

MERCE AND FINANCE

STREET FEELS HOLIDAY LULL

Western Railroads Prepare Unfavorable Figures for I. C. C.

HOPE FOR BIGGER RATE Steel Common Develops Stronger Tone on Strength of Rumor. Copper Stocks Heavy.

New York, Dec. 24.—Western railroad presidents have arranged a Christmas for the Interstate Commerce Commission with a display of unfavorable railroad figures and rumors of further reductions from dividends, which they hope will result in a contribution of increased freight rates for the Western roads.

Today's stock market was extremely dull, prices in the main a shade firmer on short covering. Steel common closed a better tone at the minimum price of 45 on rumors that the figure will not be lowered by the stock exchange authorities.

Reading was active, closing to 121 1/4 with a recovery to 121 1/4 at a point between sales. This stock is a poor vehicle for bearish operations.

Copper stocks were heavy. Amalgamated touched 63 1/4 and Utah 61 1/4. Tennessee Copper sold as low as 33, where good buying was noted.

New York Central made but a feeble rally on the announcement of the declaration of the quarterly dividend, closing at 77.

Stocks closed quiet and steady, and in the bond market the trading was dull with a good demand for Atlantic general.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 24.—Firmly established, with confidence in the season, a large number of cotton exchanges and banks of trade were posted on the bulletin board of the New York Cotton Exchange today. These were marked contracts to the department of cotton and cotton suggestions which appeared on the same board during the late summer and fall months and seemed likely to reduce the great excess which has taken place in cotton and which will result in a surplus for the future.

The Liverpool association, Barcelona, Spain, Ltd., Stock, Galveston, Tex., and New Orleans, with other, exchanged telegrams, which from this end were highly answered and with the closing of the exchange tonight will Monday the bottom will furnish time for reflection more from pessimistic foreboding than had earlier been hoped.

The market declared only preliminary interest, with prices moving in a narrow range but the most important feature of the day was the local market, however, rounded with some early improvement and steadiness which was sustained throughout the session.

Exporters were again heavy, with a total of 8,000 bales, including an additional 6,000 bales for sale, totaling 14,000 bales in all, as compared with 2,000,000 bales last year.

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WEEKLY REVIEW of TRADE

This December Holds More Promise than in Past Years. Optimistic Feeling Has Imparted Brisker Movement to Christmas Trade—Holiday Interruptions Cut Down Iron and Steel Output, but Other Indications Are Bright.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bradstreet's Saturday will say: "While optimistic sentiments continue to outstrip actual orders, some of the larger lines give evidence of quickening impulses and favorable factors outweigh those of an adverse character."

At the moment, final distribution, as reflected by reports regarding retail trade in seasonable and holiday goods, attracts most attention.

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WANTS TO IMPROVE RAWLINS PARK. Col. W. W. Harts, superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, wants an appropriation for the improvement of Rawlins Park, eighteenth and nineteenth and D and E streets northwest.

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