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LONDON STOCK MARKET
[illegible] Rails Waver—Gilt-Edged [illegible] Flabby—Mines Cheerful
LONDON, March 4.—Business on the stock exchange was dull today. London's bank campaign for the sale of [illegible] War Bonds absorbing all interest.
[illegible] rails wavered because of [illegible] elements of earnings for January. [illegible] and Mexican roads were irregular. [illegible] section was flabby, [illegible] were nominal, but [illegible]

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

OVERSOLD CONDITION INDICATED IN NEW YORK 'CHANGE TRADING

Many Stocks Reflect Pressure From Various Bear Sources, but Good Demand Results in Quick Rallies

High Points in Today's Financial News

Stocks were under pressure on New York exchange, but good demand brought quick rallies following declines. Oversold condition was indicated. Curb business was quiet. Grain was firm. March and May cotton hit new top prices. Line was easier in foreign exchange market. Loans increased in the Philadelphia weekly bank statement. The call money market tightened in New York. A dividend of 20 per cent was declared by directors of the Standard Motor Construction Company. Bar silver was unchanged in New York and London.

NEW YORK, March 4.

There were many indications in today's stock market trading that an oversold condition had been created again, and, although many stocks reflected concentrated pressure from various bear sources, a good demand was in evidence at all times and rallies were quickly effected. Interest continued to be devoted to the money situation because of the conditions of tension now prevailing, but call money was kept in supply at 6 per cent bid with no offers in sight.

It was the general belief in banking circles that as soon as the war finance corporation measure is passed the tension will be abruptly relaxed and market operations be facilitated instead of restricted as they are at present. For a time during the morning the bear traders were permitted to control the situation, and they were successful in forcing United States Steel down more than 1 point to 89½, the lowest price touched since it sold ex dividend, but it quickly rallied to 90⅞.

There was some wide fluctuations in the minor steel industrials, with alternating weakness and strength in these issues.

The copper stocks also showed a weak tone at times, but rallied after declines, and similar movements were noted in the railway issues.

In the afternoon American Telephone was made a special object of attack, yielding, under bear pressure, about 2 points.

Nearly all the interest in the bond market was attached to the heavy trading in Liberty 4s, which ranged from 96.56 to 96.34.

Anglo-French 5s were easier, selling at 89⅝, and some of the railway bonds showed fractional losses.

OATS ARE STRONGER ON BETTER DEMAND

Stability in Cash Article Helps Market—Business in Corn Quiet

GRAIN BELT WEATHER FORECAST

CHICAGO, March 4.—Illinois—Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably showers; warmer tonight; much colder Tuesday night.
Missouri—Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably showers; warmer east and south tonight; much colder Tuesday.
Wisconsin — Probably rain south and rain or snow north tonight and Tuesday; warmer southeast tonight; much colder Tuesday night.
Minnesota—Probably snow tonight and Tuesday; much colder.
Iowa—Probably rain tonight turning to snow Tuesday; warmer extreme east and colder west tonight; much colder Tuesday.
North Dakota—Snow and colder tonight, with cold wave.
South Dakota—Probably snow tonight and Tuesday; cold wave.
Nebraska—Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably snow, much colder.
Kansas—Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably snow; much colder Tuesday and in north and west tonight.
Montana—Snow and cold wave tonight.
Wyoming—Probably snow and Tuesday much colder.

CHICAGO, March 4.

There was a persistent demand for oats today, shorts being forced to cover and the market was stronger. Strength at St. Louis and stability in the cash article were the factors. Commission houses were on the buying side and offerings on the advance were not large.

The visible supply in the United States is 15,947,000 bushels, an increase of 609,000 bushels for the week, and compares with 56,746,000 bushels a year ago.

The tone at Liverpool was easier on more liberal offerings from Argentina, good prospects for the European crop and milder weather throughout Europe. Shipments from North America were 1,179,000 bushels.

The high on March was 90⅝c, the low 89⅜c and the close 90⅛c, compared with 89⅞c, the final quotation of Saturday. The best on May was 88⅛c, the bottom 87⅝c and the final 88⅛c bid, against 87⅝c, Saturday's last price.

There was a fairly good demand for corn and the market was firm, although business continued quiet. Offerings against indemnities held prices in check. The inquiry for the cash article was broader, with one of the leading industries purchasing.

Receipts at primary points during the last week were 13,973,000 bushels, a record amount. There is quite an improvement in the car situation.

The efforts of the trade this week will be devoted to the obtaining of corn for the food administration for export to the Allies.

The market at Liverpool was easier. March closed unchanged, at $1.27¾ bid. May ended ⅛c higher, at $1.27¾, after having sold at $1.27¾.

Corn (new delivery)	Open	High	Low	Close	Yest close
March				*$1.27⅜	*1.27⅜
May	1.27	1.27⅛	1.27	*1.27⅛	1.27
Oats—					
March	89⅞	90⅝	89⅝	*90⅛	*89⅞
May	87⅞	88⅛	87⅝	*88⅛	*87⅞
Lard—					
March				*26.40	26.47
May	26.07	26.25	26.00	*26.15	26.07
July	*26.40	26.40	26.37	*26.37	26.30
Ribs—					
March				*24.75	*24.80
May	25.17	25.35	25.12	*25.20	25.07
July	25.57	25.70	25.50	*25.57	25.47
Pork—					
May	47.85	48.50	47.85	48.20	†48.35

*Bid. †Asked. ‡Nominal

BUSINESS FAILURES FEW DURING FEBRUARY

Month's Insolvencies Make Best Exhibit for Period Since 1907

Making the best exhibit for the period since 1907, commercial failures in the United States during February numbered 980 and supplied $12,829,182 of defaulted indebtedness, as against 1165 for $16,617,883 last year, 1688 in 1916 for $18,744,165 and a maximum of 2278 insolvencies in February, 1915, when the liabilities were $32,404,630.

In 1914 there were 1505 defaults for $22,354,193, while in the other years back to 1907, when 924 reverses for $10,283,770 were recorded, the February defaults averaged above 1500 in number and nearly $23,000,000 in amount.

Not only do last month's failures make the most favorable showing, both numerically and in respect of the sum of money involved, of any February in fully a decade, but the number is the smallest, excepting the 963 insolvencies of last September, of any month since September, 1911, and for the first two months of 1918 there have been fewer commercial defaults than in the same period of all years back to 1906, with the lightest indebtedness since 1909.

The number of failures each month during recent years is presented herewith:

	Number				
	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914
January	1178	1540	2009	2848	1857
February	980	1165	1688	2278	1505
March		1232	1600	2080	1484
April		1005	1399	2063	1288
May		1298	1482	1707	1521
June		1188	1227	1754	1160
July		1137	1207	1588	1411
August		1149	1304	1393	1272
September		963	1154	1414	1615
October		1062	1210	1589	1680
November		1005	1311	1567	1815
December		1065	1181	1704	1884

NEW HIGH RECORDS TOUCHED BY COTTON

Season's Top Hit on March and May—Liverpool Heavy Purchaser

COTTON BELT WEATHER CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, March 4.—There was no precipitation reported in the cotton belt this morning and temperatures were about normal. The following temperatures were recorded:
Abilene, 34; Oklahoma, 38; Wilmington and Fort Smith, 44; Knoxville, 46; Little Rock and Nashville, 54; Macon, 56; Shreveport, San Antonio, Atlanta, Thomasville and Charleston, 58; Montgomery, 60; Corpus Christi, Augusta and Jacksonville, 62; Galveston, Vicksburg, Pensacola, Montgomery and Savannah, 64; Tampa and New Orleans, 66.

NEW YORK, March 4.

Firmness in the goods market and in the spot article imparted strength to cotton today, but business was neither active nor general. No exports were reported at the close.

Cotton yarn spinners were said to be advancing prices again and trying to forestall the heavy demand that is in sight from knitters and others.

Southern selling attracted by the high prices of midafternoon, and a disposition to realize on early purchases by local traders promoted a slight reaction in the last hour, but heavy Liverpool buying orders were received in the final few minutes and the close was firm at a net advance of 57 to 63 points.

March and May both made new high records for the season, selling at 32.16c and 31.61c, respectively, or 41 to 47 points net higher, while October advanced to 30.05c, or 55 points above Saturday's close, and within 7 points of January's high level.

The buying by Liverpool was the feature and was estimated in excess of 25,000 bales.

Local operators were purchasers of some of the late positions and there was a demand from what was believed to be trade interests.

The receipts at the ports today are estimated at 12,000 bales, against 13,149 bales a week ago; 17,312 bales a year ago, and 12,888 bales two years ago.

	Sat.				
	Close	Open	High	Low	Last
March	31.55	31.90	32.32	31.82	32.30
May	31.12	31.50	31.84	31.41	31.81
July	30.68	31.00	31.33	30.93	31.30
October	29.66	29.95	30.28	29.91	30.28
Spot	32.70				

INACTIVE NEW YORK STOCKS

Following are quotations for inactive New York stocks and in which there were no transactions today. The price given is the last previous sale:

Advance Rumely	9⅝	Mex Pet pref	94
Ade Rumely pf	50	Miami Cop	23⅛
Alas Rubber	5	Mont Power	73½
Alaska Juneau	9⅝	N Y Dock pf	30½
Am Agri Chem	77	N O Tex & Mex	25
Am Agri Chem pf	91½	N R R M 5s of	50½
Am C & F pf	107	N Y O & W	20⅞
Am Express	130	North & South	21½
Am Loco pref	99½	Nort & West	104½
Am Smelt R A	99½	Nort & West pf	74½
Am Smelt R	90	North America	44⅛
Am Sugar pf	110	Penn Seaboard	39
Am Tob pf new	85	Ohio Gas rets	6⅜
Am Type Cable	55	Ohio Fuel Sup	62½
Am T & T 2d pf	99½	Owens Bot	65½
Am Woolen pf	95¾	Pan-Am Pet pf	96
Am Zinc & Lead	13⅝	Pac Tel & Tel	75
Am Zinc & L pf	46	Pere Marquette	12
Asso D G 1st pf	55	Pere Marq pref	58⅝
Asso Oil	73	Phila Co	25⅝
Atl Gulf & W I	112	Phila Co pf	39½
Atl Gulf & W I pf	61½	Phila Co cv pf	50
Atl Rfg & Atl	880	Phila Elec	25⅝
Bald Loco pref	100	Phila Elec pf	86
Balt & Ohio	39½	Phila Rapid Tr	28
Barrett Co	106½	Pressed Stl Car	61½
Beth Stl cv 8s	96	Pressed Stl Car pf	96⅝
Brooklyn R T	19¾	Pullman Palace	175½
Brown Shoe	85	Ry Steel Spg	87
Buffalo Roch	119	Reading	87
Burns Bros	119	Rep Iron & Stl	97½
Butterick	39½	Rep Iron & Stl pf	95
Cal & N W	105½	Royal Dutch	58
Cal & N W pf	70½	Seaboard A L	27
Cal & Hec	20⅞	Seaboard A L pf	66⅝
Chatt-Phdy pf	110	Savage Arms	66⅝
Col Gas & Elec	53½	Saxon Motors	16½
Col & South	37	Sears-Roeb pf	110
Col & So 1st pf	73	Shattuck	24
Col & So 2d pf	42½	Sloss-Sheff	59½
Comm Tab Rec	57	Stand Milling	90
Consol Gas	136	Stand Milling pf	85½
Cont Ins Co	170	Studebaker pf	93
Corn Prod pref	86⅝	Stutz Motor	45½
Cub Cn Sug of	85	St L & S W	20
Deere & Co pf	95	Sup Steel 1st pf	96
D L & W	178	Texas Co rets	199½
Dom Rub Gr	6	Texas & Pac	19½
Detroit Edison	130	Tobac Prod pf	90
Dome Mines	19½	T St L & W	73
Erie 1st pf	39½	T St L & W pf	85
Erie Stor Bat	58½	T St L & W 2d pf	50
Fed M & S pref	78	T St L & W pf rts	18
Gen Chemical	98½	Third Ave	42½
General Cigar	88½	Transue-Wms	40⅛
Gen Cigar pref	98⅝	Twin City R T	92½
Granby Mining	19	Underwd T pf	110
Greene Can Cop	40¼	Un Bag & Pap	77½
Gulf States Stl	95	Un Bag & P new	62
Hartman Corp	33	Union Alloy Stl	40
Haskell & Bark	120	Unit Cigar Stores	102
Havana Elec	101	United Drug	63
Homestake	88	Unit Drug 1st pf	88½
Illinois Cent	93	Unit Drug 2d pf	79
Inter Agricul pf	43	Unit Cigar pf	103
Int Comb Eng	20	United Fruit	127
Int Harv N J	120⅝	United Paper Bd	75½
Int Nickel pref	103	Union Pac pref	87¾
Iowa Central	24½	United Ry Inv	65
Kan City So	17	Unit Ry Inv pf	135
Kan City So pf	40	Unit Rys St L	100⅜
Kelly-Spgfld	46	U S C I P pf	113
Kenn Copper	44¾	U S Cast Iron	44
Lackawa Gas	80	U S Ind Alco pf	99¼
Lee Rub & Tire	138	U S Realty & Imp	134½
Lehigh Valley	75½	U S Rubber	77
Lorillard	185	U S Rubber 1st pf	109
Louis & Nash	114	U S Smelt & R	46
May Dept S pf	102⅜	U S Smelt & R pf	97
Mich Central	79	U S Steel Corp	15
Minn St P & S M	49	Va-Car Chem	71½
Mo Pac pref	51	Va-Car Ch pf	101⅞
Morris & Essex	39	Vul Steel & Coke	65
M K & T	8	Wabash	3
M K & T pref	8	Wabash pref B	5⅝
Nat Acme	20	Warren B R	18½
Nat Biscuit	100	Warren B R pf	53
Nat Biscuit pf	110½	West Pacific	26½
Nat Con & Chl	138	West Md 2d pf	30
Nat Clk & Spl	50	Weber & H	20
Nat Clk & Spl pf	104½	Weathers pf	84½
Nat En & St pf	96	Wheel & L E	10
Mackay Co	75½	Wheel & L E pf	20½
Mackay Co pref	70	White Motors	45
Manhat El	98	Wilson Co pref	68
May Dept Strs	47¼	Willys-Overld pf	81¼
Max Motor	24	Wisconsin Cent	37½
Maxwell Mtrs	23	Woolworth	117
Max Mot 1st pf	67	Worth P & M	41

Paris Bourse Steady

PARIS, March 4.—The Bourse was steady today.

New York Stock Sales

	High	Low	Close	Net chge.
Alaska Gold M	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝	— ⅛
Allis-Chalm Co	25	24⅝	24⅝	— ⅜
Am Beet Sugar	80	79¾	80	— ¼
Am Can	39⅝	39⅜	39⅜	— ⅛
do pref	95	95	95	— ⅛
Am Car & Fdy	76½	75⅝	76½	— ¼
Am Int Corp	54½	54¼	54¼	— ⅛
Am Cot Oil	31½	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅝
Am H & L pf	60	59½	59½	—1½
Am Linseed	32⅜	31⅝	32⅜	— ⅛
do pref	74	73½	74	— ⅛
Am Locs	65⅝	64½	65⅛	— ⅜
Am Malt	10	10	10	— ⅛
do pref	50½	50½	50½	— ⅛
Am Smelt	89½	79⅝	89½	— ⅛
do pref	106½	106¼	106½	— ⅛
Am Sum Tob	91⅝	89½	90½	— ⅛
Am Steel Fdrs	64½	63⅛	64½	— ⅛
Am Sugar	105⅞	104½	105⅜	—1⅜
Am T & T	106⅝	105⅞	105⅞	—1⅜
Am Tobacco	159	159	159	—1
Am Wool	55	54½	55	— ⅛
Am Writ Pa pf	26⅝	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Anaconda	62⅜	61⅞	62⅜	— ⅛
Atchison	84⅝	84⅝	84⅝	— ⅛
do pref	81½	81	81	— ⅛
Atl Gulf & W I	112	109½	112	— ⅛
Baldwin Loco	78⅛	76⅝	76⅞	—1⅝
Balt & Ohio	39⅝	39⅜	39⅜	— ⅛
Batopilas Min	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	— ⅛
Beth Steel	79½	79½	79½	— ⅛
do B	78⅝	77⅞	78⅛	— ⅛
do 8 p c pref	101½	101	101	— ⅛
Butte Cop & Z	10⅛	9⅞	10⅛	— ⅛
But & Sup Cop	19½	19½	19½	—1⅛
Cal Petroleum	16	16	16	
Cal Pet pref	46½	45	45	—1
Canadian Pac	144⅞	142⅝	144⅝	— ⅛
Cen Leather	70⅝	69⅝	70	— ⅝
Cerro de Pasco	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜	— ⅛
Chand Motors	87⅞	84½	87⅞	—1⅝
Ches & Ohio	51⅞	51⅝	51⅝	— ⅛
Chi Gt West	7¼	7¼	7¼	— ⅛
Chi M & St P	40⅛	39⅞	40	
do pref	59½	59¼	59½	— ⅛
Chi & N'lwest	93	92⅝	92⅝	— ⅛
Chi R I & P	20	19⅞	20	— ⅛
Chi P M & Oke	51	53½	53½	—1⅝
do 7s c	61½	61	61	— ⅝
Chino Copper	16	16	16	— ⅛
Chino Con Cop	42⅞	42⅛	42⅝	— ⅛
Col Fuel & Iron	38⅝	38	38	— ⅛
Cont Can	70	70	70	—1
Cora Products	35⅞	34⅝	34⅞	— ⅛
Crucible Steel	62⅛	61⅛	61½	— ⅝
do pref	89	89	89	— ⅝
Cuba Cane Sug	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝	
Del & Hudson	110½	110½	110½	— ½
Den & R G pf	87⅝	87⅛	87⅛	— ⅛
Distillers Secur	39⅝	39½	39⅝	—1⅛
Erie	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	— ⅛
do 1st pref	25	24⅝	24⅝	—1⅛
Gen Williams	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝	— ⅝
Gen Elec Co	139⅞	139	139⅞	— ½
General Motors	112⅝	111⅞	112½	— ⅜
Goodrich R F pf	45	45	45	
Gt Northern pf	91½	91½	91½	— ⅛
do Ore subs	28⅞	28	28⅛	— ⅛
Int Agricul	13	13	13	—1
Inspiration Cop	45⅜	45	45⅜	— ⅛
Interb-Cons C	8⅝	8	8⅝	— ⅛
Int Mer Mar	28⅛	27⅞	28	— ⅛
do pref	97⅜	96½	97	—1⅛
Inter Paper	32½	31⅞	32½	— ⅛
Int Nickel	29	28⅛	28⅞	— ⅛
Kelly-Springfld	16	16	16	— ⅛
Kennecott Cop	32½	32⅛	32⅛	— ⅛
Lack Steel	18⅝	18	18⅝	— ⅛
Manhattan El	98½	98½	98½	— ⅛
Max Motor	29⅛	28½	29⅛	
do 1st pref	60⅛	59	60⅛	— ⅛
Mex Petrol	91½	92½	91	— ⅛
Midvale	44⅝	44⅛	44⅝	— ⅛
Missouri Pac	23½	22⅝	23½	— ⅛
Nat Con & Cab	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞	— ⅛
Nat Enn & St	48⅝	48½	48⅝	— ⅛
Nev Con Cop	19⅞	19⅛	19⅝	— ⅛
N Y Air Brake	123	121	123	—1½
New York Cen	71⅞	71	71	— ⅛
N Y N H & H	28½	28	28	
Norf & West	103	102⅞	102⅞	— ⅛
North Pacific	85	84⅝	85	— ⅛
Ohio Gas	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛	— ⅛
Ontario Silver	6	5⅞	6	
Pacific Mail	29½	29⅛	29½	
Penn R R	45	44⅞	44⅞	— ⅛
Peo Gas & C	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	— ⅛
Pitts & West	27⅞	27	27⅞	— ⅛
Pitts Coal	55½	54½	54⅝	— ⅛
Pierce-Arrow	42⅞	41	42	— ⅛
Ray Con Cop	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
Reading	76⅝	75⅞	76	— ⅛
Rep Iron & Stl	96½	96	96½	— ⅛
Royal Dutch	56½	56	56	
St L S F w i	12⅛	11⅞	11⅞	— ⅛
Sea Air Line	8	8	8	— ⅛
Sears Roebuck	119	119	119	— ⅛
Shelaie Oil	35	35⅜	35½	— ⅛
South Pacific	84⅜	84⅛	84⅜	— ⅛
Southern R R	24	23⅝	23⅝	— ⅛
do pref	58	58	58	— ⅛
Studebaker	49⅜	48⅞	49⅛	— ⅛
Sup Steel	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	— ⅛
Tenn Cop & C	16⅞	16½	16⅝	— ⅛
Texas Co	150	147½	150	— ⅛
Tob Prod	50	49	49⅝	— ⅛
Union Pacific	121⅞	121¼	121⅞	— ⅛
Un Cgr Stores	88¼	86	87⅜	—1
U S Ind Alco	119½	119	119	— ⅛
U S Rubber	57⅞	57	57⅞	— ⅛
U S Smelt & R	45	45	45	— ⅛
U S Steel	90½	89⅝	90⅛	— ⅜
do pref	110	109⅞	110	— ⅛
Utah Copper	80½	79¼	80¼	— ⅝
Wabash pref A	42	42	42	
W Maryland	16	16	16	—1
West Un Tel	90	89½	89½	— ½
West House Mfg	11	11	11	— ⅛
Willys-Overland	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅛

Total sales, 312,600 shares, compared with 265,300 shares Saturday.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Beech Creek Railroad Company, regular quarterly, 50 cents, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.

Manhattan Railway Company, regular quarterly of $1.25 a share, payable April 1 to stock of record March 15.

United Light and Railways Company, regular quarterly of 1½ per cent on preferred and 1 per cent on common, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.

Southern Railway Company (Mobile and Ohio stock trust certificates), regular semi-annual of 2 per cent, payable April 1 to stock of record March 15.

United Light and Railways Company, regular quarterly of 1½ per cent on preferred and 1 per cent on common, both dividends payable April 1 to stock of record March 15.

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, regular quarterly of $1.75 per share on original stock, payable April 2 to stock of record March 15, and $1.75 a share on special guaranteed stock, payable April 1 to stock of record March 11.

American Chicle Company, regular quarterly of 1¾ per cent on preferred, payable April 1 to holders of record March 22.

California Petroleum Company, regular quarterly of 1 per cent on preferred, payable April 1 to stock of record March 14.

Montgomery, Ward & Co., regular quarterly of 1¾ per cent on preferred, payable April 1 to stock of record March 20.

CHANDLER HEADS EXCHANGE

Lee Retains Secretaryship — Matthews on Governing Committee for Year

Philadelphia Stock Exchange members today elected officers to serve for the ensuing year as follows: President, Frederick T. Chandler; secretary and treasurer, Horace H. Lee; chairman, Joseph H. Straub; vice chairman, Samuel T. Dawson.

There were twelve nomination for governing committee, and of these, eight were elected, as follows:

Charles H. Bean, James Carstairs, William D. Grange, George H. Hauberger, Frank C. Matthews, Clarence L. Moyer, William Hastie Smith and Henry D. Wenger.

All the governors are elected for three years except Mr. Matthews, who was chosen for a one-year term.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

LEHIGH VALLEY

	1917	Increase
December gross	$5,882,828	28,028
Net	1,462,912	*466,224
Net oper. income	868,727	435,218
12 months' gross	53,358,443	†498,536
Net	9,468,324	*2,876,653
Net oper. income	6,983,201	*1,146,656

NASHVILLE, CHATTANOOGA AND ST. LOUIS

January gross	$1,193,668	*$9,529
Net	56,061	**202,258

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY

December gross	$10,388,101	$638,986
Net	1,585,372	*2,078,186
Net oper. income	1,333,152	*2,041,185
Twelve mos. gross	122,342,708	13,151,562
Net	32,866,603	*8,932,384
Net oper. income	32,410,080	*8,242,847

NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

January gross	$887,810	*$352,062
Net	302,510	*211,062

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

January gross	$4,212,953	$503,455
Net	1,074,316	*$211,942

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS

January gross	$875,021	$1,462
Net	68,526	*109,332
Total income	101,431	*67,865

TOLEDO, ST. LOUIS AND WESTERN

Third week February	$140,179	$7,684
From January 1	372,768	*127,543

*Decrease.

Morgan & Co. Offer British Bills

NEW YORK, March 4.—J. P. Morgan & Co. this week will offer the usual amount of British treasury ninety-day bills on a 6 per cent basis. This is the same interest rate carried by last week's offerings.

FEW STRONG SPOTS IN CURB TRADING

Market Generally Quiet—Most Issues Fluctuate Within Narrow Range

NEW YORK, March 4.

Trading on the Curb market generally was quiet during the day, with the majority of issues fluctuating within a narrow range. There were some strong spots, in which bullish demonstrations were made and which demanded a fair amount of outside interest.

There was continued accumulation of Aetna Explosives, which, after declining to 8⅝, rose to 9⅜. There was a good demand for the preferred at 53.

Liquidation by room traders caused a heavy tone for a time in Wright-Martin, which sold at 7⅜, but there was evidence of accumulation by strong interests on this decline.

Standard Motors was the strongest of the motor group, advancing from 12¼ to 13¼ on the declaration of the 20 per cent. dividend. United Motor was also strong, moving up from 23½ to 25⅝.

Independent oil stocks were irregular with a couple of the low-priced issues forced into prominence by pool manipulation.

Midwest Refining sold at 102 to 108½ and Houston Oil rose from 47 to 47⅝. Submarine sold at 12⅝.

Mining stocks were generally quiet, with Big Ledge selling at 1⅛ and United Verde at 39.

INDUSTRIALS

	Bid	Ask	Last Sale
Aetna Explosives	9⅛	9⅜	8⅝
Am Brit Mfg	3	7	4½
Am Manufac	3½	3⅝	3⅝
Am Writing Paper	5⅝	6	
Air Reduction	77	80	33
Canadian Car Co	23	25	24
Can Car & Fdy pref	54	58	59
Charcoal Iron	8½	8⅝	8⅝
Chevrolet Motors	119	121	119
Cramp	80	85	
Curtiss Aeroplane	32	32½	32
Carwen Tool	7	9	
Carbon Steel	80	84	
Emerson Phonograph	3½	3⅝	3⅝
Federal Dye		3	
Hendee Mfg	10	25	
Inter-Lube	1	3	
Kathodion Bronze pfd		1	
Lake Torp Boat	3	3½	3
Lehigh Coal Sales	77	82	
Lima Loco	40	50	
Maxim Munitions	⅝	¾	¾
Martin Arms	80	83	80
N Y Shipbuilding	39	42	
N Y Pap Pulp	2½	3½	2¾
Otis Elevator	50	60	
Peerless Motor	13½	16	
Poole Eng	10	60	
Redden Truck		15	
Scripps Booth	10	20	
S S Kresge w i	75	85	78
Standard Motors	12¾	13¼	12½
Steel Alloys	6	7	6¾
Submarine	12½	13	12⅝
Submarine Lead	15½	16	
Todd Shipbuilding	17	18	
Triangle Film	⅜	⅝	⅜
United Profit Sharing	⅛	¼	
U S Steamship	5	5½	5⅜
United Motors	26	26½	25⅝
United Sugar	30	35	
World Film	½	⅝	
Wright-Martin Air	7⅜	7½	7⅜
Zinc Concent	1	2	

STANDARD OIL STOCKS

Illinois	185	190	
Ohio	335	340	335
Prairie Pipe	264	268	
S O California	218	222	228
S O New Jersey	535	540	540½
S O New York	265	270	276

INDEPENDENT OIL STOCKS

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