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GOSSIP OF THE STREET

Even some of the shrewdest traders, apparently, are finding it a difficult task to make money out of the current market. At least this was suggested yesterday in the remarks of two prominent Canadian traders who dropped in town on their way home from a short vacation at one of the popular Florida resorts.

"To illustrate my point," he said, "to my own knowledge, I know a number of active operators in the Provinces who have been short of Steel for some time and had little opportunity of selling in making of a profit. To the contrary, they have paid two dividends and up until selling 'ex-dividend' yesterday, Steel had not had a spread on any day many years of experience. I never encountered a market that was more difficult to prognosticate. No matter what side you espouse you run the chance, no less than twenty-five cents, of being sandwiched and that is something quite distasteful to any active trader, as it tends to muddy his vision."

Market in February James A. Favre, of Horablowet & Weeks, whose market deductions are always read with considerable interest, commenting upon the current market situation pointed out that February ended with the industrial list down a cent and a half and the rail list down slightly more than two points, as a result of the month's fluctuations. Yet, he says, no less than twenty-five stocks made new lows for the year during the month, with some issues going lower than December.

Continuing, he says: "It is an unbalanced condition that the list is in, but it is a correct reflection of the unbalanced and spotty conditions of general business. It continues to be a market which declines in sections rather than in general, and we would be surprised if, before its fundamental character changes into a bull market, those groups which have been free from reaction do not feel the effect of traders selling. But at such a time stocks which have recently been especially weak will probably be advancing which is why we would continue the policy of buying selected issues as they make an approach to December lows."

Epidemic of Dividend Omissions Real causes for many of the unexplainable declines in a number of the industrial stocks in the closing months of 1920 are furnished in the unpleasant announcements made almost each day of the reduction or the passing of dividends by this and that company. Compared with a year ago, the list of dividend payers looks like a target which has been shot to pieces by marketmen.

The two latest additions to the list of those concerns finding it inconvenient to make their distribution to shareholders are Columbia Graphophone and the Kennicott Copper Company, with which most every one is now familiar, made this radical action imperative. It should have caused little surprise, in that similar the dividend had been clearly foreshadowed by the recent persistent decline in both issues. Omission and reduction of dividends has become a little shadow of an epidemic, and it furnishes a striking testimony of the strained credit situation and the widespread character of the business depression.

Measured by the current policy of continuing the reduction of the ability of many corporations to obtain much needed funds, except at prohibitive rates of interest, would seemingly indicate a further lengthening of the list of non-dividend payers or radical reduction of existing rates.

The Railroad Payroll Based on statistics prepared by the Interstate Commerce Commission and made public February 18, the Bureau of Railway Economics estimate that the payroll of the railroads for 1920 was approximately \$2,100,000,000. This figure represents an increase of \$1,870,517,888 over the railroad payroll of \$1,739,482,142 in 1917, the year before complete operating resumption of the railroads.

The Interstate Commerce Commission figures did not include last year's wage award, which was made retroactive to May 1. Adding this increase \$141,700,000 for two-thirds of the year, and balancing the reduction of forces toward the end of the year against increases during the summer produces the total 1920 calculations by the Bureau of Railway Economics for the third quarter of 1920, combined with the Interstate Commerce Commission's returns for the first two quarters, indicate that the total compensation of railway employees up to October 1 was \$2,750,000,000. Adding to this \$800,000,000 for the fourth quarter (allowance being made for decrease in number of employees) a total wage bill even larger than the amount stated above is indicated.

The wage increase of \$625,000,000, effective for a full year, would put the railroad payroll on a basis of \$3,375,000,000 per annum. On this basis the 1921 payrolls of the railroads will represent an increase over 1917 of \$2,078,517,888.

Sensational Drops Completed In summarizing the business situation, the Franklin National Bank in the March issue of Digest of Trade Conditions says: "For the last several weeks many of the important manufacturing plants of the country have been closed entirely and most of those in operation have been running at a small percentage of capacity. During the same period sales of wholesale have been in reasonable volume and at retail have been almost normal for the season. This situation seems to have created a belief that the production of new goods has been virtually completed. While many raw materials have probably reached the bottom in price and in volume of movement and while prices and volume at wholesale have already gone through a heavy readjustment and prices and volume at retail have experienced some readjustment, there is little evidence to support the idea that readjustment is behind us. The sensational drops have, it is hoped, been completed, but a further shrinkage in total volume of business and in the average price of all commodities would seem to be inevitable."

THE TRADER.

WILLS \$75,000 TO CHARITY

Good Shepherd Home of Allentown Gets Kuehn Estate After Widow Dies Allentown, Pa., March 1.—The Good Shepherd Home, an Allentown institution, organized some years ago for the care of old people and crippled and orphan children, will receive the bulk of the estate of the late David Kuehn, a retired truck farmer of this city, who died nearly two years ago. He left cash and property amounting to more than \$75,000, and most of this will go, upon the death of his widow, who is now eighty-six years of age, to the home. Various sums ranging from \$500 to \$25,000, and aggregating about \$21,000, are bequeathed to fourteen relatives and friends of Kuehn, but only as life estates; the principal to go to the Good Shepherd Home as rapidly as the legatees die off.

New York Bonds

Table listing various New York Bonds with columns for Bond Name, Price, and Yield.

HUMANISMS

Inner Lights on Lives and Whims of Personages in the Public Eye

By WILLIAM ATHERTON DUPY Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, daughter and biographer of Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," probably the most inspired piece of writing that any American woman has produced, told a group of newspaper women in Washington the other day that the sum total of returns from it was \$5.

Mrs. Elliott remarked on the fact that newspaper references to people of sixty usually styled them "aged." She said she had asked many editors why this was a fact. The explanation was that the news is usually written by youngsters between eighteen and twenty-two. To them a person of sixty is aged. How much more charitable it would be, she said, if writers would substitute "elderly" for "aged," "middle-aged" for "elderly," "young" for "middle-aged." It would spare the feelings of those who watch with trepidation the running of the sands through the hourglass of life.

Attorney General Palmer was being grilled by Representative McLaughlin when he appeared before the appropriations committee in defense of some action by the administration. He defended his position and refused to admit anything.

When Mr. Coolidge comes to Washington and begins looking around he will find that there are very few newspapers attached to the office of Vice President. There is, for instance, no mileage allowance. The appropriation for his office gives him \$4000 a year for a secretary, \$1000 a year for a clerk, \$600 a year for a page, and \$1500 a year for a telegraph operator. This latter post is the most peculiar piece of patronage that falls to his lot. He has no use for a telegraph operator. The man who holds the post never sends a message. The post was created in that era when there were telegraph lines, but no telephone wires. Communication between the Capitol and the government departments was by telegraph.

DOUBTING LOMAS CONVINCED

\$25 and Costs Prove Reality of Aerial Taxicab Service New York, March 2.—Somebody told C. A. Lomas, a lawyer, it was possible to hire an aerial taxicab. He didn't believe it, and telephoned a company engaged in that service, convinced he could prove the information given him to be a myth. The company sent a plane to a Hudson river pier, but the passenger did not appear.

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The Market Outlook A gradual improvement in general market conditions is outlined in the latest issue of the Investor's Review. A financial summary is also given on U. S. Steel Pure Oil Pierce Arrow American Ice Bethlehem Steel Endicott Johnson

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