

MARKET IS STRONGER

Union Pacific and Reading Active Features.

TRACTION STOCKS DOWN

Inter-Met. and Third Avenue Take Further Drops—Failure of Stock Exchange Firm Without Effect on Prices—Bit of Unconfirmed Bull News Cheers the Street.

New York, Aug. 22.—The market opened irregular this morning, but with only moderate changes from last night's closing level of quotations, and in many of the active issues the opening prices were the lowest of the day. An upward movement began almost at the commencement of business, and continued with slight interruption until about 2 o'clock, from which time until the end there was considerable hesitancy and a moderate amount of profit-taking by the professional element, who thought for the time being the rally had gone far enough.

There was a slightly better tone to the London market, on account of the decision of the directors of the Bank of England to leave the discount rate unchanged for the present, but the good impression produced by this and by the strong weekly statement of condition was later offset by a report that the institution was declining to discount bills where the maturities were at date beyond the end of September.

Union Pacific and Reading Active. Union Pacific was the feature of our market in point of activity, with Reading holding second place in this respect, and both scored advances of about two points on the day, with every indication that a great part of the buying of each represented the covering of short contracts. The Hill stocks also made large gains, and some active issues like Delaware and Hudson, National Lead, and Republic Iron and Steel stocks scored large advances on comparatively few transactions.

On the other hand, the Interborough-Metropolitan issues were again weak, and Third Avenue declined 8 1/2 points to a new low record for the present movement, on rumors that the dividend on Interborough-Metropolitan preferred would be passed, and that dividends of subordinate companies would not be paid, unless earned, even in the case of the properties held under lease.

Not Affected by Failure. The fact that the announcement of the small failure on the floor of the stock exchange around 11 o'clock did not cause a halt in the rally then under way tended to give the market a greater appearance of strength than it had displayed for some time past, and on the idea that it was useless to fight against a bad news, speculative interests having commitments on the short side proceeded to buy stocks for the covering of their contracts. It did not seem, however, as if the larger shorts were disturbed, or that, indeed, the announcement of the failure came as a surprise to important interests in the street, and except that it gave rise to a recurrence of disturbing rumors, it was of no real consequence whatever.

Bull Rumor Unconfirmed. A story which was used with some effect in intimidating the bears credited a leading banker with plans for righting the situation and restoring confidence, but there did not seem to be any substantial grounds upon which to base such assertions. It was said that either Harriman, now on the Pacific Coast, or in this city that the business outlook in the West were better than at present, and that the indications pointed to a large fall business, and the vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy made a statement that his road was earning, on an average, \$300,000 a week more than at this time last year, and that the crops were in fine condition.

Time money was in small supply, but the exchange markets were easier on account of the Bank of England's action in continuing its 4 1/2 per cent discount rate.

TRUSTEE STATEMENT.

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GOVERNMENT BONDS.

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MINING STOCKS.

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BLAME GAMBLER FOR CRASH.

Failure of Wall Street Firm Laid at Canfield's Door.

New York, Aug. 22.—The failure of Mills Bros. & Co., a Wall Street firm, was announced today on the stock exchange, and it is said that the account of Richard A. Canfield, of Saratoga, was the cause of the trouble.

A report that the failure was connected with the failure last fall of James W. Henning was positively denied by Henning's friends, who said he paid the Mills company in full.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Quotations furnished by A. O. Brown & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York.

Large table with multiple columns: Sales, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Allis-Chalmers, Amal. Copper, etc.

WALL STREET NOTES

Mills Bros. & Co. Collapse Without Effect on Prices.

This steadiness caused further demand for stocks from the shorts, and the market advanced quite steadily through the middle of the day. Union Pacific and Reading were quoted at higher prices than at any time since the last break.

MARKET DULL BUT STRONG

Conditions Could Not Be Improved by Heavy Government Deposits. Result Would Be Resumption of Gold Shipments Abroad—Heavy Oregon Failure Not a Bull Factor.

New York, Aug. 22.—The failure of Mills Bros. & Co., far from jarring the market, did not do as much as disturb it in the slightest degree. A week ago, had the failure been announced on one of the violent breaks, it might have been considered the first game bagged by Sportsman Bonaparte, and an indication that he would make good the boast of killing his bag.

Since that time, however, both bankers and brokers, having had an abundant time to canvass the situation, have come to the conclusion that the failure, known and more important houses are vulnerable, whatever may be the condition of a few lately organized or small concerns, and have decided that the only big game likely to fall in the Bonaparte bag is in mercantile and industrial circles, rather than in the financial district.

As has been repeatedly pointed out, brokerage houses generally have been very careful recently in insisting on customers supplying ample margins. Brokers went through the March decline with but few casualties, and they have gone through the August decline with but one to date, simply because business has been transacted with a greater care, probably, than previously in the history of the street. That the Mills firm was an exception to this rule, it was reported, was due to a bit of misplaced confidence in or misadventure with one of the best known gamblers in the world, who has been losing more money in Wall street than he could make in legitimate business.

With the general understanding of the most likely solution of the Interborough-Metropolitan problem, that is, the suspension of Interborough-Metropolitan preferred and Metropolitan dividends, there was no market depression caused by further declines in those two securities. Apparently, it was the impression that there was a future for both stocks, even if dividends under the stress of present circumstances are passed or reduced.

The covering of shorts, part of the day's buying in the stock market. According to some reports, there was covering of 20,000 shares of Union Pacific alone, and various estimates placed the extent of the short interest at the beginning of the day all the way from 300,000 to 500,000 shares.

It was rather a dull market, but a better one than on any previous day of the week. Though most of the gains were attributed to short coverings, indications of a revival of substantial buying power were noted in gains in prices of many specialties and not particularly active stocks.

Mr. Harriman was quoted as telegraphing on from San Francisco: "The outlook in the West was never better than it is to-day. We look for a big fall business." News of the failure of an Oregon trust company, with \$500,000 deposits, somewhat tempered the joy over this declaration.

The Bank of England failed to raise the rate of discount, and demand sterling accordingly dropped off 30 points. The closing rate, 4.55 and 4.57 1/2, was, however, high enough to induce bankers to discourage those who have been arguing for the deposit of government money in the banks. If the Secretary should place any amount of money, whether it is \$3,000,000 or \$50,000,000, in the banks at this time, he would be doing a great deal to London or Germany, and not to this country. Inevitably the effect would be the resumption of the gold export movement on a large scale, for both England and Germany have sent securities here in such volume that they have turned the balance of trade, for the time being, against us. There are some bankers who contend that gold shipments to Germany cannot be avoided in any event. Later, when credits have been established by grain and cotton short sales, the resumption period is at its height, it is said, with more beneficial results.

LOCAL FINANCIAL GOSSIP.

The chief feature of the market yesterday on the Washington Stock Exchange was the return of one of the supporters of Capital Traction, and the rapid bidding up of that issue from 12 1/2 to 15 1/2. The bidding brought out none of the stock, though one broker said he had 50 shares to sell, but his figures were each time a little above the bid price.

In comparison with the bulge in Capital Traction, both the common and preferred shares of Washington, Railway and Electric suffered relapses, the preferred showing special weakness.

Mitchell Mining was supplied in any amount to please, from 60-shares up to 500 shares, all selling at 2 and fractions above. Indeed, so much money is tied up in Mitchell in Washington that holders are ready to sell on even fractional rises, most of them having come to the conclusion that they can do better with the money than by playing the waiting game any longer.

Other trading was of small volume.

Opinions on the New York Market.

E. B. Crew, of Henry Clews & Co., "Cable advices report a better feeling in London on short covering, nevertheless the quotations for American stocks were considerably below the New York party, and the Bank of England's reserve is reduced from 50.60 per cent last week to 48.20 per cent this week. As far as the home situation is concerned, there is no actual change in the underlying conditions for the better, but it is apparent that strong support has been given to the market for the last two days, for the purpose of arresting undue liquidation. The stocks thus acquired by the insiders are always fed out again as soon as the market will take them. The effect of the short interest for some time past has been quite extended and is still large. The covering from this source is calculated to bring about rallies from time to time, but there is no indication that the corner has been turned. The money situation is gradually growing more intense. It does not seem advisable to commit oneself to any extent on the long side."

G. Bowle Chipman, of E. R. Chapman & Co., "In to-day's first prices the lower London was ignored, most of our issues showing over-night improvement.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Quotations furnished by A. O. Brown & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Aug. 22.—Wheat reacted sharply today, owing to the wild advance of yesterday. Cables proved unresponsive. The advance had carried the market above expected levels, was criticized by failures of foreigners to accept any wheat offered overnight. The short interest here has been largely eliminated, and there are many disinterested investors who were anxious to unload. The resulting decline has already cleared the speculative element, and the market is now trading on the decline, sales of No. 2 hard being made at equal to 20 premium over the future. There is also a healthy sentiment toward the wheat that later continuance of Northwest damage will be worse than the first. Antwerp shows great strength. Local cash sales, 15,000 bushels, mostly No. 2 hard, but some of red winter. Steadfast sales, 25 loads.

Corn weakened with what became increased sales, but closed at 1/2 cent higher than last night and on further liquidation sales by leading lots who had sold heavily yesterday. The corn sold yesterday had not been dipped thoroughly. The weather was a little more favorable, light rains in eastern half of Kansas in last twenty-four hours. Warner weather generally prevailed with southerly winds, but with a few exceptions west of the Missouri River. Local cash sales, 12,000 bushels; seaboard, 10 loads.

Trade in oats was active today yesterday. There was a firm opening in other grains, due to covering by some of the related country shorts. Further railings sales by the local long have been going on steadily all day, however the market was steady to firm, and they have taken off all these bulges as regularly as they appeared. Northwest is somewhat better than yesterday. Cash demand is for open lots for prompt shipment. Smaller market steady.

WASHINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon. Metropolitan Railway \$5, 10,000 at 10 1/2. Washington Railway preferred, 50 at 7 1/2. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone, 100 at 8 1/2. Mitchell Mining, 50 at 2 1/2, 100 at 2, 20 at 2 1/2. Washington Metropolitan Bank, 10 at 1 1/2. Corcoran Fire Insurance, 12 at 1 1/2.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Washington Gas Company 6 1/2, 100 at 109. Washington Gas Company 5 1/2, 100 at 109. Capital Traction 5 1/2, 100 at 109. Annapolis and Potomac 5 1/2, 100 at 109. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5 1/2, 100 at 109. Columbia second mortgage 5 1/2, 100 at 111. Washington Railway and Electric 5 1/2, 100 at 109.

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PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.

Capital Traction 12 1/2, 100 at 114. Washington Gas Company 10 1/2, 100 at 109. Annapolis and Potomac 10 1/2, 100 at 109. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 10 1/2, 100 at 109. Columbia second mortgage 10 1/2, 100 at 111. Washington Railway and Electric 10 1/2, 100 at 109.

MINING STOCKS.

Mitchell Mining 2 1/2, 100 at 2. Washington Metropolitan Bank 1 1/2, 100 at 1. Corcoran Fire Insurance 1 1/2, 100 at 1.25.

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.

American National Bank 15 1/2, 100 at 15. National City Bank 15 1/2, 100 at 15. Columbia National Bank 15 1/2, 100 at 15. Annapolis and Potomac 15 1/2, 100 at 15. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 15 1/2, 100 at 15. Columbia second mortgage 15 1/2, 100 at 15. Washington Railway and Electric 15 1/2, 100 at 15.

TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.

American Security and Trust 20 1/2, 100 at 20. National City Bank 20 1/2, 100 at 20. Columbia National Bank 20 1/2, 100 at 20. Annapolis and Potomac 20 1/2, 100 at 20. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 20 1/2, 100 at 20. Columbia second mortgage 20 1/2, 100 at 20. Washington Railway and Electric 20 1/2, 100 at 20.

SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.

Home Savings Bank 3 1/2, 100 at 3.50. Merchants and Mechanics Savings Bank 3 1/2, 100 at 3.50.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Washington Fire and Marine 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. Commercial Union Assurance 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. Corcoran Fire Insurance 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. Franklin Fire Insurance 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. German-American 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. National Union 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. People's 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. Potomac 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50. Riggs 25 1/2, 100 at 25.50.

TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Washington Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. Columbia Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. Commercial Union Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. Corcoran Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. Franklin Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. German-American Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. National Union Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. People's Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. Potomac Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50. Riggs Title Insurance 4 1/2, 100 at 4.50.

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Southern Public Service Corp. 12 1/2, 100 at 12.50. Washington Gas Company 10 1/2, 100 at 10.90. Annapolis and Potomac 10 1/2, 100 at 10.90. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 10 1/2, 100 at 10.90. Columbia second mortgage 10 1/2, 100 at 11.10. Washington Railway and Electric 10 1/2, 100 at 10.90.

COTTON MARKET.

Quotations furnished by Miller & Co., members of the New York Cotton Exchange and New Orleans Cotton Exchange, 133 F Street, New York, Aug. 22.—The market was irregular and largely professional, reports of rain in Texas, which volume of cotton short sales, were thought yesterday. Bulls have been making some impression with the cry of too far to help Memphis, but the cotton market is still a long way from a sharp decline. Lower prices are wanted to induce buyers, and many of the best people who are not making more than a profit are of the opinion that the present level of prices will not attract buyers in view of the certainty of a sharp decline. The cotton market is still a long way from a sharp decline. Lower prices are wanted to induce buyers, and many of the best people who are not making more than a profit are of the opinion that the present level of prices will not attract buyers in view of the certainty of a sharp decline.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Aug. 22.—SUGAR—The London market for beet sugar is called as steady and unchanged. The local market for raw sugar is also steady and unchanged, with centrifugal, 95 test, at 3.50; molasses, 30 test, at 3.25. Refined sugar steady, but quiet and unchanged.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000. Steers, 3,000; cows, 1,000; calves, 500. Market steady, but quiet and unchanged. Prices for steers, 10 to 12 cents; cows, 8 to 10 cents; calves, 12 to 14 cents.

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