$3,690,000, including \$1,673,000 national bank note sent to Washington for redemption. The gain from the interior was \$7,000,000. Gold imports amounted to \$7,725,000 from Ottawa. Gold exports were \$1,000 to Cuba. The gold in Subtreasury operations proper was \$4,000. This made net gain by banks of \$4,070,000.

New York Bond Sales

High. Low. Close.

200 Amer Tel clt 4s.....\$8 87% 81%

200 Amer Water Pfd.....105 1/2 105 1/2

200 Armour Co 4 1/2s.....62 1/2 62 1/2

200 Atchison T & S clt 4s.....83 1/2 82 1/2

200 Am Gas & Elec 5s.....100 1/2 100 1/2

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