

BEARS RAID MARKET. LAWSON TACTICS AN AID. Amalgamated and Steel Hard Hit—No Support for List.

Another violent decline, or series of declines, occurred yesterday on the stock market, prices dropping almost to the low levels touched last week.

It is an unqualified lie. It was commonly rumored that the bears were gunning for some large speculators, who have been conspicuous in putting up the market in the last few weeks, and who vigorously renewed their operations for a rise after the liquidation of last week had spent its force.

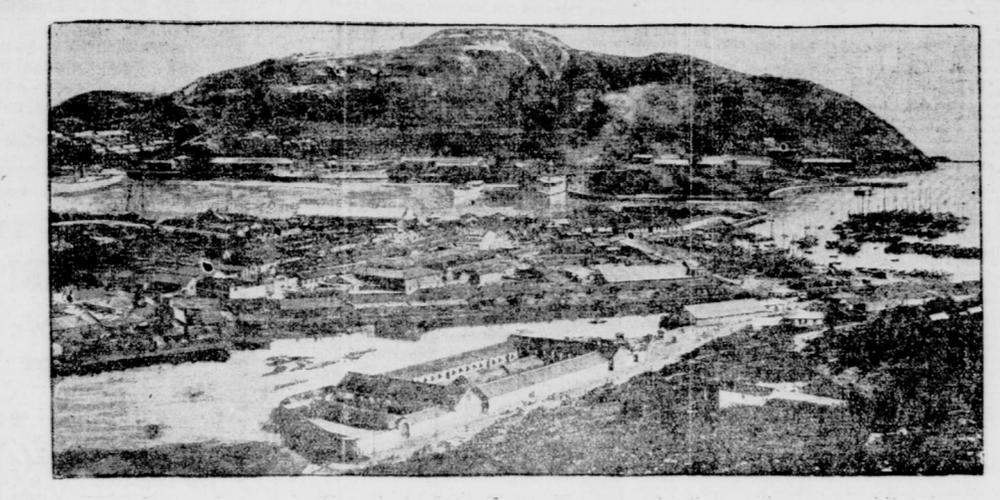
The selling throughout the day was of a general character, and, in addition to London offerings, came from practically all parts of the country. At various brokerage offices there was less excitement than in the case of the earlier week.

Weakness in the local market developed at the very outset. Amalgamated Copper and Steel common were the particular objects of the bearish selling.

On the curb market Greene Consolidated Copper had an exciting day, going down from 24 1/2 to 21 1/2, and after a partial rally closing at 22 1/2.

OBJECT TO DUELLISTS IN KANSAS. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) Topeka, Dec. 12.—An attempt will be made to prevent J. L. Dayhoff, recently elected State superintendent of schools, from assuming office, because, it is alleged, he violated the constitution of the State in accepting a challenge to fight a duel.

GOLDEN HILL. With that portion of Port Arthur in the foreground which the Japanese guns on 203-Metre Hill now reach.



MRS. HOFFMAN WEDS AGAIN. Married to Norrie Sellar—Divorce Became Operative on Nov. 26.

Mrs. Sybil W. Hoffman was married yesterday at the Marble Collegiate Church to Norrie Sellar, the Rev. Dr. David James Burrell officiating. st. and his home is at No. 11 East Eleventh-st.

Mrs. Sybil W. Hoffman obtained her divorce from her husband, John Ellis Hoffman, in Newport, May 23, of this year, on the grounds of wilful desertion and non-support and under the laws of Rhode Island could not remarry for six months. The six months ended November 23.

The papers were served on her husband in Paris, who entered no appearance. All the testimony was by deposition. Aside from Mrs. Hoffman's testimony her father and maid also testified.

Mrs. Hoffman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Watts Sherman and a sister of Mrs. Harold Brown. Hoffman is the grandson of John W. Ellis, the New-York banker.

STOPS CAR ON BRINK. Just Misses Plunging Down a Fifty-foot Precipice. The courage and coolness of Max Kerwisch, motorman of car No. 10 of the Morris Heights line of the Union Street Railway Company, saved himself, with four women and two men passengers, from plunging over a precipice fifty feet high in Burnside-ave, yesterday.

None of the passengers were injured, but all were much scared. The car was badly damaged. Leaving the terminus at One-hundred-and-seventy-seventh-st. and Third-ave, the line runs west to One-hundred-and-sixty-first-st. and thence back to Third-ave.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. Special Assorted Cases, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.75. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 135 Fulton St., N. Y.

GUNS TURNED ON TOWN. ARSENAL SET ON FIRE. Port Arthur's Ships Useless—Wireless Station Damaged.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—Dispatches received to-day from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur report that the interior of the fortress was bombarded with heavy guns yesterday, seriously damaging the battleship Poltava, the transport Amur and the wireless telegraph station at the foot of Golden Hill, and that the arsenal was set on fire.

Fortress's Defenders Few. Scarcity of Men Shown at Time of Armistices to Bury Dead. London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Tokio to "The Daily Mail" says:

LEFT ON BLEAK ISLAND. Sixway Marooned Without Food by Pacific Steamer Captain. San Francisco, Dec. 12.—An American stowaway found on the steamer Ventura, soon after leaving Auckland, New Zealand, for this city, was marooned by Captain Hayward on a bleak island off the north coast of New Zealand, and left to look out for himself.

MORTON TO REMAIN. Will Stay in Cabinet After March 4, the President Announces. Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt announced to-day that Secretary Morton, at his earnest request, had consented to remain in the Cabinet after March 4 as Secretary of the Navy.

BOATS LOAD FOR RUSSIA. Nixon's Torpedo Craft to Go Aboard Secretly. Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 12 (Special).—A British steamer, now overhauling in the Erie Basin, will take the dismantled torpedo boats built here by Lewis Nixon, to Europe.

ROCKHILL TO BE MINISTER TO CHINA. Ambassadorship to Mexico To Be Offered to Conger. Washington, Dec. 12.—Unofficial announcement has been made that the Ambassadorship to Mexico will be offered to Mr. Conger, the American Minister to China.

GIRLS FLED FROM BURNING THEATRE. Sixty Were Rehearsing on Stage at Binghamton—An Explosion. Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Fire in the Academy of Music building at Norwich, N. Y., this evening did damage estimated at \$25,000.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., RESERVATION. FOR HEALTH AND PLEASURE SEEKERS. Radio-Active Waters owned by U. S. Government. Fine winter climate, green miles reservation drives; golf; ninety days' racing. Hotels for all classes. Write Bureau of Information, Hot Springs, Ark., for illustrated book.—Adv.

CHILD LABOR ARRESTS. Girls Work Eleven Hours a Day for \$3 50 a Week.

Two men summoned to the Jefferson Market Court yesterday, while being charged by Miss L. F. Foster and Louis A. Havens, factory inspectors, with violating the child labor law were arrested by Detective Flood, attached to the District Attorney's office on warrants issued by Magistrate Cornell.

Brasch was charged by the factory inspectors with employing children under sixteen years of age without a certificate from the Board of Health; with failing to keep a register of the name, address and age of each child, and with permitting children to work more than nine hours a day.

"On December 5," swore Miss Foster, "I went to this man's factory. I found two young girls, Sylvia Kaskie, 14 years old, of No. 438 West Thirty-eighth-st., and Katherine Finnegan, 13 years old, of No. 52 West Twenty-seventh-st., working sixty-eight hours in a week of six days—making an average of over eleven hours a day—for which they received only \$3.

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CAR LEAVES "L" TRACK. MANY TRAINS HELD UP. Passengers Brave Third Rail in Snow—Scraper Loose.

In the snowstorm last night the southbound tracks of the Sixth-ave. and Ninth-ave. elevated railroad were blocked for nearly an hour, when the first car of a five-car train of the Sixth-ave. line left the track. The accident happened just as the train was leaving the Eighty-first-st. station, and all trains were stalled on the track.

The officials of the road were extremely reticent as to the cause of the accident. Train guards said that a scraper which is used to brush the snow from the third rail became loosened and dropped on the track, throwing the wheels off.

There was considerable indignation at a number of the stations when passengers who had been waiting heard of the trouble. Many had purchased tickets to go to stations below Fifty-ninth-st. and they did not get their money back.

FARDAMAN ONCE MORE. Mississippi's Governor Advises Congressmen to Tell the Truth. Jackson, Miss., Dec. 12.—Governor Fardaman to-day made the opening speech at the Cotton and Corn Carnival, and after welcoming the visitors broached off to politics.

AN OLD LANDMARK SOLD. No. 93 Maiden Lane Changes Hands. The Ex-Congressman Jefferson M. Levy bought yesterday the Vanderpool property, No. 93 Maiden Lane, a landmark of this city.

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MR. CARNEGIE WON'T GO. LUMBAGO, SAYS DOCTOR. May Tie Up the Chadwick Case—Judge Olcott Mentioned.

The physician of Andrew Carnegie testified that the ironmaster was suffering from an acute attack of lumbago, and must not go to Ohio to testify against Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. It was thought that this would be the case up.

Reports from Cleveland said that Mrs. Chadwick had obtained a \$500,000 loan in Pittsburgh, and connected the name of James W. Friend, vice-president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, with the affair. Mr. Friend, through his secretary, declined to discuss the matter in any phase.

INDICTMENT IN EAST. It May Be Found in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Although served with a subpoena yesterday, Andrew Carnegie, on the advice of his physician, will not appear before the federal grand jury in Cleveland to-morrow.

MAY BE INDICTED IN MASSACHUSETTS. A new indictment, which it was learned by a Tribune reporter yesterday, is now pending, is to be brought in Suffolk County, Mass. George Ryall, counsel for Herbert B. Newton, admitted to a Tribune reporter last night that it was "not improbable" that such an indictment might be found on a charge of grand larceny.

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NEW BUFFET-LIBRARY CAR. Has been placed in service on Lackawanna train leaving New York 8:35 P. M. daily, with through sleeping for Utica, Syracuse, Ithaca and Buffalo.—Adv.