STOCKS ACTIVE; PRICES ERRATIC

Lackawana, U. S. Steel and Coalers Taken by the Buyers.

Prices were erratic at the opening of the stock market to-day, the first figures ranging from 2 points higher to 1 1-2 per cent. lower.

The coal stocks were conspicuous in the early trading, but failed to respond to the general demand, remaining at the opening level.

Over 15,000 shares of the common and preferred of United States Steel changed at a net gain of only a small fraction.

Lackawanna took a jump of 5 points and then lapsed into inactivity.

Delaware & Hudson continued its advance of yesterday and touched the high mark of 174 3-4, but soon fell back to 173 1-2.

Profit taking was reflected in several other prominent stocks, among which were Tobacco, Burlington, United States Steel preferred and Manhattan.

In the railway list St. Paul responded to the advance in London and was up 5-8 per cent. Northwest was buoyant and advanced steadily 2 1-4 points on good support.

Burlington was rushed up 2 3-4, to 176 1-2, in the second hour; the local traction stocks advanced 1 3-4 to 2 3-4; Lake Erie & Western, 3 3-4; National Tube preferred 3; Tennessee Coal, 4 1-2; Colorado Fuel preferred 10, and Pullman, 5 5-8 in all. Profit-taking met these advances.

St. Louis & San Francisco and Wheeling & Lake Erie were under pressure, losing 1 1-8 and 2 respectively, and Lackawanna reacted 3. The bears sold the market on the bank statement, declines reaching a point in a few cases. Supporting orders were met and the trading became quieter.

On the rally Rock Island mounted buoyantly 6 3-4 over last night, and Atchison 1 3-4. The response elsewhere was moderate and realizing continued in spots. Rock Island fell back 1 3-4. The closing was feverish and irregular with only a few stocks at the top level.

The Closing Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	100	100	100	100
Am. Car & Foundry	26¾	27	26¾	27
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	53¾	54	53¾	54
Am. Sugar	140	140	139¾	139¾
Am. Tob	124¾	124¾	123¾	123¾
At., Top. & S. F.	61¾	62	61¾	62
Atc. Top. & S. Fe pf.	95¾	95¾	95¾	95¾
Brooklyn Rap. Transit	82¾	84	82¾	83¾
Burlington	175¾	176	174¾	174¾
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	151	151	150¾	150¾
Ch. R. I. & Pac.	129¾	130	129¾	134¾
Chicago & Northwest	183	184¾	183	184¾
Del., Lack. & West.	220	220	217	218
Del. & Hudson	174¾	174¾	173¾	173¾
Erie	37	37	36¾	36¾
Erie 1st pf.	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
Erie 2d pf.	55	55	54¾	54¾
Louis. & Nash.	100¾	100¾	99¾	100¾
Manhattan	126¾	127¾	126¾	127¾
Metro. St. RR.	166	167	166	166
North. Pac.	94¾	95¾	94¾	95¾
N. Y. Central ex-div.	147¾	147¾	147	147
Ontario & West	36¾	37	36¾	36¾
Pennsylvania	154¾	154¾	154	154¾
People's Gas	106¾	106¾	106¾	106¾
Reading	36	36	35¾	35¾
Reading 1st pf.	76	76¾	75¾	75¾
Reading 2d pf.	51¾	51¾	51¾	51¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	63¾	63¾	58¾	61¾
Texas Pacific	35¾	35¾	34	34
Union Pacific pf.	84¾	84¾	84¾	84¾
U. S. Steel	46¾	46¾	46	46¾
U. S. Steele pf.	96¾	96¾	95¾	95¾
West. Union Tele.	96¾	97	96¾	96¾
Wheel. & Lake Erie	20¾	20¾	18	19
Wis. Cent. pf.	45¾	46¾	45	45

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Increase in Loans, Deposits and Circulation; Surplus Down.

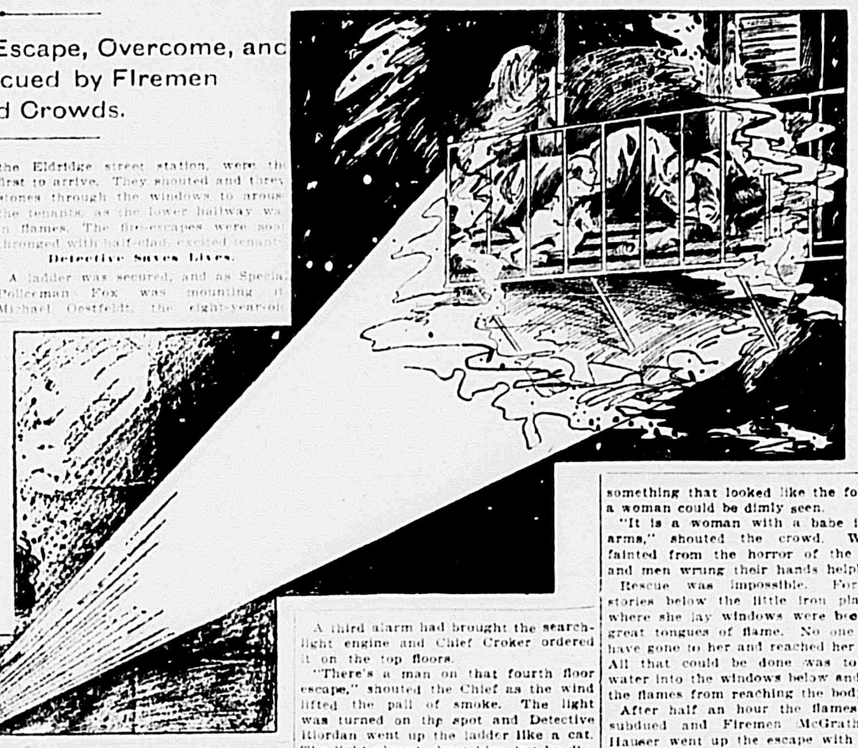
The weekly statement of averages of the associated banks shows:

Loans	$916,889,900	Inc.	$6,110,800
Deposits	1,004,283,200	Inc.	3,824,900
Circulation	31,635,000	Inc.	109,900
Legal Tenders	72,370,500	Inc.	471,800
Specie	186,270,800	Dec.	1,917,500
Total reserve	258,641,300	Dec.	1,445,700
Reserve required	251,070,800	Inc.	956,225
Surplus reserve	7,570,500	Dec.	2,401,925

The total clearings of all the bank clearing-houses in the United States for the week ending to-day were $2,397,901,222, an increase of 31.2 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year.

FIND TENEMENT FIRE'S VICTIMS WITH A STRONG SEARCHLIGHT.

They Were on the Iron Escape, Overcome, and Could Not Be Rescued by Firemen or Frenzied Crowds.



Three lives were lost in a tenement fire at Delancy and Norfolk streets early to-day.

Following are the dead:

THE DEAD.

MRS. ESTHER COHEN.
SOPHIE COHEN, one year old.
BENJAMIN COHEN, six years old.

The father carried his son down the fire-escape to safety.

It was a typical tenement-house fire, starting near dawn in a basement store and spreading with rapidity through halls and airshafts to the roof.

Number 97 Norfolk street is a six-story double apartment. There are three families to a floor. It was occupied by thirteen families numbering seventy persons.

At 3 o'clock this morning Special Policeman Joseph M. Fox and Phil Lummis, a bartender, saw the flames in Goldbloom's bakeshop on the ground floor.

Fox ran to turn in an alarm, telling Lummis to arouse the tenants. Lummis found the doors locked, and by the time he had broken them down the flames and smoke made the hallway impassable.

Special Policemen Fred Seeley and John Strier and Policeman Fitzgerald and Schley and Wardman Riordan, of the Eldridge street station, were the first to arrive. They shouted and threw stones through the windows to arouse the tenants, as the lower hallway was in flames. The fire-escapes were soon thronged with half-clad, excited tenants.

Detective Saves Lives.

A ladder was secured, and as Special Policeman Fox was mounting it Michael Oestfeldt, the eight-year-old son of Wolff Oestfeldt, dropped from a third-story fire-escape and landed on him. Boy and policeman fell into the street, but neither was hurt. Detective Riordan sprang up the ladder and passed down many persons before the Department arrived.

When the hook and ladder companies responded to the alarms ladders were used and the occupants of the crowded fire-escapes taken off.

Meanwhile the flames had spread throughout the building, mushroomed on striking the roof and began to burn down.

Smoke was pouring from the two upper floors, and so dense was it that the top floor fire-escapes were not visible.

A third alarm had brought the searchlight engine and Chief Croker ordered it on the top floors.

"There's a man on that fourth floor escape," shouted the Chief as the wind lifted the pall of smoke. The light was turned on the spot and Detective Riordan went up the ladder like a cat. The light played about him, but he disappeared in the smoke and was lost to view for several minutes before the searchlight again found him.

In his arms was Max Salsburg, twenty-one years old, unconscious. He had run into the blazing hallway and was severely burned about the head and arms and he inhaled flames. He staggered back and reached the fire-escape, but when he breathed the cold air he lost consciousness and would have suffocated had not the light revealed his perilous position.

See Woman, Can't Save Her.

Again the light was played about the topmost floor of the building, and in the shifting of the smoke by the wind something that looked like the form of a woman could be dimly seen.

"It is a woman with a babe in her arms," shouted the crowd. Women fainted from the horror of the thing and men wrung their hands helplessly.

Rescue was impossible. For two stories below the little iron platform where she lay windows were becoming great tongues of flame. No one could have gone to her and reached her alive. All that could be done was to pour water into the windows below and keep the flames from reaching the body.

After half an hour the flames were subdued and Firemen McGrath and Hauser went up the escape with a net to take down the body of the mother and babe. When they were laid out on the street Louis Cohen identified them, and his expression of grief was pitiful. He called aloud for his little boy Bennie, and the firemen went up again. The body of the boy was found just inside a window near the bed in which the lad had slept. The mother and babe were suffocated, but Bennie had been burned to a crisp.

The woodwork of the hallways was entirely burned out. The two upper floors were completely gutted. The three floors below were badly damaged by water. There is no way of estimating the damage. No insurance was carried on the building or contents. An ambulance corps from Gouverneur Hospital dressed the burns of several tenants and gave aid to many hysterical women.

STOMACH OUT, HE WILL LIVE.

Jacob Wichmann Is in Excellent Condition After Operation.

Jacob Wichmann, the patient at the German Hospital, in Brooklyn, whose stomach was removed yesterday, passed a good night and was resting easily this morning.

To his attendant he said:

"I am feeling quite well. Better than I have felt for months."

Although weak Wichmann had no fever, much to the surprise of the physicians, as this is one of the symptoms to be feared in the rare operation of gastrectomy.

"The man is in a remarkably strong physical condition considering the ordeal through which he passed," said Superintendent Finkelmeier to an Evening World reporter to-day. "We have high hopes of his recovery and believe that his life will be prolonged for some time. Had the operation not been performed his death would have been a questions of a few days at most, as he had cancer of the stomach and was slowly starving to death."

After the stomach had been removed the pylorus was drawn up and attached to the œsophagus. When the proper adhesions have been formed and sufficient protection assured at the point of joining he will be fed through a tube with predigested food. In the mean time he is being fed with liquid food prenaturally. When the healing has become perfect it is said that considerable food that has not been predigested can be administered.

Wichmann's son, who at first stopped the operation and in the last few days withdrew his objections, called on his father this morning. The greeting between the two was very affectionate. The doctors would not allow much conversation, but both were overjoyed at the success of the operation.

The father, relieved of the terrible fear of cancer, was in a state of cheerfulness that he has not experienced for many days. He seems to be confident that he will regain his health. His condition is certainly remarkable. Although sixty-eight years old, he shows great vitality, and his chances for life are regarded by the physicians as good.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises.. 5.48 Sun sets.. 6.22 Moon sets.. 3.18

THE TIDES.

	High Water. A.M.	High Water. P.M.	Low Water. A.M.	Low Water. P.M.
Governor's Island	4.41	5.18	11.05	11.25
Sandy Hook	4.06	4.45	10.31	10.55
Hell Gate Ferry	5.37	7.14	12.41	1.01

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Lucania ..... Liverpool
Werra ..... Naples
Hekla ..... Copenhagen
Caledonian ..... Liverpool
Alexandra ..... Stettin
Ravensdale ..... Progreso
Pinner's Point ..... Dundee
Exeter City ..... Swansea
St. Louis ..... Southampton

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY.

La Gascogne, Havre.
Etruria, Liverpool.
Furnessia, Glasgow.
Maasdam, Rotterdam.
Pennsylvania, Hamburg.
Marquette, London.
Hindoo, Hull.
St. Cuthbert, Antwerp.
Trinidad, Bermuda.
Morro Castle, Havana.
Alene, Jamaica.
San Juan, Porto Rico.
Hilary, North Brazil.
Grecian Prince, Argentina.
Talisman, Guadeloupe.
Proteus, New Orleans.
Concho, Galveston.
El Mar, New Orleans.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY.

Tripoli, Hamburg.
Ogono, Gibraltar.
Georgica 1., London.
Focassel, Gibraltar.
Taormina, Hamburg.
Buffalo, Hull.
Fontabelle, St. Croix.
Seminole, Jacksonville.
Glamorganshire, Gibraltar.

Wise landlords begin advertising in The World on Sunday and continue Monday and Tuesday on the three-time rate.

PERFORMER JAMES BAISLY CONVERSED IN RAG TIME.

The remarkable case of James Baisly, the vaudeville actor, is attracting much attention in medical circles. Baisly, who lives at No. 284 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, is suffering from inability to talk correctly, owing to an accident which befel him two weeks ago. Baisly, with the company of which he was a member, was on his way to Red Bank, N. J. He put his head out of the car window, and was hit back of the ear by the hook of a mail bag catcher. He was rendered unconscious, but the railroad physician who examined him at Red Bank said his injuries were superficial.

Baisly became worse and was finally taken to a hospital at Elizabeth, where, after eleven days, the house physician communicated with his mother, saying he thought an operation would be necessary. She, with her family physician, Dr. A. T. Birdsall, of Brooklyn, went to Elizabeth, and it was decided to remove Baisly to the Seney Hospital, Brooklyn.

There his case attracted immediate attention. He could not "talk straight," as he physicians termed it. He was fluent but incoherent. For instance, he said:

"I would joy speech you my uncomfortable but will not sing." This was taken by the surgeons to mean he would be glad to tell how he felt, but it was impossible for him to express himself correctly.

An operation was performed and was successful. One of the attending surgeons thus described the case:

"It was apparent that there was some serious disturbance of the aisle of Riel, which is that part of the brain which governs the speech. The skull was trepanned and several large bits of bone, souvenirs of Jersey surgery, were removed.

"We then found a large abscess which extended well down into the brain through the temporo-spheroidal lobe, and was pressing on the aisle of Riel. The pus was removed, drainage pipes were put in and the patient is going to recover. With the relief of the pressure of the abscess on the aisle of Riel his difficulty in finding the word he wants has disappeared and he now talks with little difficulty. We are sure that when the wound has healed his memory and speech will both be all right."

LONDON STOCKS STEADY.

Americans at New York Parity, with St. Paul Leading.

Stocks were generally steady in the London market to-day, but business was light, the Oxford-Cambridge boat race depleting the ranks of the traders. The monetary outlook showed continued improvement.

In the American railway department prices were firm at about New York parity, St. Paul showed an advance of 3-4 per cent.

Corn Helped Wheat.

The Produce Exchange opened barely steady and a shade lower to-day, but wheat recovered in sympathy with corn, which was strong and active. English cables were 1-8 higher on wheat, but Paris markets showed irregularity.

New York's opening prices were: May wheat, 80 3-4; September wheat, 80 1-2; July wheat, 81 1-8 bid.

Chicago's opening prices were: May wheat, 76 1-8; May corn, 41 1-8.

New York's closing prices were: May wheat, 81; July, 81 1-4 bid; September, 80 3-4; May corn, 50; July 49 1-4; September 49 1-8.

Chicago's prices at 10.30 A. M. were: May wheat, 76 1-4.

Bears Held Cotton Down.

Influenced by extreme depression in Liverpool, the cotton market opened under heavy bear pressure and sold off 4 to 15 points. This makes the lowest point reached in the decline of the past three weeks.

The opening prices were: April, 7.62 to 7.63; May, 7.68 to 7.69; June, 7.67 to 7.68; July, 7.69 to 7.70; August, 7.45 to 7.46; October, 7.21; November, 7.19 bid; December, 7.15 to 7.17.

The closing prices were: April, 7.74 to 7.76; May, 7.79 to 7.80; June, 7.78 to 7.79; July, 7.80 to 7.81; August, 7.53; September, 7.35 to 7.37; October, 7.25 to 7.27; November, 7.22 to 7.23; December, 7.20 to 7.22; January, 7.20 to 7.22. Market very steady.

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THIEVES THROW JEWELRY AWAY.

As Henry Hinton and John Seton, two burglars, ran from the home of William H. Wilhelm at Harrison, N. J., they threw away diamonds and jewelry.

The thieves jumped from the trolley car at Third street, as the buggy in which their pursuers were following was getting too close. Chief of Police Rogers joined in the chase, and a number of citizens also took up the pursuit.

The men separated, but were finally captured. Hinton ran into the arms of Adam Breitenbucher, a butcher, who held him. Seton hid in a cellar on William street, where the Wilhelm brothers found him. He drew a revolver and snapped it at his pursuers, but the cartridges failed to explode.

McMackin Wields the Axe.

ALBANY, March 30.—Labor Commissioner McMackin has dispensed with eighteen employees, with salaries aggregating $22,120 annually. This is the first reduction under Gov. Odell's economic policy.

ZELLER DEFIES A. COMSTOCK.

City Magistrate Lorenz Zeller, who is sitting in the Morrisania Police Court, in reply to the charges made by Anthony Comstock in the twenty-seventh annual report of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, made public yesterday, in which Magistrate Zeller is severely criticised for disclosing the fact that warrants had been issued against poolrooms and gambling-houses, said:

"I stand on my record as a man and a Judge. The charges made by the Society for the Suppression of Vice are ridiculous. If Anthony Comstock and his Society mean to insinuate that I gave out information in advance in any raid they were about to make, they say what is false. I defy Mr. Comstock to make a direct charge. Should he do so I would proceed against him criminally.

"If Mr. Comstock can bring me evidence that notice that warrants had been issued and information of them furnished to any person by any person connected with the court I would at once issue a warrant for that person and prosecute him to the full extent of the law."

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