

Leading Rails Show Some Sharp Advances on Very Limited Volume of Business

STOCK MARKET QUIET ALL DAY. MORNING GAINS LOST IN THE AFTERNOON.

DAY'S GAINS.

Table listing stock gains: Reading, Sault Ste. Marie, Canadian Pacific, Colorado Southern, Great Northern, St. Paul, Gas (Chicago), Sugar.

DAY'S DECLINES.

Table listing stock declines: Smelter, Steel, common, Steel, preferred, Northwestern, Copper, Wisconsin Central, Lead.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—It was exceedingly difficult to judge the probabilities of the stock market from the opening indications today.

The volume of business was small, many stocks that have been leaders in activity attracting very little attention and the movement being confined to a few stocks, chief of which were the Harriman issues, Reading, the Steels and Northern Pacific.

In these the sales were generally of small lots. It is a market that depends largely on political developments, that may be expected to be very erratic, and yet there is every probability that the Harriman clique will continue to hold sway in order to prevent a serious decline and sell whenever necessary to check a bulge in the market.

Metals Soft. The metal stocks were generally soft. Lead being off a point, Smelters at one time nearly a point, Coppers 1/2, and Steels 3/4, though the latter recovered fully, and Smelters within 1/2 of Saturday's close.

Every indication points to an increased productive capacity to meet the improved demand for rails, tin plate, structural shapes, and every description of metals, copper being in better request, the electrifying of the Illinois Central suburban system demanding enormous quantities of metal.

Reading opened at 12 1/2, advanced to 13, and closed at 12 1/2. Northern Pacific moved up to 15 1/2 and back to 15, the latter 1/4 higher. Great Northern closed Saturday at 12 1/2, opened at 12 1/2 this morning, sold to 13 1/2. Union Pacific opened 1/2 lower at 15 1/2, sold to 15 1/2, and to 15 1/2. St. Paul was a point higher, Southern Pacific 3/4, and the majority of rails but little changed from the final quotations of last week.

BUSINESS BRISK IN STEEL TRADE Recovery Marked by Renewed Activity in Pennsylvania Mills.

There was not the slightest improvement in the volume of trading and the tickers were silent now and then, while the traders continued to buy shares and 200-share lots. Prices steady.

Closing hours of the session the advances gradually disappeared save on Reading, Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, Missouri Pacific, St. Paul, and one or two other stocks.

There was no reason for the slump, any more than there was for the advance, and it was just as dull in the

PITTSBURG, Sept. 28.—On all sides are positive evidences of recovery in the steel trade. The National Tube Company is working its force to 68 per cent of its capacity, and promises a 2 per cent increase in the immediate future.

One hundred and fourteen tinplate mills are running full time, these plants belonging to the American Tinplate Company, while the independents are operating 65 per cent of their capacity.

The United States Steel Corporation has booked orders for 55,000 tons of sheet iron for export. The Homestead mill is running close to its full capacity, having orders for 8,000 tons of plate for the American Shipbuilding Company and much structural steel.

The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie bridge, over the Ohio river at Beaver, calls for 12,000 tons. The orders from New York include 2,000 tons for a bridge across the Hackensack meadows, and 7,000 tons for the Masonic Temple, Youngstown, O.

Chicago building interests have increased their orders to 55,000 tons of structural steel, and the Illinois and Ohio plants of the American Steel and Wire Company are doing the same.

Inclement Weather Keeps Buying Dull—Demand for Eggs Continues.

An approach to dullness marked the opening of the week in the local wholesale markets.

To the usual Monday tendency toward apathy with the result that the trading was considerably below the average.

In a few lines, the demand was maintained in good volume. There was no let-up in the activity of strictly fresh eggs, for instance. There was a ready market for the best grades at 24 cents, and in a few instances, buyers paid 25 cents for strictly fancy grades.

Poultry was moved readily, the supply of young chickens not being equal yet to the demand. Hens did not keep pace with chickens, but were fairly active.

Turkeys were in liberal supply, but quieter than usual. Demand for geese, calves and hogs monopolized the market for live stock. Fruit and vegetables were only moderately active.

Today's Prices. Wholesale prices were as follows, jobbers' figures being in brackets. Eggs—Virginia nearby, 24 1/2; southwest Virginia and West Virginia, 24 1/2; Western eggs, 25.

Cheese—Large, New York flats, per lb. 14 1/2; small, 14 1/4. Creamery—Turkeys, 25 1/2; Western fowls, 24 1/2; process, fancy, 24 1/2; fair to good, 19; dairy, choice, 20; good, 18 1/2.

Live Poultry—Chickens, spring, large, per lb. 18 1/2; small, 18 1/4; hens, small, per lb. 18; large, 18 1/2; roosters, per lb. 18; geese, per lb. 18; turkeys, small, 18; large, 18 1/2.

Fruits. Apples—Gravenstein, per d. h. bbl. \$2.00; Twenty Guineas, per d. h. bbl. \$1.90; Macoun, per d. h. bbl. \$1.80; Hubbardston, per d. h. bbl. \$1.70; ordinary kinds, per d. h. bbl. \$1.60; small, per d. h. bbl. \$1.50.

Vegetables—Potatoes, Irish Cobbler, per bag, \$2.00; home grown, per bbl. \$2.25; sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, per bbl. \$2.00; home grown, per bbl. \$1.75; Western, per bbl. \$1.50; carrots, per bbl. \$2.00; corn, per doz. \$1.00; cucumbers, per doz. \$1.00; cabbages, per doz. \$1.00; cauliflower, per doz. \$1.00; string beans, per doz. \$1.00; peas, per doz. \$1.00; pumpkins, per doz. \$1.00; string beans, per doz. \$1.00; squash, Hubbard, per doz. \$1.00; tomatoes, per doz. \$1.00.

Dressed Meats. Dressed country cured, per lb. 12 1/2; beef, four quarters, per lb. 12 1/2; ham, per lb. 12 1/2; sausage, per lb. 12 1/2; corned beef, per lb. 12 1/2; pickles, per doz. \$1.00; cabbage, per doz. \$1.00; cauliflower, per doz. \$1.00; string beans, per doz. \$1.00; peas, per doz. \$1.00; pumpkins, per doz. \$1.00; string beans, per doz. \$1.00; squash, Hubbard, per doz. \$1.00; tomatoes, per doz. \$1.00.

Wheat and Corn. CHICAGO, September 28.—The wheat market was unusually quiet with very limited changes in prices and with commission houses operating on both sides of the market.

Corn—There were declines of 1/2 to 1/4 point in the preferred futures, with September holding steady at 79 1/2.

NEW YORK COTTON HIGHER ON FROSTS. NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—There was a sharp advance in the cotton market at the opening this morning, due to a cold wave in the West, which caused speculators to cover here and at Liverpool.

There were light frosts in Oklahoma and general clearing in Texas, and it was rumored that Price was selling on the uptick in Wall Street and foreign buyers bought considerable cotton early, but later withdrew.

Opening prices September 9 1/2; December 8 1/2; January 8 1/2; February offered at 8 1/2; March, 8 1/2; May, 8 1/2.

GEORGETOWN MAN OBJECTS TO LAKE. Declaring that the residents of the neighborhood have been unable to close their cellars all summer because of the gas, Philip Young, of 2509 Wisconsin avenue northwest, complains to the Commission of a leak in the gas main in front of his home.

Upon motion of Capt. William Kelly, acting Engineer Commissioner, Mr. Young's complaint was referred to the Georgetown Gas Light Company with the request that the writer be informed of the action taken.

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HUNTER MOVED UP BY DERBY COMPANY

Washington Man Promoted to Boston by Desk Manufacturing Firm.

James S. Hunter, Washington manager of the Derby Desk Company, will leave for Boston in a few days to take up new and more important duties in the main office and factory of the company.

Mr. Hunter, who has been Washington manager but two years, is the business in Washington for twelve years past, will succeed Mr. Hunter as Washington manager. Although born just across the river in Virginia, Mr. Hunter considers himself a native Washingtonian, and he has been awfully with congratulatory messages from his host of friends.

Mr. Hunter received his early education in Washington, and entered the Government service when a young man. He was rapidly promoted in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and as assistant to the board of management of the World's Columbian Exposition had charge of the exhibit of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

One of the topographical models made by him for the fair exhibit for several years has been installed in the Congressional Library, where it will be kept as a permanent exhibit.

Soon after the fair he took up the designing of office furniture with a big firm in New York, and in this new line he also met with success.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE RIGGS NATIONAL BANK

At Washington, in the District of Columbia, at the close of business, September 23, 1903.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$5,232,737.81. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 1,182.87. U. S. bonds to secure circulation, 1,000,000.00.

Other bonds to secure U. S. deposits, 1,025,432.50. United States bonds on hand, 184,929.99. Premiums on U. S. bonds, 2,230.23.

Stocks, securities, and other cash, 766,097.37. Banking house furniture, 241,096.55. U. S. currency, 2,958.99.

Not reserve assets, \$384,248.86. Deposits, 470,826.50. Due from approved reserve agents, 2,025,390.50. Checks and other cash, 27,754.00.

Exchanges for clearing, 128,253.81. 2,564,923.36. Notes of other national banks, 630.00. Fractional currency, 306.35.

Due to national banks, 732,963.30. U. S. Treasury, 1,000.00. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 60,000.00.

Total, 12,629,498.27. CAPITAL STOCK PAID IN, \$1,000,000.00. Surplus fund, 1,500,000.00. Undivided profits, 187,845.07.

Due to other national banks, \$460,851.83. Due to trust companies, 432,836.11. Due to approved reserve agents, 7,053.64.

Individual deposits subject to check, 6,239,367.90. Demand certificates, 10,000.00. Deposits, 45,047.21. Certified checks, 7,468.92.

United States deposits, 7,296,830.70. Bonds borrowed, 300,000.00. Total, 12,629,498.27.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$1,000,000.00. Surplus fund, 1,500,000.00. Undivided profits, 187,845.07.