PROFESSIONALS RULE STOCK MARKET ALL DAY

Buy in Morning and Sell Later, Leaving Prices for General List Little Changed.

CALL MONEY RATE LOWERED

Steel Common Is Well Taken on Intimation That Shareholders Will Receive Another Extra Dividend Some Time Next Month.

BY BROADAN WALL.

NEW YORK, December 27.—To-day's market could be summed up very briefly by saying that the professional trading crowd bought in the morning and sold out in the afternoon, the activities for the general list very little changed. The public had nothing to do with the movement one way or the other. Outside stocks are not badly hurt by the collapse of a week ago to be drawn again easily into the Wall Street speculation.

To-day's dealings bore the stamp of professionalism more plainly than those of any day in the last few months. A market of less than 200,000 shares is a dull market these days.

It was very narrow speculation both ways. While traders were in the buying mood prices rose in easily points for the war shares, and a point or two for others. When everything ceased to sell after the demand suddenly disappeared and the list fell away as suddenly as it had risen. Those who make a business out of Wall Street do not care to carry stock overnight, especially where there is a possibility of bad news from Mexico or something happening in what is loosely called the international situation. Thus arises at the close of a day in which the traders have devoted to making big profits.

DELAY BY CARRANZA AFFECTS SOME STOCKS

Wall Street was afraid that the season of Carranza, the chief, would refuse to permit a final reply to the refusal to accept the terms of the agreement for the pooling of the lands and that the Mexican situation would become more acute. Shares of companies which have large interests at stake in Mexico were noticeably weak. Also there was renewed liquidation in Mexican Motor, the preferred shareholders which led to the resignation of a prominent official of the company a week ago. Pressed by the bears, the stock fell to 20, and some of the best more shares sold down in sympathy.

These weak points developed at a time when the trading element had taken the lead, and, as noted, the afternoon decline. There was great significance to the weakness at the close, which was purely superficial.

LOWERING OF CALL MONEY RATE IMPORTANT FEATURE

The most important feature of the day, even though it was not taken into account in the speculative speculation, was the lowering of the call money rate. Call loan renewals were made at 2 per cent as against 1 per cent yesterday, and one transaction was made at 2½ per cent. This transaction coming within forty-eight hours of the time when preparations for the large January settlements must be completed, it was thought, should be followed by a rise which would show the change in the temper of the banking community toward the stock market, and make the lenders again are ready to lend on the funds in Stock Exchange collateral, whereas a fortnight ago they had turned the cold shoulder to brokerage loans which had only industrial shares as collateral. This is an interesting testimony to the artificial character of the money market, in the early part of the month it showed that the tremendous demand was not due to the real needs of the state of business resources but was simply a club to make Wall Street speculators get out of their stocks.

Steel common was the focus all day, on intimations of another extra dividend to shareholders in January.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Mercantile paper, 4@4½. Sterling, sixty-day bills, $4.71½; commercial sixty-day bills on banks, $4.71; commercial sixty-day bills, $4.71; cables $4.76@16; demand, $4.75. Bar silver, 65½. Mexican dollars, 48. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds irregular. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days and six months, 4. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2.

BOND LIST

Anglo French 5s 95
American Writing Paper 5s (bid) 80½
Atlantic Coast Line 4s (bid) 81
A. C. L. C. and N. 7s (bid) 101
A. C. L. cv. 6s (in Baltimore) (bid) 93¼
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s cv. 97¼
Chesapeake and Ohio cv. 5s 97¼
Liggett and Myers 5s 101
Mercantile Marine 4s 38½
Seaboard Air Line adj. 5s 38
Southern Railway 5s 86½
Southern Railway 6s 102
U. S. Registered 2s, 1930 (bid) 96¼
U. S. Registered 4s, 1925 (bid) 110
U. S. Panama 2s, 1961 (bid) 100
United States Steel 5s, 1963 ..... 102¼
Va.-Brown Bros. ctfs. (W. V. C.) 4
Va.-Car. Chemical 5s (bid) 90½
Va.-Car. Chemical cv. 6s 102
Va. Ry. and Power Co. 5s (asked) 91½

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

(Jackie G. Burch & Co.)
Richmond, Va., December 27, 1916.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
Virginia 2s (old C and R)	91	...
Virginia Centuries	87½	87¾
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond City 4s, R and R	100	101½
Richmond City 4s, R and R	100	101½
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Southern Railway 4s	101	...
So. R. Dev. 1st 5s, M. and S.	75	...
STREET RWY. BONDS.		
Nor. and Ports. Traction Co. 5s	87	...
Nor. Rwy. and Light 1st 5s	90	...
Va. Ry. and Power Co. 5s	90	91
STREET RWY. STOCKS.	Par.	Bid. Asked.
Nor. Ry. and Light Co.	50	27½
Va. Ry. and Power Co. (old)	100	100½
Va. Ry. and Power Co. (new)	100	44½ 46
Va.-Western Power 1st pfd	100	80 85
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	115 ...
Chesapeake and Ohio	100	70 ...
Norfolk and Western	100	136 ...
R., F. and P. City (old)	100	250 ...
Seaboard Air Line com	100	14 ...
Southern Railway com	100	25 ...
Southern Railway pfd	100	85 ...
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American National Bank	100	150 ...
Broad Street Bank	100	125 ...
Commerce and Trusts	100	192 ...
Central National Bank	100	117 ...
First National Bank	100	250 ...
Merchants National Bank	100	200 ...
Manchester National Bank	100	75 ...
Old Dominion Trust Co.	100	180½ ...
Rd. Bank and Trust Co.	100	125 ...
Rd. Bank and Savings Co.	100	125 ...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	240 ...
West End Bank	100	125 ...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	100	112 114
Va.-Car. Chemical com	100	43 ...
Va. Building and Loan Co.	100	105 ...
Va. Fire and Marine Ins. Co.	25	42 ...

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The cotton market showed increased activity and strength to-day, particularly in the January trading, which May sold up 17 points per bale above the top level of last week. That delivery closed at 16.95, with the general list closing firm at a net advance of 11 to 17 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 3 to 5 points, ruled steady for a time, then became quiet. There was a better tone in the cotton goods market, was accompanied by bullish declarations of authorities at the Department of Agriculture. Some of the early offerings were soon absorbed, and the market developed greater firmness during the afternoon.

October was strong on covering by bears to cover short contracts, on the cotton goods and active month closed about 40 to 45 points per bale higher than the previous close. The advance carried March up to 17.05, July to 17.30 and October to 17.40. The market closed easy at a net decline of two to four points from the best. A few additional long notices were issued, but quickly taken up, showing the strength of the cotton situation, and stimulate covering by shorts.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	16.75	17.05	16.75	16.95
March	16.90	17.05	16.80	16.95
May	17.05	17.20	16.95	17.05
July	17.15	17.30	17.05	17.15
October	17.25	17.40	17.15	17.25

Spot cotton, quiet; middling, unchanged; sales, none.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Port movement: Middling, 17.25; receipts, 343 bales; exports, 1,000 bales; stock, 194,843 bales.

Total today's receipts, 343 bales; exports, 4,000 bales; stock, 1,000,000 bales.

Total for week: Net receipts, 9,497 bales; exports, 46,176 bales; stock, 194,843 bales.

Total for season: Net receipts, 4,831,519 bales; exports, 4,939,561 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, December 27.—A decided show of strength was made by cotton on this market to-day, prices late in the session being more than $4 a bale above yesterday's close. Moderate sale, but instead buying on a small market but prices on offerings were slender from the start, and the market soon became oversold. Covering by recent short sellers added to the demand.

The opening was at the advance in sympathy with the Liverpool market, but there was a buyer on this side during the morning, and from a rise of 11 to 17 points around the opening the rain at noon was followed by 24 to 28 points. Pressure to buy was stronger in the afternoon and at the highest the active months were 32 to 34 points up. This close was steady at a net rise of 31 to 33 points.

Favorable spot accounts came in from many sections of the belt, indicating that little cotton was being sold at current quotations.

Closing bids: January, 16.77; March, 17.19; May, 17.44; July, 17.64; October, 17.40.

Spot cotton, quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot, 206 bales; to arrive, 100 bales. Middling, 17.25.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, 5.06; molasses, 3.81; refined, dull. Butter and cheese, steady. Rice, 7@8½c. Santos is 10½c.

After starting a shade higher with cotton, the market for cottonseed oil turned easy under scattered liquidation occasioned by dullness in trade circles and lack of outside support. Final prices were 6 to 11 points net lower. The bulk of the day's business was in the way of switching sales, 1,600 barrels. The market closed easy. Spot and December, 12.40 bid; January, 12.20@12.25; February, 12.12@12.20; March, 12.09@12.12; April, 12.10@12.12; May, 12.10@12.14; June, 12.12@12.18; July, 12.16@12.17.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

Wholesale Quotations.

Richmond, Va., December 27, 1916.
(G. B. Currie & Co.)

Live Poultry.		
Chickens, choice, small, lb.	@	20
Chickens, choice, small, lb.	18 @	19
Chickens, large lb.	18 @	18
Hens, per lb.	15 @	16
Roosters, each	45 @	55
Geese, fat, large, each	75 @	1 00
Ducks, large, young, lb.	18 @	20
Turkeys, lb.	@	24
Rabbits	9 @	10
Eggs.		
In crates, near-by, fresh doz.	41 @	43
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Butter.		
Family, choice, fresh lb.	@	33
Merchants' fair, per lb.	@	28
Live Stock.		
Veals, choice, per lb.	@	11
Veals, medium, per lb.	7½ @	10
Veals, poor to fair, per lb.	@	7½
Calves, runners, per lb.	5 @	7
Sheep, per lb.	5 @	7
Lambs (55-lbs. and over), per lb.	10 @	...
Hogs, choice, large, per lb.	10 @	10½
Hogs, choice, medium, per lb.	7½ @	8
Hogs, choice, small, per lb.	7 @	9
Steers, choice, 6 to prime, lb.	5 @	6
Heifers, choice to prime, lb.	6 @	...
Cows, choice to prime, per lb.	5 @	6
Cows, good to prime, per lb.	4 @	5
Bulls, choice to prime, per lb.	5½ @	...
Cattle, poor to fair, per lb.	3 @	4½
Country Bacon.		
Hams, well-smoked, per lb.	20 @	22
Sides well-smoked, per lb.	16 @	18
Shoulders, well-smoked, per lb.	14 @	15
Hides.		
Dry flint, lb.	@	29
Dry salt, lb.	@	27
Green, salt, per lb.	26 @	...
Green, lb.	24 @	...
Horse hides, each	2 50 @	5 00
Tallow	@	5
Beeswax	@	28
Calf skins, each	1 70 @	2 00

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Poultry—Chickens and hens in splendid demand. Eggs—Market steady. Live stock—Market in good shape. Veals are scarce and wanted. Rabbits very plentiful. The general market is much lower and dull.

RICHMOND FRUIT MARKET.

Wholesale Quotations.

(By W. C. Crenshaw & Co.)
Richmond, Va., December 27, 1916.

Apples.		
Fancy Bonums	$4 @	$5 00
Fancy Grimes	@	3 00
Fancy Baldwins	@	4 50
Fancy Rebels	@	4 50
Fancy Jonathans	@	4 50
Fancy Staymans	@	4 50
Fancy Bens	@	3 50
Fancy Pippins	@	5 00
Fancy Yorks	@	4 50
Fancy Winesaps	@	3 00
Choice Yorks	@	3 50
Choice Pippins	@	3 50
Choice Winesaps	@	3 50
Vegetables.		
Cucumbers, basket	2 00 @	3 00
Fancy tomatoes	2 50 @	3 00
Peppers, crate	2 50 @	3 00
Eggplants, per crate	@	1 50
Corn, per crate	@	1 75
Snap beans, per crate	2 50 @	3 00
Squash, per basket	1 00 @	2 00
Onions	@	1 50
Cabbage, 100 lbs.	@	4 00
Potatoes, per bag	@	4 00
Celery.		
Fancy, ten-dozen crate	@	7 50
Fancy, seven-dozen crate	@	7 00
Fancy, per bunch	5 @	50
Oranges.		
Fancy California, per box	@	3 50
Fancy Florida, per box	@	3 00
Grapefruit.		
Fancy Florida, per box	@	3 50

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Apples—Good quality bringing good prices. Market active on all fruits and vegetables.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Estimates that export sales in the last twenty-four hours had reached an aggregate of 1,000,000 bushels or more brought about sharp advances to-day in the wheat market here, closing decidedly strong. Although unsettled, corn ended 2 points net higher, with July at $1.07½ to $1.07¾. Corn showed a net gain of ⅞c to 1c, and oats of ⅞c to 1c. In provisions, the outcome varied from 15c decline to a rise of 5c.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	1.75	1.82	1.75	1.81½
May	1.79½	1.85	1.79½	1.84½
July	1.34½	1.40	1.33½	1.40
CORN.				
December	93	93½	91	93
May	93½	95½	91½	95½
July	94	96	92½	96
OATS.				
December	49	50½	48	50½
May	50½	54½	50	54½
July	49½	54	49½	54
PORK—Per bbl.				
January	27.15	27.15	27.15	27.15
May	26.97	26.97	26.85	26.85
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
December	16.50	16.60	16.50	16.60
January	16.60	16.62	16.55	16.62
May	16.17	16.22	16.05	16.02
RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
January	11.90	11.90	11.80	11.80
May	11.47	11.47	11.35	11.35

Cash grain—Wheat, No. 2 red, No. 3 red, No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard, $1.77@1.79. Corn, No. 2 mixed, $1.07@1.07½; No. 3 yellow, $1.08@1.08½; No. 4 white, $1.07@1.07½.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON CHANGE.

Richmond, Va., December 27, 1916.

WHEAT—Car lots.		
No. 2 red, Western	1 70 @	1 72
No. 2 red, Virginia	@	1 67
No. 3 red	1 62 @	1 65
Virginia, bar lots	1 65 @	1 69
CORN—Car lots.		
No. 2 white	@	1 04
No. 3 white	@	1 00
No. 2 mixed	@	99
No. 3 mixed	@	98
Virginia, bar lots, white	98 @	1 01
Virginia, bar lots, yellow	92 @	93
OATS—Car lots.		
No. 2 mixed	@	52
No. 3 mixed	@	51
No. 2 white	@	55
No. 3 white	@	54
Winter seed, bar lots	60 @	75
RYE—Car lots.		
No. 2 rye		nominal
No. 3 rye		nominal
Virginia, bar lots		nominal

RICHMOND HAY MARKET.

(By Buford, Va., December 27, 1916.)

Car lots.		
No. 1 timothy	@	17 50
No. 2 timothy	@	16 50
No. 3 timothy		nominal
Light clover, mixed	@	16 50
No. 1 clover, mixed	15 50 @	...
No. 2 clover, mixed		nominal
No. 1 clover	@	16 00
No. 2 clover	15 00 @	...
Sample hay	@	15 00
STRAW—Compressed	@	10 00
Loose-pressed, large bales	@	11 00
SHEAVES—Compressed	@	12 00
Loose-pressed, large bales	11 00 @	...
MILLFEED.		
Car lots.		
Skimstuff, winter	@	35 00
Bran, winter	@	32 00
Shipstuff, spring	@	31 00
Bran, spring	@	30 00

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Beeves, steady; steers, $5.60@$10.25; bulls, $5.00@$8.60; cows, $3.00@$7.60.

Calves, steady. Veals, $10.00@$15.00; culls, $8.00@$9.50; heavyweight calves, $5.00@$6.50; vealings, $8.50@$9.50. Western steers, $8.00@$13.75; mixed, $5@$8.

Sheep and lambs, steady. Sheep, $6.00@$8.50; culls, $4.00@$6.25. Lambs, $11.00@$13.85.

Hogs, steady. Light to heavy, $10.25@$10.85; rough, $9.25.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Hogs—Receipts, 42,000; strong to 10c above yesterday's average. Bulks, $10.10@$10.50; light, $9.85@$10.45; mixed, $9.95@$10.65; heavy, $10.10@$10.70; rough, $10.10@$10.25; pigs, $7.30@$9.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 20,000; steady. Native beef steers, $7.00@$11.40; western steers, $7.25@$10.00; stockers and feeders, $5.20@$8.15; cows and heifers, $1.20@$10.00; calves, $8.50@$12.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; strong. Wethers, $9.00@$10.00; lambs, $11.25@$13.45.

RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Sales at Union Stockyards.)
Richmond, Va., December 27, 1916.

Report for the week ending December 26: Choice steers, 8½ to 8¾; medium to good, 7½ to 8; common to fair, 6½ to 6¾. Choice heifers, 7½ to 8; medium to good, 6½ to 6¾; medium to good, 5½ to 6; common to fair, 4½ to 5. Best oxen, 6½ to 7½; medium to good, 5½ to 6½; common to fair, 4½ to 5½. Best bulls, 6½ to 7½; medium, 4½ to 5½. Best calves, 10 to 11½; common, 7½ to 8½. Best heavy hogs, 10½ medium weight, 10 to 10½; light, 9½ to 9¾; sows and stags, 7½ to 8. Best sheep, 6½ to 7; common to fair, 4½ to 5½. Best lambs, 10½ to 11; common to fair, 8 to 9.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

COTTON GOODS.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Cotton goods and yarns were irregular and generally quiet to-day. In men's wear lines openings attracted many buyers, especially on worsteds. Knit goods were firm and inactive.

NAVAL STORES.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 27.—Turpentine steady, 51½; sales, 291 casks; receipts, 500 casks; shipments, none; stock, 22,718 casks. Rosin, firm; sales, 1,291 barrels; receipts, 2,924 barrels; shipments, 274 barrels; stock, 95,528 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $6.10; F, G, $6.12½; H, $6.15; I, $6.15@$6.20; K, $6.30; M, $6.40; N, $6.65; WG, $7.00@$7.05; WW, $7.25.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Roderes, Plummer & Co., Inc.)
PETERSBURG, VA., December 27.—Spanish Farmers' stock—Market steady, $1.50 per bushel.

Virginias—Farmers' stock. Market steady. Fancy jumbo, 4½ to 4¾c per pound; extra prime, 3½ to 4c per pound; prime, 3½c to 3¾c per pound; shelling stock, 30 to 32c per pound.

New York Curb Market.

NEW YORK, December 27.—A more apparent hardening was noticed on the curb today with Midvale Steel in the lead. Other industrials also showed firm trends. Oil stocks were generally lower. Copper shares were irregular. Sales, with closing bids and asked prices: 5,000 Aetna Explosives, 15@15¼. Canadian National Gas, 6,000 Midwest Refining, 67@68½. 1,000 United Motors, 45¾@46½. 200 Zinc Concentrating, 19@19½. 400 Anglo-American Oil, 16½@16¾. Standard Oil of Indiana, 628@630. Standard Oil of California, 31@31½. 700 Cosden & Co., 8@8½. 1,500 Cosden Oil Gas common, 14½@14¾. 1,100 Federal Oil, 6¾@6⅞. 1,300 Metropolitan Petroleum, 7¾@8. 200 Atlanta Oil, 2¾@3. Big Ledge, 3¾@3⅞. 1,500 Cons. Arizona Smelting, 15@15½. 4,500 Calumet & Jerome, 17@17½. 11,000 Boston and Montana, 6¾@7. 12,500 Gold and Ore, 2¾@3. 1,000 Green Monster, 2½@2¾. 4,500 Jumbo Extension, 2¾@3. 1,000 McKinley-Darragh, 50@55. 17,000 Mother Lode, 12@13. 1,000 Nipissing, 9@9¼. 1,000 Rex Consolidated, 2¾@3. 1,000 Success, 4@4½. 1,700 Tonopah Extension, 25@24.

REAL ESTATE AND COURTS

HENRICO TRANSFERS.

Two Deeds of Bargain and Sale. Amounting to $1,750.

W. H. Jackson et ux., to E. K. Schepmoes, lot 27, block 16, plan of Washington Park. December 18, 1916; tax 50 cents, $16.

J. H. Schepmoes to W. H. Jackson, lot 33, block 7, plan of Washington Park. December 18, 1916; tax $1.50, $16.

CHANCERY TRANSFERS.

Eight Deeds of Bargain and Sale. Amounting to $31,550.

W. H. Adams to Virginia B. Adams, lot 77, Du Val's Addition. December 26, 1916; tax $1, $16.

Avondale Land Company, Inc., to R. M. Flanagan, lot 18, block D, Brookdale. December 14, 1916, $400.

Iva Pearl Childrey et vir, to James Gray, 24x158 11-12 feet south line of Clay Street, 114 feet east of Thirty-fifth Street. December 16, 1916; tax $2.50, $10.

W. W. Sale et als., to Davis J. Lee, 66x121 feet known as 2701-2703 Stuart Avenue. December 1, 1916; tax $15, $10.

W. W. Sale et als., to Davis J. Lee lots 1, 2 and 3 Boulevard Residence Park. December 1, 1916; tax $10, $10.

Suburban Development Corporation to M. Blanche Brooks, lot 24, block B, Chamberlayne Place. August 9, 1915; tax $1, $10.

Mary R. Blalkowski et vir, to L. M. Ellis et als., lot of land and improvements known as 3 West DuVal Street. December 22, 1916; tax $1.70, $10.

Highland Park Realty Corporation, to Floyd R. Thompson, lot 7, block D, plan of Oak Ridge. August 28, 1916; tax $1, $10.

CHANCERY DEEDS OF TRUST.

Ten Deeds of Trust. Amounting to $28,565.

H. L. Campbell et ux., to Henry R. Miller, trustee, lot 2, block P, plan of Ginter Park; also lot 3, block P, plan of Ginter Park. December 21, 1916, $4,000.

Katharyne P. Tolker to Richeson & Crutchfield, trustees, 50x180 feet east line of Chamberlayne Avenue, 250 feet north of Edge Hill Road. December 26, 1916, $3,180.

W. E. Collins et ux., to Richard W. Jones, trustee, lots 9 and 10, block D, plan of Park Place. December 21, 1916, $795.

Charles A. Brown et ux., to Pollard & Bagby, Inc., trustees, 16 feet 7 1-2 inches by 70 1-2 feet, known as 21 West Main Street. December 20, 1916, $5,900.

Charles A. Brown et ux., to Pollard & Bagby, Inc., trustees, 16 feet 7 1-2 inches by 70 1-2 feet, known as 19 West Main Street. December 20, 1916, $5,310.

Charles A. Brown et ux., to Pollard & Bagby, Inc., trustees, 15 5-12x70 1-2 feet, known as 17 West Main Street. December 20, 1916, $4,720.

Arthur J. Stevenson to M. L. Walker, trustee, 26 8-12x220 feet south side of Leigh Street, between Kinney and Bowe Streets. December 23, 1916, $300.

Joshua B. Simpson et ux., to Chewning & Boxley, trustees, 44 feet 1-2 inch by 124 feet east line of Third Street, between Jackson and DuVal Streets. December 26, 1916, $1,224.

Fincus Rudlin et ux., to Pollard & Bagby, Inc., trustees, 36x120 feet north line of Ashland Street, northeast corner Ashland and Randolph Streets. December 14, 1916, $2,015.

W. Chester Evans to Wallace F. Brown, trustee, lot of land with improvements known as 2208 East Main Street. December 7, 1916, $1,120.

CHANCERY RELEASE DEEDS.

Three Deeds of Release. Amounting to $7,7--2.

H. R. Pollard, Jr., trustee, to Muhleman & Kayhoe, 100x125 3-4 feet south line of Kensington Avenue, 91 1-6 feet east of West Street. December 19, 1916, $4,480.

H. A. McCurdy, trustee, to Iva P. Childrey, 24x158 11-12 feet south line of Clay Street, 114 feet east of Thirty-fifth Street. December 16, 1916, $2,500.

H. R. Pollard, Jr., trustee, to W. E. Collins, lots 9 and 10, block 10, Park Place. December 21, 1916, $712.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the clerk of the Hustings Court:

Charles T. Meacham, Petersburg, and Nancy E. Kellam.

Albert S. Boze and Annie Allen Keith.

John Melvin Hall and Sarah V. Craig.

MAGAZINE OWNERS TO MAKE BIG FIGHT

Publishers Seek to Defeat "Rider" on Postal Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—Magazine publishers over the country are preparing to make a gigantic protest against the attempt to "gag" Congress into accepting a rider on the postal appropriation bill to be introduced next week, by which the post-office rates on magazines would be raised to an extent which would stop publication of many of them. Thousands of letters and telegrams have been received by the Rules Committee, most of them from religious publications, claiming that the increase will be fatal to the magazine business, and asking for a hearing. At the same time, leaders of the House to-day predicted that the proposed increase will not become a law.

The attempted increase was favorably commented on by Postmaster-General Burleson, but House leaders have recently heard that Mr. Burleson has indicated his acceptance of the views of the publishers of the country. Furthermore, the members of the Rules Committee have assumed the position that the publishers have a good case and are reluctant to bring in any "gag" rule which will seriously undermine the magazine and religious newspaper business.

The post-office bill will be reported next week. It will contain a "rider" increasing the second-class rates by zones, as shown below. It will also contain a provision for 1-cent letter postage in the case of letters to be delivered within the community where mailed. The latter provision has considerable chance of success. There is a stormy road ahead of the other one.

It can be knocked out on a point of order, and to protect it a special rule will have to be brought in. Against this possible rule the publishers are massing, and it was learned to-day a hearing will be granted them if they desire it. As already indicated, the members of the Rules Committee have read much of the evidence on the side of the publishers, and have reached the conclusion it would be a backward step to increase the rates.

The Post-Office Committee is divided on the subject, too. A minority report may be presented to the House, and hostile feeling is rising all over Congress. If by chance a special rule slips through to the House, there will be a filibuster against the rider and a long-drawn fight against the increase.

The proposed increases are:

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(By Associated Press.)

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