

OPPORTUNITY VIEW OF THE STRIKE SITUATION

Stock Market Shows General Advances at Opening.

LONDON'S INFLUENCE GOOD

Interest Very Well Distributed Throughout the Entire Market, and Bettering Tendency Keeps All Forenoon—Money Market Easy.

NEW YORK, May 20.—While there was no very definite news from the anthracite coal regions, this morning a somewhat more optimistic view as to the probable duration of the strike seemed to obtain in financial circles. Largely in consequence thereof, together with the influence exerted by the advance in American stocks in London, the local market opened fairly active and showed general advances in contrast with yesterday's final prices. Interest was very well distributed throughout the entire market.

Sugar Quite Strong.

In the industrial quarter sugar refining was conspicuously strong and the United States Steel stocks were heavily dealt in at slight recoveries from yesterday's final prices. It seemed to be the opinion that the statements made at yesterday's meeting of the stockholders had effectively taken the ground under the feet of the opposition to the company's financial plans. Other strong features in this quarter of the market were Amalgamated Copper and Anaconda Mining, both of which advanced on bettering conditions in the copper trade. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was the conspicuous feature of the local traction stocks in material advance.

In the railway list the leaders were St. Paul, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, and notably Canadian Pacific. Other firm and active features were Southern Railway, Wabash, and Louisville and Nashville. Foreign houses were buyers to a moderate extent in this market in the early dealings.

Bettering Tendency Retained.

The market retained its bettering tendency during the forenoon, although there was still no definite information respecting any improvement in the strike situation. Private dispatches from Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania points reported, however, that the strike is likely to be settled much earlier than is foreshadowed in any current indication.

The money market was easier, there being an abundance of funds offered on call at 4 1/2 per cent. No new features of interest developed with the forenoon dealings except that Louisville and Nashville scored a rapid recovery from their decline. London followed up the higher range of prices sent from that quarter by purchasers of about 15,000 shares of stock in this market.

Sales—Stocks to 1 p. m., 308.50 shares; bonds, \$1,755,000.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—Capital Traction, 46,114 3/4, 100@115, 23@115, 25@115, 26@115, 26 1/2@115, 100@115 1/2, 99 1/2@115, 101 1/2@115, 102 1/2@115, 103 1/2@115, 104 1/2@115, 105 1/2@115, 106 1/2@115, 107 1/2@115, 108 1/2@115, 109 1/2@115, 110 1/2@115, 111 1/2@115, 112 1/2@115, 113 1/2@115, 114 1/2@115, 115 1/2@115, 116 1/2@115, 117 1/2@115, 118 1/2@115, 119 1/2@115, 120 1/2@115, 121 1/2@115, 122 1/2@115, 123 1/2@115, 124 1/2@115, 125 1/2@115, 126 1/2@115, 127 1/2@115, 128 1/2@115, 129 1/2@115, 130 1/2@115, 131 1/2@115, 132 1/2@115, 133 1/2@115, 134 1/2@115, 135 1/2@115, 136 1/2@115, 137 1/2@115, 138 1/2@115, 139 1/2@115, 140 1/2@115, 141 1/2@115, 142 1/2@115, 143 1/2@115, 144 1/2@115, 145 1/2@115, 146 1/2@115, 147 1/2@115, 148 1/2@115, 149 1/2@115, 150 1/2@115, 151 1/2@115, 152 1/2@115, 153 1/2@115, 154 1/2@115, 155 1/2@115, 156 1/2@115, 157 1/2@115, 158 1/2@115, 159 1/2@115, 160 1/2@115, 161 1/2@115, 162 1/2@115, 163 1/2@115, 164 1/2@115, 165 1/2@115, 166 1/2@115, 167 1/2@115, 168 1/2@115, 169 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