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FOREIGN FINANCE.

England.

London, March 24.—Consols for money fell 1-16, and for the account 1-16. The British 2½ per cent. fell 5-16. Canadian Pacific fell 1-8. Grand Trunks were off 1-8. Unfavorable reports were received from New York Central, Pennsylvania, the Reading, Northern Pacific and Louisville and Nashville. The Bank return showed a decrease of £1,000 in bullion. Money on the open market for short bills 2¾ per cent., for long bills 2¾ per cent. The American cotton-speculation and share quotations were unchanged. The shares, however, were on a fairly large scale. The total sales were 300 shares. Spanish 4s fell at 72. Cuban bonds were quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres 127-8, Madrid 20-8, Lisbon 41.

France.

Paris, March 24.—Three per cent rentes fell 4c for the account. Exchange on London 5-4 2c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 72 5-8. Prices opened firm on the Bourse today, but subsequently quieted owing to the approaching liquidation account realizations, while still remaining firm. Spanish 4s and Turkes advanced on covering purchases. Portuguese were strong in anticipation of the Delagoa Bay decision. French railroads are in great demand in anticipation of exhibition traffic. Kaffirs were irregular.

Germany.

Berlin, March 24.—On the Bourse today international securities were firm. Spanish 4s were in strong demand and advanced 5 points. Industrials were active and higher. Americans were active and heavy. Canadian Pacifics fluctuated and closed dull. Exchange on London 20m 4½, plus for checks. Discount rates, short bills 4½ per cent; three months' bills 5 per cent.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, March 24.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Surplus reserves, increased	$3,150,875
Loans decreased	12,560,200
Specie decreased	1,020,200
Legal tenders increased	670,600
Deposits decreased	12,966,200
Circulation increased	291,300

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PURCHASES FROM LONDON ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

BANK STATEMENT A WELCOME RELIEF.

Conspicuous Feature of the Week's Trading Has Been the Strength in Railroad Stocks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 24.—Today's trading on the Stock Exchange was marked by purchases from London, Berlin and all the large interests in the street in the railroad stocks where strength was displayed. It is difficult to pick out special stocks for comment, but perhaps the buying in Baltimore was the best. The trunks, however, were very strong, and the fact that certainly Pennsylvania and possibly New York Central was well intended to take an active interest in the Norfolk and Western board gave them special strength.

The bank statement was a welcome relief after the depressing publications of this kind in the past, and helped the market to finish firm and at best. Money, 4 to 4½ per cent.

The conspicuous feature in the week's trading has been the strength of the railroad stocks. It may be fairly taken as a legitimate movement on their merits, long delayed by troubles in traction and industrials and by the uncertainty of the present position abroad, with the added possibility of dearer money. It is notable that commission houses have been doing a fair better business in the course of the week than for any time in the last four or five months, and the market shows every sign that the public is beginning to take a hand. The activity of the long-neglected railroad stocks has been a marked feature and the large earnings have at last begun to tell their tale in the market price.

The investment demand for bonds and dividend-paying securities has been a feature, and gives a feeling of stability not always conspicuous in a bull market. It has been remarked that most men try to make money, but it takes exceptional gifts to keep it. The movements in the traction stocks show that any clique can engineer an advance, but it takes a special genius to get out at the top. After trouble developed in the interests in the anything of the kind, Metropolitan interests have only closed to take over Third Avenue. A very limited amount of stock in this latter is available for delivery, and the market was cornered. Early in the week the room began to question whether any corresponding advance was justifiable in the other traction, and there was a good deal of liquidation in the face of the very pertinent question as to how the financing of the Third Avenue road was to be achieved without increasing the capital of the Metropolitan. As the position stands at present, the traction situation is a very tickish one, and one large clique, undoubtedly powerful, is in the position of having to take all the stock that offers.

BOND SALES AT NEW YORK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 24.—Sales of bonds were made here today as follows:

First Call.

40,000	Arch. gen. 4s	96		Chic. Mil. 1st con. 7s		137	
8,000	Ind. 1st pfd. 4s	94		Chic. & E. I. 1st 6s		97	
2,000	A. N. W. 1st 5s	142		Chic. R. I. & P. 1st 6s		112	
12,000	Ind. B. & W. 1st pfd. 4s	75		24,000	Do. 2d 4s	73	
12,000	Do. 2d pfd. 4s	45		20,000	Do. 2d 4s	72	
2,000	Cent. Pac. gold 6s	97		2,000	C. C. C. & I. con. 7s	127	
10,000	Do. gold 6s	97½		10,000	Do. gen. 6s	97½	
2,000	Chic. & E. I. 1st 6s	97		1,000	Do. gold 5s	111	
2,000	Chic. & Alton 1st 6s	150		1,000	Do. sinking fund 6s	120	
2,000	C. B. & Q. 1st 5s	117		2,000	Do. 4s	96	
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