

STOCK BUYING ACTIVE

Market Shows Tendency to Broaden Out.

C. & O. ADVANCES FIVE POINTS

All Railroad Shares Strengthened Under General Advance-Coal-carrying Roads Respond More Readily-Bank Statement Does Not Figure as Much as Was Anticipated.

New York, May 9.—What distinguished the stock market today from that of yesterday and the other stock exchange sessions of the week, in which an advancing movement in prices has been witnessed, was the fact that to-day broadening tendencies in the market seemed greater than at any previous time.

Buying of stocks was no less active than it has been hitherto, but to-day, instead of converged on two or three speculative favorites or "leaders," occupied itself with the general list of railroad and industrial shares as a whole, and carried the average level of the market to the highest point of the year. A notable advance of five points did occur, however, in the Chesapeake and Ohio shares, for which the only explanation that Wall Street could offer was that a large local banking house now in possession of a quantity of the stock which it bought from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was desirous of making a better market for the shares.

Bank Statement Does Not Figure

Anticipation regarding the weekly bank statement did figure at all in the trading, although the statement was hardly up to yesterday's promise. The cash held by the banks increased by \$9,000,000 as against yesterday's \$13,000,000 forecast, while bank notes increased \$3,700,000. The result, however, was a further upbuilding of the actual bank surplus in the sum of \$8,300,000. The showing made by the trust companies was not as favorable, inasmuch as the volume of loans increased \$23,623,300. The meaning of this is, probably, that, as was the case last week, the financing of the week's speculation in stocks has been largely conducted by the trust company organization.

It is generally admitted that the rise in the stock market this week, and, for that matter, for several weeks past, has not been due to any particular change in the state of the financial, political, or industrial conditions, and Wall Street has been filling in the period with various theories as to the cause of the movement which, after all, is not satisfactory.

Strength Unmistakable.

The genuine strength of the market was, however, unmistakable; and in whatever manner it originated, it was manifestly materially assisted by the circumstance that the rising tide of quotations did not result in any considerable enlargement of the quantity of stocks offered for sale.

Another favoring condition is that the crop prospect is above the average, and is certainly a good deal better than it was at this time last year; and it seems, too, as if the prices that will be realized from sales to foreigners of our leading staple products will be highly remunerative, with the single exception of perhaps the case of the cotton.

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GOSSIP FROM WALL STREET

New York, May 9.—When St. Paul, said to be the proudest cornered, rose above its previous record for the year at the end of the first hour-to-day, a few bear stop orders were uncovered, and the execution of these caused a spurt that was one of the liveliest incidents in a lively session.

Except for the few stop orders, however, nothing noteworthy was found in the market for the stock, and as for those supposed to be endeavoring to run a corner in this issue, the street widely credited them with good intentions, seemed to think that their effort was doomed to failure.

Union Pacific made a new high record for the present movement by advancing a fraction beyond the high figure of the preceding day, but there seemed to be pre-freaking that at times gave the stock a rather heavy tone as compared with St. Paul, Chesapeake and Ohio, and some of the other active issues.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

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SPANKED BY SHARKS

Jake Wasn't Eaten Because He Was So Truthful.

TELLS THE STORY HIMSELF

Seaman of the Good Ship Lawhill Relates Thrilling Experience on Trip from Hongkong to This Port. Declares He Fell in with Seven-teen Sharks—Poked Fun at Him.

Sharks, when they get a truth-telling man in the water, rather than eat him, will always play tricks on him, and then let him go home to tell the tale. This fact has often been remarked from the Laccadives to Cape Comorand, from Port Said to Port Morris, from Singapore to Kittatinny, and from the Limpopo to Ungava. Only to-day, here is another instance of it brought to light. If the seventeen sharks, each seventeen feet long, that followed the good ship Lawhill 17,000 miles did not eat Jake Muller, why didn't they?

Not because the pattern on the patch of his trousers was not delectable. Not because the honest mariner's toenails were hooked and long, the way they often are at sea, because Muller disliked exaggeration in everything and was accustomed to see that toenails didn't grow too long, says the New York Sun. Not because he was under weight, say, nay, nor because there were pins in his clothing, nor because of anything objectionable about him. It was just another case of letting a truth-telling seaman go, so that he might astonish his mates and the world with a genuine account of the strange pranks sharks can play.

As this was sailing along to make St. Helena, bound from Hongkong and the China Sea with a cargo of monkey, javelin, and ginger, the fancy took Capt. Jarvin to furl the flying jib. Now, this was a thing that the seamen all hated to do, for the seventeen sharks, all seventeen feet long, who had followed the ship 17,000 miles through breeze and tempest and calm, would slide forward every time any one started out on the bowsprit and look up at him lovingly.

CALLS UP HANDS.

So when stout Capt. Jarvin called up all hands to furl the flying jib, said he, the merrymen's falling, gale's a-coming, that's no fib, the salormen they hung back muttering, making many a jeer and squib, for they feared all along that they would have to go out and furl that sail before the end of the voyage, and they didn't like to fall in with it.

But no volunteer stepped forward, and, of course, it was Dutch Jacob Muller. "You want dot jib took in, boss? Why, I'm the man will cut 'er, alone, mit seven-teen sharks against, I'll bring 'er back inside the hull, or—And falling to find any more suitable words to finish up with, Jacob swarmed out on the bowsprit, while the sharks swarmed out underneath him, just about where he was likely to fall.

The crew looked on in great affright. Jake Muller, pale, cries, "Drat me, I can't hold on to dis dem rope; de sharks is looking at me." The sailors, horrified, then saw Jake's well-fell anatomy drop like a ball into the sea, a large splash marking the spot where he fell.

There was much stir on deck, but it was nothing to the stir down in the water. Life-preservers were thrown over, only to be promptly eaten up by the sharks, who did not mean to have their fun interfered with in that way. Upstairs Capt. Jarvin ordered the helmsman to lay her to and to lower away the jib, in case they might pick up anything of Jake Muller that seemed worth saving.

PULLS OFF HIS CLOTHES.

"Give way, give way! I see him yet!" the excited Capt. Jarvin yelled. "Give way, my lads—Oh, hurry up; they are pulling off his drawers!" The willing sailors cried "Aye, aye!" but—what do you think?—the sharks bit off the oars. The rascals swam right up and bit them off right at the rowlocks; and very foolish the sailors looked, you may be sure, giving way with just the handles of their oars.

The captain, through his speaking-tube, yelled: "Muller, are you hurt?" You see, he was standing up in the stern and could see the old traveler's feet somewhere between a biscuit's throw and a cable's length away, kicking tremendously. Then answered that Dutch seaman bluntly: "Oh, Cap, the've done me. They ain't bit me yet. But they've pulled off all my clothes and tied a knot into my shirt." They had bitten off the buttons from his jacket, shirt, and pantaloons, also, and now that they had him at their mercy, they were spanking him with their tails. It was an awkward quarter of an hour for Muller.

As for the sharks, they never let up until they had given the voracious seaman the scare of his life. They got back aboard with him, and, willing to tell any one all about it, "No more flying jibs for me," says Jake. "Those sharks give 'em a beatin', and a scarin' and a twistin' up such as you bet I wouldn't be repeatin'."

In proof of the story the seaman will roll up his trousers for you that you may see that the seventeen seventeen-foot sharks did not so much as make a single pass at his leg.

A HARDENED CRIMINAL.

From the Boston Transcript. Wigg (relating experience with burglar)—The fellow was an amateur all right, for when I pointed my pistol at him he stood petrified with fear.

WAGS—HE DID!

Wags—He did! Then you're mistaken about his being an amateur. If he was he'd be petrified clear that he was a hardened criminal.

SULTAN'S FEAR OF ASSASSIN.

Like most autocrats, the Sultan of Turkey goes about in hourly fear of assassination, and it is on this account that he will never sleep in the dark. His constant dread of death has made him a prey to insomnia, and he does not often sleep for more than three or four hours at a time. It is said to cost him nearly \$200 a night to keep his bedroom guarded, for the attendants in trust with this important mission are all tried retainers, who receive princely salaries for their work. Many are the ruses adopted by the Sultan to escape from would-be assassins. In one of his ruses, the Sultan is placed a life-sized figure of his majesty, for the purpose of misleading any prowling revolutionary who might happen to penetrate thus far.

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