FIGURES THE SAME.

Practically No Change in the American Pig Iron Market.

THE SITUATION IN STEEL RAILS.

Prices Across the Ocean Have Advanced All Along the Line.

SOME EXCITEMENT IN TIN PLATES

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, August 27.—The *Iron Age* of this date quotes the American metal market as follows:

American Pig—The majority of sellers report a very quiet market, with no transactions of any magnitude. No. 1 foundry is claimed to be in very short supply by all representatives of Southern stacks. Prices remain unchanged at $17@18 for No. 1, and $16 00@16 50 for No. 2 foundry, good Northern brands, while Southern iron are selling at $17 00@17 25 for No. 1, $16 00@16 25 for No. 2, and $15 00@15 25 for No. 3. Southern car wheel iron is quoted $20 50@21 00 for Nos. 3, 4 and 5, and $19 50@20 00 for Nos. 1 and 2 delivered.

Spiegeleisen and Ferro Manganese—Practically nothing has been done in spiegel, which we quote nominally $30 00@30 50 for German, 20 per cent. In ferro there has been some business for delivery during the balance of the year, at $70 50@71 00, which we quote.

Steel Billets—There is nothing doing in forge billets, which are nominally quotable at $32 75@33 00. Billets are reported to be scarce in the West, and are certainly so in the East. It is reported that in a quiet way considerable business has been done direct by Eastern mills, where quotations range from $32 50@34 00.

Wire Rods—Very little is doing in foreign rods, which are quoted at $43 50@44 00, ex-ship, buyers taking the risk of duty. It is reported that Eastern mills are doing a moderate trade on the basis of $43 00@43 50 at seller's mill.

Steel Rails—The largest sale reported by Eastern mills is a lot of 5,000 tons. They is quite a run of fair sized orders for early delivery, one mill having in hand negotiations of this character footing up to 20,000 tons. Little winter work is in the market. We continue to quote $30 50@31 00 at Eastern mills.

Old Rails—Buyers and sellers are apart, and the supply is limited. No transactions of any consequence are reported.

Fastenings—Spike makers are holding out for more money, on the ground that raw material is costing more. We quote delivered: Spikes $2@2 10; fish plates, $1 85@1 90, and bolts and nuts, $2 90@3 15.

CARS ARE STILL SCARCE.

Coke Continues to Accumulate in the Yards —Shipments Slightly Increased—No Labor Troubles—Few Ovens Idle.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SCOTTDALE, August 28.—The condition of the coke market is practically the same as last week. Shipments increased, but the advance, although not great, was not what it would have been had transportation facilities been better. Coke is accumulating in the yards of some of the plants to a considerable extent. Orders are quite plentiful and prices firm. That the deficiency in car supply is detrimental to trade is making itself fully manifest. An operator thus describes the situation: "The coke trade can be fittingly described as unsteady, though the demand is very active. The poor car supply is the barrier to its success. Cars are nearly as scarce now as a few months ago when a number of individual cars were constructed for the service of the larger companies."

The cars are short on the Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Pemlickey roads. The direct causes of the scarcity cannot be ascertained, but the present railroad difficulties at New York and Chicago may be at the back of it. Many places will be forced to restrict production if relief is not soon forthcoming. The works are still operating five and six days. The McClure, Stewart, Percy, Taylor, Southwest and Rainey companies are still operating six days.

The idle list of ovens numbers about 2,300. It is understood that the Oliver Coke Company, of Pittsburg, will erect 300 ovens in the region on the Thaw estate. Stark Brothers, contractors, are pushing the work of constructing 350 new ovens at Hecla No. 2. The same Leisenring plants of 1,000 ovens are still out of operation. The Uniondale plant of 72 ovens is out of blast. It will be fired next week.

The coke works will all be idle next Monday to enable employes to observe Labor Day.

There is no trouble reported in labor circles. The Valley and Tiptop plants are in full operation. Shipments last week averaged about 1,124 cars per day, as compared with 1,062 cars per day of the previous week, or a total increase of 240 cars. The shipments were distributed to the points of consumption as follows: To points west of Pittsburg, 4,000 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 1,500 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,225 cars; total, 6,725 cars. This was the record of the preceding week: To points west of Pittsburg, 3,600 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 1,300 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,575 cars; total, 6,475 cars. Prices for coke are as follows: Furnace coke, $2 15; foundry, $2 45; crushed, $2 65. Freight rates are as follows:

To Pittsburg	$0 70
To Mahoning and Shenango Valleys	1 36
To Cleveland	1 70
To Buffalo, N. Y	2 25
To Detroit, Mich	2 35
To Cincinnati, O	2 35
To Louisville, Ky	3 20
To Chicago, Ill	2 75
To Milwaukee, Wis	2 85
To St. Louis, Mo	3 50
To East St. Louis	3 20
To Baltimore	2 17
To Boston	4 00

This will make prices at these points of consumption as follows:

Point.	Furnace.	Foundry.	Crushed.
Pittsburg	$2 85	$3 15	$3 35
Lake S. Valleys	3 55	3 85	4 05
Cleveland	3 90	4 20	4 40
Buffalo	4 40	4 70	4 90
Detroit	4 50	4 80	5 00
Cincinnati	4 80	5 10	5 30
Louisville	5 35	5 65	5 85
Chicago	4 90	5 20	5 40
Milwaukee	5 00	5 30	5 50
St. Louis	5 50	5 80	6 00
East St. Louis	5 35	5 65	5 85
Baltimore	4 32	4 62	4 82
Boston	6 15	6 45	6 65

METAL MARKETS GENERALLY.

The Tin Plate Situation is Decidedly a Complicated One.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, August 28.—The *Iron Age* today quotes the foreign metal markets as follows, from London. Operations in pig iron warrants have continued on a large scale, and prices advanced further all along the line, Scotch going to 50s 3 d, Cleveland to 47s 6d, and Hematites to 57s 10d. At the close Tuesday there was a reaction to 49s 11d for Scotch, and 47s for Cleveland. On Wednesday's market the latter sold at 48s 10½d@47s, Scotch at 49s 10d@50s, and Hematites at 58s 6d. Operators on the "bear" side have covered up a large line of "short" accounts to which fact is partly due the rise in prices, but labor agitation by furnacemen in the interest of increase in wages has stimulated outside buyers to some extent. The bulk of stock is held by strong outsiders, who have operated freely of late and express confidence in still higher values. Greater activity has been manifested the past week than for some time previous in all iron centers, and prices are decidedly firmer throughout. Welsh steel workers are now asking for 10 per cent advance in wages. Prices for steel ship plates have been advanced to £6 10s, in North of England. Rails are very firm, wire rods the same, but billets and slabs are rather irregular. Masters' prices for nearly all varieties of pig iron are higher with the advance in warrants.

Block tin for prompt delivery had advanced to £97 17s 6d for prompt delivery, and the demand has been brisk. Shortness of supplies is chiefly instrumental in forcing prices up. Stocks here are very low at the present time and any lessening of arrivals from the straits would cause a rapid rise in prices. Copper is strong with business in merchant bar prompts at as high as £60 5s. The market receives strong support from the principal operators, and some holders who sold freely at £60 early in the week are now standing aloof. Consumption continues good despite the high prices ruling. The tinplate market is excited, and makers and buyers are still wide apart on prices. The demand is large. Steel cokes have touched 15s on actual sale, and the tendency of makers is to hold for a further advance owing to the upward tendency of the iron and pig tin markets.

American Manufacturer's Cable Quotations.]

Scotch Pig—This market is still holding firm, with business good and prices advancing.

No. 1 Coltness	64s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Summerlee	62s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
Gartsherrie	61s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Langloan	63s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Carnbroe	52s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Shotts	63s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Glengarnock	60s.	6d.	at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Dalmellington	53s.	0d.	at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Eglinton	52s.	0d.	at Ardrossan.

Bessemer Pig—The market is firm and the demand has improved. West Coast brands Nos. 1, 2, 3, quoted at 58s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Middlesbrough Pig—The market is active, with prices somewhat irregular but strong. Makers quote 47s. 3d. for No. 3, free on board for g. m. b.

Spiegeleisen—The demand continues good, and prices are firm. English 20 per cent quoted at 100s. f. o. b. at works.

Steel Wire Rods—The demand is fair and the market is holding firmly. Mild steel, No. 6, quoted at £8 12s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping port.

LESS ACTIVITY IN STEEL RAILS.

Steel Rails—While the market holds firm business is less active. Heavy sections quoted at £5 5s. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Blooms—This market is dull, and prices are rather weak Bessemer 7x7 quoted £4 15s, f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Billets—With a steady market trade is fair. Bessemer (size 2¾x2¾) quoted at £5 f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Slabs—Prices show a weaker tendency, and the market is dull. Ordinary sizes quoted at £4 17s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Crop Ends—The demand is only moderate, but the market holds steady. Run of the mill quoted at £2 17s. 6d@£3 0s. f. o. b. shipping point.

Old Iron Rails—The market is steady, with trade fair. Tees quoted at £3 5s. and double heads at £3 7s. 6d. f. o. b.

Scrap Iron—A fair trade is doing and the market is steady. Heavy wrought quoted at £2 7s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping points.

Manufactured Iron—The demand is improving and market holds firm.

Stafford, ord. marked bars.

(f. o. b. L'pool)	£ 0 0s 0d@	9 0s 0d
" common bars	7 2s 6d@	7 5s 0d
" black sheet singles	7 15s 0d@	7 17s 6d
Welsh bars, f. o. b. Wales	0 0s 0d@	6 7s 6d

Steamer Freights—Glasgow to New York, 2s. 6d. Liverpool to New York, 10s. 0d.

TIN, COPPER AND LEAD.

Pig Tin—Market active and prices are advancing. Straits quoted at £97 17s. 6d. for spot; futures (3 months), £98 10s.

Copper—The volume of business is large and prices are well sustained. Chili bars quoted £60 5s. for spot, £60 1 s. 6d. for future delivery. Best selected English, £66.

Lead—Market firm on a good demand. Soft Spanish quoted at £12 17s. 6 d.

Spelter—The demand is fair and market firm. Ordinary Silesian quoted at £24 2s. 6d.

Tin Plate—Is quite active and prices are holding strong.

I. C. charcoal, Allaway grade.

f. o. b. Liverpool	16s.	6d.	@16s. 9d.
Bessemer steel, coke finish	15s.	0d.	@15s. 3d.
Siemens steel, coke finish	15s.	3d.	@15s. 6d.
B. V. grade coke, 14x20	00s.	0d.	@15s. 0d.
Dean grade ternes	14s.	3d.	@14s. 6d.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

Business and Bustle on the Levees—A Good Stage of Water Expected for Some Time to Come—Scarcity of Deckhands—Arrivals and Departures.

A stranger would suppose that the river was the only medium through which Pittsburg relied upon to conduct her business with the outer world if he happened along the wharf yesterday. Freight for the four packet boats covered the whole wharf. As one riverman said: "To look at this, it appears that the railroads are not in the scramble at all for river freight." Indeed business was almost as heavy as on the previous day, when all the towboats were out, and the hustle and bustle was all occasioned by the four packet boats.

The worst of the freshet of Wednesday seems to be over, the Monongahela having dropped steadily from 2 P. M. Tuesday until 8 A. M. yesterday. Its progress downward was not stayed until it had touched 5.2, and from that point it rose to 8.9 throughout the rest of the afternoon. At 6 P. M. 9 feet was reported in the Ohio. Some few coal operators are almost confident that the present water will remain for the rest of the season.

Three or four towboats had to remain behind on account of the scarcity of deck hands. They were successful in securing half crews, and went out in the afternoon.

Arrivals—Princess, from New Cumberland: Mat Allan, from Parkersburg; Germania, from Morgantown; Jas. G. Blaine, from Brownsville; Elizabeth, from Elizabethtown; Ed Roberts, from the Kanawha, with empties. Departed—Mat Allan, for Wheeling and Parkersburg; Germania, for Brownsville; James G. Blaine, for Morgantown; Elizabeth, for Elizabethtown; Ed Roberts, Sam Brown, Alex. Swift, James A. Blackmore, Charles Jutte and Dauntless, all for Cincinnati and Louisville.

Leaving to-day, 9:30 A.M., for Brownsville and intermediate landings, Adam Jacobs; 3 P. M., for Brownsville and Morgantown, Jas. G. Blaine; for Wheeling and Parkersburg, H. K. Bedford; for Elizabethtown, Elizabeth.

The Pittsburg and Cincinnati Packet Company will start their line of boats to-morrow, instead of Monday. The C. W. Batchelor will leave at 4 P. M. for Cincinnati and all way landings.

Driftwood.

THE H. K. Bedford is due from Parkersburg this morning.

THE Charles Jutte passed out with five boats for Cincinnati.

FIVE boats containing 100,000 bushels of coal taken to Cincinnati by the Dauntless yesterday.

THE Charles Brown passed Marietta yesterday morning en route to Pittsburg with empties in tow.

MARSH MCDONALD shipped 130,000 bushels of coal to Cincinnati and Louisville yesterday with the James A. Blackmore.

THE George Shiras got enough deckhands and went down yesterday morning with 100,000 bushels of coal for New Orleans.

CAPTAIN J. A. HENDERSON arrived from Cincinnati last night prepared to go in and make matters hum about the wharf.

THE Ed. Roberts got in from the Kanawah with empties and left in the afternoon with 130,000 bushels of coal for Louisville.

THE Joseph Nixon righted yesterday and now stands in the same position as when she sank. An effort will be made to float her next week.

COAL prices took a tumble at Cincinnati within the past few days. The decline is thought to be only temporary. Operators say it will react next week.

ONE of the prettiest little towboats seen here this summer was the Princess, which came up from New Cumberland with empties and went to the upper pool for a tow. She was engaged in towing firebrick at New Cumberland during the dull season.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—About 1,700 coal miners are striking at Mons.

—Of seven strikes in Ashland, Wis., six were won by the men.

—An American syndicate is buying sugar lands in Mexico.

—London Liberals propose to banquet the Armenian exiles.

—Farwell may decline another term as Senator from Illinois.

—Much pine wood from Mexican ports is shipped to this country.

—The Pope is worried over the steady diminution of "Peter's pence."

—One convict at Kingston, Ontario, fatally stabbed another with a pair of scissors.

—Twenly passengers were injured in a railroad collision near Milngaire, Scotland.

—The Marchioness of Londonderry will go to Scotland for her health instead of America.

—South Dakota Indians have severed their tribal relations and gone to work like white men.

—Movements are on foot to oust Minister Roan and Levalle from the Cabinet at Buenos Ayres.

—A scandal about a young woman drove W. A. Overton, a Baptist minister of Georgia, to suicide.

—Finance Minister Dublan, of Mexico, says his Government will not impose a tax on sugar exports.

—It is reported that a reconciliation will soon take place between Bismarck and Emperor William.

—The President of San Salvador has thanked Spain for its efforts to restore peace in Central America.

—Gautemalans treacherously fired on San Salvadorans yesterday in the face of the peace arrangements.

—Aeronaut Borlett's baloon caught fire at Idralia, Rome, and he fell a great height. He was killed instantly.

—Nelson Morris, the packer, will spread the dressed meat industry by establishing packing houses at the seaboard, East and West.

—Fred Dupree, a half-blood Sioux, offers $20,000 worth of horses and cattle to suitable young men who will marry his two daughters.

—Congressmen Springer, of Illinois, and Horr, of Michigan, indulged in an open air tariff debate at Hudson, N. Y. Many farmers were present.

—A conference is being held at Boston for the purpose of forming an alliance of trades unionists, Knights of Labor, Socialists, Nationalists and single tax men.

—During the trial of the six enumerators charged with padding the Minneapolis census, threats were made by Hart, of the defense, to tar and feather United States District Attorney Baxter.

—A desperate duel was fought between Marsh Turner and Steve Wannick, near Middlesborough, Ky. Turner used a revolver and was fatally wounded. Wannich had a bowie, and was killed.

SLEEPLESSNESS, indigestion and pain are horrors that PARKER'S GINGER TONIC will abate PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM aids hair growth.

THINGS PICKING UP.

The Alchemy of Cool Weather Touches the Real Estate Interest.

INQUIRIES ALREADY POURING IN.

Speculation Still in the Dumps, but a Revival Somewhere on the Way.

THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE CITY

There was an air of business in nearly all of the real estate offices yesterday, which furnished irrefutable proof that this interest is looking up, having passed the summer lull and entered upon the fall movement. A member of one firm said: "We have had more inquiries and offers in the last few days than during all the rest of the month. We have been very busy to-day."

The inquiry is broadening as well as increasing, taking in properties that have been on the shelf for several months, and embracing districts that have been comparatively neglected since the spring rush. Business property is again coming to the front, showing a disposition to expand in this direction. Owing to its scarcity in the central part of the city, it is being sought along Penn and Fifth avenues, and to some extent on other thoroughfares.

The demand for small dwellings is becoming more importunate as winter approaches. Much of it comes from outsiders who desire to locate here to enjoy the benefits of steady work and good wages. These people should be taken care of, but the chances are that many of them will find it impossible to secure accommodations, and stay away. Capitalists should stick a pin here.

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A Philadelphia Idea.

Here is something of interest to Pittsburg builders: There is a law in Philadelphia to compel the builder of a house whose foundations are to be lower than that of an adjoining building to "underpin" the foundation of the older structure, where it is a party wall, to the depth of the new building—that is, deepen the foundation by extending it to a greater depth than it formerly was. This is done by building under the foundation in sections. Although the operation called "underpinning" may be carefully and properly done, there is always some danger attached to it. Often the underpinned foundation cracks and the value of the house falls. The cost of the underpinning is sustained by the latest builder.

Building Inspector Martin, of that city, in speaking of this matter said, as reported in the *Record*: "The Board of Inspectors has often recommended that a law be passed prescribing that the foundation be deeper, or where underpinning is necessary that the cost be divided. The present legal specification is that the foundations be laid at a depth to secure safety; that is below frost. Personally, I think it would be much safer and more sensible if we built our foundations low enough to avoid the necessity of underpinning."

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Business News and Gossip.

Mr. Breslin, proprietor of the Gilsey House, New York, said to a representative of THE DISPATCH yesterday that he had not even heard of a new hotel for Pittsburg, and that he was connected only with the hotels he is now running. The deal outlined in this column a few days ago, involving a Fifth avenue block, is being conducted by Pittsburg parties and is backed by Pittsburg money.

A number of real estate brokers have returned from their summer trips. This means more business.

A real estate firm just organized and about ready for business, will make a specialty of building small houses to sell and let. This will help fill a widely-felt want. It is said the firm is backed by Philadelphia capital.

As fast as building lots are sold off others are bought in to fill the gap. Thus the supply is kept up. Several tracts of land of considerable size are about ready for subdivision.

Monday next, September 1, being a legal holiday in Pennsylvania, the exchange and banks will be closed. Commercial paper maturing that day should be attended to to-morrow.

Mr. Mortimer Starling, C. H. Love's efficient conductor and notary public, was at his desk yesterday, looking hale and hearty as the result of a pleasant trip to the lakes.

Nine of 27 mortgages on file for record yesterday were for purchase money. The most important was for $13,000. The next in size was for $8,000. The least was for $400.

A meeting of the consolidated Pittsburg, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company will be held in this city September 16, when officers will be elected and such matters as changing the names of the divisions will come up. The new company is to have an authorized capital of $150,000,000 in bonds and stocks.

Recent transfers showed considerable movement in realty in Reserve and Paton townships and Beltzhoover borough.

A charter was issued at Harrisburg yesterday to the Blair County Building and Loan Association, of Altoona, with a capital of $1,000,000.

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Movements in Real Estate.

It transpired yesterday that Henry A. Weaver & Co. had just closed an important deal, comprising Nos. 955, 957 and 959 Liberty street, and they were called on for particulars, but refused to say anything further than admitting the truth of the report. The price is understood to be something in excess of $100,000.

A company of local capitalists has purchased a large tract of land in the Nineteenth ward, which they propose to lay out in lots, to be sold with or without buildings. One of the promoters is in California on a visit and the others refused to talk until he returns.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold to R. W. Davis lot No. 101, Bank of Commerce addition, Brushton station, fronting 50 feet on Burushton avenue by 130 to a 20 foot alley, for $1,050.

Samuel W. Black & Co., sold a property on Second avenue, above Try street, size 13¼x105 feet, for $700 cash.

C. Beringer & Son sold for George Ditling to John O. Sippel a vacant lot on Wylie avenue for $1,200 cash.

Black & Baird sold to F. J. Fricke for W. J. Meek, of Chicago, the residence property on the corner of Chestnut and Pine streets, Edgeworth, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago road, the lot being about 200x525 feet, containing 2¼ acres, having erected thereon a ten-roomed frame dwelling, for a price approximating $10,000.

Hammond & Meredith sold lots 7 and 8 in R. J. Forsythe's plan, Wilkinsburg, to George Phillips for $750 cash.

Brown & Saint sold through William Petty & Co. to George H. Gledhill two lots fronting about 80 feet on Beechwood street, and being Nos. 524 and 525 in the Villa Park plan, Brushton, for $900.

Sloan & Co., sold six lots in the Lemington Square plan, at prices ranging from $450 to $1,000.

SPOT CASH.

No Meritorious Business Allowed to Suffer for Want of Support.

While reports of bankers go to show that money is somewhat unequally distributed among the financial institutions of this city, some having more than they want and others less, the aggregate is large enough to take care of all business interests and render necessary assistance to all new enterprises of a meritorious nature.

There was about the usual demand for discounts yesterday, with rates steady and unchanged. Counter business was fair. There were no new movements or conditions. Exchanges were $2,284,915 85, and balances $175,893 30.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 4 to 6 per cent, last loan 4, closed offered at 4. Prime mercantile paper 5½@7. Sterling exchange weak and quiet at $4 82 for 60-day bills and $4 85½ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg	125¾	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	70
U. S. 4s, coup	125¾	Mutual Union 6s	104
U. S. 4½s, reg	108	N. J. C. 1st. Cons	111
U. S. 4½s, coup	108	Northern Pac. 1sts	115¾
Pacific 6s of '95	114	Northern Pac. 2ds	114
Louisiana stamped 4s	83	North'n'n consols	142¾
Missouri 6s	101	Northw'n deben's	110
Tenn. new set. 6s	107	Oregon & Trans. 6s	106½
Tenn. new set. 5s	104	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	93
Tenn. new set. 3s	72½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	110
Canada So. 2ds	99	St. Paul consols	125¼
Central Pacific 1sts	109¾	St. P. Chi & Pc. 1sts	114¾
Den. & R. G. 1sts	116½	Tex., Pc. L. G. Tr. Rc.	91¾
Den. & R. G. 4s	85¾	Tex., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rc.	40
D. & R. G. West 1sts	—	Union Pacific 1sts	110¼
Erie 2ds	102¼	West Shore	104
M. K. & T. Gen. 4s	81¾		

NEW YORK—Clearings, $118,697,254; balances, $4,928,458.

BOSTON—Clearings, $13,563,111; balances, $1,354,916. Money, 5@6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $10,178,523; balances, $1,622,827.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,091,364; balances, $358,993.

LONDON—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £45,000. The bullion in the Bank of England increased £13,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is now 45.17 per cent.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 94f 67½c for the account. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of 3,050,000 francs gold and an increase of 1,900 francs silver.

CHICAGO—Clearings, $11,464,000. New York exchange was 80c discount. Money was firm at 6 per cent on call.

HOLD THE FORT.

Stock Traders Persevere in Their Efforts to Make Business.

There was a fair attendance of brokers at both of the stock calls yesterday, but resulting business was disappointing. There were three trades, footing up 150 shares. The only active interests were Philadelphia Gas and Luster.

The decline in Luster was not only checked, but an upward movement started. It sold at 25 and closed at 26¼ bid, against 21 the previous day. Philadelphia Gas went at 30, closing at that figure—a fractional improvement. Manufacturers' Gas came out of retirement on a bid of 14. The rest of the list showed little change and was uninteresting.

A broker described the situation thus: "It is a waiting market: Investors are pretty well loaded up and will take nothing but cheap stuff, while sellers, believing that things are scraping bottom, are disposed to hold out a while longer. In this I think the chances are in their favor."

	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A
P. P. S. & M. Ex	400	.....	410	.....
Allegheny Nat. Bank	.....	67	.....	.....
Bank of Pittsburg	.....	86	.....	.....
Commercial National Bk.	105	107	.....	.....
Citizens' National Bank	66	.....	.....	.....
Exchange Nat. Bank	.....	87	.....	.....
Fourth National Bank	125	135	.....	.....
Keystone Bank of Pitts	72	.....	.....	.....
Mer. & Man. Nat. Bank	70	.....	.....	.....
Mechanics' Nat. Bank	.....	122	.....	.....
Peoples Sav. B'k of Pitts	130	.....	.....	.....
Boatman's Insurance	.....	32½	.....	35½
Monongahela Ins. Co	35	.....	35	.....
Manufacturers' Gas Co	14	.....	.....	.....
Ohio Valley Gas	18	.....	.....	.....
Peoples Nat. Gas & P. Co.	.....	16	.....	.....
Philadelphia Co.	30	30¼	30	30½
Wheeling Gas	19½	20¼	.....	.....
Washington Oil Co	.....	100	.....	.....
Central Traction	25½	26	26½	.....
Pleasant Valley	28¼	28½	28	28½
N. Y. & Cler. Gas Coal Co.	31½	.....	.....	.....
La Noria Mining	17	19	17	19
Luster Mining Co	20¼	23	26¼	29
Westinghouse Electric	38¼	39½	38½	38¾
Westinghouse A. B. Co.	15	.....	15	.....
Pittsburg Cyclorama Co.	116	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co.	3	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co.	180	.....	.....	.....

At second call sales were 50 shares Philadelphia Gas at 30 and 100 Luster at 25.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 176,376 shares, including Atchison 13,000; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 10,040; Hocking Valley, 5,710; Lake Shore, 3,625; Louisville & Nashville, 8,679; Missouri Pacific, 7,859; Pacific Mail, 3,475; Reading, 7,100; Richmond & West Point, 3,800; St. Paul, 10,100; Union Pacific, 11,540; Western Union, 4,246.

STILL FEATURELESS.

Another Bad Day for Buckeye Oil—The Pennsylvania Product Stronger.

Nobody was hungry for Buckeye oil yesterday, and there were no sales. Very little of it was offered, however, indicating confidence somewhere that it is scraping bottom and getting ready for an upturn. The best bid was 83½. Clearances were 24,000 barrels.

There was considerable trading in Pennsylvania oil and it was a shade stronger, closing at next to the best price of the day. The opening and lowest were 84½, highest 84¾, closing 84½. Clearances were 102,000 barrels. Refined was marked down at Antwerp.

Features of Yesterday's Oil Market.

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange:

Opened ..... 84¼ | Lowest 84¼
Highest ..... 84¾ | Closed ..... 84½ Bears

Average charters	40,750
Average shipments	81,798
Average runs	69,136

Refined, New York, 7.35c.
Refined, London, 5¾d.
Refined, Antwerp, 16¾f.
Refined, Liverpool, 5¼d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.60m.

A. B. McGrew, No. 115 Fourth avenue, quotes: Puts, 83¾; calls, 85½.

Other Oil Markets.

BRADFORD, August 28.—Petroleum opened at 84½c; highest, 84½c; lowest, 84½c; closed, 84½c; clearances, 336,000 barrels.

LIMA—The oil market was dull to-day. Buckeye opened at 33c and closed at 33½c; highest, 33½c; lowest, 33c. Clearances, 7,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, August 28.—Petroleum opened at 84½c; highest, 84½c; lowest, 84½c; closed, 84½c; sales, 247,000 barrels; clearances not reported; charters, 106,349 barrels; shipments, 90,720 barrels; runs, 85,808 barrels.

FINDLAY—The Ohio oil market was dull and devoid of interest to-day and transactions were few and far between. The feeling, however, was better than any time for a week, and the selling price at the close was ⅛c higher than the opening. The fluctuations of the day were: Opening, 33⅝c; highest, 33¾c; lowest, 33¼c; close, 33½c. Clearances, 17,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, August 28.—Petroleum opened irregular and the crude oil was steady. Prices advanced slightly in the early trading, then declined ⅞@1⅛c, but afterward rallied and closed steady. Pennsylvania oil opening, 85c; highest, 85¼c; lowest, 85c; closing, 85c; September option opened 84½c; highest, 84⅝c; lowest, 84c; closing, 84⅝c. Lima oil, opening, 33⅝c; highest, 34¼c; lowest, 33c; closing, 33¾c. Total sales, 149,000 barrels.

WITHOUT A SCAR.

After Passing Through Three Months of Financial Storms the New York Stock Market Shows a Strong Front—Panic Averted.

NEW YORK, August 28.—The stock market to-day exhibited a strong tone, and material recoveries were made of the losses of yesterday, though in but few stocks are there final changes of importance. The news of the day was almost uniformly of an encouraging nature, especially in that relation ta the strikes, though money was a little dearer, and the impression that it will work for the remainder of the week acted as a restricting element on purchases. To-morrow is expected to see higher sales not only on account of the approaching quarterly settlements, but also because of the fact that, owing to the rule which makes all loans run until Monday, there are usually considerable amounts held off the market to provide for possible contingencies of Saturday. After the payments of the quarterly interest and dividends it is expected that there will be no further trouble for some time. The Bank of England rate of discount remained unchanged this morning. London operators bought more freely in this market this morning and gave an impetus to the early trading which otherwise the market would have lacked, and, while the purchases for the long account by domestic operators were small, the desire to cover over kept the upward movement going on a very restricted business. The news of the practical failure of the stock yards strike in Chicago made Rock Island a favorite, and it displayed more strength than any stock in the regular list outside of the few specialties which are advanced by circumstances peculiar to themselves.

Sugar refineries, after an early decline, was rather sharply advanced, but the rest of the unlisted departments were practically dead, notwithstanding the efforts to boom lead. Silver was stronger but dull, and in the afternoon New England made one of its sharp advances on an increased business without apparently affecting the remainder of the list in any way. Hocking Valley came to the front with a sharp advance said to be based upon the good showing of the earnings. Louisville and Nashville was the favorite of the foreigners and displayed a stubborn strength, which carried it up materially before the close of the day. There was heavy covering in Rock Island, but renewed sales for the short account late in the day neutralized most of the improvement. Union Pacific, which was sold by Boston yesterday, was bought back again today when there was certainty that the failures there would not result in any stock coming upon the market. The traders realized on the advance of the day in the last hour, but the selling failed to cause a material reaction, and the closing was at a shade under the best prices, while the undertone was still firm. The whole active list is higher, and Hocking Valley is up 1⅞; Burlington and Quincy, 1¼; Chicago Gas, Louisville and Nashville, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific each 1½, and Oregon Transcontinental receipts 1 per cent.

Railroad bonds were more active and displayed a steady to firm tone, although there were no marked movements in the list. Government bonds have been dull and heavy. State bonds have been dull and featureless.

The *Post* says: All this considered, the stock market continues to present a remarkably strong front, notwithstanding its extreme narrowness. Now that matters seem to be assuming a little better aspect, it is worth while to remember that the stock market has passed through a series of events in a little less than three months which, in any condition of stock speculation, would have caused many failures and probably a panic, but in this case without a single failure.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, old Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	20¾
Am. Cotton Oil pref.	....	....	....	56
Am. Cotton Oil Trust	25	25¾	24¼	24¾
Atch., Top. & S. F.	42¾	43¾	42	42¾
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	82½
Canada Southern	55¾	54½	53¾	54¼
Central of New Jersey	121	121½	121	120¼
Central Pacific	....	....	....	33
Chesapeake & Ohio	22	22	22	21¾
Chicago Gas Trust	54	54¾	54	54¼
C., Bur. & Quincy	101¾	103	101¾	102½
C., Mil. & St. Paul	71½	72¼	71½	71¾
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	117¾	117¾	117¾	117¾
C., Rock I. & P.	84¾	85¾	84¾	85¾
C., St. L. & Pitts	....	....	....	15
C., St. L. & Pitts., pf.	....	....	....	39
C., St. P., M. & O.	30½	30¾	30½	31
C., St. P., M. & O. pf.	....	....	....	89
C. & Northwestern	109	109¼	109	109¼
C. & N. W. pf.	....	....	....	143
C., C., C. & I.	70¼	71	70¼	70¾
Col. Coal & Iron	50½	50¾	50	50
Col. & Hocking Valley	29½	31½	29½	31½
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref.	60¾	60¾	60½	60½
Ches. & Ohio 2d pref.	....	....	....	40½
Del., Lack & West	143½	144¾	143¾	144
Den. & Rio Grand	20¾	21¾	20¾	21¾
Den. & Rio Grande, pf.	61	61¾	60¾	60¾
E. T., Va. & Ga.	....	....	....	9
E. T., Va. & Ga., 1st pf	....	....	....	76
E. T., Va. & Ga., 2d pf	....	....	....	23
Illinois Central	....	....	....	111
Lake Erie & West	....	....	....	17¼
Lake Erie & West pf.	63¼	63¼	63	63
Lake Shore & M. S.	107¼	107¾	107	107½
Louisville & Nashville	88¾	89½	88¾	89
Mobile & Ohio	23¾	24	23¾	24
Missouri Pacific	71¾	72¼	70¾	71¼
National Lead Trust	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾