DOCK BOARD SASSES BACK.

TAX COMMISSION HASN'T THE DATA IT ASKED FOR YET.

Told by the Dock Board to Look in the "City Record" if It Wants to Find Out About Private Property on Public Lands Under Water—A Pretty Little Row On.

The Dock Board sent a long communication yesterday to the Department of Taxes and Assessment concerning the refusal of the former department to furnish information concerning private property on public piers and bulkheads along the water front, which refusal led to a lively war of words between President O'Brien and President Barker the other day in the Mayor's office. The letter reiterates the statement made some days ago by Mr. O'Brien that the Dock Department has always and still does furnish the Tax Department notice of all the permits furnished by it to persons to erect buildings, piers, or bulkheads in the city, as required by section 823 of the Consolidation act, and gives the dates for the last eight years when these notices were sent. Continuing the letter states:

"No demands having been made by the Department of Taxes and Assessments for any more specific information, it is fair to presume the information furnished was all that was desired. The *City Record* is the official journal of the city, and it publishes a synopsis of the proceedings of each department, which information the departments are by law required to furnish. The Board of Docks transmits regularly to the *City Record* the minutes of all proceedings of the Board, and the same are published therein.

"For the further information of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, the Board of Docks would refer it to section 719 of the Consolidation act, which requires that the annual report of the Commissioners of Docks to the Mayor shall include a statement of all leases made by said department, for what term, at what rent, to whom, and for what property, and the compliance of the Board of Docks therewith.

"The books of the Department of Docks have always been accessible and open to city officials for their inspection, and it would seem that the Department of Taxes and Assessments has cognizance not only of every permit, but of every transaction of the Board of Docks which would be desired in the exercise of its functions.

"Inquiry of the heads of the other departments of the city Government discloses the fact that the Board of Docks is about the only one that furnishes information of this character to the Department of Taxes and Assessments, all others assuming that the *City Record*, the official journal of the city, and other official publications, together with such investigations and methods as are usually employed, are the proper sources for the information desired by the Tax Department for the imposition of taxes.

"If the information heretofore furnished by this Department to the Department of Taxes and Assessments, and in the publication in the *City Record* and the other documents mentioned, is insufficient and incomplete, the Board of Docks will thank the Department of Taxes and Assessments to point out in what particulars, and designate what further information it desires in compliance with section 823 of the Consolidation act."

Upon the receipt of this letter, the Tax Commissioners went into executive session, at the end of which they gave out as a result of their labors a set of resolutions which, after saying that in the communication received yesterday the Dock Department had not furnished the desired information, repeated the request as follows:

"That in order to facilitate the work of the Department of Taxes and Assessments in assessing all taxable property in the city of New York, the Department of Docks be and is hereby respectfully requested to furnish this department with the information requested in the communication to the Department of Docks, of Nov. 25, 1895."

No answer was made to the statements made by the Dock Board in reference to their fulfilling the requirements of section 823 of the Consolidation act.

In their hunt for material to assess so as to lower the tax rate the Tax Commissioners have found a lot of land under water at Pelham Bay, Throgg's Neck, Clausen's Point, and other parts of the newly annexed district that has never been taxed. This land is claimed by C. P. Huntington, the Havemeyers, the Country Club, and others under recent grants, and the Tax Commissioners say that they are going to tax this, even if they have to have a new fight with the Dock Department.

CANAL IMPROVEMENT.

Superintendent Aldridge Getting Ready to Spend the $9,000,000.

ALBANY, Dec. 4.—G. W. Aldridge of the State Department of Public Works, State Engineer Adams and his division engineers, met to-day to discuss and outline plans for the $9,000,000 canal improvement authorized by the adoption of the Constitutional Canal amendment at the last election. Superintendent Aldridge said of the meeting:

"We talked of many things relating to the proposed improvement of the canals and decided a few points. It was decided to deepen the canals to the minimum limit of nine feet only for the Erie, with eight feet over aqueducts and mitre sills, and seven feet for the Champlain, which the law fixed. It was further decided that the State Engineer should put his force to work as soon as possible on the survey and to facilitate this work the water will be drawn entirely from the canals. This precaution is taken because if a little water is left in, as is customary, ice will form and prevent the surveyors getting at the bottom. The water will therefore have to be drawn off soon after the official closing. I have decided to begin at those places where we have had the most trouble, as on the Buffalo and Lockport level, on the Oswego Canal, and the shallow Champlain Canal, and the State Engineer will start his surveyors at those places. We have had no consultation with the Comptroller about the amount of work to be provided for and the bonds to be issued, beyond what discussion ensued at the last meeting of the Canal Board, when a million dollars was talked of, but nothing has been decided. The money needed will, however, be available by the time the first monthly pay roll comes in. One feature of the present law relating to this improvement, we think, should be amended, and after a consultation with the Attorney-General to ascertain if the Legislature has power to change it, we propose to have a bill presented reducing the time required for advertising each contract from six weeks to two weeks. Two weeks will be sufficient time, I think, as if we have to advertise each piece of work for six weeks, it will take us all the coming year to advertise and will delay active operations."

EZETA'S ENTERPRISE.

Guns Are to Be Landed for Him on the Central American Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The tug Barclay Golden, which Manuel Casin, one of the supporters of Gen. Ezeta, has chartered to go down to Salvador, will probably sail to-morrow. There are no arms or ammunition on the tug, and no state of war exists in the South at present; therefore the Government has decided to give the boat her papers.

It is said that the vessel will proceed in the direction of Acapulco, and there meet a schooner loaded with arms and ammunition. The tug will not attempt to land at La Libertad or Acajutla, but will proceed to land her cargo at a certain point on the Central American coast. There are arms and ammunition at one of the Central American ports that will be brought off in barges to the tug.

Postmaster O'Donnell Quits Politics.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 4.—Postmaster John O'Donnell resigned the Chairmanship of the Democratic City Committee last night. It was learned to-day that the Postmaster yesterday received the following letter from W. L. Wilson, Postmaster-General:

"We are informed that you are Chairman of the Democratic City Committee of Pittsburgh. You will either have to resign that office or the Postmastership."

The London Seal Sale.

The London seal sale terminated yesterday with the offering by the Hudson Bay Company of 27,000 northwest coast skins. The sale concluded satisfactorily and the 20 per cent. advance on northwest coast skins was maintained. The next large sale occurs in January.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick's Wedding Journey

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. McCormick sailed for Southampton yesterday on the American line steamship Paris. Many friends were at the pier to bid them good-by. Mrs. McCormick was formerly Miss Rockefeller.

A Nice Christmas or Birthday Gift.

CAW'S SAFETY FOUNTAIN PEN CAN'T DRY UP. 'Caws When Closed It is corked tight.

A New Principle in Fountain Pens. $2.50.

CAW'S PEN & INK CO., 168 Broadway, New York

HILL'S RHEUMATISM AND GOUT CURE; greatest of remedies; one bottle cures you. HILL MEDICINE CO., 30½ 14th st., N. Y. Send for circular.

MRS. BILLSON AND HER VOICE.

Arraigned as a Common Scold, She Creates an Uproar in Court.

Acting Recorder Ryerson of Paterson bought a pair of ear muffs yesterday afternoon. When the shopkeeper remarked that it was getting 'sort o' wintry like," Mr. Ryerson said sadly that he wasn't thinking of that.

He admitted last night that his thoughts had been burdened by his experience with Mrs. George Billson earlier in the day.

Mrs. Billson's fame has spread far beyond the confines of Paterson, beyond even the carrying powers of her wonderful voice.

Since the revival of the ancient New Jersey statute relating to common scolds some of Mrs. Billson's neighbors have been trying to put a stopper on her voice, but with the result only of stimulating her to greater efforts.

The cause of Mrs. Billson's appearance before the Recorder yesterday morning was a complaint made by Chauncey French, who is a next door neighbor of the Billsons. Mrs. Billson does not like Mrs. French, and she makes no attempt to conceal her feelings.

Indeed, it is alleged, that on almost any morning the clarion voice of Mrs. Billson may be heard for blocks around East Nineteenth street, coupling Mrs. French's name with epithets, the mildest of which are "hussy" and "cat."

The other members of the two families are friendly, and on Monday night Mrs. Billson's daughter attended a party at Mrs. French's. Mrs. Billson felt that such an opportunity should not be allowed to pass. So as soon as the guests had assembled she took up her stand before the French house, and it is alleged began a hair-raising tirade. Music, games, and laughter were plentiful at the party, but through them all sounded the voice of Mrs. Billson in a steady flow of vituperation directed against Mrs. French and against Miss Billson for attending Mrs. French's party.

All this was related in court yesterday morning, and Mr. French also submitted as evidence a letter received by his wife from their neighbor. The letter informed Mrs. French that, in the opinion of Mrs. Billson, she was a mean, ungenerous, gossipy, deceitful neighbor, that she was an immoral woman, a cat, and a hussy, and ended with the pleasing announcement that Mrs. Billson had prepared a dose of red pepper, which she should throw in Mrs. French's eyes at the first opportunity.

As soon as Mr. French finished reading the letter Mrs. Billson stepped to the rail. "That's all true, every word of it," she shouted. "I'll say it all over again," and she did, in spite of the tattoo which Mr. Ryerson beat with his gavel.

When Mrs. Billson stopped to get breath the Recorder told her that she was disturbing the peace, that she ought to be ashamed of herself, and that if any more complaints were made against her he should send her to jail.

This gave Mrs. Billson a new subject, and she opened on the Recorder and his court, continuing until she was led out of the room by her husband and an officer.

Mr. Billson says he is getting weary of the publicity which his wife's conduct has attracted. He said yesterday: "The devil himself couldn't silence that woman. But if she gets into any more trouble she'll have to get herself out. I'm through with these women's quarrels."

WHERE WILL THE G.O.P. MEET IN '95

San Francisco Making a Strong Bid—The Chances of Other Cities.

Gen. James S. Clarkson, the National Republican Committeeman from Iowa, returned from Washington last night and was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. A colleague, the Republican National Committeeman from Ohio, W. H. Hahn, was also on hand, and the meeting of the National Republican Committee in Washington on Dec. 10 and its possible results as to the selection of a time and place for the Republican National Convention were discussed. It turns out that San Francisco is to make a very sturdy fight for the Convention, which will be held on or about June 10.

The Golden Gate City has already from fifteen to twenty votes out of the fifty-two members of the committee, and it was said last night that California could hold these votes, and eventually, even if it lost the fight, designate the city where the Convention will be held. San Francisco gave way in 1892, and by the votes of California and the far Western States carried Chicago and Cincinnati and gave the Convention to Minneapolis. California and the far Western States occupy a similar power to-day, and this will be demonstrated, it was said, in the meeting of the National Committee.

Only four cities are putting up a fight for the Convention, namely, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco. The Golden Gate City clearly has the balance of power in determining the result.

Gen. Clarkson said last night that there was no mistake about this. He added that the scene was shifting every day and that nobody could tell the result. San Francisco all along has had a good show for the Convention, but even its warmest friends admit that there are only twelve telegraph wires over the mountains, and that the newspapers east of the Missouri River would be greatly embarrassed in receiving reports of the Convention. At Minneapolis in 1892 there were seventy-two wires, and it was facetiously remarked last night that some of the reports of the newspaper correspondents there on the field are coming in yet.

Pittsburgh has a friend in Senator Matthew Stanley Quay. A very prominent business man in Pittsburgh, who loves his city, said last night to THE SUN reporter:

"I have subscribed $2,500 to secure the Convention for Pittsburgh, but if you want me to tell you the exact truth I cannot but say that I do not believe that Pittsburgh can handle the Convention. We had the reunion of G. A. R. veterans in our city, and it was necessary to throw open the schools and the churches for sleeping accommodations.

"This could be done for a non-partisan organization like the G. A. R., but it could not be done for a National Convention, Republican or Democratic, and where the delegates and their friends would sleep I am at a loss to tell."

With California and the delegates from the far Western States having so many votes pledged for San Francisco, it looks very much as if the National Republican Committee would eventually decide on St. Louis or Chicago, or some city not even now whispered.

ROBBED IN A SALOON.

Seaman Badly Injured by Three Members of the Morgue Gang.

Alexander Seaman, an employee of the New York Cab Company, staggered into a saloon at Division and Essex streets yesterday afternoon and asked the proprietor to send for a doctor. Seaman was cut and bleeding.

A policeman was called, and he summoned an ambulance. Seaman was taken to the Gouverneur Hospital, and afterward transferred to Bellevue. The doctors summed up his injuries thus: A broken nose, the sight of the right eye destroyed, and a broken rib.

Seaman said that he had been sent on an errand by his employers, and on the way he stopped into Sigmund Markowitz's saloon at 216 Division street, where he had a glass of beer. While there, he continued, he was assaulted by three men, who knocked him down, punched him, kicked him, and robbed him of $2.

Detective Moran, who was detailed on the case, arrested William Smith, 20 years old, who lives in a Bowery lodging house; Frederick Reldel of 283 Bowery, and Charles Becker of 4 Hester street. Smith and Reidel were taken to the hospital and identified by Seaman as the men who had assaulted him. He could not identify Becker, whom the detective found on the roof of the tenement at 4 Hester street. The police say that the prisoners are members of the "Morgue gang."

BAKER'S CONFESSION OF THEFTS.

Says He Stole Packages, Checks, Money, and an Overcoat.

George Baker of Bayonne, a youth of 20, was arrested in Newark yesterday at the instigation of Bamberger & Co. of that city. A few days ago a package worth $12 was given to him to deliver. He reported afterward that he had lost it. Yesterday he reported that he had lost $7 of his collections. Then he was turned over to the police.

Detectives Christie and Lewis, who arrested him, found three checks in his pocket, drawn by J. P. Schussler of 514 Second avenue, this city. They aggregated $15.

After rigid questioning, Baker admitted that he was employed by Schussler a month ago, and that he stole from him the checks and $50 in cash. He confessed to the suspected thefts from Bamberger also, and said in addition that the overcoat he wore was stolen from a boarding house at 1881 Mulberry street, Newark, yesterday morning.

STOLE TWO PURSES AT O'NEILL'S.

The Thief Said to Be the Aunt of a Health Department Physician.

A woman of respectable appearance stole two purses in O'Neill's store in Sixth avenue on Tuesday afternoon. She was followed, brought back to the store, and searched. The pocketbooks were found in a silk bag she carried, together with a lot of other things which the woman confessed to having stolen. She was taken to Police Headquarters, and bailed out later.

When she appeared in Jefferson Market Court yesterday she was accompanied by a physician of the Health Department, whose aunt she is said to be. She wore diamond earrings when arraigned. She was held in $200 for trial. Bail was furnished by Augustus L. Schryver, a manufacturer of chandeliers, who lives at 3 Bank street. The woman said she was Mills Hoskins of 220 West Eleventh street. There is a church at that number.

LOCAL BUSINESS TROUBLES.

D. M. Wygant, a Produce Commission Merchant, Goes West to Avoid His Creditors.

Dennis M. Wygant, a produce commission merchant at 265 Washington street, has been absent from his store since Saturday, and is said to have quit town, leaving many creditors unpaid. All his stock has been removed. Deputy Sheriff Whoriskey closed the store yesterday on attachments aggregating about $9,000. Mr. Wygant's disappearance has been a great surprise to the trade, and his friends can only account for it on the ground that his mind has become unsettled by the strain of business cares.

He has been in business since 1880; always stood well in the trade; did a large business in country produce, grapes, pineapples, &c., and was supposed to be worth at least $20,000. When he did not appear at his store on Tuesday, creditors began to make inquiries, which resulted in attachments being entered against him yesterday. They were obtained on the ground that he had departed from the State. The largest attachment was obtained by Blumenstiel & Hirsch for $5,925, in favor of the People's Bank, for cash advanced.

It is said that a son of Mr. Wygant has received a letter from him saying that he could not face his creditors and that before the son would receive the letter he would be in the far West. Mr. Wygant's financial troubles are attributed in a large measure to losses on grapes this season. Mr. Wygant is President of the Barclay Street Refrigerating Warehouse Company of 219 Washington street. He was elected two years ago on account of his good reputation in the trade. He served without salary and was only a small stockholder. It was said yesterday that he had not involved the company in any way and that it was not affected at all by his troubles.

Day, Callaghan & Co., manufacturers of cloaks at 97 Prince street, with a branch in Boston, have closed up and given a chattel mortgage on the stock, fixtures, &c., here for $7,000 to Thomas O. Callaghan of Boston.

Dennis Killerlane and Thomas F. Ryder, composing the firm of Killerlane & Ryder, boiler makers at 239 to 241 West street, made an assignment yesterday to William J. Williams. Mr. Killerlane has been in business since 1874, and Mr. Ryder became a partner in 1887. A year ago they claimed a capital of $40,000. O. F. Finnerty, their attorney, said that the liabilities would not exceed $5,000, and he thought the assets would be nearly as much.

Herman F. Weber, grocer at 60 Columbus avenue and 158 West Seventeenth street, made an assignment yesterday to James J. Dollard. He has been in business ten years. C. E. Le Barbier, his attorney, said the failure was caused by Mr. Weber having been robbed of about $1,000. The liabilities are about $3,000, and there are probably enough assets to meet the debts.

Deputy Sheriff Butler has received two attachments against William Bourke, neckwear manufacturer, formerly at Broadway and Bleecker street, who was burned out on election night. They were obtained by David Leventritt for $1,869 in favor of G. Kramer, Kaufield & Co. and $1,100 in favor of Fleitman & Co. They were obtained on the ground that he resides in Brooklyn.

THE SAYLES BAIL BONDS.

The Comptroller Against Returning the Forfeited $25,000.

The Comptroller sees no reason why the $25,000 forfeited by Solomon Sayles as bail for his brother, Henry L. Sayles, who was one of the 1884 boodle Aldermen, should be returned. He has sent a letter to the Corporation Counsel, in which he says:

"I am entirely uninformed of any facts which would make such a course as this appear just or equitable, and it would seem to me an extraordinary proceeding to refund to a aquondam judgment debtor an amount paid in satisfaction of a judgment properly and regularly obtained, and as to the validity of which no question has been raised for over nine years. It seems to me that the city's interests require that this proceeding should be vigorously resisted, and I respectfully request you, as the city's legal representative, to oppose the granting of this application."

STOLE MRS. GRISWOLD'S PITCHER.

The Thief Got in Her House by Pretending to Be Thirsty.

A negro pushed into the door of Mrs. Emily Griswold's house at 30 West Thirty-sixth street, when Ida Bell, a colored housemaid, answered the bell about 7:30 A. M. yesterday, and asked for a drink of water. While the girl was getting the water for him he stole a silver pitcher valued at $30.

Although but half dressed, she followed him to Broadway, where he was arrested by a passing policeman. He was held when arraigned in Jefferson Market Court. He said he was Charles Gloucester, a race track tout.

Meyers & Co. Mustn't Sell These Stocks.

A temporary injunction was granted yesterday by Judge Andrews in the Supreme Court to Paine & McLaren, restraining Theodore W. Meyers & Co. from disposing of 2,000 shares of preferred and common stock in a number of companies. The plaintiffs say that these shares were purchased for them upon their general account, and not in behalf of the joint venture known as the "Special Hocking Valley Pool Account." The stock in question comprises 200 shares American Tobacco Company preferred, 300 shares American Sugar Company, 100 shares U. S. Cordage Company common, 600 shares Consolidation Coal Company preferred, 400 shares Wabash Railroad, 100 shares National Lead Company, and 100 shares Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo common.

Denied They Had a Still, but Were Held.

Benjamin Goldstein and Israel Slofsky, charged with having conducted an illicit distillery at 217 Division street, were before United States Commissioner Shields in the Federal building yesterday afternoon. Both stated that when they were arrested on the same floor with the still they were putting up a stove. Other witnesses were called to prove their good character. Commissioner Shields held both for the Grand Jury, fixing Slofsky's bonds at $2,500, and Goldstein's at $1,500.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales Dec. 4.

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

1 U S 5s, c	115	15 S Car 6s, N F	1

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
U S 2s, r	97		U S 5s, c, 1904	114¾	115¼
U S 4s, r, 1907	110½	111	U S 6s, 1895	99	—
U S 4s, c	110½	111	U S 6s, 1897	102	—
U S 4s, r, 1925	120½	121	U S 6s, 1898	105	—
U S 4s, c	120½	121	U S 6s, 1899	107½	—
U S 5s, r, 1904	114¾	115¼			

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

9 Atchison 4s, T R	78	78	8 Oregon S L 6s, T R	107¼	
20 Atch 2ds A, T R	71	71¼	1	91¼	
5	20¾		15 Ore S L un cn, T R	63¼	
6 Ann Arbor 4s	70½		10	61	
1 B, C R & N 5s	100		6 Pac of Mo 1st	108½	
10 Beech Creek 1st	102½		1 Peo, D & E 1st, E	17	
7 Buff & E, new	107½		Div	103	
2 Brook, W & W 5s	102½		10 Phila Gas	115½	
58 Can Sou 2ds, A	106½		5 Pitts & W 1st	82½	
8 Ches & O 1st, S A	118		1	82¼	
1 Ch & Alt, S F	110¼		1	82¼	
1 Ch & Ind con 7s	140		5 Ro, W & Ogd 5s	115½	
10 C, B & Q deb 5s	102		10 Rock Isl ex 5s	102¾	
5 C, C, C & St L 4s,			1	102¾	
C W & Dav	90		5	102¾	
6 Canada So 2d	108		5 Read gal 4s, T R	77½	
5 Ch & N P 1st, T R	109		5	77½	
1 Con Pow 5s	108		5 Read 1st pf in	34¼	
1 Ch & R I 6s, T R	108		1	34¼	
1 Ch & E Ill gen 5s	107		20 Read 2d pf in	16	
5 Col Mid 1st, T R	92		2 Read 3d pf in	11½	
6 Col H V & T 7s, T R	108		22 Rio G W 1st	77	
1 Chic & Erie 1st	110½		50	78¾	
6 Clev & R G 1st	85½		5 StJ Val & N 4s	85½	
1 Den & Ark con	105½		10 So Pac of Cal cn	21½	
16 Des M 1st, T R	92		5	21½	
1 E Tenn 5s	108		10 So Pac of N M 1st	105½	
5 E Tenn Ellen 4-5s	93½		2 St P & Sio F 1st	105	
3 Gal, H & H 5s	94		8 St L S W 1st con 6s	105	
4	74½		1	105	
1	75		1 St L S W 1st	74½	
2	75½		2	74½	
10 G & H 2ds 4½s	111½		12	74½	
1 Hock Val 5s	86		2	74½	
1 Iron Mt A T	75		25	74½	
2	109½		25 St L So W 2d	29	
1 Iron Mt 2d	102½		4 San A & A P 1st 4s	69	
11 Iron Mt 5s	107½		1 S C & Ga 1st	99	
2 Iron Mountain 6s	123		1	99	
3 Kan Pac 1st	106¼		2 So Railway 5s	96	
8 Kan & Tex 4s	80		10	95¾	
4	80½		4	95¾	
10	80½		5 Scat L S & T R	41	
2 Kan & Tex 2ds	61¾		6 Tex Pac 1st 5s	87¾	
2	61¾		2	87¾	
5	61¾		2	87¾	
5 Lou & Nash	107¾		20	87¾	
1 Lou & Exp	116½		2	87¾	
2 L S & M S 7s	130		5 Texas Pac 2d in	22¾	
10 Mex Int 1st 4s	77		5	22¾	
4	77¼		1	22¾	
3 Minn & St L con 7s	117		1 Tol & O C 1st	110¾	
18 Mo, K & T of Tex 2s	92		5 Tol, St L & K C 1st, T R	76½	
6	92½		10 Union Pac, '96s	108½	
2	92½		3	108¾	
4 Mob & Ohio gold	66½		4	108¾	
32	67		2	108¾	
8	67¼		22 Union Pac, '97s	109	
3 Mo Pac cn	97½		1	109	
1	97		19 Union Pac, '98s	109¾	
2 Mutual Union 6s	113		18	109¾	
3 Nor Pac 1st, c	117¾		4 Union Pac, '99s	110	
1	118		10	110¼	
85 Nor Pac 2d, c	103		3	110	
3 Nor Pac 3d, c	74¼		1 Un Pac gold, T N	94	
80 Nor Pac con 5s	37		1 U S Cord 1st, T R	49¾	
10 Nor Pac con 6s, TR	37		3 Ulica & R 1st	108	
4	37¼		2 U S Leath 6s	114¼	
6 N J Cent gnl 5s	118½		1 Va Midland gnl	100	
2 N Y Cent deb 5s	107¼		10 Wabash 1st	106¼	
5 Nash & Chatan	103		5	106¼	
10 Nor R of Cal 5s	93		15	106¼	
4 N Y, N H & H 4s, deb rfd	136		4 Wabash 2d	76¼	
2 Nat Starch, M 1st	95¼		10 Wabash 5s	76¾	
2 N W gold, c	130		1 Wab, I & E ex	22	
16 N W 5s, 25 yr	106		7 West Shore 4s, r	107	
14 Ohio & Miss con sk	117¾		1 W N Y & Pa 2d	47	
5 Ohio South 1st	92		10 West N Y & Pa 1st	16	

Total sales of stocks were 224,480 shares.

BOSTON CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Atc & Albany	208¾	209¾	West End Ld	2	2¼
Bos & Maine	175	176	Bos & Mon	68¼	68¾
Cent Mass	13¾	14	Butte & Bos	15	15¼
Chi Junc com	—	98	Cal & Hecla	298	303
Fitchburg pf	93		Oscoola	27¼	28
N Y & N E pf	85	90¼	Quincy Min	123	124
Mex Cen 4s	68	69¼	Tamarack M	136	140
Old Colony		179¾	Tamarack, Jr	15	15¼
Am Bell Tel	199¾	200	A, T & S Fe 4s	77	78
Erie Tel	64¾	65	A, T & S Fe 2ds	26¾	27
West'gh'se E	34¾	35			

PHILADELPHIA CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Valley	36¾	40	C T of N J st'k	25	27
Leh C & N Co	45	46	C T of N J s'k 5s	84¼	85
Penn R R	54¼	54½	United Cos 1 Co	85¼	85¾
Phila Tract	70	70½	Wel'b'h G L Co	60¼	
Feo Tract 4s	79¼	78¾	Elec S Econ	34½	34¾
Elec Tract 4s	78¾	79¾	Elec S B pf	36	37
Met Tract	105¾	106			

CHICAGO CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alley "L"	8	8¼	N Y Biscuit	71	72
Am Strawbd	40	40½	N h Ch St Ry	207	208
Canal & Dock	66	68	Street's Stay Car	14¾	14¾
Diamond Mch	120	120½	W Ch St Ry	119	119½
Lake St "L"	22¾	22¾	*Ex dividend.		

LATEST LONDON QUOTATIONS.

Atchison A A P	17¼	Norfolk & W pf	11¼
Canadian Pacific	57¼	Northern Pac pf	15¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	18¾	Ontario & West	16
Erie com 3d Ass't P	13¼	Pennsylvania	55¾
Erie 2d consols	76	Reading	5¼
Illinois Central	118	St L & S F gold	4
Kansas & Texas	14	South R'y	11
Lake Shore	154	South R'y pf	35¼
Lou & Nash	53¾	Union Pacific	9
N Y Central	102¾	Wabash pf	19¾

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4.

The expectations of Wall street that the President's message and the assembling of Congress might throw some light upon the future of the financial situation have not been fulfilled. That situation appears to be as much in doubt as ever, and this is not surprising, in view of the fact that the majority in Congress and the Executive are not in harmony politically. It is possible, of course, that some sensible financial legislation may be enacted, but the chances seem to be against it, as the President appears to be opposed to an increase in the revenues, and the majority in Congress is not likely to take up questions affecting the currency. In any event, very little is likely to be accomplished until after the holidays. That being the case, and also because of the distractions incidental to the season, no one looks for activity or wide fluctuations in the stock market until after the end of the year.

The only noteworthy dealings to-day were in Sugar Refining, which stock supplied more than a third of the total transactions. It closed a point higher than yesterday, solely because of manipulations. A slight advance in the price of refined sugars, accompanied by a similar advance in raws, had no effect upon speculation. The institution of proceedings against the Sugar Refining Company by the Attorney-General, on the same grounds that he is taking steps against the American Tobacco Company, is not regarded seriously by the officers and counsel of the company. It is described as an effort on the part of retail grocers to secure a part of the commissions which the refining company now pays to jobbers. With the exception of Sugar Refining and Pacific Mail the market was heavy throughout, with the principal declines in the Granger stocks, Louisville and Nashville, Atchison, Western Union, Wabash preferred, and Denver and Rio Grande preferred. A feature of the late trading was the break of nearly 5 points in Baltimore and Ohio. The sterling exchange market, though dull, continues very strong, and it is generally estimated that several millions of specie will be exported at the end of the week.

Five sales compare with those of yesterday as follows:

	Dec. 5.	Dec. 4.		Dec. 5.	Dec. 4.
A, T & S F	17¾	17¾	Missouri Pac	30¼	29¾
Am Cot Oil	18¼	18¼	North Am	5¼	5¾
Am Sug Ref	103	104	North W com	107½	106¾
Am Sug Ref pf	90¾	90¾	North W pf	140	140
Am Tobacco	90¾	90¾	Omaha com	42¾	42¾
C, B & Q	85½	82¾	Ont & West	15¾	15¾
Ches & Ohio	18¼	17¾	Pac Mail	32¾	32½
Chicago Gas	64¾	64¾	Rock Island	77¾	74¾
Col, I & W	100	100¼	Reading	10¾	9¾
Del & Hud	128	128½	St Paul com	76¼	75¾
Den & R G pf	48¾	47¾	South Ry	10¾	10¾
Dis & C F Co	19¾	19¾	Southern R'y pf	34¾	34¾
Erie	13¾	12¾	St L S W pf	6¼	6
Gen Elec	31	30¾	St L & S F pf	12	12
Lake Shore	135¾	135¾	Tenn C I & R	33¾	32¾
Lou & Nash	53¾	50	U S Cordage	7	7¾
Louis & Nash	52¾	52¾	U S Leath	11¾	11¾
L E & W	23	22¾	U S Leath pf	64¾	64¾
Lacl de Gas	23¼	23¼	Wab & P pf	19¾	18¾
Man Con	101¾	101¾	West Un Tel	87¾	87
Minn & St L	22¾	21¾	Wheel & L E	14¾	14

Government bonds steady at unchanged quotations. Railway bonds irregular. The features were Atchison 2ds A., T. R., Beech Creek 1sts, Missouri, Kansas and Eastern 1sts, Mobile and Ohio general 4s, Oregon Short Line Union consols, T. R., Reading 1st preference incomes, Rio Grande Western 1sts, St. Louis and San Francisco general 6s, Texas Pacific land grants, Wabash 2ds, and Northern Pacific 3ds. The most important declines were in Atchison 2ds A., T. R., 5¼ cent., to 20¾; Beech Creek 1sts, 1, to 107¼; Oregon Short Line Union consols, T. R., ¼, to 62¾; Reading 2d preference incomes, ¼, to 16; St. Louis and San Francisco general 6s, 2½, to 105½; St. Louis Southwestern 1sts, 1, to 72, and 2ds, 1, to 29, and Western New York and Pennsylvania incomes, ½ ⅌ cent., to 16. The noteworthy advances were in Kansas and Texas 4s, 3½ ⅌ cent., to 80½, and 2ds, ⅝, to 62¾; Missouri, Kansas and Eastern 1sts, 1, to 93; Mobile and Ohio general 4s, ⅝, to 67½, and Rio Grande Western 1sts, 1¼ ⅌ cent., to 78½.

Commercial price of fine silver in London, 67¼c. Bar silver in London closed at 30 11-16d.

Money on call, 2@2½ ⅌ cent. The rates for time money are 3 ⅌ cent. for sixty and ninety days, 3½ ⅌ cent. for four months, and 3¾@4 ⅌ cent. for six months. Commercial paper is quoted as follows: Prime endorsed bills receivable at 4½@4¾ ⅌ cent., choice single-name paper at 5@5½ ⅌ cent., and good at 6 ⅌ cent. and upward.

Sterling exchange was firm, with a hardening tendency. Commercial bills were scarce, and the chief supply came from bankers who will probably ship gold on Saturday. Continental exchange was firmer. Posted asking rates for sterling, $4.88½ for long bills and $4.90 for demand. Actual rates are: Long bills, $4.87¾@$4.88; sight bills, $4.89¼@$4.89½, and cable transfers, $4.89½@$4.89¾. Rates quoted at 5.17½@5.16¾ for long and 5.15⅝@5.15 for short; reichmarks, 95⅝@95¾ for long and 95½@95⅝ for short; guilders, 40½@40 3-16 for long and 40 5-16@40⅜ for short.

Domestic exchange on New York: Boston—10@12½ cents discount. Charleston—Buying, par; selling, ⅛ premium. Savannah—Buying, 1-16 discount; selling, 1-16 premium. New Orleans—Bank, par; commercial, 175 cents discount. San Francisco—Sight, 1-16 premium; telegraph, ⅛ ⅌ premium. St. Louis—30 cents premium; offered at 75 cents. Chicago—75 cents premium.

The United States Rubber Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 ⅌ cent. on its preferred stock, payable Jan. 15.

The Commercial Cable Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ ⅌ cent., payable Jan. 2.

Railway gross earnings for November compare with those of the same month of last year as follows:

Alabama Great Southern	$188,286	Inc.	$17,890
B. and O. Southwestern	545,716	Inc.	17,002
Clev., Lorain and Wheeling	135,559	Inc.	34,624
Chicago and Eastern Illinois	369,828	Inc.	23,496
Canadian Pacific	1,545,000	Inc.	164,000
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