COPPER MOVES ERRATICALLY.

Wide Fluctuations the Feature of the Market.

MANY VERY INTERESTING RUMORS.

Dividend Talk and Mr. Lawson's Offer—Manhattan Strong and General List Firm—Monetary Conditions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The early security price movement was somewhat irregular, but in the main a lower range was made after the opening quotations.

Amalgamated Copper was the feature. Strengthened by the better feeling in copper in the European bourses, it opened at 72½, 1⅝ higher than yesterday's close. There was some hesitancy at the opening, and then buying orders came in with a rush. Several large sales at 72½ were effected, presumably by the inside interests. The uncertainty regarding the stock was still very evident, however. The price fluctuated between 72½ and 71, and there was good selling.

Rumors Regarding Amalgamated.

The Street heard this morning, on what appeared to be good information, that the directors of Amalgamated would declare a dividend of 1 per cent. The statement made yesterday by John D. Rockefeller that he and his son were not interested in copper, and that the standard Oil Company was not interested in Amalgamated had a bullish influence.

Moderate opinion inclines to the belief that there is little foundation for the report from Europe that the Rio Tinto interests had decided to limit their output. This report had a wonderful bullish effect yesterday and enabled Amalgamated to rise several points.

Mr. Lawson's Offer.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston copper magnate, who states that he has lost several millions in the Amalgamated raid, after the opening of the market offered ⅛ of 1 per cent to call 100,000 shares of Amalgamated at 80 today. At the end of the first half hour Amalgamated fell off to 71 and later to 68 and a fraction. Then it recovered again to above 70.

The list in general was firm at the start, but, as the morning wore on, weakness increased, and a number of noteworthy losses were made. The market during the morning was much quieter than yesterday, owing to a decided decrease in the pressure to cover short contracts. Traders seem somewhat uncertain in their views and there is a disposition to await further developments in either the monetary or the copper situation.

The Steel Securities.

The United States Steel stocks were the features of the industrial quarter, but moved within narrow limits on fairly large dealings.

The London market was heavy in the early dealings, but rallied with the course of the day. Foreign houses continued to buy on a very moderate scale in this market. Apprehensions that the large financial arrangements incidental to the first of the year might serve to derange the money market seemed to be among the main influences against improvement as regarded the market at large.

Sales of stocks to 1 p. m. were 383,100 shares; bonds $2,715,000.

New York Stock Exchange.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15
Amalgamated Copper	72½	74⅝	68	70⅞
Am. Car. & Foundry	30½	31⅛	30	30⅞
Amer. C. & F., pfd	86	86	86	86½
American Smelters	44⅛	45⅜	43⅛	45⅛
American Sugar	122¼	122¼	122¼	122
Atchison	77⅞	77⅞	76⅞	77⅞
Atchison, pfd	99⅞	99⅞	99⅞	99⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd	95	95	95	95
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	63⅞	63⅞	62⅞	63
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	47	46	46¾
Chicago & Great Western	22⅛	23¼	22⅛	23¼
C., M. & St. Paul	163½	163½	162	163⅜
Chi., R. I. & Pacific	148⅛	150⅛	148	150⅛
Colorado Fuel & Iron	89½	89½	89	89½
Consolidated Gas	216	216	214⅜	214⅜
Delaware & Hudson	171½	171½	171	171½
Erie	40⅞	40⅞	40	40⅛
Erie, 1st pfd	71½	71½	71	71⅛
General Electric	282½	283	282½	283
Illinois Central	138	138	137¼	137¼
Louisville & Nashville	100	100⅛	99⅞	100⅛
Manhattan Elevated	137½	137½	135½	137¼
Metropolitan Traction	161	161¼	158	160
M., K. & T., pfd	50¼	51⅛	50¼	50⅞
Missouri Pacific	105	105⅛	103⅛	104⅞
National Lead Co	17	17	17	17
New York Central	166½	167⅞	166½	167⅞
N. Y., O. & Western	34⅛	34⅛	33⅛	34
Norfolk	57¼	57¼	56⅞	57⅛
Northern Pacific, pfd	99½	99½	99½	99½
Pacific Mail	45½	45¼	45	45
Pennsylvania Railroad	149¼	149¼	148¼	149½
People's Gas	99⅛	99⅞	98⅛	98⅛
Reading, common	48½	48½	48	48⅛
Reading, firsts pfd	79	79⅞	79	79¼
Reading, seconds	58	58¼	57⅞	58⅛
Southern Pacific	59⅞	59⅞	58⅞	59½
Southern Railway	33	33	32⅞	32⅞
Southern Railway, pfd	92	92	91½	92
Tenn. Coal & Iron	63¼	63¼	63	63
Texas Pacific	30¼	30¼	29½	29½
Union Pacific	100½	101	99½	100⅜
Union Pacific, pfd	89⅛	89⅛	88½	89⅛
U. S. Leather	11⅞	11⅞	11¼	11¼
U. S. Leather, pfd	81¼	81¼	81⅛	81¼
U. S. Steel	42	42	41½	41⅞
U. S. Steel, pfd	91⅞	91⅞	91¼	91¼
Wabash, pfd	42⅛	42⅛	41⅞	42¼
Western Union Tel	91⅞	91⅞	91¼	91¼

Government Bonds.

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 2's, R, 1900-20, Q. J	108½	109
U. S. 2's, C, 1900-30, Q. J	108½	109
U. S. 3's, R, 1908, Q. F	108¼	109
U. S. 3's, R, 1908, R. C	108¼	109
U. S. 4's, 1906, Q. J	111½	112⅛
U. S. 4's, 1907, Q. J	112½	113½
U. S. 4's, R, 1925	139	140
U. S. 4's, C, 1925	139	140
U. S. 5's, R, 1904	107	....
U. S. 5's, C, 1904, Q. F	107	..

The tone of the Stock Market today was irregular and, during the morning hours at least, neither particularly strong nor especially weak. It was, in fact, not an important market or one on which could be based any opinion worth much as to the future outlook.

The opening quotations were at advances generally, but recessions began immediately which wiped out all the gains overnight and more. Later Manhattan developed strength, and the railway list generally did fairly well, though dullness was perhaps its chief characteristic.

The Street is still in a waiting mood, monetary conditions and the uncertainty over the Copper situation disposing nearly everybody to limit operations to the minimum. There are evidences of support and manipulative buying by the Goulds and the Rockefellers in the Gould securities, which may develop into something important later, but of this there can be no certainty.

No Money Stringency Probable.

The monetary situation developed no new feature this morning. Call loan rates were again stiffer than they have averaged in past weeks, but there was no indication of the acute stringency that has been predicted in some quarters.

Conservative banking interests do not look for any such stringency, expecting at the worst nothing more than a firm market until the end of the year, after which it is believed there will be an ample supply of funds in New York. Exchange is below the gold-exporting point and there is no probability of gold going out unless there is a sudden change in this direction.

Amalgamated Copper Irregular.

The new uncertainty over the copper situation is as to whether there is any truth in the story from London yesterday that an agreement has been made with the Rotschilds to restrict the output of European copper. Some doubts were cast on the authenticity of the story this morning, and after Amalgamated Copper had opened at a sharp advance to 72½ it broke quickly to 68 and a fraction. Later it recovered to above 70 again.

It is very evident that wide fluctuations are still to be expected in the stock, though many careful people express the belief that it has seen its lowest price.

Gould-Rockefeller Buying.

Manhattan was distinctly the strong feature of the early market. It was irregular during the first hour, but soon began to advance under what seemed to be good buying for inside interests, in other words, Gould buying, if the Street experts are to be believed.

The beginning of the use of electric power on some of the lines of the system is considered a bull argument, though it is to be doubted if the good effects of the change of motive power have not been pretty thoroughly discounted in the recent big advance in the stock.

Missouri Pacific, the Wabashes, and other Gould securities were also strong this morning as they were yesterday. There was a story in the Street that the younger members of the Gould and Rockefeller families have combined in a market alliance to put up the prices of the Gould securities during the coming week or two, but there was no evidence in support of the rumor except that these two parties seemed to be buyers of the stocks.

Colorado Fuel and Iron.

Mr. Gates and a number of the important people in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company have started for Colorado, where they will make a thorough inspection of the plants of the concern. It is said that the intention of the company is to spend considerable sums of money in betterments and enlargements, which will make it such an important factor in the steel and iron field that the United States Steel people will be compelled to purchase. The story is interesting, though some refuse to believe that the United States Steel people can be forced to buy anything that they do not want.

Gossip of Tennessee Coal and Iron.

Tennessee Coal and Iron was the subject of much bullish gossip this morning. The company is doing an excellent business, and it is understood that some of the interests of the company wish to declare a dividend on the stock.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Capital Traction: 20@*106⅛. Washington Gas: 85@66. American Graphophone Company Pref.: 30@8⅛. After call—Capital Traction: 40@106. Mergenthaler Linotype: 10@177½; 7@178.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Funding currency, 3.65's	125	....
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Capital Traction R. R. 4's	106¼	107¼
Wash. Trac. & Elec. Receipts	....	....
Met. R. R. 5's, 1925	117	....
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness A	106	107
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness B	105	106½
Columbia R. R. 6's, 1914	116	....
Columbia R. R. 2d mort. 5's	105	107
City & Suburban R. R.	....	....
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	....	....
Wash. Gas Co., ser A, 6's, 1902-'27	110	....
Wash. Gas Co., ser. B, 6's, 1901-'29	110	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Deb. Imp., 1907	103¼	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Cert. Indebt	103¼	....
Ches. & Pot. Tel., Con. 5's	106¼	106½
American Security & Trust 4's	100	....
Wash Market Co., 1st 6's, 1892		
1911, $7,000 retired annually	110	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., Imp. 6's, 1912-'27	110	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., ext. 6's, 1914-'27	110	....
Masonic Hall Ass'n 5's, C, 1908	104	108
American Graphophone Deb. 5's		....
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES.		
National Safe Deposit	147½	160
Wash. Loan and Trust	185	193
American Security and Trust	216	230
Washington Safe Deposit	60	....
Union Trust and Storage	106½	107
Wash. Savings Bank	104	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
Bank of Washington	370	425
Metropolitan	725	800
Central	230	....
Farmers and Mechanics'	240	....
Second	168	....
Citizens	185	....
Columbia	175	....
Capital	150	170
West End	126½	130
Traders'	135	....
Lincoln	128	....
Riggs	580	....
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	*106	106½
City & Suburban	....	....
INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Firemen	25	....
Franklin	40	....
Metropolitan	75	....
Corcoran	62	....
Potomac	67½	70
Arlington	28	30
German-American	230	....
National Union	7	8
Columbia	10	11
Riggs	7	8
People's	6	....
Commercial	4	5
Colonial	....	119
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Real Estate Title	82	95
Columbia Title	4¾	4⅞
Washington Title	1½	3
District Title	4	....
TELEPHONE STOCKS.		
Chesapeake & Potomac	65	72
GAS STOCKS.		
Washington Gas	65⅜	66
Georgetown Gas	75	80
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	177	177⅞
Lanston Monotype	10¾	11⅛
American Graphophone	3⅜	5
American Graphophone, pfd	7⅞	8½
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	.03	.05
Washington Market	14	16
Norfolk & Washington	175	200

*Ex-dividend.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market

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WHEAT	Open	High	Low	2:15
....	77⅞	78⅛	77⅞	78¼
May	82½	83	81¾	83
CORN—				
....	64	64⅜	64	64⅜
May	68	68¼	67¼	67⅜
OATS—				
....	45½	45½	45½	45½
May	46¼	46¼-½	45¾	46⅜-½
PORK—				
January	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
May	17.25	17.32	17.25	17.32
LARD—				
January	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80
May	9.85	9.87	9.85	9.87
RIBS—				
January	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
May	8.65	8.67	8.65	8.67

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:15.
January	8.21	8.26	8.09	8.09
March	8.24	8.24	8.12	8.12
May	8.25	8.26	8.13	8.13

SHEEP'S FEET AS MISSILES.

A Negro Lad, While Playing in the Street, Strikes a Woman.

Henry Willis, a colored lad, was charged in the Police Court today with throwing missiles.

"This youngster," said a policeman, "had an armful of sheeps' feet and a pocketful of potatoes and was bombarding a lot of other 'kids' on Louisiana Avenue yesterday. One of the sheeps' feet missed a boy and hit a woman in the eye."

"Don't you know you can't do that sort of thing on a public thoroughfare?" the judge asked the accused.

"Didn't hurt her much," said Willis.

In default of a fine of $5 the lad was turned over to the Board of Children's Guardians for a period not to exceed six months.

EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

Old Committee on Reorganization of the Staff Continued.

After the House had been called to order today Representative Richardson offered a resolution providing for the employment of a number of employes of the House selected by the minority. The resolution was passed without objection.

Mr. Hemenway presented the report of the committee that has been engaged in considering the advisability of reorganizing the House force.

Mr. Hemenway also introduced a resolution, which was passed, continuing the Committee on House Reorganization through the present Congress. The committee consists of Representatives Hemenway, Warner, Long, Newlands, and Maddox.

The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission was received from the President, was ordered printed and sent to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Mr. Payne moved that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet on Friday. This motion was passed, after which Mr. Payne introduced a resolution that when Congress adjourns Thursday, December 19, it stand adjourned until Monday, January 6, 1902.

Mr. Payne's holiday recess resolution was passed with scarcely a dissenting voice. Mr. Payne then introduced a resolution referring the different portions of the President's message to the committees to which they properly belonged.

Mr. Richardson asked Mr. Payne if all the questions affecting the revenues of the Philippines be turned over to the Ways and Means and Appropriations committees, what would be left for the Insular Affairs Committee.

Mr. Grow spoke at length on that part of the President's message bearing on the Philippines.

HORSE THIEVES PARDONED.

President Thinks Five Years' Imprisonment Excessive.

The President today denied three applications for executive clemency, granted one pardon to restore civil rights, and granted three pardons because the minimum punishment of five years was thought excessive.

Noah Frank, convicted in northern Indian Territory of the larceny of a horse, and sentenced September 6, 1896, to five years in the United States penitentiary, at Leavenworth.

W. W. Dreason, convicted in northern Indian Territory of larceny of a horse, and sentenced September 27, 1898, to five years in United States penitentiary, at Fort Leavenworth.

Willis Harjo, an Indian, convicted in northern Indian Territory of larceny of a horse, and sentenced May 11, 1899, to imprisonment for five years in the United States penitentiary, at Forth Leavenworth, Kan.

NOBEL PRIZE DIVIDED.

Swiss Gets One Half and Frenchman the Other.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 10.—The committee of Norwegian Storthing, entrusted with Alfred Nobel's annual prize for the encouragement of peace and arbitration, has announced that the prize, amounting to 50,000 kroner, will be divided between Henri Dunant, the Swiss, who was recommended to the committee by the Swedish Rigsdag, and Frederic Passy, ex-member of the Chamber of Deputies, and a member of the Academy of Moral and Political Science of the Institute of France.

Since the middle of October it has been generally believed that the prize would be awarded to one of the two men mentioned, but not until today was the award officially published.

SELF-DESTRUCTION FEARED.

Police Asked to Help Look for J. R. Sneeden.

The police have received a request to look out for J. R. Sneeden, a sewing machine agent, who has been missing from his home, 405 D Street northeast, since Saturday evening. Sneeden is 41 years old, five feet ten inches in height and when last seen wore dark gray coat and trousers, a black vest and overcoat, and a black derby hat.

He has a wife and four children, the youngest being only six months old. His wife fears that he may have committed suicide as he appeared to be quite despondent recently about his financial difficulties.

HIS RECORD AGAINST HIM.

Negro Accused of Making an Assault on a Policeman.

"Never seed de man before," declared Percy Proctor, a long, lean, lemon-colored negro who was charged in the Police Court today with assault.

"I had another man under arrest last night and Proctor hit me with a brick," explained Policeman White, who had his arm in a sling.

"What did you throw that brick for?" demanded Judge Kimball, sternly, of the prisoner.

"Didn't have no brick. Never seed de man before," was the reply.

Proctor did not deny having spent a term in the penitentiary and a term or two in jail, and for the attack on White Judge Kimball gave him six more months in jail. On an additional charge of disorderly conduct Proctor was sentenced to fifteen days in the workhouse.

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Robert Jones, Caroline county, Va., and Jennie J. Johnson, District of Columbia.

Richard A. Washington and Dora A. Herndon.

The Death Record.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon today: Henrietta A. Conrad, 79 years; Perry Sherwood, 76 years; Mary Holt de Graffenried, 76 years; William Brooke, 65 years; John W. Kennedy, 62 years; Thomas Nordenstrahe, 60 years; Charles Brown, 59 years; Rebecca E. Padgett, 54 years; William F. Brown, 50 years; Henry E. Meddows, 44 years; William W. Orndorff, 40 years; Patrick Enright, 30 years; Josephine May Burton, 27 years; Margaret E. Santmyer, 24 years; Walter Crawford, 23 years; Bertha Porter, 16 years; Ralph Boyd, 3 months; Robert James Koehl, 11 days; Corinne Chandlee Chadwick, 3 days.

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