

MARKET MOVEMENTS ARE QUIET

PROFESSIONAL ELEMENT SHOWS TENDENCY TO PLAY FOR POSITION.

New York, March 18.—The stock market early today developed a good deal of the kind of playing for position on the part of professional element which made the market yesterday after the new tariff bill was offered to congress. The market today was inclined to adjust its views to a probable period of inactivity in its business in sympathy with the waiting attitude expected of general business. Here and there in the market was reflected the confidence in the effect special schedules of the tariff would have on individual stocks, as for instance, the sharp advance in Central Leather and American Hide & Leather stocks based on the expectation of advantage from the free admission of hides and the proposed change in the duties on shoes. The first dealings today showed that the sharp rising in prices yesterday had brought out some selling orders. The decline which resulted again developed a demand from uncovered shorts. Still later, efforts to bid up prices against the bears again met sufficient selling orders to hold the market in check. The demonstration of the limitations on the price movement discouraged the professional faction, and they curtailed their operations substantially. Reports of an intended conference of copper producers to concert measures for cutting down the output, caused no confusion, as this plan immediately represents the wishes of influential interests in that trade.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$2,500,000. United States 2s registered advanced 1-4 per cent on call.

New York Closing Stocks.

Table listing various stock prices including Amalgamated Copper, American Car & Foundry, American Locomotive, American Smelting & Refining, Do preferred, American Sugar Refining, Anaconda Mining Co., Atchafalaya, Do preferred, Baltimore & Ohio, Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago & North Western, Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul, Colorado Fuel & Iron, Colorado & Southern, Delaware & Hudson, Denver & Rio Grande, Do preferred, Erie, Great Northern preferred, Great Northern ord. stks., Illinois Central, International Paper, Interborough-Met, Do preferred, Louisville & Nashville, Missouri Pacific, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, National Hauling, bid, National Lead, New York Central, Northern Pacific, Pacific Mail, Pennsylvania, People's Gas, Pressed Steel Car, Pullman Palace Car, bid, Reading, Rock Island, Do preferred, Southern Pacific, Southern Railway, Union Pacific, United States Steel, Do preferred, Wabash, Western Union, bid, Standard Oil.

Boston Mining Stocks.

Table listing Boston mining stock prices including Adventure, Algonz, Amalgamated, Arizona Commercial, Atlantic, Butte Coalition, Calumet & Arizona, Calumet & Hecla, Centennial, Copper Range, Daily West, Franklin, Granby, Greene Cananea, Isle Royale, Mass. Mining, Michigan, Mohawk, Montana Coal & Coke, Nevada, Old Dominion, Osceola, Parrot, Quincy, Shannon, Tamarack, Trinity, United Copper, United States Mining, United States Oil, Utah, Victoria, Winona, Wolverine, North Butte.

New York Mining Stocks.

Table listing New York mining stock prices including Alice, Brunswick Con, Comstock Tunnel Stock, Do bonds, Con. Cal. & Va., Horn Silver, Leadville Con, Little Chief, offered, Mexican, Ontario, Ophir, Standard, Yellow Jacket.

San Francisco Mining Stocks.

Table listing San Francisco mining stock prices including Andes, Belcher.

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Table listing various stock prices including Best & Belcher, Bullion, Caledonia, Challenge Con, Chollar, Confidence, Con. Cal. & Va., Con. Imperial, Exchequer, Gould & Currier, Hale & Norcross, Kentucky Con, Mexican, Occidental Con, Ophir, Overman, Potosi, Savage, Scorpion, Sag Belcher, Sierra Nevada, Union Con, Utah Con.

Silver and Drafts.

Silver bars, 50c; Mexican dollars, 5c. Drafts, sight, 5 per cent; telegraph, 7 1/2 per cent.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, March 18.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 23,000. Market steady. Beves, \$4.80@7.10; Texas steers, \$4.40@5.90; western steers, \$4@5.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.45@5.35; cows and heifers, \$1.90@5; calves, \$6@8. Hogs—Receipts, estimated at 28,000. Market 5c lower. Light, \$6@6.70; mixed, \$5.40@6.80; heavy, \$5.30@6.55; rough, \$4.25@5.50; good to choice, \$6.00@8.85; pigs, \$6.10@6.20; bulk of sales, \$5.50@6.80. Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 14,000. Market steady. Native, \$3.25@5.70; western, \$3.50@5.50; yearlings, \$6@7.25; native lambs, \$5.50@8; western lambs, \$5.50@7.90.

Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, March 18.—Quick changes marked the trading in wheat today, but prices at no time were a great distance from the closing quotations of yesterday. At the finish prices showed a net gain of 3/4c to 1/2c. The market opened firm on account of covering by shorts, based on continued light receipts in the northwest, initial quotations showing gains of 3/4c to 1/2c compared with yesterday's close. Before the end of the first half hour, however, a weak tone had developed because of selling, inspired by a cablegram reporting that Austria has made official denial of any intention of a war movement. During the balance of the day prices changed on the slightest provocation. Crop news was generally favorable to the bears, but the latter were apparently too timid to make much headway. During the day May sold between \$1.15 1/2 and \$1.16 1/4, and July between \$1.03 1/2 and \$1.04 1/4. The market closed firm, with May at \$1.16 1/4@1.16 1/2, and July at \$1.04 1/4. Oats was firm nearly all day. At the close prices were 3/4c to 1/2c above yesterday's final figures, with May at \$4 1/2c and July at 4 3/4@4 1/2c. Provisions were inclined to be weak because of persistent realising by holders. At the close prices were 7 1/2c to 1 1/2c lower than the previous sale.

Metal Market.

New York, March 18.—The London tin market was unchanged at \$129 2s 6d for spot, while futures were a shade lower at \$130 12s 6d. Locally the market was easy with spot quoted at \$28.30@28.50.

Copper was unchanged with spot quoted at 55 1/2c and futures at 56 1/2c in the London market. Locally the market was dull with lake quoted at \$12.37 1/2@12.75; electrolytic at \$12@12.35; casting at \$11.87 1/2@12.12 1/2.

Lead was lower at \$13 38 1/2 in London. The local market remained quiet at \$2.97 1/4@2.97 1/2.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, March 18.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund shows: Available cash balance, \$125,574,703; gold coin and bullion, \$41,163,525; gold certificates, \$45,618,180.

Wool Market.

St. Louis, March 18.—Wool unchanged. Medium grades, combing and clothing, 20@24c; light fine, 17@18 1/2c; heavy fine, 16@17c; tub washed, 20@24c.

MILITARY ACTIVITY STILL CONTINUES

Washington, March 18.—Nicaragua is charged with being the cause of the unsettled conditions in Central America, according to official statements made at the state department today. Dispatches from diplomatic and consular representatives indicate that military activity in Nicaragua is unabated. The government is awaiting Nicaragua's answer to Secretary Knox's note to Senor Espinosa several days ago, which contained the final terms on which this government will agree to its settlement of the Emery claim, which the United States has been seeking to have Nicaragua arbitrate.

RULES ARE ATTACKED BY THE DEMOCRATS

Washington, March 18.—The consideration of the bill for the taking of the next census, which was vetoed by the president, gave rise to a spirited debate in the house today, during which Mr. De Armond of Missouri attacked the rules. He said the appointment of democrats to the committee on rules was unsatisfactory to the democratic members. Majority Leader Payne declared that the democrats, while charging the speaker with favoring the one-man rule, had named Minority Leader Clark as the one man to dictate the appointments.

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SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IS NOT NEW

FOR MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN WAGED AT INTERVALS.

New York, March 18.—The agitation which has been stirred up in both the United States and Great Britain within the past few months by the advocates of woman suffrage has caused many persons to regard the demand that votes be given to women as a new movement. In reality it is a revival of an issue which has been agitated for the past sixty years in America and for more than twice that period in Europe where it had its beginning. Even ancient Rome, according to Professor Guglielmo Ferrero, the famous Italian historian who has been lecturing in this country, had its suffragists.

In modern times the origin of the demand for the "emancipation" of women dates back to the French Revolution. It was from a mob of women gathered to harangue the assembly in behalf of "woman's civil and political rights" that the blood-thirsty outbreak of the lowest elements of Paris arose, resulting in the storming of the Hotel de Ville and precipitating the orgy of bloodshed that followed. The leader of this mob was Rose Lacombe, a famous actress of the day renowned for her beauty. She founded one of the female clubs that played so terrible a part in the Revolution and perhaps is entitled to be considered the originator of the woman's club movement as well as the founder of the less widely successful equal suffrage agitation.

Like many another leader in "militant womanhood" Rose Lacombe suffered the fate of falling in love and marrying. This alienated her support of her followers and she spent her later days in keeping a shop in Paris. She was succeeded as a leader of this early woman's rights party by Marie Olympe de Gouges, who seems to have been sufficiently "emancipated" for she openly led an immoral life and early lost her head by the guillotine for perfidy to the republican cause.

The next leader of the agitation was Theroigne Mericourt, a woman of wealth who had defied all moral conventions. For her active part in the Revolution she was hailed as "the bride of Citizen Populus" and claimed ten prisoners which were carried in procession before her on pikes. With the close of the French Revolution the woman's clubs were dissolved and this phase of the movement came to an end. The center of the agitation was next transferred to England where Miss Woolstonecraft assumed its leadership. One of the features of her work was the demand that boys and girls be educated together in the public schools and in colleges. This idea of co-education has been much more widely adopted in the United States than in Miss Woolstonecraft's own country, although there has developed recently a reaction against it so far as higher education is concerned. Another plank in her platform was the industrial equality of men and women and the admission of the latter to all sorts of occupations. She put into practice her own notions of the equality of the sexes by making love to a man, a well-known Swiss painter of her day, of whom Sheridan Knowles wrote that she "pursued him scandalously." Her relations with the painter caused Browning to write his poem about the pair containing a passage that often is quoted, beginning, "Strong and fierce in the heart, a brilliant womanhood, she related intimacies with Captain Gilbert Inlay, a wealthy American, and William Godwin, an Englishman, destroyed her influence and brought obloquy upon the cause which she championed."

The next leader who arose to agitate the cause of woman's rights and the one who first introduced the agitation into America was Francis Wright. In 1825, when she was thirty years old, she came to the United States and attempted to found a colony of whites and blacks, near Memphis, Tenn., based on social equality between the races. Failing in this she took to lecturing and writing on free thought and woman's rights but her attacks on religion and marriage caused her to be barred from many cities. Other leaders of this early movement in America were Ernestine Rose and Margaret Fuller, the former a Polish communist and socialist and the latter a prominent member of the famous Brook Farm community.

These early leaders of what has since developed into the equal suffrage movement did not make votes for women the sole object of their agitation. The demand for ballot-box privileges played a minor part in their efforts. The chief features of their program were better educational opportunities for women, protection for their property rights and their general admission to industries then closed to them. Most of them, as has been the case with the women prominent in the suffrage movement in later years, were advocates of socialistic ideas. It was only when such women as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucy Stone took charge of the woman's rights cause that the ballot came to be regarded as the magic wand which should open the door to all the privileges that women craved and release them from their "slavery" to man. It is a curious fact, however, that while the right to vote has as yet been secured only in four of the other rights and industrial privileges which the early leaders were striving to obtain for women have been secured.

When Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony and their associates took up the campaign for ballots for women they made the issue one of man versus woman and it was their ambition to wipe out every line of distinction between the two sexes wherever it appeared in legal enactments or religious creeds. One of the curious developments in this connection was the publication in 1865 of "The Woman's Bible." One of the chief grievances of the suffragists was their claim that the Bible was unfair to women by emphasizing her subjection to man and omitting to give

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her an equal place in the religious history which it records. Accordingly these suffragists, acting under the leadership of Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake, Mrs. Robert Ingersoll, and others equally prominent in the movement, undertook to bring out a commentary on those passages in the Scriptures in which women were mentioned, and to quote their own words, "those in which women are made prominent by the Bible." The first installment of this revised "Bible"—and apparently was devoted that ever was published—the Pentateuch. It began with what amounted to a proposal to reconstruct the Trinity to make it include a Heavenly Father, Mother and Son. The story of the creation was criticized for representing woman's creation as an afterthought for the solitude of man. Ellen Battelle Dierick, one of the editors of the "Bible" said, referring to the Scriptural accounts of this matter: "My opinion is that the second story was manipulated by some wily Jew in an endeavor to give 'heavenly approval' for requiring a woman to obey the man she married." The woman revisionists objected strenuously and they produced arguments to prove that a more exact translation would be secured by using the word "defer" instead. The women who preferred "The Woman's Bible" expected it to create a profound impression and they succeeded, but the result was not exactly what they had anticipated. As soon as the first installment appeared protests were raised all over the country against what was termed the sacrilegious treatment of sacred matters. Resentment was especially keen among women. The projectors

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