

ket lower. It is pertinent to remark that the activity of operators for the decline was extremely offensive in the market and that in their anxiety to reach profits they showed an excessive and disgusting lack of feeling over the frightful disaster that overtook the battleship Maine and its men.

Apprehension over the effect of the explosion respecting future relations between Spain and the United States induced heavy selling throughout the list, but prices in a few cases only sold down more than 2 1/2 per cent, while in many instances the losses were not above 1 per cent.

The market had been full of weak marginal gains, and the losses would have been more serious in a market such as that of this time a year ago incidents like the recent Cuban developments and the sinking of the Maine would cause a panic.

Money on call in London was 2 1/2 per cent, British consols closed at 112 1/2 for money and 112 1/4 for the account. Rate of discount in the City was 4 per cent for short and long bills.

THE FEDERAL TREASURY. Today's Washington Treasury statement, covering actual results of two days ago, compared with the last preceding statement, gives the following balances:

Table with columns: Item, Balance, Change. Includes Net gold, Net silver, Net U.S. notes, etc.

Actual cash over and under \$217,933,968. Deposits \$26,644,433. Available cash \$244,578,401. Actual cash balance \$219,306,426.

FOREIGN CURRENCY IN JANUARY. The country's foreign trade in January and for the fiscal year, as compiled by the Bureau of Statistics, was as follows:

Table with columns: Month, Exports, Imports, Balance. Includes January 1898, January 1897, and Fiscal Year.

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TO THE HOLDERS OF CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY 5% FIRST MORTGAGE, EXTENSION & COLLATERAL BONDS. 5% DEBENTURE BONDS.

Financial. In connection with the proposed issue of new General Mortgage 4 per cent, 90-year Gold Bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, the following statement is made:

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CERTIFICATES OF INTEREST ISSUED IN RESPECT OF Union Pacific Railway Company SIX PER CENT. GOLD COLLATERAL TRUST NOTES.

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THE BOND MARKET

Sales of Government bonds were \$25,000,000 on Feb. 16, 1898. Final quotations follow:

Table with columns: Item, Price. Includes U.S. 4s, U.S. 5s, etc.

Ten shares of Market and Fulton Bond \$120.

Railroad bonds were weak, but did not show the same degree of loss as noted in stocks.

The volume of business was smaller than in several days, with total sales amounting in part to \$25,000,000, against \$70,000,000 yesterday.

The highest dealings were in the Atchafalaya, Chesapeake and Ohio 4 1/2s, Erie pref. 4s, Kansas and Texas second, Northern Pacific pref. 4s, Oregon and California 4 1/2s, Union Pacific 4 1/2s, etc.

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OUTSIDE SECURITY PRICES

STREET RAILROADS. Reported by C. I. Hudson & Co., No. 36 Wall St., NEW-YORK CITY AND BROOKLYN.

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RAILROAD EARNINGS

CLEVELAND, CANTON AND SOUTHERN. First week in Feb. 1898 \$1,200,000; 1897 \$1,100,000.

GRAND TRUNK. Number of miles 3,512; 4,000; 4,000.

CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE. Month of December 1897 \$37,507; 1898 \$37,507.

PROPOSALS

STATE OF NEW YORK. OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. BUREAU OF CANAL AFFAIRS.

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Dividend Notices

OFFICE OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day there was declared the net earnings a dividend of 1 per cent on the Preferred Stock of this Company for the year ending December 31, 1897.

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