

STOCKS AND BONDS

Perceptible Effects of Benevolent Speculation Noted.

"BEAR" PARTY DISCOURAGED

"Bulls," However, Did Not Have Nerve Enough to Follow Up Their Lead When Prices Advanced and the Result Was a Dull Market.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 20.—The effects were perceptible in today's stock market of some benevolent speculation, which had the effect of discouraging aggression by the bear party. The buying which checked the decline, however, hesitated to follow prices when they turned upwards, and the speculative operators who attempted to push the advance found themselves in scanty company. The result was a period of dullness in the trading and a narrowing of the fluctuations, and prices showing a tendency to settle at about last week's closing.

Intimations of a newly found value for Canadian Pacific lands by recent oil discoveries caused an excited rise in that stock and contributed, with the movement in the Southern iron stocks, to the strong closing, which was active and at the best prices to-day.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$5,570,000. U. S. bonds were all unchanged on call.

Total sales of stocks were 1,097,200 shares. Closing prices:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with their respective prices and closing values.

Express Companies.

Table listing express companies and their services, including Adams, American, and Wells-Fargo.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Rubber Goods, Tennessee Coal & Iron, and United States Leather.

Chicago Grain Market. CHICAGO, March 20.—Large primary receipts caused many realizing sales in wheat here today. As a result the May option at the close was off 5-8. Corn shows a gain of 1-8. Oats are unchanged and provisions are 1-2 to 12 1-2.

The leading futures ranged as follows: Articles. Opening. Closing. Wheat No. 2.—May 115 @ 3-8 111 3-4

Corn No. 2.—May 49 1-4 @ 1-2 49 1-8 @ 1-4

Oats No. 2.—May 31 3-4 31 3-4

Mess Pork, per bbl.—May 12 5/8 13 00

Lard, per 100 lbs.—May 7 1/2 7 1/2

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—May 6 7/8 6 7/8

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, easy; No. 2 spring wheat, 110 @ 113 1-2

Baltimore Produce Market. BALTIMORE, March 20.—FLOUR—Steady; spring patent, 58 5/8 @ 61.0

WHEAT—Dull; spot contract, 111 1-2 @ 518; March, 111 1-2 @ 518; Southern by sample, 98 @ 110.

CORN—Easy; spot and March, 52 5-8 @ 3-4; Southern white corn, 50 @ 53.

CATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 36 1-4 @ 1-2.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 Western, 57 @ 58.

BUTTER—Firm, unchanged; fancy imitation, 23 @ 24; fancy creamery, 27 @ 28.

EGGS—Steady, unchanged, 16.

CHEESE—Firm, unchanged.

SUGAR—Firm, unchanged.

Cotton Futures.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Cotton spot closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 83; middling gulf, 85.

Sales 2,600 bales.

Futures opened quiet; May, 77 1/4; July, 77; Aug., 77 1/4; Sept., 77 1/4; Oct., 77 1/4; Nov., 77 1/4; Dec., 77 1/4; Jan., 78.

Futures closed very steady; Mar., 77 1/4; April, 78 1/4; May, 78 1/4; June, 78 1/4; July, 78 1/4; Aug., 78 1/4; Sept., 78 1/4; Oct., 78 1/4; Nov., 78 1/4; Dec., 78 1/4; Jan., 80.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Close: Money on call firm, 2 @ 3 1-2 per cent; closing bid, 2 1-2; offered at 3 3-4.

Time loans steady; sixty days, 3 @ 3 3-4 per cent; ninety days and six months, 3 1-4 @ 3 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper, 3 3-4 @ 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak, closing steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48.95 @ 48.6 for demand and at 48.90 @ 48.3 for sixty day bills.

Posted rates, 48.5 and 48.7. Commercial bills, 48.3 @ 47.8. Bar silver, 58. Mexican dollars, 41 3-4.

OFF FOR THE SOUTH.

Secretary Morton and Party Sail for Guantanamo, Cuba. (By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 20.—Secretary of the Navy Morton and party, including Speaker Cannon, Senator Hale and Representatives Meyer, of Louisiana, sailed from Charleston today for Guantanamo, Cuba, where they will inspect the naval station there and observe the maneuvers of the North Atlantic fleet.

The secretary and his party were met on their arrival from Washington by Mayor Rhett, a committee of citizens and by Captain Berry, commandant of the naval station at Charleston, and were driven to the dock where the dispatch boat Dolphin awaited them.

They went aboard immediately and the vessel shortly afterward sailed for the south. The secretary did not make an inspection of the naval station here.

The mayor had invited the party to attend a public dinner this evening, but it was impossible to spare the time to do so.

"Trip Around the World." In the basement of the First Baptist church, Monday, March 27, at 7:20 p. m., eleven countries represented, and refreshments in each country. Admission fifty cents. 3-19-3t

Handsome dinner sets, 42 pieces, offered for only \$5.87, at LASH'S. 2-7-1t

\$48.00 to Havana, Cuba, and Return. Personally Conducted Tour via Southern Railway.

On March 29th, Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets from Norfolk, Va., to Havana, Cuba, at rate of \$48.00, limited to April 16th, via Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida. Stopovers will be allowed on return trip at points in Florida. For reservations on boat and train, or further information call on or address, W. W. CROXTON, Pass. Agent, No. 95 Granby street, Norfolk, Va. 3-12-su 3t

IS NOT 'PRACTICABLE'

British Commission Reports Against East African Cotton

DIFFICULTIES ARE INSUPERABLE

Apathy of the Natives and Their Inclination to Work Principle Reason Advanced For the Views Expressed—Only One Solution.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 20.—The report of the commissioners sent out by the British government to investigate the cotton growing possibilities in East Africa is published this evening in the form of a White Paper. It says: "Unless difficulties which at present seem to be insuperable can be removed cotton cultivation in East Africa will never be undertaken on any considerable scale."

First among the difficulties the commissioners place labor, on account of the apathy of the natives and their inclination for work. The total area devoted to cotton growing under European supervision, can scarcely exceed a few thousand acres. The commissioner's opinion is that the only solution of the difficulty is indentured labor from India and China.

MESSANGER HAD FIGHT.

Something Behind Scrap on Southern Express Car. (By Associated Press.)

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 20. Mal Pruett, the Southern Express Company's messenger on Southern train No. 35, leaving here for Memphis at 8:10 o'clock today, was assaulted in his car near Lookout station, a few miles out of the city by Will Thomas, a former messenger.

Thomas claims the assault was the result of a personal difficulty, but Pruett says robbery was the motive. Pruett was struck in the head with a piece of timber and is now in the hospital. He stated that two packages of money and a package of vouchers were missing.

After striking Pruett, Thomas applied the emergency brake and jumped from the train. He was captured later and is in jail here. The sudden stopping of the train caused much excitement among the passengers, who rushed out of the cars and aided in the pursuit and capture of Thomas. The express company officials refuse to make any statement.

ANTI-GAMBLING LAWS.

Tennessee House Passes Rice-Ligon Bill Aimed at Bookies. (By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 20.—The Rice-Ligon bill, to prohibit gambling on race horses, passed the House this afternoon by a vote of fifty-six to twenty-eight. The bill passed just as it came from the Senate without amendment. The bill now is ready for the governor's signature to make it law.

Governor Frazier will be elected United States senator tomorrow and will be succeeded by John I. Cox, speaker of the Senate. The bill will probably go to him and, as he voted for it in the Senate, he will, in all probability, approve it.

Forty-two piece dinner sets at Lash's for only \$5.87 a set; a great bargain. Call and look at them. 2-7-1t

SKIN DISEASES

Altoma, Pa., June 20, 1903. I was afflicted with Tetter in bad shape. It would appear in blotches as large as my hand, a yellowish color, and scale off. You can imagine how offensive it was. For twelve years I was afflicted with this trouble. At night it was a case of scratch and many times no rest at all. Seeing the good the medicine was doing a friend who was taking it for Eczema, I commenced it, and as a result the eruption began to dry up and disappear, and to-day I am practically a well man. Only two tiny spots are left on the elbow and shin, where once the whole body was affected. I have every confidence in the medicine, and feel sure that in a short time these two remaining spots will disappear. S. S. S. is certainly a great blood purifier, and has done me a world of good. I am grateful for what it has accomplished, and trust that what I have said will lead others who are similarly afflicted to take the remedy and obtain the same good results that I have.

125 East Fifth Ave. JOHN F. LEAR.

While washes, soaps, salves and powders relieve temporarily, they do not reach the real cause of the disease. The blood must be purified before the cure is permanent. S. S. S. contains no potash, arsenic or mineral of any description, but is guaranteed purely vegetable.

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The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDE.

Cape Charles Route. New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad.

Schedule Effective Mon., Nov. 28, 1904.

Table showing train schedules for Cape Charles Route, including Northbound and Southbound services.

\*Trains 94 and 89 are daily except Sunday.

!Trains 82 and 97 are daily.

Connection is made with all rail and water lines to and from Boston, Providence and all New England points.

Pullman service on all through trains.

Tickets sold at C. & O. Ticket Office, at the Joint Ticket Office, at Old Point and on the steamers.

R. E. COOKE, T. M.

SOUTHERN Railway.

DOUBLE DAILY SCHEDULES TO ALL POINTS SOUTH, SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST. SUPERIOR PULLMAN SERVICE.

IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 6, 1904.

Table showing train schedules for Southern Railway, including New York, Norfolk, and Philadelphia routes.

Making close connection for all points South. Trains leave Norfolk: 9:05 a. m. Daily; local to Danville and intermediate stations. Arrive Danville at 5:25 p. m., connecting with through Pullman trains to Jacksonville, Durham, Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis, Knoxville, Asheville and intermediate points.

9:05 a. m. Daily; local to Clarksville, Durham and intermediate stations. Arrive Durham 6:35 p. m.

6:25 p. m. Daily; fast train for all points South and West, carrying through Pullman sleeper to Charlotte, making close connection with through Pullman trains for Columbia, Savannah, Augusta, Jacksonville, Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Asheville.

6:25 p. m. Daily, except Sunday; for Durham and intermediate points. Trains arrive Norfolk 8:35 a. m., 5:35 p. m.

Southern Railway Dining Car service on all through trains, unrivalled in every appointment.

City Ticket Office, No. 95 Granby street (Monticello Hotel), Norfolk, Va. C. H. ACKERT, G. M.

W. H. TAYLOR, G. P. A., Washington, D. C.

W. W. CROXTON, Pass. Agent.

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OLD DOMINION LINE DAILY SERVICE

FOR NEW YORK—From Company's Wharf, Norfolk, every week day, at 7:00 p. m.

FARE—First-class, one way, \$8.00 meals and stateroom berth included Round trip, limit thirty days, \$13.00. Steerage, without subsistence, \$5. Tickets on sale at C. & O. Railway Ticket Office.

NIGHT LINE BETWEEN NEWPORT NEWS AND RICHMOND.

Steamers Brandon and Berkeley leave Pier "A" 8:30 every evening, passengers only. Steamer Hampton will leave Pier A daily, except Sunday, at 9 a. m. going to Norfolk, and at 4 p. m. going to Smithfield. Steamer Accomac will leave Pier A daily, except Sunday, at 9 a. m. going to Smithfield, and about 2:30 p. m. going to Norfolk.

All business between New York and Newport News transacted at Pier 6.

All business between Newport News, Norfolk, Smithfield and local points transacted at Pier A, foot of Twenty-fifth street.

M. B. CROWELL, Gen. Agt. H. E. Walker, Vice-Pres. & Traf. Mgr.

Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Co.'s Steamship Lines for Boston, Providence and Baltimore.

Leave Newport News, via Norfolk, for Boston every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Leaves for Providence every Monday, Thursday and Saturday, sailing from Norfolk at 6 p. m.

Leave Newport News for Baltimore daily, except Tuesday and Wednesday, at 6 p. m., connecting for Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

Fare to Baltimore, one way, \$3.00; round trip, \$5.00, including stateroom berth. Accommodations and cuisine unequalled.

Freight and passengers taken for all points North and South. Steamers leave Baltimore, foot of Long dock, daily, promptly at 6 p. m.

Only line running a Sunday steamer between Newport News and Baltimore.

For further information apply to L. C. SAUNDERS, Agent, Newport News, Va.

W. P. TURNER, G. P. A. J. C. WHITNEY, A. D. STEBBINS, 2d V. P. & T. M. Gen'l Mgr. General Office, Baltimore, Md.

Scenic Route to the West.

1 hour and 30 minutes to Richmond. Schedule in Effect Jan. 17, 1905.

LEAVE NEWPORT NEWS: 7:40 a. m., except Sunday, Local to Richmond. Connects for Lynchburg, Lexington, Va., and Clifton Forge; except Sunday for Roanoke and Esmont. Leaves Fort Monroe, 7:10 a. m.; Phoebus, 7:13 a. m.; Hampton, 7:18 a. m.

10:10 a. m. Daily Fast Train to Richmond (stopping only at Williamsburg), arrives Richmond 11:45 a. m., connecting with "St. Louis Special" leaving 2 p. m. with Pullman for Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago; and Pullman service for St. Louis and Louisville. Buffet Parlor Car Old Point to Richmond. Leaves Fort Monroe, 9:40 a. m.; Hampton, 9:48 a. m.

5:25 p. m. Daily Fast Train for Richmond (stopping only at Williamsburg), arrives Richmond 7:00 p. m. Connecting with F. F. V. leaving 10:45 p. m., carrying Pullman Sleeper to Cincinnati and Louisville. Leaves Fort Monroe, 4:55 p. m.; Phoebus, 4:58 p. m., and Hampton, 5:03 p. m.

5:40 p. m., except Sunday, stops at local stations on Peninsula, connects at Richmond with F. F. V. Limited. TRAINS ARRIVE FROM RICHMOND 9:50 a. m. (except Sunday); 10:30 a. m. (daily); 5:30 p. m. (daily), and 7:20 p. m. (except Sunday).

Steamer Virginia leaves 7:40 a. m., except Sunday; 10:35 a. m. daily; 5:35 p. m. daily, for Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Call on Mr. E. W. Robinson, Ticket Agent, Newport News, Va., for the lowest rates by any possible route to the West and Southwest.

W. O. WARTHEN, Dist. Pass. Agt. H. W. FULLER, Gen. Pass. Agt. C. E. DOYLE, General Manager.

NORFOLK & WASHINGTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The new and powerful Iron Palace Steamers Newport News, Washington and Norfolk will leave daily as follows:

Northbound. Leave Portsmouth, foot of North street 5:30 p. m. Leave Norfolk, foot of Water street 6:00 p. m. Leave Old Point Comfort 7:00 p. m. Arrive in Washington 7:00 a. m. Arrive in Philadelphia Penn. R. R. 10:50 a. m. Arrive in Philadelphia, B. & O. R. R. 11:10 a. m. Arrive in New York, Penn. R. R. 11:10 a. m. Arrive in New York, B. & O. R. R. 11:25 p. m.

Southbound. Lv. New York, Penn. R. R. 12:30 p. m. Lv. New York, B. & O. R. R. 1:00 p. m. Lv. Philadelphia, Penn. R. R. 2:12 p. m. Lv. Philadelphia, B. & O. R. R. 2:07 p. m. Ar. Washington, Penn. R. R. 6:10 p. m. Ar. Washington, B. & O. R. R. 6:00 p. m. Lv. Washington, Penn. R. R. 6:30 p. m. Ar. Old Point Comfort 7:00 a. m. Ar. Norfolk 8:00 a. m. Ar. Portsmouth 8:30 a. m.

\*Daily. \*\*Daily, except Sunday.

The trip down the historic Potomac river and Chesapeake Bay on the elegant steamers of this company is unsurpassed. The steamers are comparatively new, having been built in 1891, and are fitted up in the most luxurious manner, with electric lights, call bell and steam heat in each room. The tables are supplied with every delicacy of the season from the markets of Washington and Norfolk. For tickets, reservation of staterooms and further information apply to IRWIN TUCKER, Ticket Agent, 2711 Washington Ave., Newport News, Va., or to D. J. CALAHAN, Agent, Norfolk, Va.

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SEABOARD Air Line Railway

Short Line to Principal Cities of the South and Southwest, Florida, Cuba, Texas, California and Mexico, Reaching the Capitals of Six States.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JAN. 3, 1905.

Table showing routes and schedules for Seaboard Air Line Railway, including routes to Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk.

Lv. Norfolk 9:00 a. m. 9:00 p. m. (Via Ferry) Lv. Portsmouth 9:25 a. m. 9:30 p. m. Lv. Suffolk 9:54 a. m. 10:03 p. m.

Ar. Lewiston, N.C. 1:00 p. m. Lv. Weldon 11:55 a. m. 12:05 a. m. Lv. Henderson 2:10 p. m. 2:25 a. m. Lv. Raleigh 4:00 p. m. 4:15 a. m. Ar. So. Pines 6:16 p. m. 6:20 a. m. Ar. Hamlet 7:30 p. m. 7:15 a. m. Ar. Wilmington 11:50 p. m. 12:45 p. m.

Ar. Charlotte 10:45 p. m. 10:08 a. m. Lv. Hamlet 10:10 p. m. 7:55 a. m. Lv. Columbia 12:20 a. m. 7:35 a. m.

Ar. Augusta 5:20 p. m. Ar. Savannah 4:40 a. m. 2:20 p. m. Ar. Jacksonville 8:55 a. m. 7:00 p. m. Ar. Tampa 6:35 a. m. 7:35 a. m.

Lv. Hamlet, N.C. 10:15 p. m. 7:35 p. m. Ar. Athens 6:03 a. m. 2:45 p. m. Ar. Atlanta 7:40 a. m. 3:55 p. m.

Ar. Macon 11:10 a. m. 7:20 a. m. Ar. Montgomery 6:25 p. m. 9:20 p. m. Ar. Mobile 2:55 a. m. Ar. New Orleans 7:15 a. m.

Ar. Chattanooga 1:00 p. m. 9:05 p. m. Ar. Nashville 6:55 a. m. 4:40 a. m. Ar. Memphis 8:45 a. m. 3:45 p. m.

Connections daily at Southern Pines with all trains for Pinehurst, N. C., 20 minutes by Electric Cars.

Connections at Jacksonville and Tampa for all Florida East Coast Points, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Connections at New Orleans for all points in Texas, Mexico and California. No. 32 arrives at Portsmouth daily at 7:50 a. m.

No. 38 arrives at Portsmouth daily at 5:30 p. m.

J. W. BROWN, JR., Pass. Agent, Cor. Main and Granby Sts., New Atlantic Hotel Building, Norfolk, Va.

N. & W. Norfolk & Western

Schedule in Effect Nov. 27, 1904.

7:40 a. m.—Chicago Express for the West daily. Buffet Parlor Car Norfolk to Lynchburg and Roanoke. Pullman Sleeper to Columbus and Cincinnati.

9:25 a. m.—"Ocean Shore Limited" daily for Richmond, and daily except Sunday for Washington. Stops only at Suffolk, Waverly, Petersburg. Connects with Roanoke express leaving Petersburg 1:45 p. m. for Lynchburg, Roanoke and intermediate stations.

4:30 p. m.—Richmond Limited for Richmond and Washington. Stops only at Suffolk, Waverly and Petersburg.

7:40 p. m.—New Orleans Short Line, for Petersburg, Lynchburg and Southwest. Sleeper Norfolk to Pulaski and Lynchburg to Memphis and New Orleans. Cafe cars.

Pullman sleeper Roanoke to Columbus. Cafe cars.

Trains arrive at Norfolk daily 8:40 a. m., 11:20 a. m. and 5:20 p. m. and 10:20 p. m.

Tickets and all information at City Office, 171 Main street, next to U. S. Custom House, and at Station.

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NEWPORT NEWS, NORFOLK AND OLD POINT EXPRESS.

PINE BEACH ROUTE VIA SEWELL'S POINT.

Effective Monday, Sept. 26th, 1904. Leave Norfolk, 6:20, 4:30; 9:00; 10:30; 12:00; 1:30; 3:00; 4:30; 6:00; 8:00.

Leave shipyard gate for Norfolk 7:15; 8:45; 10:15; 11:45; 1:15; 2:45; 4:15; 5:45; 7:15 and 9:00.

Steamer leaves Ivy avenue 15 minutes later. Schedule subject to change without notice.

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