FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

A Steady and Comparatively Strong Market—Calm After the Financial Storm.

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Government Bonds a Trifle Weaker—Railroad Bonds Firmer at a Slight Advance—Money on Call at 1 1-2 a 2 1-2 Per Cent.

WALL STREET, SATURDAY, August 26—6 P.M.

Speculation, which has been howling over the anthracite properties for the last two days, this morning sitters a "*pax vobiscum*," and leaves them, for the time being, in peace. For how long a time this peace is to continue, and whether the paths to be trodden by the companies for the immediate future are to be ways of pleasantness, is a matter of grave doubt. Opinions are different upon this point. It is thought by some that the disruption of the confederation is more apparent than real—that the instigators of the movement, like J. B., if not "tough" may be "de—vilish tly," and that the coming sales, by some "miching mallecho," may be made to show better prices than are at present looked for. Others again prophesy open war, with a dash of rival interests and the train of disasters which competition (as has happened with the railroads) is almost sure to produce. So the market has to-day, in a measure, halted between these two opinions, with the result of milder fluctuations and a comparatively restricted business.

The great guns of the market having been carefully shotted at the close last evening were let off with a bang at the opening to-day, and the salvo being regarded as a *feu de joie* for the bull side there arose an active purchasing demand, which improved the whole list.

There was a further rise of two points in Delaware and Hudson and Delaware and Lackawanna, and of one point in New Jersey Central, the latter stock hanging fire at about 40, as though it were enamored of these figures and cared nothing for the fact that it is neither "fat" in its treasury, nor "fair" in its prospects.

Western Union was at first inclined to join the general hilarity, but the ever-present contraband soon appeared with his wet blankets, and there was a turn in temper and a tumble in price which bore the quotation down from 70⅛ to 68⅝, although a sharp rally established one per cent better figures at the close.

This stock continues as great a mystery as ever. Utterly neglected one day, it is spasmodically active the next, receiving support when it requires it, and apparently having no friends when strong enough to stand alone. This morning the large sales at receding figures were ascribed to Gould, this afternoon the recovery was attributed to aid from the Pacific slope. For a man of money here is a splendid investment in "*Faites vos jeux, Messieurs.*"

In Lake Shore and the Western stocks there was a fair amount of business, though nothing remarkable in the way of fluctuations. A bearish feeling, born of "points," is growing up against the Rock Island and Michigan Central, but to old stagers this sort of incentive to sell short is not very sharp, and is left to produce its effects upon the thinner skinned novitiate of the Board.

Railroad bonds participated in the better feeling existing in the share market, and were in greater demand, at higher figures, particularly those that are identified with the coal interests.

In the closing dealings stocks were all better, most of the loss made at meridian having been reclaimed, and the market finishing with every sign of a continued improvement on Monday.

THE SALES TO-DAY.

The transactions of the Stock Exchange to-day aggregated 164,465 shares. Erie, 9,050; Lake Shore, 20,800; Northwestern, 800; do. preferred, 100; Rock Island, 13,895; Pacific Mail, 3,500; St. Paul, 2,500; do. preferred, 4,800; Ohio, 1,500; Western Union, 39,180; Wabash, 800; C., C. and I. C., 100; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 38,135; New Jersey Central, 16,500; Michigan Central, 9,600; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 1,520.

OPENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following table shows the opening, highest and lowest prices of the day:—

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.
Harlem	137	137	137
Erie	11	11⅝	11
Lake Shore	53¼	53¾	52¾
Wabash	2¼	2¼	2¼
Northwestern	38½	38½	37½
Northwestern preferred	61¾	61¾	61¾
Rock Island	104½	104¾	102¾
Milwaukee and St. Paul	34¼	34¾	33¾
Mil. and St. Paul preferred	67½	67¾	66⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	12	12⅛	11⅞
New Jersey Central	41	41¾	39½
Del., Lack. and Western	82¼	84¼	82¼
Western Union	69⅞	70⅛	68⅝
Atlantic and Pacific Tel	17	17	17
Pacific Mail	23¾	23⅞	23

CLOSING PRICES—3 P. M.

Pacific Mail	23¾ a 23⅞	Mil & St P pf	67½ a 67⅞
West Union	69⅛ a 69⅜	C., C., C & I	41¾ a 43
Atl & Pac Tel	17⅛ a 17⅜	C. C. & I. C.	3¾ a 4¼
Quicksilver	15 a 16	Del., L & W	84 a 84½
Quicksilver pf.	15 a 20	Erie	11⅛ a 11⅜
Mar L & Min	6 a 8	Rock & St Jo	11 a 12
Mar L & M pf	6½ a 8	H & St Jo pf	19 a 20½
Adams Ex	110 a 112	L S & M So	53 a 53⅝
American Ex	60 a 61	Mich Central	39⅝ a 39¾
U S Express	64½ a 66	N Y & Harlem	137 a 139
Wells-Fargo Ex	95½ a 96	N Y C & H R	103 a —
Chi & Alton	98 a 101	N J Cen	40½ a 40¾
Cleve & Pitts	92 a 92¾	Ohio & Miss	11⅞ a 12
Chi & N W	37¾ a 38	Panama	126 a 135
Chi & N W pf	61½ a 62	Tol & Wab	2 a 2¼
Chi & R I	103½ a 103⅞	Union Pacific	62 a 63
[illegible]	33¾ a 34	Missouri Pac	4½ a 4¾

ADVANCE AND DECLINE.

The following shows the changes as compared with yesterday's closing prices:—

ADVANCE.—Delaware and Lackawanna, 1⅛; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 4; Erie, 1⅛; Northwest common, ⅛; New York Central and Hudson, ¼; Ohio and Mississippi, ⅛; Pacific Mail, ⅛; Union Pacific, ½; Wabash, ⅛.

DECLINE.—Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, ⅛; C., C. and I. C., ⅛; Harlem, ½; Lake Shore, ¼; Michigan Central, 1⅛; St. Paul, ⅛; do. preferred, ⅛; Rock Island, ⅛. The rest of the market is unchanged.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Money was moderately active in the forenoon, loaning on call as high as 2½, but closed easy at 1½ per cent.

The following are the rates of exchange on New York at the undermentioned cities:—Savannah, ¼ premium; Charleston, scarce, selling ¼ premium; New Orleans, commercial, 3-16, bank, ⅛; Cincinnati, scarce, selling ¼ premium; Chicago, 25c. to 50c. premium; St. Louis, 50c. to 75c. premium.

Foreign exchange was very dull. Prime sterling, asking rates, 4.88 and 4.89¼; selling rates, 4.87 a 4.87½ and 4.89 a 4.89½. Reichmarks, 94⅞ a 95 and 95½ a 95¾; cables, 96; prime Paris, 5.15⅛ and 5.13¾.

Sterling—	
Sixty days' sight	4.87 a 4.88
Demand	4.88½ a 4.89½
Cable transfers	4.89 a 4.90
Commercial	4.85 a 4.85½
Paris—	
Sixty days' sight	5.17½ a 5.15
Demand	5.15 a 5.13¾
Cable transfers	5.12½ a 5.11¼
Commercial	5.22½ a 5.18¾
Reichmarks—	
Sixty days' sight	.94¾ a .95
Demand	.95¼ a .96
Cable transfers	.96⅞ a .96½
Commercial	.94½ a .94¾

THE GOLD MARKET.

Gold opened and closed at 111, with a momentary advance to 111⅛ in the interim. The borrowing rates were ½, 1, 1½ and 2 per cent. Loans were also made flat.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK.

Gold balances	$1,680,115
Currency balances	1,882,917
Gross clearances	26,766,000

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$64,416,590
Currency balances	3,117,198
Gold exchanges	3,581,287
Gold balances	561,357

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Currency exchanges	$309,144,476
Currency balances	15,978,403
Gold exchanges	34,379,517
Gold balances	4,733,122

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

In the earlier transactions government bonds were weak, in sympathy with the London market, where prices went down on the announcement that the first call for redemption will be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury on September 1. They, however, closed steady at the following quotations:—United States currency sixes, 126⅛ a 126½; do. do., 1881, registered, 119⅛ a 119⅜; do. do., do., coupon, 119⅝ a 120; do. do., 1865, registered, 113¾ a 114⅛; do. do., do., coupon, 113⅞ a 114⅛; do. do., do., new, registered, 114¼ a 115⅞; do. do., do., do., coupon, 116⅝ a 114⅞; do. do., do., do., coupon, 117 a 118; do. do., do., coupon, 118 a 118⅛; do. do., 1868, registered, 120⅛ a 121; do. do., do., coupon, 120⅛ a 121; do. ten-forties, registered, 116 a 116⅛; do. do., coupon, 119⅛ a 119⅛; do. fives, 1881, registered, 116⅛ a 116⅞; do. do., do., coupon, 116⅝ a 116⅞.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Railroad bonds were firmer at a slight advance in some cases this afternoon. Northwest consolidated gold coupons advanced to 93¼ and closed at that price bid. Union Pacific firsts rose to 106⅞. The remainder of the list was strong.

The following were the closing quotations for Pacific Railroad bonds:—Union firsts, 106⅝ to 106¾; Union land grants, 105¼ to 105½; Union sinking funds, 96¼ to 96½; Centrals, 111 to 111¼.

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY.

The Assistant Treasurer paid out to-day $24,000 gold on account of interest and $20,000 in redemption of five-twenty bonds. The Sub-Treasury released $10,700 silver coin. The customs receipts to-day were $304,000. The Treasury operations for the week included the disbursement of $640,000 gold for interest and $473,500 in redemption of bonds and the receipt of $2,489,200 for customs. A Washington despatch says:—"The Treasury now holds $338,820,000 in bonds to secure bank circulation, a decrease for week of $75,000. Bonds held to secure public deposit, $18,720,000. Bank circulation outstanding—Currency notes, $324,460,000; gold notes, $2,100,000. Revenue receipts to-day, $390,000. Customs receipts to-day, $370,000. Bank notes received for redemption to-day, $780,000. Total for week, $5,500,000.

STATE BONDS.

State bonds were weak for Tennessees and Missouri long sixes. The former declined to 49 for old and 48¼ for new, and the latter to 106¼.

BANK SHARES.

Bank shares sold at 111¼ for Commerce and at 73 a 72 for Republic.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

The bank statement was favorable. There was an increase of specie to the extent of $427,800 more than the decrease in legal tenders. The loans were expanded over a million. The bonds now held in lawful money in excess of the 25 per cent required by law are $21,249,775, as against $20,956,050 last week. The following are the comparative totals:—

	August 19.	August 26.	Differences.
Loans	$255,339,400	$254,443,400	Inc. $1,104,000
Specie	19,873,400	20,946,500	Inc. 1,073,100
Legal tenders	57,584,300	56,939,000	Dec. 645,300
Deposits	226,096,600	226,542,900	Inc. 536,300
Circulation	14,714,600	14,640,400	Dec. 74,200

The following shows the relations between the total reserve and the total liabilities:—

	August 19.	August 26.	Differences.
Specie	$19,873,400	$20,946,500	Inc. $1,073,100
Legal tenders	57,584,300	56,939,000	Dec. 645,300
Total reserve	$77,457,700	$77,885,500	Inc. $427,800
Reserve required against deposits	56,501,650	56,635,725	—
Excess of reserve above legal requirement	20,956,050	21,249,775	Inc. 293,725

THE FOREIGN MARKET.

The London advices report an improvement of ⅛ per cent in consols and a decline of ⅛ a ¼ per cent in United States bonds, except in the case of old 1865's, which have advanced a fraction. The Erie shares advanced ½ a 1 per cent on yesterday's closing quotations. The Bank of England gained £18,000 bullion on balance to-day. The following are the quotations, at half-past twelve o'clock P. M.:—Consols, both money and account, 96 7-16; 1865 bonds, 105⅝; 1867 bonds, 108¾; ten-forty bonds, 107; Erie shares, 10; Erie preferred, 18; New York Central, 97. London, 1:30 P. M.:—Consols, money, 96¾ a 96⅞; Consols, account, 96¾ a 96½; 1865 bonds, old, 105⅝; 1867 bonds, 108¾ a 108⅞; ten-forty bonds, 107 a 107½; new fives, 107¼; Erie, 10½; Erie, preferred, 18 a 18¼. London, 2 P. M.:—Erie, 10¼; 1867 bonds, 108¾; new fives, 107. London, 2:15 P. M.:—Erie, 10¼ a 10⅜.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK QUOTATIONS.

The following are the Philadelphia stock quotations by telegraph:—

	Bid.	Asked.
City sixes, new	110	110¼
United Companies of New Jersey	—	138
Pennsylvania Railroad	47¾	47¾
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad	47	47⅛
Lehigh Valley Railroad	54	54⅛
Catawissa Railroad, preferred	42	42¼
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad	15	15¼
Northern Central Railroad	33	34
Lehigh Navigation	33½	33¾
Lehigh Navigation gold loan	—	103¾

IMPORTS FOR THE WEEK.

The imports for the week were as follows:—

Dry goods	$2,000,620
Merchandise	2,724,061
Total	$4,724,681

Exports of specie for the past week $271,580, principally silver bars. The imports of specie for the past week were $170,000, of which $80,000 is gold coin.

SPECIE EXPORTS.

The following were the exports of specie from this port for the past week:—

August 24—Steamer Wieland, London—	
Silver bars	$111,000
August 26—Steamer City of Richmond, Liverp'l—	
Silver bars	24,300
August 26—Steamer Oder, London—	
Silver bars	48,000
Mexican silver dollars	88,280
Total	$271,580

MEMORANDA.

The earnings of the Western Union Telegraph Company during the last quarter were $300,000 over the last dividend of 1¼ per cent, which is also above the estimate of that quarter. The earnings of the company exhibit a steady increase.

Comptroller Green signed warrants yesterday on the following accounts and transmitted the same to the Mayor for his countersignature:—

Interest on the city debt	$286 00
Public Charities and Correction	12,828 19
City contingencies	1,200 00
Smallpox Hospital	98 85
Health fund	494 41
Assessment fund	28,719 75
Street improvement fund	11,829 87
Dock fund	7,733 12
Total	$63,189 19

INVESTMENT SHARES.

Investment shares brought the following prices:—Central and Hudson, 106; Rock Island, 103⅞; Morris and Essex, 93¼ a 93½; American Express, 61½; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 114¾; Delaware and Hudson, 83⅜; Illinois Central, 88¼.

MINING SHARES.

The following are the closing prices in San Francisco:—

Consolidated Virginia	53½	Crown Point	13
California	58⅝	Yellow Jacket	34¾
Segregated Belcher	80	Alpha	60⅛
Ophir	55	Belcher	24⅝
Choller	100	Confidence	20
Savage	22	Sierra Nevada	14½
Consolidated Imperial	6	Exchequer	20
Mexican	34⅛	Overman	76⅛
Gould & Curry	14	Justice	29
Best & Belcher	48⅛	Caledonia	9
Hale & Norcross	12		

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

SATURDAY, August 26, 1876.

BEFORE CALL—10 A. M.

$1000 Ark 7's, 1st to C		20	shs N J Cen RR	4⅜	
RR	9	300	do	40	
100 shs Del & H Can	83⅝	200	do	39⅞	
100 do	83¾	200	do	39½	
100 Pac Mail SS	23⅞	400	Chi & R I RR	103	
100 do	23⅞	100	do	104⅛	
200 Erie RR	11	200	do	104¼	
300 do	11¼	400	do	104¾	
100 do	11¼	400	do	104	
600 do	11½	400	do	103⅞	
100 do	11½	100	do	103¾	
300 do	11½	500	do	103⅞	
100 do	11½	100	do	103⅞	
100 West'n Tel	69½	100	do	82⅞	
200 do	70	1000	Del L & W RR	84¼	
200 do	70⅛	200	do	82⅞	
200 do	70⅛	200	do	82⅞	
100 do	70⅛	400	do	83	
200 do	70⅛	400	do	83⅛	
200 do	70⅛	600	do	83⅛	
300 do	70⅛	100	do	83⅛	
1100 do	70⅛	867	do	83¾	
600 do	70⅛	200	do	83	
100 do	70⅛	100	do	83⅛	
1100 do	70¼	1050	do	84	
900 do	70¼	100	do	84¼	
200 do	70¼	500	do	84	
1000 do	70⅜	600	do	83⅞	
700 do	70⅜	400	do	83⅞	
300 do	70⅜	200	do	83⅞	
100 do	70⅜	100	do	83⅞	
200 do	70⅜	200	do	82⅞	
600 do	70⅜	100	do	83	
300 LS & M S RR	53¼	1028	do	83	
200 do	53⅛	500	do	83⅛	
100 do	53⅛	200	do	83⅛	
1400 do	53⅛	800	do	83⅛	
900 do	53⅛	200	do	83⅛	
2300 do	53¼	200	do	83⅛	
75 N Y C & H RR	106	500	do	83⅛	
5 do	106¼	400	do	82⅞	
100 Mor & Ess RR	92¾	200	do	83	
100 do	93	100	do	83⅛	
800 N J Cen RR	41	100	do	83⅛	
100 do	41¼	100	do	83⅛	
50 do	40⅞	100	do	83⅞	
300 do	41⅛	120	do	83⅛	
10 do	41	120	do	82⅞	
100 do	41⅛	200	do	83	
600 do	41¼	100	Chi & N W RR	38⅛	
500 do	41¼	100	Ohio & Miss RR	12	
400 do	41¼	200	do	12⅛	
2 do	41	400	do	12¼	
300 do	40¾	200	Mil & St P RR	34¼	
100 do	41	100	do	34⅛	
100 do	41⅛	200	do	34⅛	
600 do	41	200	do	34⅛	
100 do	41¼	200	do	34⅛	
100 do	40⅞	1700	Mil & St P RR pf	67½	
100 do	40¾	100	do	67⅞	
10 do	40¾	100	do	67⅞	
300 do	40⅞				

10¼ AND 11:30 A. M.

$10,000 U S 5-20 c, 65	114	$20,000 U S 5's, 10-40, c		119⅛	
10000 do	114	12,000 do	b c	119⅛	
10 00 U S 5-20, r, '67	118⅝	100 0 U S 6's, r, '81		119¾	
10000 U S 5-20, c, '67	118⅝	15000 do	b c,s3	119¾	
53000 do	118¾				

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$2000 Mo 6's, 1bds	106⅛	700	shs L S & MS	52⅞	
5000 Tenn 6's, old	49¼	700	do b3	53	
5000 do b c	49	100	do	53⅛	
6000 Tenn 6's, n b c	48¾	200	Ill Cen RR b c	88⅛	
8000 Tenn 6's, n s	48¾	100	do	88⅛	
2000 N J Cen 1st, con	98⅛	33	Mor & Ess RR b c	93⅛	
1000 do	98⅛	7	do	94	
25000 N J Cen conv	85	100	N J Cen RR b c	39⅜	
6000 do	85⅛	400	do	39⅞	
3000 do	85⅛	50	do	40⅛	
1000 L & W B con	80	100	do	40⅛	
2000 do b c	80⅛	900	do	40	
11000 M & St P 1st, LC	102⅛	700	do	39⅞	
5000 do & St P con s f	87⅛	300	do	39⅞	
1000 C & NW c g b	93	400	do	39⅞	
10,000 O & M cons f	93	400	do	39⅞	
5000 C P 1st, St J br	95¾	900	do	40	
5000 C P 1st, C&O br	94	400	do	40⅛	
5000 do	94⅛	500	do	40	
5000 Un Pac RR 1st	106¾	100	do	40⅛	
6000 do	106¾	200	do	40⅛	
5000 do	106¾	100	do s3	40	
2000 Un Pac sink f	98¾	100	do	40⅛	
10000 do	98¾	200	do	40⅛	
2000 Gt West 1st, '88	83	100	do	40⅛	
2000 Ill & So Ja con	80	400	do	40	
77 Bk of Republic	73	100	do	39⅞	
23 do b c	72	200	do	40	
24 Bk of Com	111½	1100	Chi & R I RR b c	103¼	
500 D & H Can Co b c	84	100	do s3	103⅛	
10 Pac RR of Mo b c	4¾	100	do c	103⅛	
91 U S Ex b c	65	100	do	103⅛	
15 American Ex	61¾	500	do	103⅛	
20 do b c	61	100	do s3	103⅛	
200 West Un Tel b c	70⅛	100	do	103⅛	
100 do b3	70⅛	100	do s3	103	
500 do	70	1800	do	103⅛	
400 do s3	69⅞	15	do	103⅛	
500 do	69⅞	200	do	103⅛	
400 do	69⅞	100	do s3	103⅛	
1300 do	69⅞	100	do	103⅛	
700 do	69⅞	200	do c	103⅛	
400 do b3	69⅞	200	Chi M & St P b c	34	
700 do	69⅞	200	do	34⅛	
400 do	69⅞	100	do s3	34	
400 do	69⅞	100	M & St P RR pf b c	67¼	
100 Pacific Mail SS b c	23¼	100	do	67	
600 do	23¼	400	do	67⅛	
100 do	23⅛	100	do c	67⅛	
100 do	23⅛	100	do	67	
10 N Y Central RR b c	109⅛	400	do	66⅞	
50 do	109⅛	200	do	67	
500 Chi & N W RR b c	38	100	do	67⅛	
100 Chi & N W pf b c	61¾	25	P Ft W & Chi	102	
300 Erie RR b c	11	100	Del L & West b c	83⅛	
500 do	11⅛	1900	do	83	
300 do s3	11⅛	500	do c	83⅛	
50 do	11	300	do	83⅛	
900 do	11⅛	20	do	83⅛	
800 Mich Cen RR b c	40¼	200	do	83	
200 do c	40¼	23	do	83⅛	
700 do	40	40	do	83⅛	
100 do	39⅞	600	do	83⅛	
200 do	39¾	300	do	82	
600 do	39¾	100	do s3	82⅛	
200 do	39¾	100	do	83	
200 do	39¾	420	do	83⅛	
1100 do	39¾	100	do c	84	
500 do	39¾	100	do	82⅞	
500 do	39⅞	300	do	83⅛	
100 do	39⅞	300	do	83	
200 do b3	39⅞	200	do	39⅞	
100 do	39⅞	100	do	40	
200 do	39⅞	100	do	40⅛	
100 do	39⅞	100	do	40	
100 do	39⅞	100	do	40⅛	
200 do	39⅞	100	do	40⅛	
100 do	39⅞	100	do	40⅛	
100 do	39⅞	200	do	40⅛	
100 do	39⅞	100	do	40⅛	
100 do	39⅞	100	do	40⅛	
100 do	39⅞	100