

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

HEAVY TRADING IN LIBERTY BONDS ON NEW YORK 'CHANGE

Movement Supposed to Be Anticipatory of Coming Offering—Restricted Sales of Railway and Other Securities

High Points in Today's Financial News

Trading on the New York exchange develops an urgent demand for Liberty Bonds. Operations in railway and miscellaneous securities restricted. Foreign exchange dull. Little of interest in the curb market. Cotton and grain sell off. Bar silver higher in New York and London.

New York, March 20.

The most important feature of the trading on the stock exchange today was the development of an urgent demand for the Liberty Bonds. The Liberty 4s, seconds, were traded in on a large scale, advancing from 95.96 at the opening to 96.72, with the 2 1/2s and the 4 1/2s also making substantial gains.

The general impression was that this movement was connected in some way with information about the coming announcement in regard to the third Liberty Loan and was supposed to be anticipatory of that offering.

The announcement made this morning of a formation of a money pool in time money was without influence on the time money market, 9 per cent being firmly bid without any offerings in sight.

This step, which was known of early in the morning, while not effective in causing a relief in the tension in time money, is regarded as a bullish factor, and had much to do with maintaining prices in the general list in the place of renewed bear pressure.

There was special weakness in General Motor, because of the announced intention of that company to issue new preferred stock in opposition to the terms made in the listing agreement that any new issue of preferred stock would be classed as second preferred and that stock dropped 4 points to 117 1/2.

Rending sold early in the day at 8 1/2, and was firm until the directors' meeting adjourned, when the early announcement made was that the regular quarterly dividend had been declared on the common stock.

Nearly all the interest in the bond market was attached to the trading in the Liberty Bond issues, causing restricted trading in the railway and miscellaneous securities.

LOWER PRICES RULE ON THE CURB, MOTORS LEAD DECLINE

Aetna Explosives Inactive—Independent Oils Dull. Mining Stocks Quiet, With Some Interest Attaching to Goldfield

New York, March 20.

Lower prices were made in many issues on the Curb during the day's trading, although business was generally small in volume and the declines reflected more of an indisposition to make new commitments on the long side than any uneasiness over the outlook.

The discussions over General Motor at first had an unfavorable influence in motor stocks, Chevrolet dropping 5 points to 115 and United Motor selling down from 28 to 27 1/2.

Officials of the Curtiss Aeroplane Company denied published reports about delays in filling Government contracts, but in the denial included the statement that the company now has no orders from the Government for war planes.

Submarine Boat was in supply, selling at 12, and Wright-Martin was traded in at 7 1/2 and 7 1/4.

There was only a little business in Aetna Explosives, sales being made at 8 1/2 and 8 3/4.

Independent oil stocks were generally lower, but Midwest Refining was in better demand, advancing to 100.

Mining stocks were quiet, with some interest attached to sales of Goldfield Consolidated at 1/4, a new low record.

New York Stock Sales

Table listing various stock sales with columns for High, Low, and Close prices. Includes entries like Am Beet Sugar, Am Can, Am Car & Fdy, etc.

New York Bond Sales

Table listing various bond sales with columns for High, Low, and Close prices. Includes entries like \$1000 Amer Apr 28, \$1000 do do, etc.

Sales in Philadelphia

Table listing various sales in Philadelphia with columns for High, Low, and Close prices. Includes entries like 1 Am Gas, 10 R O G, 10 R O G, etc.

LOCAL MARKET UNINTERESTING; PRICE CHANGES UNIMPORTANT

Mining Stocks Experience Period of Selling—Rapid Transit Trust Certificates Sell Higher

Trading on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange continued at a slow pace all through the day. Prices were irregular and were confined to fractional advances and declines.

The only feature giving life to the market was a continued selling of the mining issue during a part of the session. Tomahawk Belmont came out to the extent of some 1800 shares, declining 1/4. Tomahawk Mining was less active and remained unchanged at 3 1/4.

Reading stock to its advance of 1/4 on very limited sales. Pennsylvania was up 1/4. Baltimore and Ohio was unchanged and Lehigh Navigation gained 1/4. Philadelphia Rapid Transit trust certificates were sold at an advance of 1/4 of a point, with United Gas Improvement off 1/4.

The annual report of the Electric Storage Battery Company for the year ended December 31, presented at the annual meeting today, shows gross sales, less costs of manufacturing, of \$2,110,560. This compares with \$2,069,577 in 1917, or a gain of \$40,983. The total net income was \$2,477,882, against \$1,582,653 the previous year. Surplus increased \$445,826.

After deducting \$456,000 reserved for Federal taxes from total net income of \$2,021,882, the balance, \$1,565,882, equal to 12 1/2 per cent on \$12,323,363 common stock, was compared with 8 1/2 per cent earned in 1917 and 8 1/2 per cent in 1915.

Directors were re-elected at the meeting. A. D. Stoughton and Robert Cassatt, who were elected during last year to fill vacancies, were also elected for full terms.

DECREASE IN GINNED COTTON Drop of More Than Hundred Thousand Bales in Year's Production

Washington, March 20.—The American cotton crop, as determined by reports of cotton ginned in United States, amounted to 11,221,263 bales, exclusive of linters, against 11,811,145 bales in 1916, the census bureau reports today.

Included were 189,669 round bales (round bales count as half bales), 92,251 bales of Sea Island cotton. The average gross weight of the bales for 1917 was 502.41 pounds, against 503.8 in 1916. Expressed in equivalent 500-pound bales, the 1917 crop was 11,225,990 bales, against 11,811,145 in 1916.

Cotton estimated by ginner as remaining to be ginned and included in the 1917 statistics amounted to 184,000 bales.

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CONTINENTAL-EQUITABLE TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY

Twelfth Street Above Chestnut Philadelphia \$1,000,000 Capital \$1,000,000 Surplus

Local Bid and Asked

Table listing local bid and asked prices for various securities. Includes entries like Amer Gas, 10 R O G, 10 R O G, etc.

INACTIVE PHILA. STOCKS

Following are quotations for inactive stocks listed on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and in which there were no transactions today. The price given is the last previous close.

Foreign Exchange

New York, March 20.—The foreign exchange market was extremely inactive in the early trading today. Neutral exchange continued firm and francs appeared to have a slightly better undertone. There was little feature otherwise.

BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearing today compared with corresponding day last year: 1918 Philadelphia \$59,092,001 1917 \$58,900,339 New York \$24,907,873 1917 \$24,781,360

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DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Kansas City Southern Railway Company, regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on preferred, payable April 1 to stock of record March 25.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

ESTATE OF HANNAH LONGSTRETH CARPENTER, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the executor, JAMES W. CLARKE, TRUST COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, at the office of the executor, 409 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.

DIRECTORY OF ACCOUNTANTS

Certified Public Accountants LAWRENCE E. BROWN & CO. 1815 REAL ESTATE TRUST BLDG. INVESTIGATING AND SHIP CORPORAION & DISPUTED ACCOUNTS

Short-Term Notes

Table listing short-term notes with columns for Rate, Date, Bid, and Ask prices. Includes entries like Amer Col Oil, Am T & S, etc.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

Table listing railroad earnings for various lines. Includes entries like Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Detroit, Toledo and Ironport, etc.

MINING STOCKS

Table listing mining stocks with columns for High, Low, and Close prices. Includes entries like Alaska Standard, Big Ledge, etc.

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

New York, March 20.—There was an irregular opening in the coffee market this morning, with September showing a decline of 2 points. Other months are unchanged at an advance of 3 points. Trading on the call was quiet.

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