

Good Bank Statement Failed To Keep Up Prices of Stocks

LOSSES CONFINED TO FRACTIONS. Movements of Importance Wholly in Specialties.

BIG GAS GAINS TWO POINTS. Union Pacific, St. Paul, Pennsylvania, and B. & O. Led Declines in Railway List During Last Hour.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The stock market was almost stagnant through the first hour, with movements of importance confined almost wholly to specialties. So dull and professional was the business that it was nearly an hour before transactions took place in St. Paul, Missouri Pacific, Reading, Sugar Refining, and some other usually leading issues.

Consolidated Gas was influenced by rumors that the mayor was favorably disposed toward the Ramsen Gas bill and on unusual activity the stock sold up in an extent that was not to be expected. On the other hand, Virginia-Carolina Chemical was weak and lost over a point on selling induced by the proposition to issue more preferred stock.

The bank statement was the reverse of what was expected, favorable in all its aspects, the increase in loans being two-thirds of the gain in legal money. The market became weak in the last half hour, with Union Pacific, St. Paul, Pennsylvania Railroad, and Baltimore and Ohio leading in the decline.

The losses, however, did not extend beyond fractions in either the railroad or the industrial department, but the closing was heavy under increased pressure. Government bonds were unchanged, other bonds were firm.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. [Table with columns for stock names, bid, asked, and price]

COLD WEATHER PROSPECTS BULL FACTOR IN COTTON. NEW YORK, April 16.—The cotton market continued irregular and unsettled today, with continued mixed trading and erratic fluctuations.

There was rather active and general buying on the morning, but a weather map, which was very unfavorable to the development of a fresh severe cold wave coming down from the Northwest, causing a return to winter conditions and a sharp drop in the temperature, was the chief factor in the less favorable situation and outlook affecting the new crop which turned the market up sharply in the latter trading.

JAPANESE SECURITIES IN DEMAND IN LONDON. LONDON, April 16.—On the stock exchange trading was quiet and irregular, on profit-taking, the feature being a demand for Japanese stocks, which rose 1/2 points.

Millions of Packages of Seed Distributed

Members of Congress Have Used Their Full Accredited Supply This Session—Work of Bureau Practically Ended.

The yearly distribution of garden and flower seed will cease, so that the work is practically ended. Formerly the seed was paid for and sent out under the direct supervision of the department, but during the past few years the contract for this work has been let and employees are brought in from the outside.

Seeds are packed and distributed at the Department of Agriculture practically throughout the session of Congress, and now that that body may soon be expected to adjourn, the requests

PRICE CHANGES OF WEEK. [Table with columns for stock names, high, low, last]

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 16.—Fire about 4 o'clock this afternoon nearly destroyed a shed in the square bounded by Columbus, Alfred, King, and Cameron Streets. No alarm was sounded but word was sent to the Reliance Fire Engine house.

MR. STEADMAN'S FUNERAL. The funeral of the late George W. Steadman will take place from the home of James McWilliams, 27 South Fairfax Street, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

EUCHRE PARTY PLANNED. Next Wednesday evening the senior members of the Alexandria Golf Club will give a euchre party at the golf club house on Shooter's Hill.

CHURCH SERVICES. Confirmation services will be held at two of the Episcopal churches of the city tomorrow.

LODGE PAYS INSURANCE. Mrs. William E. Leaf has received \$2,000 from the trustees of Belle Haven Lodge, Knights of Honor, that being the amount of the benefit certificate held by her husband in the order.

CHESAPEAKE PRESBYTERY. The Presbytery of the Chesapeake will meet at the Second Presbyterian Church, in this city, next Tuesday night.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mrs. J. H. Watkins has as her guest Mrs. Margaret Fleming, of Staunton, Virginia, who is in the city on a visit.

CAPT. W. H. GREEN WILL REST IN RICHMOND. The funeral of Capt. William H. Green, assistant to the general manager of the Southern Railway, will be held tomorrow.

DO WE GET ANY REAL MOCHA? "I don't believe there is a pound of real Mocha coffee in this continent," says T. H. Hibbs, a coffee merchant, informs me, "or that 200 people in this country have ever tasted it, unless they have some time visited Arabia and drunk it at the table of some sheik or governor."

U. S. TREASURY FINANCES. The United States Treasury statement issued Friday, covering actual results of two days before, compares in its net balance as follows with the same date one and two years ago.

IMPORTS AT NEW YORK. NEW YORK, April 16.—Following are the imports of dry goods and general merchandise at this port during the week, reported today at the custom house, as compared with the imports of last week and that of the corresponding week of a year ago.

FINANCIAL. EQUITABLE CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING ASSOCIATION. Those who contemplate building, or the purchase of property, or have mortgages to pay off, and desire a loan, should ascertain the advantages, terms, how to proceed, etc., in this association.

Loans Are made, repayable in monthly installments. Settlement in full or in part may be made at any time. Interest is charged to date of settlement. When part of a loan is settled, the monthly installments are reduced proportionately.

Equitable Building, 1003 F St. N. W. JOHN JOY EDSON, President. ELIS SEAR, Vice President. GEO. W. CASILEAR, 2d V. Pres. FRANK P. REESIDE, Sec'y.

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TUESDAY—(a) At 7:15 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Cuba, from New York, via Queenstown, Mail for GERMANY must be directed "Per s.s. Cuba."

WEDNESDAY—(a) At 7:15 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Calcutta, from New York, via Plymouth, Mail for other parts of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND must be directed "Per s.s. Calcutta."

THURSDAY—(a) At 7:15 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Florida, from New York, via Queenstown, Mail for GERMANY must be directed "Per s.s. Florida."

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SUNDAY—(a) At 11:45 p.m. for MEXICO, per s.s. Vigilancia, from New York, via Progreso, Campeche, and Yucatan, Mail for other parts of MEXICO must be directed "Per s.s. Vigilancia."

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