

## PRICE MOVEMENTS IN STOCKS VARIABLE, WITH MUCH SHIFTING BY SPECULATORS

Vigorous Advances Are Followed by Sharp Recessions, but With General Result That Changes Are at Higher Levels at End of Day

## High Points in Today's Financial News

Much shifting occurred from one group to another in the trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Railroad shares active and strong at end of day. Price changes irregular on Curb. Wheat and cotton strong. Foreign exchange dull. Ruling rate for call money in Wall street 2½ per cent. Price of bar silver lower in New York and London.

NEW YORK, March 23.

There was a good deal of shifting of speculative interest and market activity from various groups of stocks to other issues during the day's trading on the Stock Exchange. Price movements were variable, with vigorous advances followed by sharp recessions, but with the general result that prices of the majority of issues were established at substantially higher levels at the end of the day. Market incentives were numerous on both the buying and selling side.

The Marine issues were influenced in the early trading by statements that the earnings of the company for 11 months amounted to more than \$55,000,000. Marine common, which closed yesterday at 34, advanced to 36½ and the preferred rose from 32 to 35½. At the same time Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies rose to 118½.

These rumors were accompanied by a renewal of bear attacks, on which prices yielded from 1 to 2 points in many of the active issues, but they were forgotten when it was announced that the railway managers in Washington had said their request with the Interstate Commerce Commission for an advance in railway rates. This news was followed by a brisk buying of all the railway stocks. Redding moved up from 97 to 101 and Union Pacific advancing from 134½ to 142½.

The steel issues, after quiet trading in the first few minutes, developed strength in the late forenoon, when United States Steel common rose more than 1 point to 117, and there was resumption of the bullish operations in both classes of Bethlehem stocks.

Around midday the "rumor committee" was hard at work circulating rumors about the health and physical condition of the German Emperor and intimating that some new damage had been inflicted by German submarines on American ships. There was a good volume of business in the bond market, with heavy trading in Marine 6s, which rose to 96½. Foreign Government issues were traded in on a large scale, but showed little change in price, with Anglo-French 3s selling at 93½ and 93.

## PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE IRREGULAR IN TRADING ON NEW YORK CURB

NEW YORK, March 23.

There was a good deal of irregularity about price movements on the Broad Street Curb again today, with various groups showing moderate losses while others made substantial gains. Some oil stocks were in vigorous demand, Federal moving up from 6½ to 6¾ and Oklahoma Producing from 11½ to 11¾. Merritt, after dropping from 27½, rallied to 28½.

The industrials were generally higher, with importance attached to the announcement that Charcoal Iron had declared a 6 per cent dividend on the common stock, payable in quarterly installments of 1½ per cent. Zinc Concentrating was in good demand, with sales at 3½ and 3¾. Lima Locomotive advanced to 6, a new high record, and Marlin Arms rose from 84 to 88. An important feature of the trading was the appearance of the Long Island debenture 5s, when issued, which are to be exchanged for the Long Island railroad stock. These bonds were fairly active, with sales at 83 and 84.

Mining stocks were generally lower, although declines were limited to small fractions.

## INDUSTRIALS

## INDEPENDENT OIL STOCKS—CONTINUED

	Bid	Avg. (last 5 days)	Yest. close	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Asbestos Explosives	39½	37½	35¾	41½	34	34	+ 1½
Am-British Mfg.	13	10	12	17	19	19	- 2
Am Marconi	23	3	3	27	27	27	- 2
American Writing Paper	43½	51½	51	52	52	52	- 1
Can Car & Fdy.	25	30	30	27	27	27	- 3
Can Car & Fdy. pref.	70	75	75	75	75	75	- 5
Carwen Steel	13½	13½	13½	13½	13½	13½	- 1
Charcoal Iron	125	120	128	125	125	125	- 3
Chemical Corporation	62	63	62	63	63	63	- 1
Camp Shipbuilding	80	90	90	80	80	80	- 10
Curtiss Aeroplane	15	23	23	15	15	15	- 8
Emerson Phonograph	115½	12	11½	115	115	115	- 1
Federal Drestuff	40	40	40	40	40	40	- 1
Baskell & Barker Car.	42	43	43	42	42	42	- 1
Kathodion Bronze pref.	3	9½	9½	3	3	3	- 1
Laird Torpedo Boat	10	9½	9½	10	10	10	- 1
Lake Torpedoes new	62	63	62	63	63	63	- 1
Marlin Arms	86	89	84	86	86	86	- 3
Maxim Munitions	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	- 1
Midvale Steel	61	61½	60½	61	61	61	- 1
New York Shipbuilding	38	42	42	38	38	38	- 4
Ode Elevator	59	62	62	59	59	59	- 3
Pearless Motors	15	17	17	15	15	15	- 2
Poole E & M.	89	90	90	89	89	89	- 1
Hedges M T	20½	21	21	20½	20½	20½	- 1
Hoover Corp.	10	10	10	10	10	10	- 1
½ Kress w/1	15½	12½	12½	15½	15½	15½	- 3
Banta Cecilia	17	19	18	17	17	17	- 2
Banta Cecilia pref.	55	60	55	55	55	55	- 5
Bant Motors	7½	8½	8½	7½	7½	7½	- 1
St Joseph Lead	18	18½	18½	18	18	18	- 1
Steel Alloys	8	8½	8½	8	8	8	- 1
Submarine	23½	24	24	23½	23½	23½	- 1
Triangle Film	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	- 1
Todd Shipyards	82	82	82	82	82	82	- 1
United Aircraft	36	36½	36	36	36	36	- 1
U S Steamship	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	- 1
United Motors	35	39½	39½	35	35	35	- 4
United Profts Sharing	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½	- 1
World Film	7	8	8	7	7	7	- 1
Wright Martin Aircraft	7	8	7½	7	7	7	- 1
Wire Concentrating	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	- 1
RAILROADS							
Rock Island com.	37½	37½	37½	37½	37½	37½	- 1
Rock Island (A) pref.	85½	86	85	85½	85½	85½	- 1
Western Pacific w.	71½	72	72	71½	71½	71½	- 1
Western Pacific pref.	50	50	50	50	50	50	- 1
Wabash Pittsburgh	18	21	21	18	18	18	- 1
do pref.	47	51	51	47	47	47	- 4
STANDARD OIL STOCKS							
BONDS							
Am-Smelt 5s	87½	87½	97½	87½	87½	87½	- 1
British Steel 2-yr. notes	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	- 1
Golden Oil 6s	108½	109	109	108½	108½	108½	- 1
Corden & Co new 6s	102½	102	102	102½	102½	102½	- 1
French Munic 6s	94	94½	99	94	94	94	- 1
Russian 6½s	95	96	94½	95	95	95	- 1
Russian 5½s	87½	88	87½	87½	87½	87½	- 1
Simclair 5½s	110	110½	108	110	110	110	- 1
So Ryw 5s notes	98½	98½	98	98½	98½	98½	- 1
Todd Shipyards 6s	100	102	98½	100	100	100	- 2
West Pacific new 5s	88½	88½	88½	88½	88½	88½	- 1
Erie note 5s	100½	100½	100½	100½	100½	100½	- 1
French 5½s new	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½	- 1
N.Y. State 4s	103½	103½	103½	103½	103½	103½	- 1
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N. Y. BANKS LOSE CASH							
Decrease of \$32,054,016 in Money Movement of Week							
NEW YORK, March 23.—The known movements for the week ended yesterday, with the close of business yesterday, indicate a net loss in cash by the local banks of \$32,054,016. The banks lost \$31,272,000 at the Clearing House on account of a credit to the New York Federal Reserve Bank. The gain from the Subtreasury amounted to only \$914,000.							
No gold was received from Canada, and the Subtreasury paid out only \$315,000 for gold, including \$290,000 for Philadelphia and \$25,000 for San Francisco. Transfers to the last-mentioned city, representing gold exports to Japan, were \$974,000.							
The banks received gross from the country of \$54,811,816 and shipped \$7,323,832, or less than \$11,111,307.							
The known movements last week indicated a gain by the local banks of \$38,461,200. The gained from the Subtreasury was \$1,000 for gold imported from Canada and Australia, but last Saturday's actual bank statement showed an increase in cash of only \$22,370,000.							
Advance in Prices of Tin							
NEW YORK, March 23.—A firm tone is displayed in the tin market and prices have advanced to 5½ per cent. Commercial time, 4½ #5 per cent. Commercial, three months' bills: three months' bills, 4½ per cent.							
LONDON—Money 3½ per cent discount short bills: three months' bills, 4½ per cent.							
BANK CLEARINGS							
Bank clearings today increased in correspondence day, 1916, 1915							