LONDON'S LEAD FOLLOWED

Markets on Either Side of the Atlantic Show Declines.

A Rally After the Opening—Kaffir Stocks Demoralized—The Foreign Houses Not Active—Third Avenue Railway Drops Three Points—Steel and Wire Anticipates a Dividend.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The stock market opened lower in response to the severe declines that were shown in the London market, but a very strong undertone was manifested in the start and there was a general and pronounced rally following upon the opening dealings. The decline in London was, of course, consequent upon the disconcerting news from South Africa. Consols broke one point, and like declines appeared in the American quarter, while the Kaffir stocks were demoralized. Business was reported in very small volume, however, and foreign houses were not active in this market.

A conspicuous feature of the early dealings was Third Avenue, which showed an opening decline of about three points, a part of which was subsequently recovered. The strongest features of the market were Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Sugar Refining, American Steel and Wire, the latter rising on the expectations that a dividend will be declared at today's meeting of the stockholders. The initial losses in the railway list hardly averaged one-half a point, and they were more than recovered in the first few minutes of business. Trading was fairly active and was well diversified.

New York Stock Market.

Corrected daily by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of the New York Exchange, 1419 F Street.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15
Amer. Cot. Oil	33	33	33	33
A. S. Wire	49	50¾	49	50⅝
A S. Wire pfd	91	91	91	91
American Sugar	115¼	118	115¼	117⅞
American Tobacco	99	100	99	99½
Atchison	19¼	19¼	19	19
Atchison pfd	59½	60⅛	5 ⅝	60
B. & O. pfd	74⅛	74⅞	74⅛	74⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	57	58	57	57⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	71	72⅛	71	71⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	29⅞	29⅞	29⅞	29¼
C. C. C. & St L	60⅛	60⅞	60⅛	60⅞
C. B. & Q	120⅞	121⅛	120⅞	121
Chicago Gas	103⅛	103⅞	103⅛	103¼
C. M. & St. Paul	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞
C R. I. & P	106	106¼	106	106¼
Chi. & Great West'n	13½	3⅜	13⅜	13⅜
Consolidated Gas	190	190	190	190
Con. Tobacco	2	32	32	32
Federal Steel	51⅛	51⅛	51	51
General Electric	123	123	123	123
Illinois Central	114¼	114¼	114¼	114½
Louisville & Nashville	77⅞	78⅛	77⅛	7.⅞
Metropolitan Traction	167	168⅛	167	168
Manhattan Elevated	93	94⅛	93	94
Missouri Pacific	43	43⅞	43	43⅛
National Lead Co	26	26	26	26
New Jersey Central	116⅛	116⅛	116⅛	116⅛
New York Central	133⅞	133⅞	133⅞	133⅞
Northern Pacific	50⅛	51	50⅛	50⅞
Northern Pacific pfd	53⅛	4	53⅛	53⅞
Pacific Mail	43	43	43	43
Penn. Railroad	128⅞	129½	128⅞	129½
Reading firsts	50⅞	50⅞	50	50
Southern Pacific	37	37⅛	36⅞	37⅛
Southern Railway	11⅛	11⅞	11⅛	11⅞
Southern Railway pfd	53⅞	53⅞	53⅞	53⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron	82⅞	83⅛	82	83⅛
Union Pacific	45⅞	46⅛	45⅞	46⅛
Union Pacific pfd	74⅞	75⅛	74⅞	75
U. S. Rubber	38	38	38	38
Wabash pfd	20⅛	20⅞	20⅛	20⅞
Western Union Tel	86⅞	86⅞	86⅞	86⅞
Colorado Fuel & Iron	41⅛	42⅞	41⅛	42⅞
Leather	15⅛	16⅛	15⅛	16⅛

The strength of the market this morning was a surpise to nearly everyone. The news of more and more disaster to the British army might have been expected to cause a sharp initial tumble in prices, at least, even if, as many now believe, the New York market is paying very little attention to the war. What actually occurred was an opening fractionally lower and then an immediate recovery, so that before the end of the first hour the level of prices was above that at the close on Saturday. The dullness of last week's market, however, was not abated. Business was sluggish in the extreme and confined to the room traders. Speculation as to the immediate outcome of this peculiar situation seems not worth while. The apathy of the market may continue indefinitely or it may give way at any time to a good advance in prices. Few careful observers believe that a downward movement is in the least likely. Stocks are too closely held. Money was again easy this morning.

American Steel and Wire, common, was naturally one of the most active securities this morning, owing to the meeting of the stockholders that was to take place today. It was the general opinion that a dividend of 1 1-2 per cent for a quarter at the rate of 6 per cent per annum would be declared. This belief seemed satisfactory to the street, as the stock was strong, opening at 49, and quickly advancing to 50. It is said that the company has a surplus applicable to dividends on the common stock of at least $10,000,000, as a result of its first year's business. Federal Steel, common, was also strong this morning, and other steel and iron securities held their own well. The generally excellent outlook for the trade seems to have given holders of these securities confidence again.

Another advance in the price of all grades of sugar five points by the American Company was apparently the cause of buoyancy and strength in Sugar stock this morning. The price advanced nearly to 118 and trading was more lively at times than for several days back. In this stock as in Brooklyn Rapid Transit there is a tremendous short interest despite all the talk of the shorts having covered last week. If this interest is forced this week the price of the stock may advance in an inspiring way.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit was also fairly strong, though not buoyant early in the day. Up to the present time, or, roughly speaking, for the past two weeks, there has been little except professional trading in this stock. The situation in Brooklyn is much like that in Sugar. The insiders do not seem in the least inclined to sell out, but are, in fact, strengthening their position, if anything. The election of a number of exceptionally strong men to the directory has undoubtedly been an excellent thing for the stock. It is said that H. H. Porter, one of the new men, is to take an active part in the affairs of the company. He is a practical and most successful railway man, as has been stated heretofore in this column, and will soon be able to show large increases in net earnings, in all probability.

The international securities had fractional declines at the opening, but later advanced to Saturday's closing levels or better. The Burlington December statement, which was due today, was expected to make a poor showing and there was some selling of this stock in anticipation of it. There was believed to be a good prospect of a rally to a higher price on the appearance of the statement. This statement and that of the St. Paul serve for bear "arguments," but it is realized by all careful market people that the present earnings of these lines and of the other important railways are all that could be desired.

People closest in touch with the feeling in regard to the Subsidy bill expressed the opinion this morning that it will become a law this session.

Reading, first preferred, was fairly strong this morning, and it seems not unlikely that the stock will have an advance in the near future.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—U. S. 3's, coupon, $500@110 1-8. Lincoln National Bank, 8@123. Capital Traction, 30@91 3-4. Washington Gas, 225 @54 1-8; 25@54 1-4. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 100@24 cents; 200@23 cents. After call—U. S. 3's, coupon, $500@110 1-8. Washington Gas, 175@54 1-4.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Bid.	Ask'd
U S 4's 1907 Q J	114	115
U S 4's 1907 Q J	114	115
U S 4's R 1925	132½	133½
U S 4's C 1925	13 ¾	13 ¾
U S 5's C 1904 Q F	113	113¼
U S 5's R 1908 Q F	109¼	109⅞
U S 5's R 1908 R C F	110	110⅞

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.

6's 1902 "30-year funding" gold	....	....
7's 1901 "Water stock" currency	....	....
7's 1901 "Water stock" currency	....	....
Funding currency 3.65's	118	....
4½'s Reg. 2-10's, 1899-1901	....	....

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Met R R 5's 1925	124	127⅞
Met R R Cert Indebtedness A	112	118
Met R R Cert Indebtedness B	112	118
Columbia R R 6's, 1904	126	....
Columbia R R 2d mort 5's	111½	112
City & Suburban R R	....	....
Wash Gas Co, ser A, 6's, 1902-'27	118	....
Wash Gas Co, ser B, 6's, 1901-'29	113	....
U S Elec Light Deb imp, 1907	....	115
U S Elec Light, Cert indebtedness	....	115
Ches & Pot Tel, 1896-1911	103½	....
Ches & Pot Tel, Con 5's	104	106
Am Sec'y & Trust 5's, 1905	100	....
Wash Market Co 1st 6's, 1892-1911, $7,000 retired annually	114	....
Wash Market Co, 1up 6's, 1892-'27	114	....
Wash Market Co, ext 6's, 1892-'27	114	....
Masonic Hall Ass'n's C 1908	108	....
Amer Graphophone Deb 5's	100	....
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	....	....

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS

Bank of Washington	357	400
Metropolitan	545	575
Central	170	....
Farmers & Mechanics'	205	....
Second	155	....
Citizens'	151	....
Columbia	159	....
Capital	140	....
West End	117	....
Traders	128	....
Lincoln	122	124

SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES

National Safe Deposit & Trust	128¼	132
Wash Loan & Trust	*158	161½
Amer Security & Trust	197	200
Wash Safe Deposit	70	80

INSURANCE STOCKS.

Firemen	32½	....
Franklin	40	....
Metropolitan	80	90
Corcoran	60	....
Potomac	75	78
Arlington	145	150
German American	240	....
National Union	10⅞	12½
Columbia	12⅞	13¾
Riggs	8	8½
People's	6¾	7
Commercial	4	5

TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Real Estate Title	85	100
Columbia Title	4¾	5
Washington Title	3	....
District Title	3⅞	3¾

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Capital Traction	91⅞	91¾
City & Suburban	25	....
Georgetown & Tennallytown	15	....

GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT STOCKS

Washington Gas	*54¼	54¾
Georgetown Gas	55	....
U S Electric Light	....	....

TELEPHONE STOCKS.

Chesapeake & Potomac	62½	64½
Pennsylvania	38	48

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Mergenthaler Linotype	19¼	19⅝
Lanston Monotype	15	15⅜
American Graphophone	11⅞	11⅞
American Graphophone, pfd	12	12⅞
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	22	23
Washington Market	13	....
Norfolk & Washington	....	....
Lincoln Hall	65	....

*Ex Dividend.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15
WHEAT.				
May	69	69⅛	68⅞-¾	69⅛-⅛
July	69⅜	70⅛	69⅞	70⅛-¼
CORN.				
May	33½	33⅝	32⅞	33½
July	33⅜	33⅝	33⅛	33⅜-⅜
OATS.				
May	23⅜	23⅜-½	23¼-⅜	23⅜-⅜
July	22⅞	22¾	22⅞	22¾
PORK.				
May	10.87	10.90	10.67	10.75
July	10.95	10.97	10.77	10.82
LARD.				
May	6.02	6.05	5.92	6.95
July	6.07	6.12	6.00	6.02
RIBS.				
May	5.82	5.82	5.70	5.75
July	5.82	5.82	5.77	5.80

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15
March	7.61	7.69	7.54	7.65
May	7.62	7.66	7.55	7.61
July	7.58	7.64	7.58	7.59
October	6.90	6.95	6.90	6.91

NERVES UNSTRUNG?

Then You Need the Old Dr. Hallock Wonderful Electric Pills for Weak, Worn Out, Nervous People.

Thoroughly tested for 50 years; they are warranted to

Cure the following symptoms:

Pains in the back, side, under the shoulder blade, smothering sensations, a tired feeling, a coated tongue, blotches or pimples, a bad taste in the mouth, sick or bloating stomach, headache, dizziness, stiffness of the limbs, skin trouble, brain fag, losing, weakened memory, creeping and coldness in the feet or legs, creeping paralysis, sciatica, specks before the eyes, loss of vitality, premature old age. Are you nervous? Do you take cold easily? Are you losing in weight? If so, Dr. Hallock's Wonderful Electric Pills will cure you. The pills will give lustre to the eye, nerves of steel, and correct all the above symptoms. They cure after all else fails. LADIES will find in them a valuable tonic and the greatest blood and nerve builder of the age. They are perfectly harmless, and may be taken with safety by persons of the most delicate constitutions.

Sold at stores, $1 per box; 6 boxes, sufficient to cure most obstinate cases, $5.

E. STEVENS.

Ninth Street and Penna. Ave., Washington, D. C., or sent direct from laboratory, prepaid, on receipt of price. Advice on all diseases, from specialists. Free. Address HALLOCK DRUG CO., 110 Court st., Boston Mass. Established 1848.

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$12 and $15 Silk Waists, $4.98.

You have unrestricted choice of black or colored Taffeta Silk Waists. Some with woven silk and satin designs and figures. Some of rich color combinations. The cording, hemstitching, and tucking devices are the newest shown in Washington, embracing all the latest Parisian ideas. No richer line of colors can be imagined—here you find the stately black, the artistic black and white, or colored and white combinations, all the rich shades of cerise, blue, green, pink, corn, cardinal, automobile, garnet, lavender, violet, etc. The workmanship is the equal of any in the land. Waists worth $10, $12, and up to $15, choice for..... $4.98

Flannel and Brilliantine Waists That Sold Up to $2.25, Go at 99c.

We have taken two lots of Black Brilliantine Waists and every Black and Colored Flannel Waist in the house, and have piled them on four tables on the second floor. The Flannel Waists are in all the popular shades and black, and are handsomely braided; all of the newest designs. The Brilliantine Waists are beautifully tucked and corded; the collars are either plain, tucked, or corded; they have the new flare cuffs. The lot embraces values from $1.98 to $2.25. We give you choice of the lot at clearance price..... 99c

The Percale Waists.

(Third Floor.)

The latest shipment of these popular Waists has been opened, and goes on sale Monday morning. New designs, new colors, and new effects are shown in this lot. We have handled in the past some elegant Waists, but have no hesitation in pronouncing these "beauties." Every conceivable color is shown—also all sizes. Though better than their predecessors, we still name the old favorite price of choice of lot..... 49c

$8.50 Black Satin Waists, $3.98.

(Second Floor.)

We have made a great cut in the price of Black Satin Waists in order to reduce the stock. They are beautifully tucked in newest designs; really elegant waists; worth fully $8.50. This sale..... $3.98

HECHT AND COMPANY,

513-515 Seventh Street.

SYMPTOMS OF POISONING.

The Chemist Who Drank Cyanide of Mercury Ill.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—If reliance can be placed in a disagnosis made yesterday by two disinterested physicians there can be no further doubt that Prof. Walter T. Scheele, who drank cyanide of mercury in his sensational experiment Friday night, is at present suffering from the most marked symptoms of mercurial poisoning.

Dr. Scheele returned to his home, in Woodbridge, N. J., about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He went to bed immediately and has remained there ever since. His condition is now such as to cause his friends some uneasiness, though he is cheerful as usual and still insists that in a few days he will be all right.

To allay the anxiety of some of his friends he consented last night to be examined by Dr. T. W. Sill and Dr. W. B. Hoagland, physicians of experience. They gave considerable time to their examination. Their report was to the effect that they found marked symptoms of mercurial poison.

The experimenter himself said last night that he expected to be worse rather than better soon, and that after that he should begin to mend.

He says that he wants it distinctly understood that his condition is solely the result of the mercury in the compound, and that he is firm in his original contention that his condition is not due to the cyanide, as the cyanide was absolutely disintegrated by the carbolic acid gas generated from the bromo-seltzer.

MACDONALD ARRIVES.

General Wauchope's Successor Assumes Command of the Brigade.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 25—Delayed in transmission).—Gen. Hector Macdonald, who succeeds General Wauchope, killed at the battle of Magarsfontein, arrived here yesterday and assumed command of his brigade. He paid an informal visit to the camp of his command this morning, and conversed with the officers of each regiment. It is said he had a message from General Lord Roberts which greatly pleased the brigade.

The sound of cannonading was heard in the direction of Kimberley during the night.

The British long-range guns shelled the Boers this morning. The troops are in excellent spirits.

INJURED ON THE WHEELING.

The Navy Department Informed of Frank Beatty's Accident.

William S. Peachy, of 1825 Oregon Avenue northwest, has received a telegram from his sister, Mrs. Frank E. Beatty, stating that her husband had been injured on the naval cruiser Wheeling at Hongkong and asking him to get particulars from the Navy Department.

At the department it was said that nothing official had been heard of any accident to the Wheeling, but that it had been rumored that a gun had burst on the vessel injuring several of the officers and crew.

Mrs. Beatty left Washington for New York last night, and her despatch was dated Wilmington, Del., and it is supposed she must have seen an account of the reported accident in some of the papers. Mrs. Beatty is a daughter of Mrs. Lelia R. Peachy, widow of the late W. D. Peachy, and resided with her husband at 1825 Oregon Avenue northwest.

AN HISTORIC ISLAND.

A Movement to Restore Its Ancient Name.

BELAIR, Md., Jan. 29.—The Harford County Historical Society, at its quarterly meeting at the courthouse here, adopted a resolution asking for the restoration of the historic name of Palmer's to the island in the mouth of the Susquehanna, near Havre de Grace, now known as Watson's or Garrett's Island. Rev. E. A. Colburn, of Churchville, and Rev. I. B. Tredway were appointed a committee to act on behalf of the society in the matter.

This action followed the reading of a paper by Mr. Charles Weathers Bump, of Baltimore, giving the history of Palmer's Island. Its most interesting point was that in 16..4, ten years before the founding of Maryland, the island was bequeathed as the site of what was intended to be the first university in the New World. Edward Palmer, who made the bequest, was a well-known English antiquary, numismatist, and scholar. He got a grant for the island from Virginia in 1622.

The society received a number of donations from the Maryland Historical Society, Judge Albert Ritchie, of Baltimore; Dr. G. W. Archer, Samuel W. Bradford, James Brice Diver, of Keokuk, Iowa; Miss R. B. Wilson and others. Rev. E. A. Colburn presided at the meeting and Mr. Albert P. Silver was secretary.

Will Open a Boxing Hall.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—Former Manager Arthur A. Irwin and President E. G. Barrow, of the Toronto baseball team of the Eastern League, will open Industrial Hall for boxing exhibitions about February 5.

A RESTAURANT EPISODE.

A Sort of Straw Vote.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent Western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburg restaurant.

While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well-known dyspepsia preparation—Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets; as he himself was a regular user of the tablets he began speculating as to how many of the other traveling men in the dining-room were also friends of the popular remedy for indigestion:

He says: "I counted twenty-three men at the tables and in the hotel office. I took the trouble to interview them, and was surprised to learn that none of the twenty-three made a practice of taking one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal.

"One of them told me he had suffered so much from stomach trouble that at one time he had been obliged to quit the road, but since using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets had been entirely free from indigestion; but he continued their use, especially while traveling, on account of irregularity in meals and because, like all traveling men, he was often obliged to eat what he could get and not always what he wanted.

"Another, who looked the picture of health, said he never ate a meal without taking a Stuart Tablet afterward, because he could eat what he pleased and when he pleased without fear of a sleepless night or any other trouble.

"Still another used them because he was subject to gas on stomach, causing pressure on heart and lungs, shortness of breath, and distress in chest, which he no longer experienced since using the tablets regularly.

"Another claimed that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets was the only safe remedy he had ever found for sour stomach and acidity. He had formerly used common soda to relieve the trouble, but the tablets were much better and safer to use."

After smoking, drinking, or other excesses which weaken the digestive organs, nothing restores the stomach to a healthy, wholesome condition so effectually as Stuart's Tablets.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain the natural digestives, pepsin, diastase, which every weak stomach lacks, as well as nux, hydrastin, and yellow parilla, and can be safely relied upon as a radical cure for every form of poor digestion. Sold by druggists everywhere.

A little book on stomach troubles mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

BAPTIZED IN ICY WATERS.

Nine Penitents Dipped While the Snow Fell.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 29.—Five women in cream colored dresses and four men wearing black suits and high collars, were immersed in the Schuylkill River below Washington Street by Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor of the colored people's Baptist Church, here yesterday afternoon.

Pieces of ice drifted down the river and snowflakes fell rapidly while Rev. Brown plunged the penitents into the frigid waters, but in the fervor of their religious enthusiasm and encouraged by the hymns sung by their brethren on the bank, they did not seem to mind the discomfort. Over 1,500 people witnessed the ceremony.

A NEW TOMB FOR FULTON.

The Sarcophagus to Be Erected in Trinity Churchyard.

(From the New York Evening Post.)

The special committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, appointed to raise funds to erect a sarcophagus for the remains of Robert Fulton, has now in bank the sum of $1,200. The amount needed is about $3,000. The balance required, it is confidently expected, will be contributed by members of the society within the next three or four months, so that the tomb may be prepared during the summer, and the ceremonies of interment and dedication take place during the annual meeting of the society in December.

Fulton's remains now lie in the Livingston vault in Trinity Church. The sarcophagus which will receive them is to be erected close to Rector Street, opposite the middle of the church. It will be a plain granite reseptacle, with probably nothing more than the name "Fulton" on the side toward the street (in letters large enough to be easily read by passers-by), while an inscription on the other side will recite the facts of the erection of the sarcophagus by the society.

The chairman of the special committee, H. H. Suplee, intends to prepare an illustrated monograph on Fulton for publication by the society. Its illustrations and descriptions will include all known memorials of Fulton—the richest collection of which is in possession of the society—while Mr. Suplee expects to make valuable additions to our knowledge of Fulton's life.

Mr. Suplee added that he had reason to expect that the transfer of Fulton's remains would be followed by a movement to erect to the memory of the inventor a costly monument.

POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POSTOFFICE NOTICE. Should be read daily, as changes may occur at any time.

FOREIGN MAILS are forwarded to the ports of sailing daily, and the schedule of closings is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit. For the week ending February 3, 1900, the last connecting closes will be made from this office as follows:

Trans-Atlantic Mails.

MONDAY—(c) At 9:15 p. m., for EUROPE, per s. s. Aller,* from New York, via Southampton and Bremen.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for NETHERLANDS direct, per s. s. Rotterdam, from New York, via Rotterdam. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Rotterdam."

TUESDAY—(c) At 9:15 p. m., for EUROPE, per s. s. St. Louis,* from New York, via Southampton.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for BELGIUM direct, per s. s. Southwark, from New York, via Antwerp. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Southwark."

WEDNESDAY—(c) At 9:15 p. m. for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT, and BRITISH INDIA, per s. s. La Normandie,* from New York, via Havre. Letters for other parts of EUROPE must be directed "Per s. s. La Normandie."

FRIDAY—(c) At 11:05 p. m. for AZORES ISLANDS direct, per s. s. Tartar Prince,* from New York.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for NETHERLANDS direct, per s. s. Maasdam,* from New York, via Rotterdam. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Maasdam."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for EUROPE, per s. s. Teutonic,* from New York, via Queenstown.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for ITALY, per s. s. Werra,* from New York, via Naples. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Werra."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for SCOTLAND direct, per s. s. Anchoria,* from New York, via Glasgow. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Anchoria."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for NORWAY direct, per s. s. Hekla,* from New York, via Christiania. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Hekla."

*PRINTED MATTER, ETC.—German steamers, sailing from New York on Tuesdays, take Printed Matter, etc., for GERMANY, and specially addressed Printed Matter, etc., for other parts of EUROPE.

American and White Star steamers, sailing from New York on Wednesdays, German steamers from New York on Thursdays, and Cunard, French and German steamers from New York on Saturdays, take Printed Matter, etc., for all countries for which they are advertised to carry mails.

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, Etc.

MONDAY—(c) At 11:05 p. m. for INAGUA, HAITI, and SANTA MARTA, per s. s. Belvernon, from New York.

TUESDAY—(d) At 6:20 a. m. for PERNAMBUCO and SANTOS, per s. s. Kaffir Prince, from New York. Letters for other parts of Brazil and LA PLATA COUNTRIES must be directed "Per s. s. Kaffir Prince."

(b) At 2:30 p. m. for JAMAICA, per steamer from Boston.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for CENTRAL AMERICA (except Costa Rica) and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS, per s. s. Finance, from New York, via Colon. Letters for GUATEMALA must be directed "Per s. s. Finance."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for PORTO RICO, per U. S. Transport, from New York.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, LEEWARD, and WINDWARD ISLANDS, per s. s. Fontabel, from New York.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for CAMPACHE, CHIAPAS, TABASCO, and YUCATAN, per s. s. Orizaba, from New York, via Progreso. Letters for other parts of MEXICO must be directed "Per s. s. Orizaba."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for PORTO RICO, per s. s. Mae, from New York, via Ponce.

WEDNESDAY—(f) At 10:30 a. m. for NASSAU, N. P., per steamer from Miami, Fla.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for JAMAICA, per steamer from Philadelphia.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for BERMUDA, per s. s. Orinoco, from New York.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for NASSAU, N. P., and the PROVINCE OF SANTIAGO, CUBA, per s. s. Santiago, from New York.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for MEXICO, per s. s. Ardanrose, from New York, via Tampico. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Ardanrose."

THURSDAY—(c) At 11:05 p. m. for BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ, and GUATEMALA, per s. s. Hansa, from New York. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Hansa."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for JAMAICA, per s. s. Erna, from New York. Letters must be directed "Per s. s. Erna."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for YUCATAN, per s. s. Hugin, from New York, via Progreso.

FRIDAY—(c) At 11:05 p. m. for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, LEEWARD and WINDWARD ISLANDS, and DEMERARA, per s. s. Madiana, from New York.

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SAVANILLA, CARTHAGENA, and GREYTOWN, per s. s. Alene, from New York. Letters for COSTA RICA must be directed "Per s. s. Alene."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for HAITI, per s. s. Dean, from New York, via Port au Prince. Letters for CURACAO, TRINIDAD, VENEZUELA, BRITISH and DUTCH GUIANA must be directed "Per s. s. Dean."

(c) At 11:05 p. m. for NUEVITAS, GIBARA, VITA, BARACOA, and PUERTO PADRE, per s. s. Olinda, from New York.

SATURDAY—(f) At 10:30 a. m. for NASSAU, N. P., per steamer from Miami, Fla.

SUNDAY—(h) At 12:00 m. for ST. PIERRE-MIQUELON, per steamer from Halifax, N. S.

Mails for NEWFOUNDLAND, by rail to North Sydney, and thence via steamer, close here daily except Sunday at 12:00 m., and on Sundays only, at 11:30 a. m. (d) (h)

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Via Miami, Fla., Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays, at 10:30 a. m. (f)

Mails for MEXICO overland, unless specially addressed for despatch by steamers sailing from New York, close here daily at 10:30 a. m., and 10:00 p. m. (k)

Mails for COSTA RICA, BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ, and GUATEMALA, by rail to New Orleans, and thence via steamer, close here daily at 10:00 p. m., the connecting closes for which being Sundays and Tuesdays for COSTA RICA, and Mondays for BELIZE, PUERTO CORTEZ, and GUATEMALA. (c)

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Mails for HAWAII, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:35 p. m., up to February 2, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Australia. (c)

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Mails for CHINA*, JAPAN, and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, via Seattle, close here daily at 6:35 p. m., up to February 5, for despatch per s. s. Tosa Maru. Registered letters must be directed "Via Seattle." (o)

Mails for CHINA*, JAPAN, and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, also HAWAII (via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:35 p. m., up to February 12, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Rio de Janeiro. (o)

Mails for AUSTRALIA (except West Australia), NEW ZEALAND, HAWAII, FIJI, and SAMOAN ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:35 p. m., after February 3, and up to February 17, inclusive, for despatch per s. s. Alameda. (o)

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Mails for the SOCIETY ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close here daily at 6:35 p. m., up to February 23, inclusive, for despatch by ship Galilee. (o)

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JOHN A. MERRITT, Postmaster.

CLERKS IN HAVANA STORES.

Abject Condition of Employes in the Spanish Shops.

(From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

"The life of the average native clerk in the Spanish stores of Havana would horrify an American," said a resident of the Cuban capital, who came over on the last Morgan Liner. "He is a slave. He gets and for that amount is supposed to give his entire time to the merchant. He eats, sleeps, and lives on the premises, and never leaves the place except by special permission. On certain fixed days he is allowed one or two hours for recreation; four hours a week is considered liberal, but otherwise is always on duty.

"In all the old shops of the city there is a money box, built into the wall, where the funds of the establishment are kept. Sometimes it is made of iron, but frequently it is nothing but a heavy wooden chest. At night the beds of the clerks are arranged in a semi-circle in front of it, and there they sleep, like so many faithful watchdogs. Consequently burglaries are unknown, and American safe agents, who thought they would have a rich field in Havana, were laughed at. There was no demand for their wares in a country where human time locks were so cheap."

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