

NEWS OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD—NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CAUSES BRISK BUYING OF RAILROADS

Promised Address on Carrier Problem Taken to Indicate Favor for Higher Rates—Market Declines After Rally

High Points in Today's Financial News
President's message caused brisk buying movement in railroad stocks on New York Exchange, but the market later became active and weak.

The Street waited impatiently all through the morning for the publication of the President's message, which was expected to indicate his attitude on important domestic questions relating to the railroad and industrial outlook as well as consideration of the European war.

This assumption started a brisk buying movement on which prices of many stocks made gains of 2 points or more, but these gains were not long maintained and were followed by substantial recessions.

Best banking opinion in Wall street is that the country is about to enter a period of railroad amalgamation which will be the direct outgrowth of the pooling of the resources of the railroads.

Development in Motortruck Field
The recovery the last ten days in some of the motors has to do with the development of the truck field.

No Speculative Fever in Oil Fields
In connection with the foregoing situation in oil it is interesting to note the temper of the present-day traders as regards speculation in petroleum securities.

Local Mining Stocks
TOSOPAH STOCKS
Jim Butler, 19 1/2
MacNamara, 19 1/2

Government Bonds
20 registered 1930, 113 1/2
20 coupon 1930, 113 1/2

Paris Bourse Steady
PARIS, Dec. 4.—The Bourse was steady today.

New York Stock Sales

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Net. Lists various stocks like Atlas Gold Co., Allied Chem Co., Am Beet Sugar, etc.

New York Bond Sales

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Net. Lists various bonds like 11000 Adams Express, 10000 Am Agr Ind, etc.

Sales in Philadelphia

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Net. Lists various stocks like Am Gas, 100 B & O, 200 Hill J & C, etc.

TRADING LAGS ON LOCAL EXCHANGE; PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD DECLINES

Favorite Investment Issue Drops to New Low Record of 4 1/2—Philadelphia Electric Active—Girard Trust Earnings Big

Stock trading was uninteresting on the Philadelphia Exchange today, and, while price changes were mostly to lower levels, with few exceptions the turnover was so small that little importance was attached to the movement of values.

Outside of the Pennsylvania there was very little movement in railroad shares, and the announcement of a 25 per cent freight rate increase for a few commodities for Western trunk line carriers had no apparent effect on prices.

OATS AT NEW HIGH COTTON PRICES FALL

Strength Due to Light Receipts and Talk of Good Demand for Export Unloading on Larger Scale Continued and Market Suffers Further Sharp Losses

After selling at new high prices for the season today on an active and general demand, the market for oats sagged on considerable profit-taking by long.

Reports of an earlier spot situation are now bringing in liquidation which reveals a relatively weak technical position, with a consequent reduction in near months premiums.

Granulated Sugar Unchanged
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Refined sugars are unchanged, with the American and National contracts quoted at 33 1/2.

Local Bid and Asked

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists various stocks like Am Agr Ind, 10000 Am Agr Ind, etc.

INACTIVE PHILA. STOCKS

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists various stocks like Adams Express, Am Agr Ind, etc.

MONEY-LENDING RATES

NEW YORK.—Money on call opened at 4 per cent; high 4 1/2, low 3 1/2, last closed 3 1/2.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The feature of the foreign exchange market again today was lire.

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The market for coffee futures opened quiet, unchanged to 2 points higher.

EXTRA BY HERCULES POWDER COMPANY

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 4.—The Hercules Powder Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent and an extra dividend of 8 per cent on the common stock payable December 24 to stock of record December 15.

FINANCIAL BRIEFS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Girard Trust Company will be held Monday, December 17, at 12 o'clock.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Tobacco Products Corporation regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on preferred, payable December 15.

CHICAGO BUTTER AND EGGS

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Butter—Receipts, 6236 cases, 46,418, ordinary, 42 1/2.

WAR STAMPS FOR SALE

UNITED States Government War Savings and Thrift Cards are ready for delivery.

Have You Heard?

Of the greater oil company? One of the largest producing, refining, transporting and marketing units among independent oil companies will result from the proposed merger, just announced between the

Oklahoma Producing and Refining Company

and the Osage-Hominy Oil Company

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