

## STOCKS DECLINE IN WALL STREET AS MUCH "PEACE TALK" IS HEARD

Advertising of Baruch's Bearish Opinions an Important Factor in Determining Movements—Coppers an Exception to General Rule, Being Strong

### High Points in Today's Financial News

**Bearish views of B. M. Baruch had much to do with movements of prices in Wall street, and stocks were generally all lower. "Peace talk" also affected prices. New York Curb governed by some factors. Wheat lower; cotton higher. Philadelphia January bank clearings hit new high mark. Price of bar silver unchanged. Superior Steel declared initial dividend on preferred stock.**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 21.** Values were depressed and the stock market generally unsettled all through the day by the wide advertising obtained by B. M. Baruch for his bearish opinions and his announced expectations of an early cessation of hostilities in Europe. It was natural that this advertising of the operator who had been most prominent in the declines in the leading issues during September should have induced heavy selling of stocks from outside the Wall street district, as the public generally had been educated to believe that this trader had a record of unusual success.

At the same time the statements in the morning papers of an expected address by the German Chancellor, which would be construed as an answer to President Wilson's note, quickly developed into positive statements about the approach of peace and in the late trading little else was heard of in the Wall street district except so-called "peace talk."

Brokers for the bear plunbers found this situation to their liking and they put out large blocks of stocks at concessions at frequent intervals during the day. The pressure from this source alone and the other factors referred to nullified the extremely favorable showing of the United States Steel statement for the December quarter.

United States Steel common, after the close yesterday, was wanted on the Street at 114 and sold on the Stock Exchange this morning as high as 113 1/4, but under the bear pressure and speculative liquidation declined to 111 1/4 in the afternoon. It was followed on this movement by virtually everything on the list, with the exception of the copper shares. Utah Copper responded to the purchase of 20,000 shares by H. Content & Co., supposed to be for Guggenheim interests, with advances of 5 points to above 111.

### TRADING ON CURB IS GOVERNED BY FACTORS RULING ON 'CHANGE

**NEW YORK, Jan. 21.** The trading on the Curb was naturally influenced by the same factors which dominated price movements on the Stock Exchange. The testimony before the congressional investigation committee, bringing the peace prospects into prominence, and reports that the German Chancellor would today deliver another address which might be construed as an answer to President Wilson's note, made prospects of peace an incentive for selling many of the industrials and oil stocks.

Midvale Steel during the first half of the day sold down from 58 1/2 to 57. Marlin Arms dropped from 77 to 75 and Submarine declined from 21 to 20 1/2. United Alloys sold off at 50% to 50%. In the oil stocks, Conoco Oil was exceptionally strong, moving up from 14 1/2 to 15 1/2, while Osage Hominy and Oklahoma both sustained fractional losses. Sinclair, which was traded in ex dividend, advanced from 60 1/2 to 61 1/2.

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