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INTEREST CENTERED IN THE TRACTION STOCKS.

PRESSURE PUT UPON THE SHORTS ON SUGAR.

Bears Badly Squeezed All Through the List—Rise in Third Avenue.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 20.—The strength shown in the London markets on Monday was continued to-day, American stocks registering a substantial advance, and British consols being especially strong. The net rise in the latter of ⅞ per cent on the day following an advance of ½ per cent was quite notable, and was, of course, attributed to the peaceful outlook in Europe, and the easing of the rate for money. Discount in Berlin was also ¼ per cent easier, and French rentes in Paris marked a further advance.

In the New York market interest again centered on the traction stocks, and the movements of Third Avenue were of the wildest description. It is probably correct to estimate that a short account of 60,000 shares existed previous to yesterday's sensational rise, and it is doubtful if more than 80,000 shares were available for delivery. As much as 4 per cent was paid for the use of the stock this morning. The belief that the shorts in Third Avenue had also oversold the other traction stocks caused a rapid advance in them. Encouraged by the position in the traction stocks, pressure was put upon the shorts in Sugar and it advanced, materially helped by a rise in the price of the refined product. Railroad stocks were strong, and the buying in Union Pacific common, Baltimore and Ohio common and Atchison preferred were of the best character. London took some 20,000 shares at the opening, but later showed a disposition to take profits.

The strength displayed in the morning was maintained up to the close, and traders found a large short interest in Baltimore and Ohio common and the grangers. Buying of railroad stocks, especially in the Pacifics, B. & O., St. Paul and Norfolk, was especially good. Third Avenue maintained its sensational advance very well, and the other tractions shared its strength. Money was relatively easy at 3 per cent. The bears were badly squeezed all through the list.

The strength of the London market is probably the best indication of the hopeless collapse of the Boer resistance, and all advices from South Africa confirm it. The easing of the money rate is a significant sign and removes what looked at one time like a source of disturbance to the market.

Wildest stories are current as to the reason for the rise in Third Avenue and who are the sufferers by it. The acquisition of the property by Metropolitan interests, on the face of their repeated denials, was the primary cause of the move, which was made further practicable by the dangerously large short interest, in view of the scarcity of the stock. It seems unlikely that Mr. Keene was caught short in the stock, although he had probably oversold the other tractions. To judge from the borrowing demand, the bear account was pretty widely distributed. Vague rumors of a more peaceful position in Consolidated Gas war with the Amsterdam company gave strength to the former stock, and a good deal of the buying appeared to come from Standard Oil interests, already heavily committed in this stock. The anticipation of an increased dividend to be declared at the American Tobacco meeting next week turned attention to the Tobacco stocks and gave them considerable strength.

The Steel stocks were a little neglected and the National Steel report was not regarded by the room as particularly encouraging. The railroad outlook continues good and commission-house reports considerably more interest in this department from outsiders, who have not hitherto been doing much, in view of the unsettled state of affairs.

BOND SALES AT NEW YORK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 20.—Sales of bonds were made here to-day as follows:

First Call.

$7,000 Atch gen 4s	101½	$24,000 Mex C 4s	71
$5,000 Do adj 4s	84¾	5,000 Mich Cent 5s	114½
10,000 Ann Arbor 1st	94½	1,000 N Y C L S 4s	107
20,000 B & O S W 4s	99½	12,000 Do 2d 4s	95½
6,000 Do 4s	101½	10,000 Do gen 4s	93½
10,000 Do S W div 2d 3½s	97½	5,000 Do 4s	93½
5,000 C & A 1st 5s	112	15,000 Do of Texas 4s	90
19,000 Cent Ga con 5s	96½	10,000 M P 1st 5s	117
8,000 C P M O 7s	130½	1,000 N Y C L S 4s	98
1,000 Ches C N J 5s	122½	10,000 Penn gen 4s	103½
6,000 C & O gen 4½s	97½	6,000 N Y G E 6s	104
2,000 I L Cr 6s	112	8,000 M W con 4s	96
10,000 C M St P gen 4s	111½	18,000 O R N con 4s	90
5,000 C St P M O 6s	126	27,000 Read gen 4s	80½
32,000 Col Mid 1st 4s	75½	10,000 R G W 1st 4s	100
166,000 Col Mid 2-4s	21½	35,000 L I M con 5s	112
16,000 Col & Sou 1st 4s	87½	3,000 S L S W 1st 4s	102
1,000 D R G imp 4s	104½	20,000 S L S W 2d 4s	67½
1,000 I R G con 4s	96½	6,000 S A & P 1st 4s	76½
46,000 D M M land grant 2d	38	7,000 Sou Ry 1st 5s	111½
12,000 Erie 1st con 4s	99½	1,000 T C I 1st 4s	94
89,000 Erie 1st gen 4s	73½	30,000 Third Avenue 1st	122
4,000 H V 1st 4½s	99½	1,000 T C C 1st	112
10,000 K C F G 1st 5s	71	11,000 U P 1st 4s	106
5,000 L & N un 4s	95½	21,000 U P 4s exmp of 1887	106
1,000 Long Island con 5s	122	4,000 Do 4s exmp of 1887	106
10,000 Met Stl gen 6s	118½	2,000 Do 2d exmp	105
38,000 Mex C 1st 4s	71½	1,000 Wab 1st 5s	116½
		2,000 Do 2d 5s	105
		2,000 W C 1st 5s	108
		1,000 W S 4s	96

Second Call.

10,000 Atch 4s	101½	2,000 Met W S 6s	96
27,000 Do adj 4s	84½	21,000 Tex C 1st 5s	104
2,000 B & O 6s	130½	10,000 Do 2d 5s	100
1,000 B & O 4s	101½	2,000 M K T 5s	102
2,000 C & A 1st 7s	113	2,000 M K T 4s	91½
27,000 C M & St P 1st 5s	118	27,000 P R 6s	102
10,000 Cent Ga 2d inc	19	12,000 N & W 4s	96½
14,000 Do 5s	96½	5,000 Do 2d 4s	96
10,000 C P 1st 4s	111	1,000 N Y Penn 5s	107
20,000 C H & Q con 5s	112	5,000 Do 4s	100½
2,000 C N J rec 4s	111	14,000 P A & E 1st 4s	93
1,000 Col Sou 4s	83½	1,000 Read 4s	83½
2,000 Con Tob 4s	50	20,000 Sou Pac 1st 4s	85½
2,000 D R G 4s	96½	1,000 Tex Inc 1st	114½
2,000 D M M Land grant	34	1,000 U P 4s	106
2,000 Erie unstamped 4s	72	1,000 U S of A 5s	108
1,000 H V 1st	99	1,000 U P 4s	106
1,000 H V 2d	94	2,000 Va G M	114
2,000 I C L 4s	93	2,000 Wab 1st	117
1,000 L & N 4s	95	1,000 N Y P 4s	102
1,000 Do 5s	107	1,000 Do 5s	108½
1,000 Do C & M 4s	87	1,000 Do 4s	96
1,000 Man con 4s	104	1,000 Do 3d 4s	71
2,000 Met Ry 2d inc 6s	38	2,000 Do 5s	108

Third Call.

6,000 A N & W 1st	91½	19,000 M P 1st 5s	117½
20,000 Atch adj 4s	85½	3,000 M K T 2d 5s	97
24,000 B O S W 4s	99½	9,000 Met Ins con 5s	130
6,000 Do 4s	101½	1,000 Met St 5s	117½
2,000 C P M O 7s	130½	5,000 Nev C 2d inc	14½
9,000 Ch Term 4s	91	10,000 Mex Cen 1st inc	29½
4,000 C E I m 4s	96½	19,000 N Y C L S 4s	98
5,000 C P 1st	111½	1,000 N Y G E 6s	102
5,000 C & E 5s	114½	1,000 N Y L E 4s	91
10,000 C H V T 4s	100	5,000 R G W 4s	100
10,000 C 4½s	100	5,000 St L S W 1st 4s	85½
1,000 C & O 4½s	97½	1,000 St L I M 5s	112½
5,000 C N W G R 11	111	1,000 Sou Ry 5s	111½
6,000 Ch Term 4s	90	6,000 S P M & J con 4s	85½
2,000 C R I & P 4s	93½	2,000 Third Avenue inc	140½
27,000 D M M land grant	34½	28,000 Third Avenue inc	12
19,000 Erie gen 4s	73½	19,000 U S of A 5s	107½
2,000 Ev 4s	102	2,000 U P 4s	106½
2,000 H T C 1st 7s	108	4,000 Do 4s	106
1,000 I C L 4s	93	1,000 W S 4s	96
1,000 L & M S	107		

New York Stock Quotations.

The following shows the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, corrected daily for The Republic by D. R. Francis, Bro. & Co., bonds and stocks, 410 Olive street:

Stocks.	Sales.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y Close.
Am Car & Fdy	700	36½	36½	36½	36½	36½
Do pfd	200	91	91	91	91	90½
Am Cotton Oil	700	34	34	33½	33½	33½
Do pfd	100	91	91	91	91	91
Am Linseed oil	100	12½	12½	12½	12½	12½
Do pfd	100	32½	32½	32½	32½	32½
Am Spirits & Ref	1,900	4½	4½	4½	4½	4½
Do pfd	1,100	37½	37½	37½	37½	37½
Am Steel Hoop	100	45	45	45	45	45
Do pfd	500	81½	82	81½	82	81½
Am Steel & Wire	10,900	34½	34½	34	34	34½
Do pfd	100	90½	90½			90½
Am Sugar Ref	76,800	130½	133½	129½	133	129½
Am Tin Plate	300	33½	33½			33½
Do pfd						94
Am Tobacco	32,100	136½	139½	136½	138	136
A T & S F	13,100	27½	28	27½	28	27½
Do pfd	22,200	69½	69½	68½	69½	69½
Baltimore & Ohio	1,400	47	47½	47	47½	46½
Do pfd	16,200	77½	78½	77	78	77
Bkln Rap Trans	36,700	37½	38	37½	37½	37½
Central of N J	100	116				116
Ches & Ohio	1,900	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½
Chi B & Q	900	127½	127½	127½	127½	127½
Chi Great West	400	17½	17½	17½	17½	17½
Chi M & St P	6,200	124½	125½	124½	125½	124½
C R I & P	11,565	106½	110½	106½	110½	106½
C C C & St L	1,200	67	69	66	68½	66½
Colo Fuel & Iron	1,600	41½	44½	41½	44½	41½
Consol Gas	1,000	178	180	178	180	178
Cont Tobacco	12,200	30½	32½	30½	32½	30½
Do pfd	615	82½	85	82½	85	82½
Del & Hudson						134½
D L & W	500	170½			170½	170½
D & R G	200	16½			16½	16½
Do pfd	25	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½
Federal Steel	1,400	41½	42½	41½	42½	41½
Do pfd	1,000	74	74½	74	74½	73½
General Elec	400	180½	181	179½	180½	179½
Glucose Ref	600	51½	51½	51½	51½	51½
Illinois Cent						116½
K C, P & G						25½
Louis & Nash	2,202	82½	82½	81½	82½	82½
Manhattan "L"	3,600	94	97½	93½	96½	93½
Met Street Ry	46,540	164½	171½	164½	168	166½
Mich Cent	64,900	90	100½	89	100½	88
M., K. & T.						19½
Do pfd	4,700	35½	35½	35½	35½	35½
Missouri Pac	12,700	43½	46½	43½	46½	43½
Nat Biscuit						37½
Do pfd						91
National Lead	900	22½			22½	24
Do pfd						104
National Steel	1,600	40	40	40	40	41½
Do pfd	1,200	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½
N Y Central	100	134½	134½	134½	134½	133½
N Y C & St L	1,200	15½	15½	15½	15½	15½
Do 1st pfd	1,000	95½	95½	95½	95½	95½
Do 2d pfd	1,000	45½	45½	45½	45½	45½
Norfolk & Western	1,000	45½	45½	45½	45½	45½
Do pfd	1,000	74½	74½	74½	74½	74½
North American	1,000	6½	6½	6½	6½	6½
Northern Pacific	1,000	57½	57½	57½	57½	57½
Do pfd	1,000	75½	75½	75½	75½	75½
Pacific Mail	1,000	27½	27½	27½	27½	27½
Pullman Palace Car	1,000	187½	187½	187½	187½	187½
Reading	1,000	17½	17½	17½	17½	17½
Do 1st pfd	1,000	41½	41½	41½	41½	41½
Do 2d pfd	1,000	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½
Rock Island	1,000	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½
Do pfd	1,000	127½	127½	127½	127½	127½
St Paul	1,000	127½	127½	127½	127½	127½
Do pfd	1,000	180½	180½	180½	180½	180½
Southern Ry	1,000	12½	12½	12½	12½	12½
Do pfd	1,000	91½	91½	91½	91½	91½
Tenn Coal Iron & R	1,000	71½	71½	71½	71½	71½
Texas & Pacific	1,000	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½
Tol St L & W	1,000	19½	19½	19½	19½	19½
Do pfd	1,000	40½	40½	40½	40½	40½
Union Pacific	1,000	44½	44½	44½	44½	44½
Do pfd	1,000	75½	75½	75½	75½	75½
U S Leather	1,000	7½	7½	7½	7½	7½
Do pfd	1,000	79½	79½	79½	79½	79½
U S Rubber	1,000	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½
Do pfd	1,000	70½	70½	70½	70½	70½
Wabash pfd B	1,000	21½	21½	21½	21½	21½
West Union	1,000	90½	90½	90½	90½	90½
Wheeling & L E	1,000	14½	14½	14½	14½	14½
Do pfd	1,000	41½	41½	41½	41½	41½
Wis Cent	1,000	19½	19½	19½	19½	19½
Iron & Steel						
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Iron Mines						
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Anaconda						
Atchison						
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Balt & Ohio						
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Brooklyn Rapid Transit						
Canadian Pacific						
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Central of New Jersey						
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Chicago & Alton						
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Chicago Great Western						
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Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville						
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Chicago Milwaukee & St Paul						
Do pfd						
Chicago & Northwestern						
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Chicago Rock Island & Pacific						
Colorado Fuel & Iron						
Colorado & Southern						
Do 1st pfd						
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Delaware & Hudson						
Delaware Lackawanna & Western						
Denver & Rio Grande						
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Lake Shore						
Louisville & Nashville						
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Metropolitan Street Railway						
Michigan Central						
Minneapolis & St Louis						
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Minneapolis St Louis & Omaha						
Missouri Kansas & Texas						
Do pfd						
Missouri Pacific						
Mobile & Ohio						
Manhattan Elevated						
Metropolitan Street						
New York Central						
New York Chicago & St Louis						
Do 1st pfd						
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New York Lackawanna & Western						
New York New Haven & Hartford						
New York Ontario & Western						
Norfolk & Western						
Do pfd						
Northern Pacific						
Do pfd						
Northern Pacific Preferred						
Pacific Mail						
Pennsylvania						
Pittsburg Cincinnati Chicago & St Louis						
Do pfd						
Pittsburg Fort Wayne & Chicago						
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Pullman Palace Car						
Reading						
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Rock Island						
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Western Maryland						
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Do pfd						
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Adams						
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United States						
Wells Fargo						
Canadian Pacific						
Central Union						
Colorado Coal & Iron						
Consolidated Gas						
General Electric						
Illinois Steel						
Laclede Gas common						
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National Steel						
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National Starch						
North American						
Pacific Coast						
Do 1st pfd						
Do 2d pfd						
Pacific Mail						
Pullman Palace Car						
Standard Rope & Twine						
Tennessee Coal Iron & R R						
United States Leather						
Do pfd						
United States Rubber						
Do pfd						
Western Union						
Iron & Steel						
Lead						
Tobacco						
Coal						
Sugar						
Leather						
Rubber						
Copper						
Smelting						
Tin						
Steel						
Cotton						
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Distilling						
Gas						
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Breweries						
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Paper						
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Bonanza & Alameda		
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Do pfd		
Electric Boat		
Do pfd		
Havana Commercial		
Do pfd		
Illinois Electric Vehicle		
International Power		
Do pfd		
National Salt		
Do pfd		
New York Electric Vehicle		
New England Electric Vehicle		
Gas Securities		
Do pfd		
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Sterling 90 days		
Sterling 4 months		
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Francs Sight		
Francs 60 days		
Francs 90 days		
Francs 4 months		
Marks Cable		
Marks Sight		
Marks 60 days		
Marks 90 days		
Marks 4 months		
Guilders Cable		
Guilders Sight		
Guilders 60 days		
Guilders 90 days		
Guilders 4 months		
Pesetas Sight		
Pesetas 60 days		
Pesetas 90 days		
Pesetas 4 months		
Reichsmarks Sight		
Reichsmarks 60 days		
Reichsmarks 90 days		
Reichsmarks 4 months		
Kroner Sight		
Kroner 60 days		
Kroner 90 days		
Kroner 4 months		
Rubles Sight		
Rubles 60 days		
Rubles 90 days		
Rubles 4 months		
Dollars Sight		
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Dollars 4 months		
Dollars Cable		
Dollars Demand		
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