

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

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET SHOWS NERVOUSNESS EARLY IN DAY

Leading Shares Start Lower on Commission Selling and Disturbing News—Steel Common Rallies After Drop

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.

For a time during the early trading on the Stock Exchange today the market was unsettled, with general selling by commission houses because of the disturbing tone of many of the statements published in this morning's papers. The leading stocks, including United States Steel common and Marine preferred sold off about 1 point, and there were declines of from 3 to 5 points in many of the specialties.

United States Steel common indicated, the general drift of the entire list, the stock ranging from 90½ to 89, but was bought on a large scale, Shearson, Hamill & Co. taking 15,000 shares in a few minutes causing a quick rally to 89½.

Marine preferred was directly influenced by details of current reports that a \$10 dividend would be declared this afternoon, and dropped from 96½ to 88½, with a rally of 1 point before the end of the first hour.

Other stocks generally moved in the same way, with early losses followed by buying of a good character.

The stocks of companies holding properties in Mexico were exceptionally strong, Mexican Petroleum advancing 1 point to 85½, and American Smelting moving up 1½ to 79½.

Most of the talk on the board room floor was about the United States Steel dividend to be declared two weeks from today, with the selling to a great extent based on published stories about uncertainty of the maintenance of the 15 per cent rate.

GOOD SPOT BUYING BOOSTS COTTON

Bearish Consumption Figures Fail to Prevent Substantial Net Gains

COTTON BELT WEATHER CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The following temperatures were recorded in the cotton belt on Monday and Tuesday:

Fort Smith, 8; Oklahoma City, 11; Wichita, 18; Chattanooga, 21; Louisville and Atlanta, 22; Memphis, 26; St. Louis, 20; Asheville and Montgomery, 22; Del Rio and Galveston, 36; New Orleans, 37; Birmingham, 37; Denver, 41; Augusta, 40; Raleigh, 50; Charleston, 52; Savannah and Wilmington, 53; Tampa, 54; Birmingham, 54; Atlanta, 55; 10 inch precipitation at Sacramento, 12; at Charleston, 29 at Tampa, 31; at Birmingham, 32; at Atlanta, 32; at Augusta, 32; at Raleigh, 34; at St. Louis, 36; at Chattanooga, 37.

Wyoming.—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; remains snow Wednesday.

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Montana.—Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; somewhat colder in west today.

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