

FINANCIAL NEWS
WALL STREET AWAITS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING READING

Prospects of Favorable News Cause Securities to Sell at Big Advances—Common Stock Up More Than Five Points Near the Close

High Points in Today's Financial News
Gold continued to come in from Ottawa, more than \$2,000,000 in bars being received at the New York Assay Office.

There are few in the Wall Street district who are not confident that in a short time an important announcement in regard to Reading will be made. As far back as early last March it was said in important circles here that an adjustment of Reading capitalization had been decided on which would include the distribution of coal land certificates and the retirement of the second preferred stock.

Atlanta Reserve Rate Increased
WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Federal Reserve Board has approved an increase in the commodity rate at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta from 3 per cent. to 3 1/2 per cent.

Big Extra Eastman Kodak Dividend
ROCHESTER, May 18.—Eastman Kodak Company of New Jersey has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on the preferred stock, 2 1/2 per cent. on the common stock and an extra dividend of 7 1/2 per cent. on the common stock, payable July 1 to stockholders of record May 31.

Atlas Powder Company to Pay Extra Dividend
WILMINGTON, Del., May 18.—The Atlas Powder Company has declared an extra dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock, together with the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., payable June 10. Books will close May 31 and reopen June 11.

More Foreign Gold Deposited in New York
NEW YORK, May 18.—Gold bars to the amount of a little more than \$2,000,000 were deposited in the Assay Office this morning from Ottawa for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

NEW YORK BOND SALES

Table listing various bond sales with columns for High, Low, and Close prices. Includes entries like 1000 Albany Val 4s, 10000 Amer Oil 5s, etc.

New York Stock Sales

Table listing New York Stock Sales with columns for Last Close, High, Low, and Close prices. Includes entries like Advance Humely, Alcoa, Alcoa-Chalmers, etc.

GENERAL BUYING CAUSES JUMP IN COTTON PRICES

Offerings Large, But Not Sufficient to Meet Demand
NEW YORK, May 18.—There was a wave of general buying at the opening on the Cotton Exchange this morning, and the market started buoyant, prices being 9 to 14 points higher.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, May 18.—The only feature to the foreign exchange market in the first hour of business today was strength in sterling on a moderate volume of business.

RATES FOR MONEY

Table showing rates for money in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.

WHEAT WEAKENED; LONGS LIQUIDATE

Bears Show More Courage—Selling is Urgent Near the Close
GRAIN BELT WEATHER FORECAST. CHICAGO, May 18.—The weather forecast for 24 hours follows:

CHICAGO, May 18.—More courage was noted among the bears in the wheat market today than in some time, and the tone was weak.

Toward the close liquidation became urgent and prices sagged rapidly, reflecting better crop advices and a lack of outside support. It was believed, to rumors of peace that have been circulating for several days.

The market at Liverpool was easy, and it was stated that an apprehension was felt there over the absorption of cargoes from Argentina and Australia by the continent, but United Kingdom receipts being liberal with large reserves in Canada.

LOCAL MINING STOCKS

Table listing local mining stocks with columns for Bid, Asked, and Price.

Sales in Philadelphia

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

English Bank Statement

LONDON, May 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, £48,872,000, increase, £486,000; circulation, £34,870,000, increase, £244,000; bullion, £60,093,000, increase, £211,000; other securities, £79,879,000, increase, £479,000; other deposits, £78,583,000, decrease, £4,858,000; public deposits, £60,844,000, increase, £5,813,000; Government securities, £33,187,000, unchanged.

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NEW WILMINGTON COMPANY

DOVER, Del., May 18.—The Kelsey Process Refining Company was incorporated today, capital \$2,999,000, to purchase, sell and treat iron, minerals, etc., to lay pipe lines, gas mains, water mains, etc. The incorporators are Wilmington people.

A. C. L. Increases Dividend

NEW YORK, May 18.—The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a semiannual dividend of 2 per cent. on its common stock, restoring that issue to a 6 per cent. basis. In 1915 the rate was 5 per cent. and in January of this year a semiannual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. was stated. In 1912 to 1914 inclusive the rate was 7 per cent., while for 1910 and 1911 it was 7 per cent.

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