

FINANCIAL NEWS

LIQUIDATION FROM ABROAD HAS BECOME A DOMINANT INFLUENCE

International Houses Supplied Stocks in Large Amounts—Some Specialties Showed Strength. Good Rally in Progress at Close

High Points in Today's Financial News

New York State 4 per cent. bonds, \$25,000,000, taken at 103.27, highest in several years. Issue heavily oversubscribed. There were 98 bidders. First sale on curb was at 103 1/2 later 103 7/8. Italian lire declined in foreign exchange market. Sterling also easier. After selling off, wheat became strong at Chicago. Further advance in steel prices, also crude oil. Bank of England discount rate unchanged. St. Paul increased the dividend, declaring 2 1/2 per cent and placing the stock on 5 per cent basis. No announcement on proposed new steel merger after Cambria directors' meeting. Extra dividend declared.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.

Trading during the morning consisted largely of operations for the aggressive interests committed to the bear side. Some of these interests covered shorts on a large scale, causing temporary rallies, but new lines were quickly put out and the manner in which the market acted made the bear interests confident that they had price-movements in complete control.

Their efforts were helped by the fact that since the beginning of the year there has been no outside buying of substance for speculative account and this left the market with little resistance when bear raids were in progress. There is liquidation at the same time by pools which had been enacted all through the preceding year.

There was an increased disposition to regard the selling to international houses as the most important factor in the market during the afternoon trading. Some of the largest houses which a few days ago were aggressive buyers of steel common and other important issues said this afternoon that the foreign selling had assumed proportions that made it a dominating influence. Most of the supply through international houses was in stocks like Atchison, Baltimore and Ohio, United States Steel common, Alameda and Union Pacific, but other railroad shares in the international market were also established at a substantially lower range.

While this selling of standard railroads and industrials was in progress a number of specialties showed strength and Crucible Steel, being in constant demand, advanced from the low range of the morning. The increase in the St. Paul dividend to 2 1/2 percent, announced in the last hour of trading, had been partly expected, but was effective in causing a brisk up-turn in St. Paul, which stood about one point from its low price of the early afternoon.

This movement had an influence, too, on the trading in a number of other stock ended with a substantial net gain over yesterday's final price. Industrial Alcohol continued to show a lack of support throughout the afternoon, selling down to 147 1/2, a loss of more than 20 points from its high price of a short time ago. Mexican Petroleum was in better demand, although there was no news on which a more vigorous demand could be based. The market closed with a good rally in progress.

Common Stock Dividend Increased by St. Paul

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on the common stock together with the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. on the preferred. The last dividend on the common stock was 2 per cent., declared last July. The dividends are payable March 1 to stock of record February 3.

New York State 4 Per Cent. Bonds Go at 103.27

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The successful bidder for the \$25,000,000 New York State 4 per cent. bonds was the First National Bank of New York at 103.27 for all or none. The number of bids received for the New York State bonds was 100. The premium, which will go into the sinking fund is \$817,500. The interest basis is 3.85 per cent. Sensational figures prevailed in the bidding and the price paid by the First National was the highest that has been reached in several years by New York State bonds. The issue was very heavily oversubscribed. The First National Bank announced that it had sold the \$25,000,000 of New York State bonds. Information regarding the buyers was not available.

WHEAT RECOVERED AFTER EARLY BREAK

Foreign Selling a Feature; May Suffered Most—Cold Wave Report Helped Rally

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Wheat developed firmness toward the close on covering today, after it had shown pronounced weakness. The bearish conditions that developed today were intensified by selling of futures by foreigners and an attempt on their part to dispose of cash wheat. The premium was so widespread as to result in a moderate rally, until late in the session, when it showed stability, selling up to 87 1/2, after it had touched 84 3/4. It finished at 87 1/2, against 87 1/2 at the end yesterday. Predictions of a cold wave, coupled with the fact that July is less active than May, and had a much smaller long interest to liquidate, prevented July from sympathizing fully with May in the downward movement. July also moved upward as the season grew toward the end, rising to 87 1/2, and finishing only 1/2, off from the best at 87 1/2 against 87 1/2 at the close yesterday. Private cables from Liverpool reported an easier market there, but earlier messages said that the English market had been firm after a short cold wave. A leading commission house cautioned against following the selling side any further on today's drop. Corn closed firm when wheat wheat was weak the market showed resistance. Weather conditions were against the bears. The market at Liverpool was dull but steadier than when wheat wheat are locusts in Argentine corn, the situation was not alarming. The corn there, however, requires rain over an extensive area.

New York Bond Sales

Table listing various bond sales with columns for High, Low, and Close prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Wheat, Corn, etc.

RATES FOR MONEY

Table listing rates for various financial instruments and banks.

BANK CLEARINGS

Table showing bank clearing amounts for various institutions.

WESTERN EARNINGS

Table listing earnings for various western companies.

New York Stock Sales

Large table listing stock sales with columns for Last Close, High, Low, and Close prices for numerous stocks.

N. Y. CURB MARKET SUFFERED SETBACK

Early Firmness Followed by General Sharp Declines. Rise in New State 4s

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—After a show of strength with fair activity the market for outside securities after the first hour developed renewed weakness on more liberal offerings in sympathy with the downward tendency in the stock market. While some support was in evidence in spots, only feeble rallies were registered. The principal feature in the afternoon trading was the demand for the New York State new 4s which moved up from the previous bid of 102 1/2, the first sale being made at 103 1/2, and quickly advanced to 103 7/8. The Erie was again under pressure and eased off 1/4. Submarine Boat, after a gain of 3/4, broke more or less in sympathy with steel after trading up, lost nearly all the advance. Canadian Car and Foundry shares were down, and Motor stocks were also heavy but less active. Gold, Engineering and Machinery after an advance of 1/2 points, ran off 1/2. Griggs-Senbury was down 2. Oil stocks were somewhat irregular, but generally lower on a small volume of dealings, while copper stocks eased off in sympathy with the balance of the list.

Sales in Philadelphia

Table listing sales in Philadelphia with columns for Yes, Close, High, Low, and Close prices.

FOREIGN SALES OF LOCAL STOCKS HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING

Rise in Buffalo and Susquehanna—Failure of Cambria Directors to Make Any Deal Announcement Set Rumor Factories Working

That the European holdings of American stocks have been sold in increasing quantities of late there is not much doubt. Local brokers expressed the belief that the opportunity to liquidate on the announcement of the United States Steel dividend was not neglected and this foreign selling has been the cause of the depressed condition of the general stock market. Figures comparing the percentage of change between June 30, 1914, and January 1, 1916, in some of the leading local issues show comparatively small decreases. For instance, Pennsylvania, which is probably held abroad in greater quantities than any other American issue with the possible exception of United States Steel, showed a decrease of only 2 1/2 per cent. Norfolk and Western decreased 1 1/2 per cent., and Lehigh Valley only 1/2 per cent. Jersey Central showed no change during that period. The total average reduction in European holdings of 11 leading railroads was only 2 per cent. Since then, however, the English mobilization scheme has gone into effect and the percentage of the selling has increased (increased materially). It is estimated that some 35,000 shares of United States Steel have been disposed of by foreigners since the war began.

Another local stock which has suffered from this is Philadelphia Company. Paris has been a large seller. At one time about 5,000 shares of the common were placed in France, and it is understood that about one-third of the amount has found its way back to this country. The latest ship to arrive from England was reported to have \$2,000,000 of American securities aboard.

The declaration of an extra dividend of 1 per cent. by the Cambria Steel Company came as something of a surprise to the street and, as a matter of fact, was rather of a disappointment. It had been expected that the treasury stock might be distributed and that some sort of announcement regarding the much-talked-of deal might be made.

It was stated that an attempt had been made to obtain an extension of the flexible options on Cambria, at 90, which expire January 31, but that this had been refused. It was also reported that the Drexel interests had received an offer for control of Cambria from the Myvale people and that this might have made them decide not to go into the proposed merger with the Youngtown and Lackawanna companies. At all events, the Street was quite at sea over all these rumors, and after a moment of indecision close to 7 1/2 reacted on the dividend announcement.

From Boston came a statement quoting a director of the company that the deal had been definitely abandoned, because the representatives of each of the three concerns involved considered that they were more valuable than the price suggested at which they should be taken over. After the Cambria Steel meeting Director Dummer said all the rumors, including "other sources," of the 1915 operations were not yet in, but that the net earnings for the year were about \$6,000,000. This showing, he said, was several hundred thousand dollars better than a 1915, the last previous good year of business. The 1915 net income, as per figures of the annual report for that year, was \$5,234,000.

The remainder of the local list did little. There was a 7-point rise in Buffalo and Susquehanna preferred on light sales, but the general tone of the market became very heavy, despite an early show of strength in United States Steel. Bonds were quiet and steady. The advance in Susquehanna preferred was accompanied by talk of the earnings. The balance of the purchase price of \$50,000 for the property will be paid off in March. It is estimated that the 1st mortgage 4 1/2 per cent. bondholders will receive about \$2 for each \$100 certificate.

Buffalo and Susquehanna common fell, the example set by the preferred and rose 2 points, while Lehigh Valley Transit preferred 1/2, and a new high record. In the final hour the whole local market turned very weak, under the leadership of United States Steel. Storage Battery dropped a point and Pennsylvania common advanced, as did United Gas Improvement.

English Bank Statement

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England: Total reserves £26,845,000, increase £1,377,000; circulation £23,825,000, decrease £81,000; bullion £32,234,000, increase £1,655,000; other securities £112,200,000, increase £25,000,000; other deposits £109,951,000, increase £99,000,000; Government securities £72,828,000, unchanged; The proportion of the bank's reserves to liabilities is now 23 per cent., against 22 1/2 per cent. last week and compares with a decline from 23 per cent. to 22 1/2 per cent. in this week last year. The clearing through the London banks for the week was £28,950,000, against £22,645,000 in this week last year.

Selected 6% Bonds

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- American Gas & Electric Company, 100-Year Gold 6s, due 2014, at price to yield about 6%;
- \*Lehigh Valley Transit Company, 10-Year Gold 6s, due 1923, at price to yield nearly 5.70%;
- \*Latrobe-Connessville Coal & Coke Company, First Mortgage 6s, due 1931, at price to yield about 5.75%;
- \*Pennsylvania & Maryland Steel, Consolidated Joint Gold 6s, due 1925, at price to yield about 5.55%;
- \*Spanish-American Iron Company, First Mortgage, Sinking Fund Gold 6s, due 1927, at price to yield about 5.70%;
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Buying Scattered—Brazil Freight Situation Factor

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The coffee market was less active this morning with prices unchanged to one point higher. Coffee values were worked up 4 or 5 points, after the opening, on scattered buying in Brazil. The principal bullish factor at present, and the cause of bringing coffee to America is apparently being increased.

Leading underwriters have reported that there are several small steamships loading coffee from Santos, Brazil. States which are considered undesirable risk, and shippers have been warned that the marine insurance rates on these boats is acceptable at all, will doubtless be higher.

Today's opening Yesterday's closing

January	1.487.10	1.487.10
February	1.487.10	1.487.10
March	1.487.10	1.487.10
April	1.487.10	1.487.10
May	1.487.10	1.487.10
June	1.487.10	1.487.10
July	1.487.10	1.487.10
August	1.487.10	1.487.10
September	1.487.10	1.487.10
October	1.487.10	1.487.10
November	1.487.10	1.487.10
December	1.487.10	1.487.10

Ordered, "Bid. Sales, 2000 bags.

Patent Suit Dismissed

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The suit of the Yale Dyeing Company against the Republic Chemical Company for alleged infringement of patents which has been pending since early in 1915 was dismissed by Justice Davis in the Supreme Court today.

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