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MARKET DISPLAYED AN UPWARD TREND. Rails and Oils Held Leadership, but Improvement Was Progressive. New York, Oct. 20.—In so far as prices were concerned, today's stock market was a big improvement in comparison with the immediately preceding sessions.

There was no essential change in the money situation and while the supply of demand funds was evidently more plentiful the renewal rate was maintained at 7 per cent. The foreign exchange market also became firmer after early softness, which was accepted as reliable signs of a turn for the better in the English labor crisis.

The public utility group continued to be the primary attention in the local market. The street evidently had not yet made up its mind as to the effects of the Rapid Transit fare increase and the majority were still awaiting Mr. Mitten's views on the subject.

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET. New York, Oct. 20.—The market for coffee futures opened unchanged, with little future to the early dealings. The cables were fairly steady, and while there was a slight upward movement of coffee on offer from trade resources, there was sufficient demand to absorb it.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS. Table listing various stocks including Kennebec Copper, Lackawanna Steel, and others with prices and changes.

Community Markets. COTTON MARKET. New York, Oct. 20.—In sympathy with firm and much higher cables, the cotton market opened stronger today.

GRAIN MARKET. Chicago, Oct. 20.—Scattered covering, induced by the opening of the Federal inquiry here into the price of the grain, caused a firm undertone in the wheat market here at the start this morning.

Philadelphia Stocks. 255 Am. St. Ry., 25 1/2; 257 Am. St. Ry., 25 1/2; 259 Am. St. Ry., 25 1/2.

LIVESTOCK QUOTATIONS. Chicago, Oct. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,000 head. Market steady, but a few choice steers to the south.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED. National Biscuit, quarterly of 1¢ per cent on common, payable January 15 to holders of record December 31.

BANK CLEARINGS. Bank clearings today compared with corresponding dates 1920 and 1919. Total 1920, \$1,100,000,000; 1919, \$1,000,000,000.

CARBIDS WITHOUT VIGOR OR BREATH. Carib Syndicate Only Active Issue—White Oil in Fair Demand. New York, Oct. 20.—The market on the Broad Street curb was strong enough to give moderate satisfaction to those who are always committed to the long side.

INDEPENDENT OILS. Allied Oil, 21; Boston Wagon, 21; Carbide, 17; Elk Basin Pet, 21; Englewood Pet, 21; Hilliard Oil, 21; Interpetrol, 21; Landon Oil, 21; National Oil, 21; Royal Dutch, 21; Shell, 21; Standard Oil, 21; Texas Co., 21; Union Oil, 21; Wagon Oil, 21.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE. New York, Oct. 20.—Foreign exchange was irregular at the opening this morning with the tone generally firmer. While sterling showed a fractional recession, the continentals were improved.

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