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FIVE KILLED, SIX INJURED.

A Train Plunges Through a Trestle which Had Been Weakened by a Flood.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Five persons were killed and six injured by the railroad disaster on the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, three miles east of this city, last night. The dead are: Jesse Hodge, conductor, Brocton; William E. McLain, baggageman, Buffalo; Oscar Porter, passenger, Brocton; Mrs. J. N. Porter, mother of Oscar Porter, passenger, Brocton, and George Ryman, passenger, Fredonia.

The injured are: Charlotte Friedholm, Dunkirk, scalp wound and internal injuries; Mabel Williams, daughter of J. T. Williams, Dunkirk, not serious; Mrs. Oscar Porter, Brocton, severe cuts on head and right ankle fractured; Byron R. Barton, Mayville, scalp wound and cuts on arms; A. W. McLane, Brocton, engineer, head cut and bruised; Barney Moss, Brocton, fireman, left arm nearly severed, seriously injured about head.

The train went through the trestle that spans Herrick's Creek, about three miles east of here. Ordinarily the creek is a harmless little stream, but owing to the heavy rain of the past two days it rose rapidly, and yesterday afternoon it poured down a flood of angry water against the trestle. The force of the flood was so great that the rocks supporting the undersills were washed away and the trestle's back was broken. When the train dashed onto the structure at 6:45 o'clock, running forty miles an hour, the trestle gave way and the cars crashed into the gorge. The train was a local to Brocton. It was made up of three cars, baggage, smoker, and day coach, and carried not over a dozen people.

The engine had crossed the bridge when it gave way. The tender broke its coupling and, with the cars, fell twenty-five feet into the rushing torrent beneath. The engine rolled over and over down the embankment. The baggage car stood almost on end, its lower end crushed into a distorted mass of ironwork and splintered woodwork, with the tender and smoking car stretched across the stream. The day coach was tilted upward, its upper extremity resting on the tracks above and its lower end buried in the creek. There were seven passengers in the coach, and all were either killed or injured.

Assistance was summoned, and men with lanterns and crowbars went to work rescuing those in the cars. The dead and injured were taken from the rear coach, the wounded being carried to Mr. Herrick's house near by, and the dead for the time laid outdoor the bank. Then the search for the missing was taken up. At midnight an arm was seen protruding from the wreckage formed by the tender, baggage car, and smoker. It was the body of Conductor Hodge. His head was buried deep in the debris, and tons of wreckage will have to be lifted before he can be released. The body of Baggageman McLain has not yet been found. It has either been buried deep in the wreckage or was washed away by the flood. The engineer and fireman do not know how they escaped alive. McLane, the engineer, found himself lying beside the engine at the bottom of the embankment. Moss, the fireman, also went down with the engine, and came to his senses not far from it.

George Ryman, who was sexton of the cemetery at Fredonia, died shortly after the accident. The others are expected to recover, though Moss, the fireman, is in great danger. Hodge, the dead conductor, leaves a widow and five children. Oscar Porter was a prominent merchant of Brocton and Supervisor of the town of Portland.

MR. DOUGLAS ILL IN CHURCH.

It Took 3 1-2 Hours to Get the Clergyman, Who Has Pneumonia, Into a Hospital.

The Rev. Charles Winthrop Douglas, one of the priests of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, at Park avenue and Eighty-second street, had an interesting experience getting into the Presbyterian Hospital on Friday night. At 9:30 in the evening, soon after finishing a choir rehearsal in the church, he was taken with a chill. Father Johnson, the rector of the church, and sexton George Davidson made him as comfortable as possible and called in Dr. J. Blake White, who said that Mr. Douglas ought to go to a hospital. Father Johnson tried to telephone to St. Luke's, and found that it had no telephone. Then he went to the hospital and learned that it had no ambulance.

Then Father Johnson went up to the Presbyterian Hospital and asked them to take Mr. Douglas in an ambulance to St. Luke's. The man in charge at the hospital refused to send an ambulance to take Mr. Douglas to St. Luke's. Father Johnson returned to the church and found Mr. Douglas in a very serious condition. He was delirious and talked at random, discoursing on certain musical subjects.

It was decided to draw on the ingenuity of a policeman. Sexton Davidson went out on the street and whistled. Nothing came of that, and then Mr. Davidson twisted the handle on the door of a fire-alarm box, thereby making the bell ring without turning in an alarm. Soon a policeman responded, and he sent a call to the Presbyterian Hospital for an ambulance, which soon arrived, and which got Mr. Douglas to the hospital at about 1 A. M. There it was found that he had an attack of typhoid pneumonia. Yesterday it was stated at the hospital that he was very sick. When Superintendent Fisher was asked yesterday about the usual procedure in such a case, he said he did not know that anybody at the Presbyterian Hospital had refused to send Mr. Douglas in a Presbyterian Hospital ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital. He said such a request if made would have been granted.

Miss Potter is Trying to Reform Her.

Louisa Stenley, 27 years old, was arrested by Policeman Savage for loitering in the street on Friday night at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue. When she was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court yesterday, Carrie Potter of 254 West Twenty-fifth street, who tries to reform such women, said that the girl was living with her, and made a strong plea in her behalf.

"I have been trying to reform this girl, Judge," said Miss Potter. "I have got work for her, and she is doing well. Last Sunday we went together to Dr. Parkhurst's church, and afterward to see the Doctor, and Louisa promised to lead a good life hereafter. I think the officer was mistaken. I'll be responsible for her if you'll discharge her."

The prisoner said that she was on her way to a grocery when she was arrested. Justice Hogan paroled her in the custody of Miss Potter.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Dec. 16.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN $1,000s).

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CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2s.	95¼	—	U. S. 6s, 1896 ..	104¾	—
U. S. 4s.	113¾	114	U. S. 6s, 1897 ..	107	—
U. S. 4s.	114¾	115¼	U. S. 6s, 1898 ..	110	—
U. S. 6s, 1895 ..	103¾	—	U. S. 6s, 1899 ..	112	—

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (IN $1,000s).

8 Atchison 4s	71	2 L. N. & Ch. cn.	100
2	71¼	1 Little R. & M. 1st.	87
10	71⅜	5 L. I. Ferry, 4½s.	98
2	71⅜	5 Lou., F. & St. L. 5s.	80
2	71⅜	6 Mex. Int., 1st 4s.	70¼
2	71⅜	2 Met. El. 1st.	120
20 Atchison 2d 4s, A...	87⅜	3 Mich. C. 7s.	121¼
28	87¼	5 Mo. Pac. cn.	97
6 Alb. & Sus. cn. 7s.	128¾	1 Nor. Pac. 1st. c.	110¼
5 Buff. & Ph. gnl. 5s.	91¾	3 Nor. Pac. cn. 5s.	82
1 Bur., C. R. & N. 1st.	102¼	5 N. Y. & Leek. 1st.	100
2 C., B. & N., 6 L. ds.	95½	6 N. Y. C. 1st, s. 10.	125¾
4 Brooklyn El. 1st.	104	2 North Mo. 1st.	106½
3 Chic. & O. gnl. 4½s.	76	8 N. W. d. 5s, 30 yr.	107¼
8 Chi. & O. R. & A. 1st cn. 4s.	66	2 N. Y., O. & W. r. 4s.	84¼
8 Chi. & O. R. & A. 2d cn. 4s.	31¾	4	84¾
2	81¾	5 Ore. S. L. gn. cn.	50¾
2	81¾	5 Oregon Imp. 1st.	99
1 C., R. & Q. deb. 5s.	98¼	1 Ore. Imp. 5s.	74
10	82	2	64¼
1 Cons. O. of C. 5s.	84	5 Pitts., C., C. & St. L. 4½s. R. A.	101
8 Chi. & Nor. P. 1st.	135¼	10	100¾
2	135¼	5 Peo., D. & E. 2d.	31¾
2	135¼	1 Ric., W. & O. ex. 5s.	114
1	135¼	1 Rock Isl. ex. 5s.	102
82	135¼	2 Rens. & S. 1st.	104¾
5 Col. Coal 6s.	97	5 Read. gnl. 4s.	71
2 Del., S. & A. 1st 7s.	101¼	2	70¾
1 Ella., L. & B. S. 1st.	98¼	2	70¾
10	99	1 Read. 1st pf. inc.	32¼
10 Erie cn. 2d.	105	4 Reading Gef. in.	45¾
11 Edison E. I. 1st.	104½	12 So. P. of N. M. 1st.	97¾
1 Ft. Worth 1st.	70	2 St. L. & S. W. 1st.	58¾
10 G., H. & S. A. M. P. 5s.	98	11	58
6 Gen. Elec. deb. 5s.	90¼	20 Tex. Pac. 1st 5s.	70
8	75¼	2 U. P. r. ds. C. T. N.	90
1 Hock. Val. 4s.	75¼	1 Union Pac. 96s.	104¼
4 Iowa Cent. 1st.	88¼	5 Union Pac. 96s.	106¾
8 Kan. Pac. 1st, '95.	102	5 Union El. 1st.	97¾
19 Kan. P. D. & A.	70	10	98
7 Laclede Gas 1st.	84¼	2 Va. Midland gnl.	72
1	84¾	5 West Shore 4s.	104
1	85	2	104¼
2	85	2	108¾
10 Lake Shore 2d, 6.	123	87 W. Shore 4s, reg.	101
5 Lou. & N. cn.	110¼	10 W. N. Y. & Pa. 2d.	28¼
4 Lou. & N. g. 4s.	76¼		
8 Lou. & N. 5s.	99¾		

Total sales of railway bonds (par value), $531,000.

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.		Open ing.	High est.	Low est.	Closing. Bid.	Closing. Asked.
52	Amer. Cable	87	88	87	86¼	88¼
100	Am. Cot. Oil	20¾	21¾	20¾	20¾	21¾
100	Am. Cot. Oil pf.	67¼	67¼	67¼	67¼	—
1260	Atch., T. & S. Fe	18⅞	19	18¾	19	19¼
100	Balt. & O.	71¼	71¼	71¼	71¼	71¾
815	Canadian Pac.	53	53	52¾	53	53¼
523	Ches. & Ohio	18¾	18¾	18¼	18¼	18¾
8605	Chicago Gas	68	68¾	67¼	67¼	67¾
10	Cities Ser.	90	1.30	1.30	—	—
41	C., C., C. & St. L.	88¾	88¾	88¾	87¾	88¼
950	Chic. & N. W.	103½	103¾	102¾	102¾	103¼
7093	C., B. & Q.	71¾	72¼	70¾	70¾	71¼
10220	C., R. I. & P.	61¾	62	61¼	61¼	61¾
35	C., M. & St. P.	117	118	117	117	118¼
1815	C., R. I. & Pac.	67¾	67¾	67¼	67¼	67¾
100	D., L. & W.	163¾	163¾	163¾	163¾	164¼
100	Den. & R. G. pf.	32¼	32¼	32	32	32¼
10580	Distil'g & C. F.	27¾	28¾	27¼	28	28¼
165	East T. V. & G.	64	64	64	63	66
11340	Gen. Elec.	88¼	89¼	88¼	88¾	88¾
260	Illinois Cen.	93	93	93	92¼	93¼
100	Kanawha & M.	10	10	10	10	10¼
840	Lake Shore	132¼	132¼	129¾	129¾	129¾
600	Louis. & Nash.	49	49¼	48¾	48¾	48¾
200	Louis., N. A. & C.	10	10	9¾	9¾	10
100	L., N. A. & C. pf.	40	40	40	39¾	40
100	Mex. Central	6¼	6¼	6¼	5¾	6¼
995	Mo. Pacific	24¾	24¾	23¾	23¾	24
200	N., C. & St. L.	74¾	74¾	74	74	74¾
500	Natl. Ill. Gas	26	26	25¾	25¾	26
200	New Cent. Coal	9	9	9	8¾	9¼
475	N. Y. Central	102	102	101¾	101¾	101¾
600	N. Y. Chicago	20¼	20	19¾	19¾	20
142	Natl. Cord. pf.	42¼	42¼	42¼	42¼	45
20	North Amer.	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¼	4¾
1040	N. P. & W. Reg.	28	28	27¾	27¾	28
100	N. Y., L. E. & W.	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾
100	N. Y. & N. E.	16	16	16	16	16¼
100	N. Y. & Pf.	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼	22¼
260	Northern Pac.	6	6	6	5¾	6
840	North. Pac. pf.	21¾	21¾	21¼	21¼	21¾
500	Ontario & West.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
45	Pacific Mail	15	15	15	14¾	15
4720	Phila. & Read.	20¾	20¾	19¾	19¾	19¾
29	Pull. P. Car Co.	172	172	170	169	171
100	Rich. & W. P.	81	81	81	80	87
553	St. P. & Omaha	87¾	88	87¾	87¾	88¼
100	St. P. & Om. pf.	115¾	115¾	115¾	115¾	118
500	Southern Pac.	22	22	21¾	21¾	22
800	Tex. & L.	16	16¼	16	16	16¼
5	Texas Pacific	8	8	8	—	—
980	Union Pacific	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
600	U. S. Rubber	46	47	46	46	47¾
102	Wabash	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¾
200	Wabash pf.	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾	16
100	W., Fargo Ex.	130	130	130	125	130
12138	West. U. Tel.	87¾	87¾	86¾	87	87¼
100	Wh. & L. Erie	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾
600	Wh. & L. E. pf.	51	51¾	50	49¾	52
110	Wis. Central	6	6	6	6	6

Total sales of stocks were 78,883 shares.

UNLISTED DEPARTMENT TRANSACTIONS.

Sales.		Open ing.	High est.	Low est.	Closing.
80365	Amer. Sugar Ref.	82¾	84	82¼	82¾
425	Amer. Sugar Ref. pf.	85	85¾	85	85
1644	National Lead	25	26	24¾	25¾
5	National Lead pf.	70	70	70	70
11.00	Phoenix of Ariz.	49	53	48	48
$20,000	Am. Tob. Co. g. bds.	91¼	91¼	91¼	91¼

LATEST QUOTATIONS FOR BANK STOCKS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
America	192	200	Manhattan	175	—
Am. Exch'ge	—	147	Market & Ful.	212	218
Broadway	240	260	Mechan. & Tr.	150	180
Butch. & Drov.	175	—	Mechanics'	220	225
Central	126	—	Merchants'	145	150
Chase	455	—	Mer. Exch'ge	113	125
Chatham	350	400	Metropolitan	2	10
Chemical	4000	4800	Metropolis	450	500
City	425	—	Nassau	150	180
Citizens'	140	160	New York	225	237
Commerce	172	180	N. Y. County	—	640
Continental	125	135	N. Y. Nat. Ex.	110	—
Corn Exch'ge	260	265	Ninth	110	117
Deposit	25	—	Ninth Wd.	125	—
East River	145	160	North. Amer.	150	180
Fifth Avenue	2000	—	Oriental	230	250
First	2500	—	Pacific	175	—
First of S. I.	112	115	Park	280	310
Fourth	197	202	People's	275	—
Gallatin	260	—	Phenix	120	180
German-Am.	120	—	Republic	155	165
Germania	325	—	Seaboard	173	—
Greenwich	150	—	Second	300	—
Hanover	310	350	Shoe&Leather	110	125
Imp. & Trad.	570	600	Tradesmen's	—	100
Irving	145	160	United States	—	220
Leather Mfrs.	210	250	Western	109	112
Lincoln	450	—			

OTHER INACTIVE STOCKS.

	Closing. Bid.	Closing. Asked.		Closing. Bid.	Closing. Asked.
Adams Ex.	150	160	Manhat. Con.	127	128
Alb. & R.	165	170	Manhattan Bk.	4	8
Alten & T. H.	25	30	Maryland C. pf.	50	60
Alten & T. H. pf.	145	—	Mahonine Coal	90	100
Amer. Cable	86¼	88¼	Mahoning Coal	100	—
Amer. D. Tel.	85¾	86¾	Minn. & St. L.	12	13
Amer. T. pf.	90	95	M. & St. L. pf.	34	36
Amer. Exp.	116	118	Mo., K. & T.	15¼	15¾
Am. & Pac.	2	2¾	Mob. & Ohio	18	21
Buff., R. & P.	—	80	Morris & E.	—	65
Buff., R. & P. pf.	60	72	Nash., C. & St. L.	70	80
Bur., C. R. & N.	51	60	N. J. Central	116	118
Brunswick Co.	3¾	5	Norf. & So.	53	—
B. & O. s. w. pf.	8¾	5¾	N. Y. & N. H.	190	200
Canadian Pac.	74¾	75	N. Y., C. & St. L.	15¾	16
Cen. Pacific	18¾	20	N. Y. C. & St. L. pf.	66	70
Chic. & K. L. pf.	95	98	N. Y., C. & L. Erie	31	34
Chic. & Alton	158	—	N. Y. C. & W.	12	15
Col. Tol. & Cin.	26¼	26¾	N. Y., S. & W. pf.	46¾	47¾
Col. Fuel pf.	—	70	Ohio Southern	20	50
Cleve. & Pitts.	148	12	Ont. & Mining	6¼	7¼
C., C. & I. D.	11	12	Oregon Imp.	15	17
Col., H. V. & T.	21¾	22	Ore. R. & N.	28	34
Col., H. V. & T. pf.	66	69	Oregon S. L.	6	8
Col. & Hock.	24¾	—	Penna. Coal	275	300
Com. Cable	120	—	P., D. & E.	5¾	6
Consol. Coal	28	31	Penna. & East.	4	8
Con. Gas	128¾	130¼	P., Ft. W. & C.	140	—
Del. & Hud.	139	140	P., C., C. & St. L.	14	15
Den. & R. G.	10	11	P., C., C. & St. L. pf.	46¾	50
Des M. & Ft. D.	6¼	7¼	Quicksilver	1¾	2
D. M. & Ft. D. pf.	20	40	Quicksilver pf.	10	15
E., T., V. & G.	¾	⅞	Rens. & Sar.	171	170
E. T., V. & G. 1st p.	5	15	Rio Grande W.	18	21
E. T., V. & G. 2d p.	5	8	Rio G. W. pf.	45	52
Edison E. I.	100	101	R. & W. P.	2¾	3¾
Green B. & W.	5¼	6¼	R., W. & O.	110¼	113
Gt. North. pf.	106¾	111	St. L. & S. W.	4	9
Homestake	10¾	12	St. L. & S. W. pf.	9	9¾
Hous. & Texas	2	3	St. P. & Duluth	25	28
Iowa Central	7¾	8	St. P. & Dul. pf.	61	66
Iowa Cent. pf.	25	28	St. P., M. & M.	104	108
Keokuk & D. M.	—	5	T. C. A. 1st pf.	60	70
K. & D. M. pf.	—	7	Tol. & O. C.	38	45
Lo., St. L. & T.	1¾	5	Tol. & O. C. pf.	70	80
L. R. & West.	15¾	16¼	T., A. A. & N. M.	7¾	9¾
L. R. & W. pf.	36	40	U. P., D. & G.	1	1¾
Long Island	101¼	104	U. S. Express	52	55
Laclede Gas	15¾	17	U. S. Rubber p.	90	95
Laclede Gas pf.	68	72			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Con. Tract'n.	57	59	L. C. & Nav. Co.	51¼	52¾
Con. Tract'n Ba.	84	85	Penna. R. R.	47¾	47¾
Lehigh Valley	56¾	57	Nat. Traction	105¼	106

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison	19¾	Norfolk & Western pf.	21¾
Canadian Pacific	75¾	Northern Pacific pf.	21¾
Erie Common	15¾	Ontario & Western	17¾
Erie 2d consols	78¾	Pennsylvania	49¾
Illinois Central	96	Reading	10¾
Kansas & Texas	8¾	St. Paul	63¾
Lake Shore	129¾	Union Pacific	21¼
Lou. & Nashville	50¾	Wabash pf.	16¾
N. Y. Central	104¾		

SATURDAY, Dec. 16.

The approach to the end of the year is marked on the Stock Exchange by decreasing activity on the part of the professional element, which, as every one knows, has been practically the only aggressive interest in the stock market for many weeks. This condition of the security market reflects, unquestionably, hesitancy and contraction in business throughout the country. Clearing House statistics and railway traffic returns are in evidence upon this point. It does not follow, however, that the tendency is toward a still greater contraction of enterprise, though it is possible. A smaller volume of business is as natural a sequence to a panic as protracted debility to the convalescent stage of an acute sickness. A logical comment upon this parallel would be that a convalescent invalid is liable to suffer a relapse. There is, of course, that possibility in the present situation; but a just criticism upon the view entertained by the professional element in the stock market is that it regards that possibility as a certainty. Hence persistent attempts to depress prices, which for some time past have been a feature of the speculation, appear not to have disturbed the confidence of actual holders of securities in a gradual return of the country to a condition of normal prosperity.

It must be admitted that progress in the direction referred to is impeded by the somewhat indefinite and inconsistent efforts that are making to increase the revenues of the Government and by the apparent absence of a policy on the part of the Treasury Department. Something tangible upon both of these important questions would be of great value to business interests generally, and it may be added that, if precedent counts for anything, until the prospects of national finances are clearly defined the market for securities will continue to be governed to a great extent by the constantly varying sentiment of the comparatively few who are dependent upon its fluctuations for a livelihood. All other considerations are manifestly subordinate to these two.

In view of what has been said, an analysis of the stock market this week can hardly be expected. The only animation it has shown has been limited to two or three Industrial stocks, the moderate speculation in which has been influenced ostensibly by chameleon-like advices from Washington as to the outcome of the current tariff and internal revenue discussion. To-day's market was of the same character as those that have immediately preceded it, and in consequence final prices were, as a rule, fractionally below those of yesterday. The only noteworthy exception to the rule was General Electric, which, by the way, was second only to Sugar Refining in point of activity.

The increase this week in the amount of lawful money held by the banks is the smallest since the present accumulation of unemployed capital began, being only $290,000, all of which, and nearly $400,000 more, is required as reserve against an increase in the deposits of nearly 2¾ millions, resulting chiefly from an increase of $3,000,000 in the loans. It is interesting to note that the banks now hold a little more than $200,000,000 in lawful money, of which more than one-half is in specie, in spite of withdrawals this week of $1,700,000 for export; also that the average deposits are $80,000,000 in excess of the loans. The expansion of these last is said by bank officers to be entirely due to efforts that have been made this week to find profitable employment for the money in their custody.

As compared with the final prices of last Saturday, the majority of stocks are lower. The more important net declines are in St. Paul and New England, 2¾ ₱ cent. each; Western Union, 2¾; Louisville and Nashville, 1¾; Burlington and Quincy, 1⅝; Northwest, 1¾; Rock Island and Reading, 1¼ each; Omaha and Missouri Pacific, 1⅛ each; Canada Southern, 1; Tennessee Coal and Iron, ⅞; Northern Pacific preferred, ¾; New York Central and Ontario and Western, ½ ₱ cent. each. The noteworthy net advances were in General Electric, 4⅞ ₱ cent.; National Lead, 3¼; American Tobacco, 2¾; American Sugar Refining, 2; Consolidated Gas, 1¾, and Chicago Gas, ⅝ ₱ cent.

Final sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 15.	Dec. 16.		Dec. 15.	Dec. 16.
A., T. & S. Fe	19¾	19	North. P. pf.	21¼	21¼
Amer. C. O.	50	50	N. Y. Central	102	102
Canada South.	53¾	53	N. Y. & N. E.	28¼	28
C., B. & Q.	72¾	72¾	Omaha & M.	8¾	8⅞
Ches. & Ohio	18¾	18¾	Ontario & W.	16¾	16¾
Chicago Gas	68	67¾	Rock Island	67¾	67¾
Del., L. & West.	164¾	163¾	Reading	20¾	19¾
Den. & R. G.	6¾	6¾	St. Paul	63¾	61¾
Dist. & C. F. Co.	28¾	28¾	Tenn. C. I. & R.	16¼	15¾
Erie	15¾	15¾	Union Pacific	20¾	20¾
Gen. Electric	88¾	93¾	U. S. Leather	15¾	15¾
Louis. & Nash.	48¾	48¾	West. Un. Tel.	87¾	87¾
Missouri Pac.	23¾	23¾	W., L. E. & P.	14¾	14¾
Northw. com.	103	103¾	W. & L. E. pf.	61¾	61¾

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds dull and irregular. The features were Chesapeake and Ohio R. and A. 2d consol 4s, Chicago and North Pacific 1sts, General Electric debenture 5s, Laclede Gas 1sts, Reading general 4s, St. Louis and Southwestern 1sts, Union Elevated 1sts, Western New York and Pennsylvania 2ds, and Atchison issues. The more important net advances were in Atchison 4s, ⅜ ₱ cent., to 71¾, and 2ds, A., ⅜, to 37⅜; General Electric debenture 5s, 1, to 75⅝; Laclede Gas 1sts, ⅝, to 85, and Western New York and Pennsylvania 2ds, 1 ₱ cent., to 28¼. The noteworthy declines were in Chesapeake and Ohio, R. and A. 2d consol 4s, ⅛ ₱ cent., to 81⅛; Chicago and North Pacific 1sts, ⅛, to 43⅝; Reading general 4s, ⅛, to 70⅝; St. Louis and Southwestern 1sts, ⅛, to 58, and Union Elevated 1sts, 1⅛ ₱ cent., to 98.

Bar silver in London, 32d.

Money on call, 1@1½ ₱ cent. Time money 2 ₱ cent. for sixty days, 3 ₱ cent. for four and five months, and 3½ ₱ cent. for six and seven months, on good collateral. The commercial paper market is only moderately active. Prime endorsed bills receivable are quoted at 3⅜@4 ₱ cent., choice single names at 3¾@4¼ ₱ cent., and good at 4@5 ₱ cent.

Foreign exchange quiet at unchanged quotations. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.85@$4.85½ for long bills and $4.88½@$4.88¾ for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.84½; drafts, $4.87, and cable transfers, $4.87½. Francs are quoted at 5.17½@5.18¾ for long and 5.15½@5.15⅛ for short; reichsmarks, 95@95⅛ for long and 95⅛@95⅞ for short; guilders, 40⅛ for long and 40⅝ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—Par and 5 cents premium for cash; checks, par for cash. Charleston—Buying, 1-16 discount; selling, 1-16 discount. Savannah—Buying, ⅛ discount; selling, ⅛ premium. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, 100 discount. San Francisco—Sight, 5; telegraphic, 10. St. Louis—80 cents premium bid. Chicago—75 cents premium.

The weekly bank statement shows:

	Dec. 9.	Dec. 16.	Changes.	
Loans	$413,343,600	$415,421,900	Inc.	$3,078,300
Deposits	492,802,900	495,551,100	Inc.	2,748,900
Circulation	13,602,100	13,456,400	Dec.	145,700
L'g'l'd's	94,856,000	96,508,400	Inc.	1,651,900
Specie	104,909,500	103,548,200	Dec.	1,361,300
Reserve	$199,766,000	$200,056,600	Inc.	$290,600
Re've req'd	123,200,375	123,887,775	Inc.	687,200
Surplus	$76,565,425	$76,168,825	Dec.	$396,600

The surplus a year ago was $5,445,225, and two years ago, $13,520,500.

The imports of general merchandise, including dry goods, at the port of New York for the week ending last night were $7,123,487, against $10,001,051 the previous week and $12,351,615 for the corresponding week of last year. The imports of specie were $18,540, of which $16,523 was gold. The total specie imported since Jan. 1, $64,924,381. Exports of specie were, gold $1,740,573, and silver $916,514, a total of $2,657,057, against $1,521,580 the previous week. The exports of specie since Jan. 1 have been, gold $72,770,093, and silver $31,477,442, a total of $104,248,111.

The *Financial Chronicle* computes the gross earnings of 130 railroads for November at $46,910,334, a decrease of $3,321,411 as compared with the same month of last year. From Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 one hundred and twenty-four railroads earned $479,912,167, a decrease of $8,353,293 as compared with the corresponding period last year.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad reports gross earnings for November of $382,037, a decrease of $43,068 as compared with the same month of last year, and net $174,201, a decrease of $1,428. For the eleven months ending Nov. 30 the gross earnings were $1,892,888, a decrease of $332,126 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net, $850,234, a decrease of $57,288.

National bank note circulation outstanding, $208,789,932, an increase for the week of $82,873; received during the week for redemption, $2,140,469; amount reissued, $2,442,775, and destroyed, $215,030. Balance of deposits in the Treasury to redeem national bank notes, $21,408,987, an increase for the week of $105,560.

The receipts from customs for the week were $2,090,976, and from internal revenue $2,869,319, a total of $4,960,295, against $5,209,850 last week. The receipts for the month to date are $17,884,066, and for the fiscal year to date $44,295,051. The expenditures for the month to date are $17,884,066, and for the fiscal year to date $177,015,513.

Treasury balances compare with those of last Saturday as follows:

	Dec. 9.	Dec. 16.
Gold coin and bullion	$88,628,545	$89,109,299
Silver coin and bullion	6,075,074	6,306,760
Legal tenders, including Treasury notes	4,658,556	5,278,210
Totals	$99,337,575	100,524,269

Deposits in national banks,