

NEW YORK BONDS

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GOSSIP OF THE STREET

Commenting on the revived active trading in the rail division yesterday, a downtown broker said "that probably never has there existed in the annals of the market for securities such an ideal situation for profitable speculation on the long side of the railroad stocks. Conditions in 1896, after the election of Mr. McKinley, were most favorable, but in those days there was a period of uncertainty ahead owing to the light over the gold standard not having been eliminated, nor was the wealth of America at all comparable with that of the present day."

Strengthened the Market Position

The speculative situation had apparently passed entirely out of bearing influence during the course of yesterday's trading, and last night no one seemed to attach any importance to the factors that had been brought forward as a basis for aggressive drives on the market on Saturday and Monday. There were few who seemed to believe that weakness prevailed on those two days when selling was in progress, but those fully informed about the character of the trading were positive in the statements that the bulk of the offerings on those two days was for short account and that the result was a decrease in the underlying strength which had been the chief factor of the market ever since the beginning of last September.

Royal Dutch Movement

Transactions in Royal Dutch recently have been of an interesting character, that stock being in supply at 53 1/2 and 53 1/2, but in demand when the price advanced to 54 1/2, with the trading generally of a character to indicate accumulation by strong interests. It was thought that these market operations were in connection with the belief that the Dutch Government will soon take action in the discriminatory taxes against oil production and distribution.

Steel Companies Gaining Ground

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February Railroad Earnings Large

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Business Developments Conflicting

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during recent weeks many contracts have been let. In fact, actual construction is under way in numerous instances. About one-half of the permits issued are for dwellings and repairs and alterations, and there is no doubt that the home building movement will be brisk. Building material manufacturers who last month reported an increasing number of inquiries, have received fair-sized orders, and the demand is steadily improving. Stocks are not large for this time of the year, but manufacturers are able to fill all orders."

Financial Briefs

The Bank of England's minimum discount rate remains unchanged at 4 1/2 per cent. The average price of the twenty active industrial stocks advanced 0.70 per cent yesterday to 177.45, while the twenty railroads advanced 1.01 per cent to 80.10. Bullion Government officials are reported to have arranged with a group of New York bankers to sell an issue of \$24,000,000 7 per cent bonds. The public offering of the new bonds will probably occur in a few days. The reorganization managers of the Ray Hercules Copper Company have declared operative the plan of reorganization, to take effect April 5. Deposits of stock will be received up to that date.

Western Union Telegraph Company

The Western Union Telegraph Company has issued its annual report for the year ended December 31, showing a balance of \$9,833,803 after charges, depreciation and taxes, equivalent to \$9.05 a share earned on the \$90,746,327 outstanding capital stock. The company's total assets were \$178,752,722, or \$12.81 a share in the previous year. Arrangements have been completed for a British loan to Czechoslovakia of \$10,000,000. Bonds will be offered at 92 with an 8 per cent coupon and will be redeemable at end of twenty-five years. It is expected that part of loan will be placed in New York. This is the first time that England has extended to Czechoslovakia since the war.

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Canadian General Electric Company, Limited. \$5,000,000. Twenty-Year Gold Debentures, 6% Series A. To be dated April 1, 1922. To mature April 1, 1942. Presently to be issued, 6% Series A, \$5,000,000 Interest payable April 1 and October 1. Principal and interest payable at Guaranty Trust Company of New York in United States gold coin or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, without deduction for any tax or taxes levied by the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any taxing authority thereof or therein. Coupon Debentures in denomination of \$1,000, registerable as to principal only. Redeemable at the option of the Company, as a whole or in principal amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 at any one time, on any interest date on 60 days' notice, at 107 1/2% to and including April 1, 1932; at 105% thereafter and including April 1, 1937; at 104% thereafter to and including April 1, 1938; at 103% thereafter to and including April 1, 1939; at 102% thereafter to and including April 1, 1940; at 101% thereafter prior to maturity. Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee. A letter from Mr. A. E. Dymont, President of the Company, copy of which will be furnished upon request, is summarized as follows: BUSINESS AND PROPERTY. EARNINGS. The Company's earnings for the ten years ended December 31, 1921, have been as follows: Year Ended Dec. 31, Net Profits, Depreciation, Balance for Interest, Etc. 1912 \$2,011,720 \$456,358 \$1,555,362 1913 2,029,898 470,934 1,558,964 1914 1,914,528 470,934 1,443,594 1915 1,219,514 416,223 803,291 1916 2,225,912 1,040,491 1,185,421 1917 2,051,600 918,012 1,133,588 1918 2,013,996 577,513 1,436,483 1919 1,617,989 524,668 1,093,321 1920 2,213,731 530,742 1,682,989 1921 1,707,339 401,831 1,305,508

Guaranty Company of New York. 421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. 101 and interest, to yield over 5.90%. When, as and if issued and received by us, subject to authorization of shareholders and to approval of counsel. All legal matters will be passed upon by Messrs. Stetson, Jennings & Russell, of New York, and Messrs. Coker, Hoekin & Harcourt, of Toronto. It is expected that Trust Receipts of Guaranty Trust Company of New York will be ready for delivery on or about April 29, 1922.

City of Charleston, South Carolina. Direct Obligation 4 1/2% Bonds. Dated January 1, 1922. Optional January 1, 1942. Due January 1, 1962. Coupon Bonds in Denominations of \$1000. Registerable as to principal only, or as to both principal and interest. Principal and semi-annual interest (January 1st and July 1st) payable at Bankers Trust Company, New York or Charleston, South Carolina, at the option of the holder. Exempt from all Federal Income Taxes and Tax free in South Carolina. CHARLESTON, the county seat of Charleston County, is the largest city in the State and had a population according to the 1920 census of 67,957. Charleston is the home of many important industries among which are the Standard Oil Company and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, and by reason of its favorable harbor it is on a parity with the North Atlantic ports. The city is furnished with excellent rail transportation facilities by the Southern, Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroads. THESE BONDS, issued to purchase, maintain, improve and operate Port Utilities, and authorized at an election, are a direct obligation of the City of Charleston and are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property therein. Price 99 1/4 and accrued interest. Subject to Legal Opinion of John C. Thomson, Esq., Attorney, New York City.

Bankers Trust Company. William R. Compton Co. E. H. Rollins & Sons. Stacy & Braun. Philadelphians. The above information while not guaranteed has been obtained from sources which we believe to be accurate.

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