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Public Notices. THE CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as required by the Greater New York Charter, that books containing the Annual Record of the assessed valuation of the City of New York for the year 1915, will be open to public inspection...

Financial Meetings. AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY.—A MEETING of the stockholders for the purpose of voting upon a proposition that said corporation be forthwith dissolved...

HIGHER COTTON WAGES. British Owners to Put 150,000 Workmen on Full Scale. London, Feb. 9.—The millowners of the northern counties have granted the cotton operatives an increase of wages amounting to 2 1/2 per cent, beginning in May.

WOOL OUTLOOK FAVORABLE. The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says in part: "There is a broader inquiry for wool, manufacturers are looking out more eagerly for the wool and the general tone of the market is firmer. Domestic quarter bloods are cheaper than foreign and Australian wools are not yet in full force, and recent full prices are called for."

THE FEDERAL TREASURY. Washington, Feb. 9.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business to-day was as follows: RESERVE FUND, Gold and silver, \$120,000,000.00. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, \$42,477,000.00.

RUMOR SCARES SHORTS. Reported Conference Booms Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Reports of great doings in the Hill railroad projects caused considerable excitement in Wall Street yesterday and made the prices of Great Northern and Northern Pacific reach new high records.

Closing prices of stocks dealt in, with net changes, follow: Allis-Chalmers, 24 1/2, +1/2. Amal Copper, 11 1/2, +1/4. Am Ag Chem, 31 1/2, +1/4. Am Cotton Oil, 28 1/2, +1/4.

The basis of all the excitement was that Jacob H. Schiff held an extended conference with J. Pierpont Morgan and Robert Steele in Mr. Morgan's office, and afterward went to see Mr. Harriman. George W. Perkins was not at the conference, and this seemed to take the lease of the ore lands to the Steel Corporation out of the discussion.

Great interest attaches to the story, nevertheless, for the reason that through it there comes confirmation of reports that have circulated in the financial district for a long time. It has been said that the Union Pacific has been disposing of its Northern Valley Railroad...

ROCK ISLAND'S BUSY DAY. St. Louis and Frisco Passes Dividends Many Places Filled. The Rock Island Company performed yesterday in extension. The directors of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company met and carried out the expected programme of passing the dividend on the 2d preferred.

ALLEGES PATENT INFRINGEMENT. Westinghouse Machine Company Sues Allis-Chalmers Co. in Steam Turbine Case. Users of steam turbines will be interested in the outcome of a suit which the Westinghouse Machine Company, of Pittsburgh, has begun in the United States Circuit Court for the District of New Jersey against the Allis-Chalmers Company.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY. These petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday with the clerk of the United States District Court: David Perlman, No. 1,686 Madison-ave; liabilities, \$1,805; assets, \$250. The principal creditor is D. S. Walton & Co., Varick and Franklin sts., \$79. The assets consist of \$200 in cash, \$147.85 in real estate, \$72. The principal creditor is George P. Ide & Co., No. 719 Broadway, \$61. The petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed against the Iris Music Company, a New-York corporation doing business at 100 West 42d street, by the firm of Ide & Co., which is engaged, it is stated, in the sale of sheet music and musical instruments.

SECURITIES PROVE HIGHER. GREAT NORTHERN AND NORTHERN PACIFIC STRONG FEATURES. Railway Shares in General in Demand—Banks Lose Cash.

Closing prices of chief active bonds dealt in, with net changes, follow: Japan 6s, 100 1/4, +1/4. Erie 4 1/2s, 94 1/2, +1/4. Erie 5s, 100 1/4, +1/4.

Activity developed in a number of the leading issues in yesterday's stock market on a movement of values that generally tended in the direction of higher quotations. Opening figures as a rule were strong, while throughout the five hours of trading there was no indication of important weakness in any part of the list.

Money Market.—Money on call opened at 4 per cent; highest, 4 per cent; lowest, 3 1/2 per cent; last loan, 3 1/2 per cent; closed 3 1/2 per cent; ruling rate, 3 1/2 per cent. Time money was quoted at 4 1/2 per cent for thirty to sixty days and 4 3/4 per cent for three to four months. Commercial paper, quoted at 95 1/2 per cent for sixty to ninety days and 94 1/2 per cent for four to six months.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.—Market closed weak. Actual closing rates follow: Sterling, 154 1/2, -1/4. Cable, 154 1/2, -1/4. Sixty days, 154 1/2, -1/4. Bankers' posted rates were as follows: Sterling, 154 1/2, -1/4. Cable, 154 1/2, -1/4. Sixty days, 154 1/2, -1/4.

AMERICAN SECURITIES ABROAD. London, Feb. 9, p. m.—The market for American securities was firm and generally higher. Last quotations follow: Allis-Chalmers, 24 1/2, +1/2. Amal Copper, 11 1/2, +1/4. Am Ag Chem, 31 1/2, +1/4.

GOVERNMENT BONDS. The following shows yesterday's closing quotations for government bonds, compared with Thursday's: U. S. 2s, coupon, 1930, 103 1/2, -1/4. U. S. 2s, registered, 1918, 102 1/2, -1/4. U. S. 2s, coupon, 1917, 102 1/2, -1/4.

IMPORTS OF DRYGOODS. Imports and marketings of drygoods this week, with comparisons, were as follows: Total imports, \$1,716,000. Total marketings, \$1,716,000.

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RAILROAD AND OTHER STOCKS. Table with columns: Shares sold, Actual sales, Closing High, Low, Last. Includes: 100 Alton Mining, 1,000 Adams Express, 1,000 Allis-Chalmers, etc.

BOND MARKET SALES. Table with columns: Description, Price. Includes: 1000 U. S. 2s coupon 1930, 2000 U. S. 2s coupon 1917, 1000 U. S. 2s coupon 1918, etc.

MINING STOCKS. Table with columns: Shares sold, Opening, High, Low, Last. Includes: 200 Alton, 200 Alpha, 200 Amal, etc.

WHEAT. Table with columns: Sales bush, Opening, High, Low, Last. Includes: 825,000 May option, 85, 85 1/2, 84, 84 1/2.

PIG IRON CERTIFICATES. Table with columns: First call, Second call, Third call. Includes: Cash, February, March, April, May, June.

WALL STREET AND EXCHANGES. FOREIGN TRADING.—London was not an active factor in the local market, dealing in about 19,000 shares, mostly purchases. In London, controls were steady and the general market was firm.

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