

FINANCIAL NEWS

FOUNDATION FOR STRENGTH IN STOCKS
IS BELIEF OF EARLY PEACE IN EUROPE

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High Points in Today's Financial News

Stocks strong in Wall street, based on belief hostilities in Europe will soon cease. War-order stocks neglected on Curb, Wheat and cotton higher. New York bank statement showed increase in loans, surplus and deposits. Crown Reserve Mining resumed dividends. Price of bar silver unchanged.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Strength which was displayed in today's stock market had for a foundation the general acceptance of the belief that bullish operations are now inspired wholly by prospects of the establishment of peace in Europe. Leading interests insist that there is no doubt that the various peace propositions will be constantly amended until they have taken shape which will invite serious consideration by the belligerents on both sides, and that it is positive when these propositions do receive serious consideration that hostilities will soon cease.

The buying of United States Steel common, on which that stock rose 2½ points to 113, was by the strongest houses on the Street, all of whose members have been constantly preaching peace and insisting that any bull movements now must be on a peace basis. War-order stocks were not weak, because those knowing of their conditions are aware that many of them have available bank assets almost equal to their present selling price.

In many stocks, like Industrial Alcohol, which are closely held, there is an overextended short account and the manner in which United States Steel common advanced made many of these shorts anxious to cover.

This uneasiness among bear traders was reflected in advances of 2 points or more in many of the specifics, while some issues made gains of as much as 5 points. The better outlook for peace was also a factor in directing the price movements in Mexican properties. Mexican Petroleum moved up more than 2 points in the first hour and American Smelting rose more than 2 points to above 108.

Railway stocks were firm, but there is little piping interest as yet in the railway group, and speculation on an important scale is not to be expected in those issues until some action is taken toward permitting advances to railway rates.

Trading in bonds was on a fairly large scale, with the demand no broader than was indicated in the initial transactions. The heaviest dealings were in United Kingdom five-year notes, in which large blocks changed hands at 98½ to 98. Southern Railway 4s were also traded in on a large scale, advancing from 75½ to 76%.

DESERTION OF WAR STOCKS ON CURB SHOWS ADJUSTMENT TO PEACE BASIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Trading on the Broad Street Curb is gradually becoming adjusted to peace conditions. Today there was practical desuetude of war-order stocks and trading in those issues was extremely small, with sales only possible at concessions in prices.

Business was diverted almost wholly to the Oklahoma oil stocks, with the trading in the new Coage Hominy shares continuing in large volume, with most of the dealings around 9.

Oklahoma Producing and Refining, which owns 51 per cent of Osage, moved up to the new high record of 135. Submariner Boat, which sold yesterday at the low record of 22½, was in better demand, advancing about 2 points, and Midvale Steel also showed a better tone, ranging from 62½ to 63½.

Mining stocks were irregular and were influenced by the same causes which were effective in diminishing speculative interest in the steel industries. The changes, however, were small and without importance.

INDUSTRIALS

	Basis	Value	Change
Aetna Explosives	3½	4	+3½
American-British Mfg.	5	5	+5
American Marmon	2½	2½	+2½
American Writing Paper	4½	4½	+4½
Can. Car & Fly.	43	46	+3
Carter Corp.	84	88	+4
Carwen Steel	12	12½	+1½
Charcoal Iron	7½	8	+1
Chevrolet Motors	138	138	+138
Cramp Shipbuilding	80	90	+10
Federal Oil	6½	6½	+6½
Gulf Petrol.	103	105	+2
S.O. of N.J.	703	706	+3
S.O. of N.Y.	218	211	-7
Standard Oil Stocks	100	100	+0
Independent Oil Stocks	100	100	+0
Barnett Oil & Gas	28	30	+2
Cosden Oil & Gas	16½	16½	+16½
Clauden & Co. Oil Ref.	175	18	+1
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Laurel Oil & Gas	5	6	+1
Lima Locomotive new	53	52	-1
Maxim Munttions	2½	2½	+2½
Midvale Steel	62½	63½	+1
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New York Shipbuilding	12	12	+0
Other Electric	58	62	+4
Pearl Motor	47	49	+2
Poole Eng.	80	90	+10
Serpentine Booth	32	40	+8
S.S. Kreese v. L.	41	33½	-7½
Standard Motors	6½	7	+1½
Steel Alloys	23½	24	+1½
Submarine	23½	24	+1½
Stevens Williams	19	21	+2
Triangle Film	2½	2½	+2½
Todd Shipyards	80	85	+5
United Alloy Steel	48	49	+1
U.S. Steamship	6	6½	+6½
United Motors	48	47½	-½
World Film	13	11	-2
Wright-Martin Aircraft	4	4½	+½
Zinc Concentrating	4	4½	+½
RAILROADS	100	100	+0
Rock Island com.	39½	40	+½
Rock Island pref.	39½	39½	+0
Rock Island pref.	72½	72½	+0
Western Pacific w.t.	27	21	-6
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INVESTMENT BONDS			
Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange			
NORTH AMERICAN BLDG.			

Charles J. Bender & Co., Investment Bonds, Members Philadelphia Stock Exchange, North American Building, Philadelphia.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
No. 4, for the County of Philadelphia:
In the matter of the estate of Rachel B. Wright, deceased.

The estate is appointed by the Court to audit, settle and adjust the account of David E. Dallen, trustee under deed of trust from Rachel B. Wright, deceased, in the sum of \$1,000,000, in the name of the estate, to be paid to the heirs of Rachel B. Wright, deceased, and where all parties interested are required to make and file a return of the same to the Court on or before January 15, 1917, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Attest: Frank J. Dallen,
Franklin National Bank,
Philadelphia, December 18, 1916.

THE NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL BANK,
Philadelphia, Pa., December 20th, 1916.
The Annual Election for Directors to be held at 10 a.m. on January 12, 1917, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Attest: L. W. G. C. Casier,
Franklin National Bank.

PARTNERSHIP

December 31, 1916.
The partnership heretofore existing between Alfred Clegg and Charles J. Bender & Co. has this day expired by mutual agreement.

Charles J. Bender & Co. will assume all accounts of said firm.

ALFRED CLEGG,
JOSEPH J. DUFFY.

DIRECTORY OF ACCOUNTANTS

Certified Public Accountants

LAWRENCE E. BROWN & CO.,
1616 REAL ESTATE TRUST BUILDING,
HENRY C. MAGRE,
STANLEY H. COOPER,
WILLIAM H. MONTGOMERY,
KIRKMAN & SPARSHAW,
C. E. DUNLOP.

The Philadelphia and West Chester Street Railway Company reports an increase in gross earnings for 1916 of \$25,291 over the gross for 1915.

MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The stockholders of the Fire Association of Philadelphia has been called for March 12 to vote on the proposed increase of the capital stock of the company.

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