



MARKET FAILED TO HOLD THE RALLIES

Brief Display of Strength at Start Succeeded by Gradual Crumbling Prices

New York, Nov. 17.—As in most of the preceding sessions the action of today's stock market was governed to a large extent by conditions within itself, covering of the short interest lent a stabilizing influence and in the first part of the day resulted in fairly substantial recoveries. The rallying power of the market, however, was far from being impressive, as it was clearly demonstrated, apart from the requirements of the short interest, the buying demand was extremely feeble.

Financial institutions, with some exceptions, and resumption of payments in others, supplied a good part of the morning news. Other constructive events, however, are to be found in the foreign advices and in some of the domestic developments. All had little influence toward changing the existing temper of speculation. Bad news seldom cuts much figure in a fully dedicated bull market, so good news has much more influence.

A lower money rate with loans opening and renewing into next week at 4½ per cent., followed by a subsequent reduction to 4 per cent., was accepted in some quarters as indicating material improvement in the loan situation. According to the Street reports some of the banking institutions which had been calling loans during the earlier part of the week were among those making the more liberal offerings this morning. This was altogether possible, because calling of loans was influenced more because of the ever-expanded position of the pools and less acceptable character of the collateral. Regardless of any theory it was quite apparent early money also had lost force as market stimulator after the reduction of the call rate the market showed fresh signs of slipping off again.

While the list in general exhibited a fairly good tone during the morning, the volumes of buying orders was considerably lessened when selling was resumed in a large number of stocks. These offerings were mostly confined to medium-sized shares, and in some of the popular issues, notably Bethlehem B, Lackawanna Steel, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Mexico Petroleum and Pacific Oil were pressed on the market with resultant losses of 1 to 2 points. Fisher Body and Du Pont each canceled their early 4-point gains.

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GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Wheat developed an unexpected rally during the early dealings, commission house buying of all grain being the chief factor. The basis for this buying was found largely in reports from Omaha that all offers of corn and oats to the West were accepted over night at the highest prices yet this season. An advance in Liverpool wheat quotations counted also as a fresh influence.

The market, which ranged from 14½ to 20½ cents, with December \$1.10 to \$1.19½, and May \$1.16½ to \$1.16½, was followed by moderate gains all around.

Profit-taking sales in the corn market were readily absorbed. After opening unchanged to 4½¢ off, December 7½ to 7¾¢, scores a general advance.

Oats started a slight lower to 14½, higher, December 43½¢ to 43½¢, and then climbed with corn.

Provisions were inclined to sag in the absence of any special demand.

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Dec. 21... 21 21 21

May 26... 76 76 76

Wheat—

Dec. 11... 11 11 11

May 26... 11 11 11

Oats—

Dec. 11... 45 45 45

May 26... 45 45 45

Rye—

Dec. 11... 88 88 88

Barley—

Dec. 11... 88 88 88

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 17.—The cotton market did better this morning, opening up 3 to 2½ points, following improvement in Liverpool. Trade was inactive.

In addition to heavy buying covering, there was Japanese buying, and commission house and trade support.

Prices, after the opening, ran off about 15 points, but rallied and recovered half the loss, then became irregular.

The South and New Orleans were leading sellers, while

General Asphalt, 43½¢, and

General Cigar, 42¢, were firm.

Gen Cigar deb pf, 40½¢,

Gen Electric, 15½¢,

Gen Elec special pf, 15½¢,

General Motors deb pf, 62½¢,

Gen Motors deb pf, 57½¢,

Gimbels Bros., 56¢,

Goodrich B. & F., 52¢,

Goodrich B. & F. deb pf, 52¢,

Goodrich B. & F. pf, 5