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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY, February 17.

Again to-day prices of stocks advanced, making it necessary to record the interesting fact that in the last seven business days quotations for stocks have on each day save one closed higher than they did on the day preceding. All this attracts attention perhaps rather emphatically to the extent of the rise that has thus been accomplished. At the close of the market to-day the net gain was 5.62 points in the industrial stocks and 4.33 points in the standard railway shares. In general something more than a third of the entire decline in the stock market since the first of the year has been recovered. No doubt reason for the celerity with which the decline has taken place has been to a considerable extent the hurried retreat of the professional "bear" interest, although it is of course undeniable that in the interim the floating supply of stocks in the market has been considerably reduced by investment purchases. Possibly, however, the suggestion is not inopportune as to whether, all things being carefully held in mind, prices are likely to go on rising in the immediate future at the same pace that they have been in the immediate past; and it may be well to recall the fact that not infrequently under such circumstances the market after its first violent recovery from an important decline sags slowly back through a length of time that is usually quite extended to a price level that approximates closely the lowest quotations made on the fall. It was obvious to-day that although the undertone of the market remained strong and that optimistic views were in the ascendant, yet no little profit taking was going on in many prominent stocks and specifically in those stocks that have recently been the market leaders. The Reading common shares, which have occupied the most conspicuous place in the dealings of late, were to-day under a plain process of liquidation that lasted throughout the Stock Exchange session, and the general observation was passed regarding other stocks of similiar grade that while great activity was displayed in them their price did not materially advance. In the afternoon such gains as were shown were almost entirely confined to the specialties and minor stocks and at the close the market was as a whole much more irregular than it was at the end of business yesterday.

This state of affairs might or might not have been due to various small signs that conditions were still not altogether favorable for a furious or prolonged upward movement in stocks of speculative nature. Money rates were a little firmer, engagements of gold were made for export to South America aggregating $1,250,000 and comment was more grave than it has been at any time in the present year in the financial district upon the condition of the country's foreign trade as disclosed in the Government's figures for January published yesterday. What would be welcomed in the quarters just described more than anything else at the moment would be a decline to an extent that could properly be called important in the general range of commodity prices and particularly in the price of cotton and of foodstuffs. The hope and belief is that as the season advances and the prospect for large crops is unfolded the people on the farms and plantations who have been holding grain and cotton for higher prices will move these to market and so once more increase the country's trade balance. But at the time being no amount of argument can obscure the fact that such a falling off in the country's visible trade balance as has occurred in the last seven months is anything else than an adverse factor of the first magnitude in the general financial and business situation. It is of course well understood by those who have given the matter thought that an invisible trade balance runs all along against the country to the extent of probably not less than $400,000,000. The sources of this are various and have been often described. When therefore such a decline takes place in the visible balance as occurred last year and shows no signs of abatement in the present year it is not a matter for wonderment when people at least of the old school in the country's banking houses are inclined to place checks upon whatever speculative enthusiasm is exhibited over the probability of a violent advance for the time being in security valuations.

New York Stock Exchange Sales, Feb. 17.

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
2s reg.	100½	101	4s reg.	114½	115¼
2s coup.	100½	101⅛	4s coup.	114½	115¼
3s reg.	102⅝	103	Pan 2s r.	100	101
3s coup.	102¾	103	Pan 2s s.	100	101

RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS.

Adams Exp 4s		Den & RG ref 5s		NY Tel 4½s KP&	
2000	92¾	2000	93¾	Co full pd rcts	
2000	92⅝	1000	93½	1000	98¼
Alb & Susq 3½s		6000	93¾	Norfolk & W 4s	
4000	97½	Distillers Secur-		1000	99½
Atl Coast Lines 5s		ities Corp 5s		Norf & W cv 4s	
6000	81	1000	73½	50000	103¾
4000	81½	7000	73⅝	10000	103½
Amer Ag cv 5s		Det Un 1st 4½s		10000	103¾
1000	103	6000	82	1000	103⅝
10000	102½	Edison Elec Ill Co		53000	103¾
Am Hide & L 6s		of Bklyn 4s		10000	103⅞
2000	101	2000	87½	10000	103¾
3000	100⅞	Elm Cort & Nor 5s		Nort & W Poca 4s	
Am T&T cv 4s		5000	101½	11000	90
10000	102⅜	Erie cv 4s ser A		North Pacific 4s	
2000	102⅛	1000	73½	10000	101
33000	102	Erie cv 4s ser B		Nor Pac 3s	
Am Tobacco 6s		35000	72	5000	73¾
49000	104½	5000	71½	Og & Lake Ch 4s	
Am Tobacco 4s		15000	70½	1000	91
26000	80½	Flint & Pere M 6s		Or S Line 1st 4s	
5000	80⅜	1000	111⅞	10000	94⅝
3000	80¼	Ft Worth & D 1st		Pac T & T 4½s	
9000	80⅜	2000	113½	33000	99
9000	80½	Gen Elec cv 3½s		Penna 4s 1948	
10000	81	10000	143	1000	104½
10000	80⅞	Inthoro R cv 6s		Pa cv 3½s 1915	
22000	80¾	2000	103	10000	97
10000	80½	Interboro M 2s		1000	86⅞
13000	80⅝	series A 1905		1000	97
8000	80½	2000	102¾	500	97
10000	80⅝	12000	102⅞	2000	97
2000	80⅞	5000	103	13000	96⅞
5000	81	2000	102⅞	37000	96¾
11000	80⅝	Int-Met cl 4½s		3000	20.96¾
17000	80¾	15000	82¼	500	99¾
38000	80⅞	73000	82⅛	14000	96¾
10000	80⅝	28000	82¼	Peo Gas & C con	
6000	80½	1000	82⅜	1000	118
2000	80¾	37000	82⅝	Peoria & East 1st	
7000.3..	80⅞	10000	82⅝	10000	94½
1000	80½	5000	82¼	Reading gen 4s	
3000	80¾	11000	82⅜	5000	99⅞
21000	80½	8000	82¼	11000	99¾
5000.820	80¼	33000	82⅜	5000	99⅝
4000	80⅜	4000	82¼	Read-JC col trs	
16000	80¾	Int & Gt Nor 1st		1000	97½
Argentine Gov		1000	110	16000	97¼
JPM&Co ctfs		Int & Gt Nor 2d		Rlo Gr W col tr 4s	
40000	96⅞	15000	107¼	2000	84½
Armour 4½s		certificates		St L & Iron Mt	
10000	92⅝	14000	107½	Riv & Gulf 4s	
Atch T&SF cv 5s		500	107¼	1000	86⅞
3000	118	2000	107½	4000	87
7000	117½	Japanese 4½s		St L & SF gen 5s	
Atch T&SF cv 4s		5000	95¼	1927	
4000	116⅜	1000	95⅜	3000	88¾
40000	116	4000	95½	1000	88⅝
10000	116¼	Japanese 4s		2000	88¾
Atch T & SF 4s		2000	92	St L & San Fr 6s	
2000	100⅜	7000	92⅛	1000	83¾
1000	100¼	2000	92	6000	84
1000	100⅜	8000	92⅛	St Lou S W cn 4s	
2000	100¼	Kans C & Pac 1st		30000	79
A T&SF Sh L 4s		1000	93½	3000	79⅛
1000	94⅝	Kan City Sr 6s		30000	79¼
Atl Line col trs		5000	102½	So Pacific cv 4s	
14000	94½	Lack Steel 5s		10000	102¼
10000	94¾	1000	93⅝	27000	102⅜
16000	94½	Laclede Gas 5s		55000	102½
13000	94¼	5000	103	11000	102⅜
81000	94½	Lake Erie & W 1st		10000	102½
Balt & O gold 4s		1000	111½	54000	102⅜
8000	90½	L Sh & M So 4s		5000	102¼
Balt & Ohio 3½s		1000	94⅞	South Pacific 4s	
1000	92½	2000	95	1000	93½
Beth Steel ex 5s		registered		15000	93½
4000	87	1000	94	So Pacific ref 4s	
B H T cv 4s		L & N & Mob &		5000	95¼
25000	83½	Mont 4½s		50000	95⅛
17000	83¾	2000	105½	17000	95¼
3000	83⅞	Lou & Nash 4s		65000	95¼
68000	83½	13000	98⅞	10000	95¼
11000	83¾	2000	99	15000	95⅛
Bkn Union El 1st		20000	98⅞	So Ry gen 4s	
5000	102⅛	10000	98⅞	1000	79⅞
Cen Leather 5s		10000	98⅞	South Ry St L 4s	
4000	99½	Manhattan Ry 2s		2000	85½
1000	99½	10000	97	3000	85¼
Cent Pacific 1st		stamped		Tex & Pac 1st 5s	
21000	97¾	6000	99⅞	5000	112⅜
Cent R & N J 5s		Marine & Hy 4½s		Third Avenue 4s	
3000	125	5000	68⅛	9000	65¼
Ches & Ohio 4½s		5000	68¼	3000	65⅛
4000	102¾	3000	68½	3000	65½
7000	103	Mo Kan & Tex 4s		ctfs stamped	
1000	103¼	1000	98⅞	20000	64⅜
Ches & Ohio		13000	99	25000	64¾
Riv Sandy 4s		Mo K&T 1st 4½s		30000	64⅞
8000	87	2000	89½	35000	65
Chi & Alton 3½s		Mo Kan & T fdg		Toledo P & W 4s	
3000	74	1000	84	2000	92
C B & Q joint 4s		12000	84¼	T St L & West 4s	
3000	96⅝	Mo Pacific 5s 1920		3000	85⅞
16000	96¾	5000	102	3000	85¾
registered		Mo Pacific cv 5s		Union Pacific 4s	
1000	96¼	rcts full paid		2000	101⅛
Chi B & Q Ill 4s		18000	95¼	500	101
52000	100¼	Mo Pacific 4s		7000	101¼
Chi & East Ill 4s		2000	80¾	500	101½
4000	85¼	Nat Rys Mex 4½s		U Pacific ref 4s	
Chi Mil & StP 4s		5000	95	15000	97⅞
10000	100	Nat Rys Mex 4s		2000	98
2000	100⅛	4000	84	Union Pac cv 4s	
C M & St Paul 4s		NY Air Brk cv 5s		28000	109¼
3000	93¾	2000	109¾	13000	109⅜
7000	93¾	N Y Cen deb 4s		106500	109½
Chi & NorW con		12000	95¼	10000	109⅝
2000	113	N Y Central 3½s		62000	109¾
Chi & N W 3½s		1000	90½	U S of Mexico 5s	
1000	98¾	1000	90¼	4000	99
Chi R&P RR 4s		N Y Cen L S 3½s		U S Rubber 5s	
37000	81¼	16000	81⅝	21000	103
15000	81⅜	2000	81¾	U S Steel 5s	
11000	81¼	N Y Cen MC 3½s		13000	105
4000	81½	registered		3000	105⅛
Chi R&P ref 4s		1000	79⅜	4000	105
1000	90⅞	N Y Chi & St L 4s		11000	105¼
11000	91	10000	100½	55000	105⅛
Chi R&P Ry 4s		N Y City 4½s 1957		2000	105½
2000	98¾	1000	109⅜	Va Carolina C 1st	
Chi StP & M 1st		new		1000	98¾
8000	127	5000	109½	16000	99
Chi StP M&O cn		N Y City 4s 1960		1000	98¾
2000	126½	5000	100¼	Wabash 1st	
C C C W 1st 6s		new rcts		27000	111½
25000	93	20000	100⅛	Wabash 2d	
CCC & StL gen 4s		N Y City 4s 1958		5000	101¼
15000	96½	10000	100⅛	Wab P Ter 1st 4s	
CCC & StL StL 4s		10000	100¼	certificates	
1000	94	NY City 3½s 1954		12000	43
Colo Ia col tr 5s		registered		Wabash ext 4s	
15000	80	2000	88	10000	73¼
Colo Midland 4s		N Y Gas Elec Lt		11000	73⅜
2000	79	H & P 5s		10000	73½
Colo Southern 4s		3000	102⅛	10000	73⅜
1000	97¾	N Y Gas Elec Lt		5000	73¼
1000	97⅝	H & P 4s		Westing El cv 5s	
2000	97¾	37000	83½	4000	92
Colo So ext 4½s		NY NH & H cv 6s		1000	92¼
10000	98⅞	10000	134¾	2000	92
Consumers' Gas		5000	134⅝	Wm Maryland 4s	
of Chicago 5s		1000	134¾	26000	85
2000	101⅝	1000	134⅝	West Shore 4s	
Corn Prod 6s 1931		N Y N H & Hcv		4000	101¼
1000	96	3½s		6000	101
Del & Hud cv 4½s		16000	102½	Wisconsin Cen 4s	
3000	102½	20000	102¾	8000	95
Del & Hud cv 4s		N Y N H & H 6s 1956		10000	94¾
7000	100⅜	20000	95⅛		

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FOREIGN BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
German Consols 3½s	93¾	94¾
German Consols 3s	85	86
Prussian Government 4s	101⅝	102¾
Bavarian Government 4s	101¾	102¾
Hessian Government 3½s	92¾	93¾
Saxony Government 3s	84½	85½
Hamburg Government 3s	84	85
City of Berlin 4s	100¼	101¼
City of Cologne 4s	100½	101½
City of Augsburg 4s	100¼	101¼
City of Munich 4s	100¼	101¼
City of Frankfort-on-Main 3½s	93½	94½
City of Vienna 4s	97¼	98¼
Mexican Government Gold 5s	100¾	101¾
Russian Government Gold 4s	93½	95½
French Government Rente 3s	96¼	96¼
British Consols 2½s	81½	82½

RAILROAD AND OTHER SHARES.

Sales.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Net Ch'ge.
600 Allis Chal.	12⅝	12¼	12⅜+	¾
100 Allis Chm.	42	42	42	+1½
44200 Amal Cop.	77⅞	75⅞	77	+ ⅞
400 Am Ag Ch.	47	46½	46¾+	¾
800 Am B Su.	39⅜	38⅞	38⅞+	⅛
800 Am Can.	11¾	11½	11¾+	¼
300 Am Can pf	76⅞	76¾	76¾	
2800 Am Car F.	62⅞	62	62¼+	⅛
5200 Am Cot O.	66½	65	66⅜+	2⅛
100 Am H & L.	6¾	6¾	6¾	
650 Am H L pf	38½	36	38½+	1
525 A Linseed.	15	14¾	15 +	⅛
600 A L'seed p	39⅝	38¾	39⅝+	1½
1540 Am Loco.	51½	50¾	51½+	1½
500 A Malt Crp	7¾	7⅝	7¾+	¾
600 A M Crp pf	43	42½	42½+	½
23900 Am Smelt.	84¾	83	84 +	⅝
100 A Smelt pf	107⅝	107⅝	107⅝+	⅜
300 A Sm Sec.	89¼	89	89 +1	
700 Am Steel F	59¾	58⅛	59¾+	1¼
700 Am Sugar	125⅝	125	125	+1½
100 A Sugar p	122	122	122	+ ½
1400 Am T & T.	136¼	136	136⅛−	⅛
600 A Tob pf.	93⅞	93⅛	93⅛	
700 Am Wool.	35⅝	35	35⅝+	⅝
800 A Wool pf	101¾	101	101¾+	¼
11400 Anaconda	51⅛	50	50⅞−	⅛
15300 A T & S F.	116	115⅜	115½+	¼
200 A T S F pf.	103⅞	103¾	103¾+	⅛
200 At C Line.	129	129	129	
2300 Balt & O.	111⅝	111⅛	111⅝+	½
100 Balt & O p.	94	94	94 +4	
4000 Bkn R T.	74⅜	73½	73⅞+	¼
1000 Bkn U Gas	162	158¼	158¼−	1¾
100 Bruns'k.	131½	131½	131½+	¼
1000 Can Pac.	181¼	180¾	180¾−	½
7870 Cen Lther	41¼	40⅛	40¾+	1
9900 Ches Ohio.	85	84⅛	84½	
2100 Chi N W.	157½	156¾	157½+	¼
3200 C G W new	32⅞	30⅞	32½+	1½
3600 CGWpfnw	59¾	54¾	59 +3¼	
11100 C M St P.	146½	145¼	146 +	½
100 CM SP pf.	162¾	162¾	162¾−	⅛
100 CUT p stm	81½	81½	81½−	¾
2700 Col Fuel I.	40	38¼	39⅞+	1⅞
250 Col H C I.	21½	20¼	20¼+	½
1400 Col South.	61¼	60¼	60½+	⅞
8150 Cons Gas.	147½	145¼	145¼−	1¼
700 Corn P R.	19	18⅞	18⅞+	⅛
140 Corn PR p	84⅛	84⅛	84⅛+	1⅛
500 Del Hud.	175⅞	175	175¼+	1¼
3400 Den R Gr.	41½	40½	41¼+	¾
300 Den RG pf	79¾	79½	79¾+	¾
825 Distills' S.	32⅛	31¾	31⅞+	¼
1900 Erie.	29¾	29¼	29½−	⅛
900 Erie 1st pf	46¼	46	46¼+	¼
100 Erie 2d pf.	36	36	36 +	¼
400 Fed M S pf	81	80¼	81 +1	
100 Gen Ch pf.	105¼	105¼	105¼−	¼
900 Gen Elec.	156½	154¾	156 +2	
3024 Gt Nor pf.	137¾	137⅛	137⅜+	¼
1900 G N O ctfs	71⅞	71	71⅝+	⅝
1300 Harvester	88⅛	87½	88	
600 Harv pf.	120½	120	120¼−	¾
200 Hav Elec.	94	94	94	
600 Ill Cent.	143	142¾	143 −	⅛
1500 Int Paper.	14⅜	14	14⅜+	⅛
800 Int Pap pf	57	56½	56½+	¾
200 Int Pump.	49	48⅝	49	
27900 Inter-Met	22⅞	21⅞	22⅞+	1
27200 Int-Met pf	57¼	55	57 +2⅛	
600 Iowa Cent	23¾	23½	23½	
700 Ia Cen pf.	43⅜	42¾	43⅜+	½
900 Kan C So.	38¾	38¼	38¼−	⅛
200 K C So pf.	69⅜	69	69 −	⅜
1100 Lac Gas.	99¾	99½	99⅝+	⅛
1000 Lou Nash.	149⅞	149⅝	149¾+	½
2200 MSP SSM	144	142⅝	142¾−	¾
6800 M K & Tex	44⅛	43½	43⅝−	⅝
2500 Mo Pac.	71⅜	70¾	70¾−	¾
1400 Nat Lead.	81⅞	81	81⅜+	½
400 Nat E & S.	23½	23	23½+	½
100 Nat E S pf	94	94	94 +3½	
300 N Rym 2pf	27	27	27	
200 N Y Air Br	78	76½	76½−1½	
8975 N Y Cent.	120¼	119⅜	119¾−	⅛
100 NY NH H.	160⅞	160⅞	160⅞+	⅜
200 NY NH et.	148¾	148¼	148½+	½
11300 Nor & W.	102⅜	101½	101¾+	½
400 Nor & W p	89¼	89	89 +1	
1300 Nor Am.	80¾	79¾	80½+	1
5125 Nor Pac.	137	136⅜	136½−	¼
1700 Ont & Wes	45¾	45½	45⅝+	¼
100 Ont Silver	3½	3½	3½−	½
200 Pac Coast	111	111	111 +2	
1400 Pac Mail.	32¼	30¼	32¼+1¾	
300 PacT&T.	40	39¾	39¾+	¾
16900 Penn RR.	133⅝	132⅞	133¼+	⅜
2050 Peo Gas.	110⅝	110	110 −	¼
100 Peo East.	233⅜	233⅜	233⅜−1⅝	
750 Phila Co.	103½	102½	102½−	½
1400 PCC & S L	98	97½	97½+	⅜
1100 Pitts Coal	21½	21⅛	21⅛+	⅝
2900 Pit Coal p.	73½	71	71 −2¼	
1300 Press S C.	44	42½	43½+1⅞	
150 Press SC p	102	102	102	
100 Pullman.	198	198	198	
600 Ry St Spg	43	41½	43 +2	
4000 Rep Steel.	40¾	40¼	40¼−	½
1200 Rep St pf.	102⅞	102⅛	102¾+	¾
116500 Reading.	169⅝	168	168¼−	¾
400 Read 1st p	93½	93	93½+2½	
1400 Read 2d p.	110	107½	107½−2½	
45800 Rock Isld.	49¾	48¾	49¼+	¾
700 Rock I pf.	87	86½	86¾−	¼
1300 St L SF 2 p	49¼	48½	48¾+	¼
4100 St L S W.	30	28¼	30 +	⅝
500 St L S W p	74	73⅝	74 +	⅜
214 St P & Om	161½	160	161½+1½	
28800 Sou Pac.	126⅝	125⅝	126⅛+	⅝
1900 Sou Ry Co	29	28⅝	28¾+	⅛
1200 So Ry Co p	65⅝	65	65⅝+	⅝
100 Tenn Cop.	32⅞	32⅞	32⅞+	⅝
900 Tex Pac.	30⅝	30	30⅛−	⅜
1520 Third Ave	81½	81¼	81¼+	½
700 Tol Rys.	12½	11¾	12½+	¾
1400 Tol StL W	45½	44½	45 +1	
700 Tol SLW p	66½	65¾	65¾+	¼
220 Twin CRT	113	112¾	113 +	⅜
103200 Un Pac.	187½	185¼	186⅞+2	
500 Un Pac pf	102⅜	102	102⅛−	⅛
110 Un Dry Gds	118½	118½	118½−	¾
200 U Dry G p c	111	111	111 +	¼
200 Un R Inv.	39½	39	39 −	¼
300 Un R Inv p.	69⅜	68	68	
100 US Cl Pipe	26	26	26 +1⅜	
220 US Cl P p.	79½	79½	79½+1¼	
400 US R & Im	74	74	74	
200 US R&Ref	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛+	⅞
1800 U S Rub.	42¾	42⅛	42⅛+	⅛
1200 USRub 1p	112⅞	112½	112⅞+	⅞
100 USRub 2p	80	80	80 +1	
141500 US Steel.	81⅛	79⅞	80½+	¾
1800 US Steel p	120¼	119¾	120 +	¼
2200 Utah Cop.	50¾	50⅛	50¾+	¼
7100 Va-Car C.	55¾	55	55 −	¼
200 Va-Car pf	124	124	124	
1800 Wabash.	22	21⅝	21⅞+	⅛
10800 Wab pf.	48¼	47½	47¾−	⅛
300 West'h'se	69¾	69½	69¾+1¾	
600 West Md ct	48	47	48 +	⅞
200 West U T.	73	72¼	73 +	¾
400 Wis Cent.	50½	50	50	

Total sales of stocks, 817,500 shares.

CLOSING PRICES.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams Exp.	242	165	Manhattan.	1⅞	1⅞
Allis Ch'rs.	12¾	12¾	Mackay.	89½	90½
Allis Ch pf.	42	44	Mackay pf.	75	77
Amal Cop.	76¾	77	Marine.	⅝	¾
Am Ag Ch.	47	47¼	Marine pf.	20½	20¾
Am B Sug.	38¾	38⅞	Minn & St L.	42½	44¾
Am Can.	11⅝	11¾	M & St L pf.	75	88
Am Can pf.	76½	76¾	MSP & SSM.	142¾	143½
Am C & F.	62	62¾	MSP SSM pf	152	1.7
Am C & F pf.	117¾	118¾	M K & T.	43⅝	43¾
Am Cot Oil.	66¾	66½	M K & T pf.	71	73
Am Cot O pf.	102	107	Mo Pacific.	70¾	71
Am Express.	270	295	Nat Bis Co.	108½	111
Am Hide & L	¾	7	Nat Bis Co pf.	1	1¾
Am H&L pf.	38	39	Nat Lead.	81¼	81½
Am Ice Sec.	23⅞	24¼	Nat Lead pf.	109	110