

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SAVED SEP. 29. The market was still irregular, and generally weak; but the bank returns were better than any had looked for and stimulated an amount of buying of stocks that caused prices as a rule to close at net advances. Bank loans were reported as having increased \$7,200,000 during the week, but the quantity of cash held by the banks increased by nearly \$4,000,000, which served to bring the bank surplus up to \$13,500,000. This sum makes a very favorable comparison with the results of the banks held at this date in previous years. Last year, for instance, the surplus stood at less than \$7,500,000. There was, of course, no borrowing of Stock Exchange money today, but the indications are that the financial settlements that will take place on Monday will cause far less disturbance than has for a long time been expected. One factor that weakened the market today in the early trading was selling of stocks for London, where sentiment was depressed over further large withdrawals of gold from the Bank of England. Not only was \$1,500,000 in gold taken from the bank for shipment to this country, but \$2,000,000 was withdrawn to be sent to Egypt. This led to fears that an advance in the bank's discount rate to 5 per cent. might be ordered next week. The speculators now at work today scattering pessimistic comments concerning the "ore deal" between the Great Northern Railway and the United States Steel Corporation, alleging that the contract in question was more beneficial to the lessee of the lands than to the lessee. It may only be said on this point that the judgment of all people who have had occasion to inform themselves concerning the rapidly diminishing ore supplies of the country is equally as well founded as that in respect to possession of these great ore bodies the United States Steel Corporation has obtained advantages of an immensely profitable description. As the day wore on it was apparent that the underlying resilience of the stock market was considerably greater than it had been earlier in the week and prices rose very quickly when the favorable bank statement appeared. Profits taking today in the market was preferred, Northern Pacific and United States Steel shares caused these stocks to close at small declines, while liquidation that appeared to be still going on in Union Pacific reduced the final price of this stock a point since yesterday's closing. Reading common stock led the advance in the market with a rise of over three points, and this movement caused, as usual, sympathetic strength in the stocks of all the hard and soft coal railroads. An event of interest in the commodity markets was a sharp and seemingly overdue rise in the price of cotton based upon reports of the damage done to the crops by the recent storm in the Southern States. The more or less unexpected nomination of Mr. Hearst for Governor by the Democrats, the necessity arising for an armed intervention by our Government in Cuba, and the officially announced withdrawal of the Great Northern Railway's ore land transaction, and the deposit of \$26,000,000 in the national banks by the Secretary of the Treasury, were in the main varying influences that kept the stock market during the week sharply alternating between periods of pronounced strength and weakness. There is no doubt that there has been considerable liquidation of stocks by certain large professional speculators and that the stocks thus sold have been readily absorbed. The general money outlook has unquestionably brightened. The purely speculative element in Wall Street, who would have liked to have seen the Secretary of the Treasury place his deposits of public money in the banks in this city alone, where it could have been directly available for stock market purposes, were probably a little disappointed that the Secretary scattered the money throughout the country. It may take some time for the country banks to whom the opportunity was extended of receiving this money to procure the necessary currency for the deposits demanded by the Treasury, and it is doubtless true that the banks in the South, particularly, are not overwell supplied with bonds that will be acceptable as security for Government deposits. Nevertheless, the action of the Treasury must result in materially lessening the drain of funds from this city to the agricultural districts, which has been going on so actively for weeks past and has been the direct cause of tight money at this center. Naturally, as preparations are now making by the banks for the release of October 1, the Government's release of money has not yet had any effect on money rates but it is observable that borrowers have in the last two days been less willing to pay large premiums for the use of time money.

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The return of the Clearing House banks to-day was much more satisfactory than had been expected. The statement showed an increase in cash of \$3,926,300, whereas the usual forecast predicted a loss in this item of \$1,274,435. The increase in deposits corresponded to a year ago. The amount of United States deposits shown in this week's statement is \$27,009,800, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the amount shown in the corresponding week of last year. The amount of United States deposits shown in this week's statement is \$27,009,800, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the amount shown in the corresponding week of last year.

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Table listing closing quotations for various commodities in Chicago.

COPPER, TIN AND LEAD.

Strong Statistical Position of Copper—Active Markets for All Base Metals. The international copper markets were strong throughout the last week. Several advances in prices for high conductivity copper were marked.