Wall Street Very Nervous---Rise Followed by Decline on Very Heavy Profit-Taking

STOCKS OPEN FIRM, THEN GO BACK, WITH LET-UP IN TRADE ON LOW BASIS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Market conditions are decidedly interesting, with some division of opinion as to the probabilities of the immediate future. Lawson, of Boston, is out with a screed this morning in which he takes a strong position in the bull alignment. While not especially alone, he doesn't seem to have many friends with him in his views. The market has acted better for two days, but if the big interests did not like the market on Saturday, it is safe to say that they do not like it today. If Monday's decline was warranted, then the rise that has taken place since then is the direct cause of short covering, and not inside buying, and the alleged inside support was not a fact, but only suspicion.

Conditions are far from satisfactory to the Street. Lawson has probably covered his shorts and taken on a little load, and is shouting in an effort to help things along. He always shouts for effect. It is practically certain that there has been no leak in the Supreme Court—will be none until the story is told some fine Monday morning, a story that will be a powerful influence for higher prices if the trusts win a victory, and that will not be very effective in the event of a defeat—Wall Street discounts the unfavorable, just as it does the favorable, when leaks occur, and leaks occur in practically everything except the most dignified body on earth—the Supreme Court of the United States.

"Profits on the bull side should not be ignored," is the way some of the leading houses are advising their trade here and in branch houses all over the country. "Profits should be turned into bank accounts on short notice," seems much more appropriate to others.

The most favorable feature of the situation this morning was the reduction of the rate of discount in both the Bank of England and the Deutscher Bank of Berlin. But it is not money that is bothering the market, it is not earnings, dividends or business outlook—it is the Government legislative program and the absolute indifference of the big interests in this city, that has caused declines, checked promising upward movements and caused heavy liquidation—a cleaning up of operations extending over two years, in the clearing of decks for the legislative program of the President and his advisers.

With the immediate opening the resumption of short covering, following a strong opening abroad, caused sharp fractional advances throughout the list amounting to an average of ½ to ¾ of a point and up to mid-way of the last hour of the morning, the gains were well sustained.

Lost and More, Too.

In the last few minutes of the morning the market showed signs of weakness. The short line, while by no means eliminated by the covering of the last two days, was greatly reduced, and the disposition to take profits was accentuated by the selling pressure.

The result was a gradual reduction that carried the leaders down before the end of the noon hour to ¾ and 1 point net loss.

Passing into the second hour of the afternoon the market became very dull, and at the same time steady at about the inside prices of the day. The movement appeared indicative of an easier close, as the bears showed no disposition to cover. The change from activity to inactivity was very marked.

ATTEMPTS TO SHOW PACKERS' COMBINE

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fore not considered by the committee when he attempted to prove by the witness that packing houses seek the foreign market to unload their excess supply of meat, thus keeping the American supply at the point where it may command high prices.

Foreign Markets Sought.

Dr. Melvin replied that he was not entirely familiar with this phase of the subject, although it was his opinion American packers sought foreign marketsket rather than that they were sought by it.

He gave statistics to show that during the past fiscal year 7,325,237 cattle, 2,046,711 calves, 10,892,902 sheep, 69,193 goats and 35,427,931 swine were slaughtered by the principal packing houses. This represented about one-half he said, of all the meat slaughtered in the United States during the year.

In reply to a question by Chairman Moore, Dr. Melvin said he did not believe it would be possible for the meat-packing houses to get a corner on the market, although he thought it would be possible for them, through their cold storage facilities, to largely control it.

What Congress Did

IN THE SENATE.

The Interstate Commerce Committee continued hearings on the Elkins and Cummins bill.

The Heyburn resolution, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for information as to irrigation projects, was adopted.

Senator Borah will address the Senate in favor of the income tax amendment to the Constitution.

Alonzo H. Stewart, after thirty-three years' service, resigned today as assistant doorkeeper.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House met at noon.

The House debated for two hours the attacks which have been made on the expenses of the immigration commission which investigated the white slave traffic and emigration problems in Europe.

The rivers and harbors bill, carrying nearly $45,000,000, will be reported to the House late this afternoon.

CHOIR SINGER RETURNS PAY

ZANESVILLE, O., Feb. 10.—Troubled over the recollection of having received about $50 in his youth for singing in the Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church choir of this city, Roy Wilhelm, now a prosperous New York merchant, has sent to the trustees of the church a check for $100, explaining that he now believes his services should have been gratuitous.

LOSES POWER OF SPEECH.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 10.—The physicians at the General Hospital are puzzled at the strange affliction which has befallen George W. Brown, of 228 Water street. While in the full possession of his faculties and in good health, Brown discovered that he had suddenly lost the faculty of speech.

PRICES TODAY ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

(Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, Hibbs Building members New York Stock Exchange, Washington Stock Exchange, and Chicago Board of Trade.)

RAILROADS.	High.	Low.	2:00 p.m.	Yes'y. Close
A., T. & S. Fe com	114⅝	113¾	114	114
*A., T. & S. Fe pfd	....	....	....	103⅛
Atlantic Coast Line	126⅛	125	126	126
Balto. & Ohio com	111¼	110½	110⅞	110⅝
*Balto and Ohio pfd	....	....	....	90
Brooklyn Rap. Trans	71½	70¾	71	71¼
Canada Pacific	180	180	180	180¼
C. C. C. & St. L. com	78	78	78	77
Chesa. & Ohio	82	80¾	81	81
C. and G. W., new	30⅛	29¾	30	29¾
C., M. & St. P. com	144	142¾	143	147⅛
*C. M. & St. P. pfd	....	....	....	163¾
C. & N. W. com	155½	155	155	155
Col. & South., com	57⅞	57⅞	57⅞	57½
Del. & Hudson	173	172	172	170
*Del. Lack. Western	....	....	....	620
Den. & R. G. com	38⅛	38⅛	38¼	38
*Den. & R. G. pfd	....	....	....	77¼
Erie, com	28⅞	27⅞	28	28
Erie, 1st pfd	44⅝	44½	44½	43
*Erie, 2d pfd	....	....	....	34
Great North. pfd	136	135⅞	135⅞	133¼
Illinois Central	141¼	141	141¼	140⅞
Inter. Metro. com	20	19¼	19¼	20
Inter. Metro. pfd	50¼	49¼	49¼	49
Kan. City So. com	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	36
*Kan. City So. pfd	....	....	....	68½
Louis. & Nashville	145⅝	145¼	145¼	142
Mexican Central, ctfs	27¼	27	27	27¼
Mo. K. & Tex. com	41⅝	40¾	41	40⅞
Mo. K. and T., pfd	73	73	73	71⅞
M. S. P. & S. S. M., com	133¼	132⅞	133¼	134
*M. S. P. S. S. M. pfd	....	....	....	151
Missouri Pacific	69¼	68½	68½	69
N. Y. C. & H. R.	119⅛	117⅞	118	118½
*N. Y. C. & St. L. com	....	....	....	58
*N. Y. C. and St. L., 2d	....	....	....	95
N. Y. Ont. & W	44⅝	44	44	44
Norfolk & West	100½	99	100½	98½
Northern Pacific	136½	136	136⅛	135⅞
Pennsylvania	132⅛	131⅝	132	132
P. C., C. & St. L	97	96½	97	96
Reading com	161⅛	159¾	160	160⅛
Rock Island com	46	44⅞	46	45⅛
Rock Island pfd	84¼	84	84	82¼
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	48⅞	48	48⅛	47½
St. L. & S. W. pfd	72¾	72¾	72¾	72½
South. Pac. com	124½	123¼	124	124
Southern Ry. com	27⅞	27½	27¾	26
Southern Ry. pfd	64	63½	63½	63
Texas & Pacific	29	28⅞	29	28¼
Third Ave	11⅛	9	10	11½
*T., St. L. & W. com	....	....	....	44
T., St. L. & W. pfd	64⅞	64⅛	64⅞	64
Union Pacific com	183	181¾	182¼	182¼
Union Pacific pfd	98⅞	98⅝	98⅞	97½
Wabash com	20⅞	20	20⅞	19⅞
Wabash pfd	43½	42⅞	43½	43½
Wisconsin Central, com	44¾	43⅞	44	46
*Western Maryland	....	....	....	46½
INDUSTRIALS.				
Amal. Copper	75	73	74	74¼
Am. Beet Sugar com	36½	35½	36	35¼
Am. Can com	11	11	11	10⅝
Am. Can pfd	74⅞	74⅝	74⅞	72½
Am. Car & Fdy. com	60	59⅞	59½	58½
Am. Car and Fdy. pfd	118	117¾	118	110½
Am. Cotton Oil com	60	60	60	54
*Am. Cotton Oil pfd	....	....	....	102
Am. Ice Securities	21½	21⅜	21½	21¾
Am. Loco., com	49	48	49	47½
*Am. Loco., pfd	....	....	....	101
Am. Sm. & Re., com	80¼	79⅞	80	80
*Am. Sm. & Re., pfd	....	....	....	106¾
Am. Sugar & Ref. com	122	121½	122	122
*Am. Sugar and Re., pfd	....	....	....	119⅛
Am. Tel. & Tel	136½	136	136	135¾
*Am. Tobacco, pfd	....	....	....	91½
Am. Woolen, com	33	32½	32½	32⅛
Am. Woolen, pfd	100½	100	100½	99½
Anaconda Copper	49¼	48¾	49	47⅛
Cent. Leather, com	39½	38½	39	38⅝
*Cent. Leather, pfd	....	....	....	101¼
Col. F. & I., com	36⅞	35¾	36	35½
Col., Hocking C. and I.	17	17	17	17
Con. Gas. N. Y.	145¼	142⅝	143¼	142½
C. P. R., com	19	18⅝	19	19
C. P. R., pfd	82	82	82	81
Dist. Sec.	30¼	30	30¼	30
General Elect	150½	150¼	150½	150
*Great Northern Ore	....	....	....	68¾
*Inter. Paper	....	....	....	12⅝
Inter. Steam P.	45¾	45¾	45¾	45⅝
*Mackay Co., com	....	....	....	86¾
Mackay Co., pfd	76	76	76	75
National Biscuit, com	110	110	110	104
National Biscuit, pfd	....	....	....	124
Nat. Lead, com	79½	78½	78	76½
N. Y. A. B.	76½	75⅝	76½	72⅞
Pac. Mail Steam	29¾	29¼	29¾	28⅞
Peo. Gas of Chi	108½	108	108½	108
Pres. Steel Car, com	38¾	38	38¾	37
Pullman Company	199	196¼	199	196½
Ry. Steel Spgs., com	38½	37	38¼	37
*Ry. Steel Spgs., pfd	....	....	....	106
Rep. I. & S., com	36	35½	36	35⅛
Rep. I. & S., pfd	100	100	100	99½
Sloss-S. S. & I., com	76	75½	76	75
Tenn. Copper	32⅞	32¼	32⅞	30½
U. S. C. I. P. com	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞	24
U. S. R. & Im., com	73¼	73¼	73¼	72¾
U. S. Rubber, com	40¼	39½	40	37⅝
U. S. Rubber, pfd	109⅞	109⅞	109⅞	109½
U. S. Steel, com	78⅞	77⅞	77½	78¼
U. S. Steel, pfd	119¾	119	119	119
Utah Copper	50	48¼	48½	48⅛
Va. Car. Chem., com	50⅞	50¼	50⅜	49¾
*Va. Iron Coal and Coke	....	....	....	68
West. Union Tel	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛	70¾
West. Elec. Man	68½	67	67	67¾
BONDS.				
Amer. Tobacco 4's	77	77	77	77
Amer. Tobacco 6's	106	106	106	106
Atch. Conv. 4's	115	115	115	115
*B. & O. Gen. 4's	....	....	....	99½
B. R. T. Convert. 4's	83	83	83	82⅝
C. B. & Q. J. 4's	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞	96⅝
C., R. I. & P. 4's	81¼	81	81	81
*Chi., R. I. & Pac. 5's	....	....	....	102⅝
Inter. Metro. 4½'s	80¼	80¼	80¼	79¼
*Nor. Pac. P. L. 4's	....	....	....	100¼
Pa. Convert. 3½'s, 1915	96⅞	96¾	96⅞	96⅝
*Southern Ry. 5's	....	....	....	111⅛
*U. Pac. Con. 4's	....	....	....	107½
U. S. Steel 2d 5's	104⅝	104⅛	104⅝	104¼

*Not quoted.

SALE OF STOCK BY HOURS.

12 m.	405 600
1 p. m.	524,800

THE CURB MARKET.

Quotations furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., 1301 F street northwest, members New York Stock Exchange, E. F. Caverly, manager.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
British Col. Cop	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
Butte Coalition	24¾	24¾	24⅛	24½
Boston Copper	18¾	19¼	18¾	19
Chino Copper	12	12½	12	12
Cobalt Central	19	19	19	19
Con. Ariz. S. (new)	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	2¾
Ely Consolidated	¾	13/16	¾	13/16
Ely Central	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	1⅝
Gila Copper	7⅞	8⅛	7⅞	8⅛
Giroux Mining	9¾	9⅞	9¾	9¾
Goldfield Con	7⅞	7½	7⅞	7½
Greene-Cananea	9¾	9¾	9⅝	9½
Inspiration Copper	8¼	8¼	8⅛	8¼
Kerr Lake	9	9	8⅞	8⅞
Miami Copper	23	23¼	23	23¼
Nev. Cons. Cop	22⅞	22⅞	22⅝	22⅝
Ohio Copper	4⅛	4	3⅞	4
Ray Central	3¼	3¼	3⅛	3⅛
Ray Con	21⅞	22½	21⅞	22¼

Wholesale Produce Prices

Eggs, Cheese, and Butter.

The prices given below on poultry are for wholesale lots only. Jobbers' lots are from ½ to 1 cent higher. Recased eggs, 1 cent higher.

Cheese—New York flats, large, per lb., 16½ a17c; small, per lb., 17a17½c.

Eggs—Nearbys, per doz., 27a28c.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, in tubs, 30½c; prints, 31c; renovated, fancy, 28½a29c; store packed per lb., 22c.

Poultry.

Live Poultry—Chickens, per lb., 19c; broilers, 19a20c; hens, 17c; roosters, 9a10c; young turkeys, toms, 22a23c; hens, 23a24c.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, per lb., toms, 24a25c; hens, 25a26c; chickens, 18a20c; hens, 17a18c; ducks, 15a18c; capons, 7 lb. average, 24a25c; small, 21a22c.

Fruit.

Apples—Per bbl., $2.00a5.00; Florida oranges, per box, $1.85a2.50; California oranges, $2.50a3.00; tangarines, per strap, $2.50a3.00; grapefruit, per box, $2.75a4.00; pineapples, per crate, $1.00a2.00; cranberries, per bbl., $8.00a8.50.

Vegetables.

Potatoes—Per bbl., $1.50a2.25; per bu., 55a75c; sweet potatoes, $1.50a2.75; cabbage, per cwt., $1.75a2.00; onions, per bu., 90a95c; Hubbard squash, per bbl., $1.25a1.50; turnips, per bbl., 75a$1.25; rutabagas, $1.50a1.75; parsnips, per box, 60a75c.

Green Goods—Cucumbers, Florida, per basket, $2.00a4.00; string beans, per basket, $2.50a4.00; Florida lettuce, per basket, $1.00a3.50; radishes, per 100, $1.00a2.00; spinach, per bbl., $1.00a2.25; California celery, per crate, $4.25a4.75; kale, per bbl, 75a90c; Brussels sprouts, per qt., 8a12½c; Florida peppers, per basket, $2.00a3.50; cauliflower, basket, $1.50a2.25.

Live Stock.

Calves—Prime, per lb., 9½c; medium 5½a8cc common, 7a8c; lambs, 7a8c; sheep, choice, per lb., 4a4½c; medium, 3a3½c; hogs, $8.60a8.50; dressed pork, 8a10c.

Game.

Quail, per doz., $2.00.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

Harriman & Co.—We would sell them on any further rally.

W. B. Hibbs & Co.—The Utah Copper Company has issued a report to the New York Stock Exchange for the year ended December 31, 1909, as follows: Gross sales, $6,683,321; other revenue, $543,723; net profits, $2,159,786; surplus for year, $920,051.

E. F. Hutton & Co.—Although the discount rates of both the Bank of England and the Bank of Germany have been lowered this morning, foreshadowing easier money, we do not believe it is time to get too enthusistic over the outlook. The rise we had yesterday was due principally to short covering and there are still a number of obstacles ahead of us that will have to be cleared away before there is plain sailing.

STYLE SHOW ENDS EXHIBIT TONIGHT

Gold Medal Awarded to Washington Member of Tailors' Association.

The National Style Show will close its doors tonight after a four days' successful exhibition of gowns, furs, hats and feminine novelties that has surprised the devotees of Madame Pompadour in Washington.

The memory of this show will not only be that of one of the most successful of its kind ever held here, but also one to emphasize the great advances made by American creators of fashion.

From followers the American mode makers have become leaders—as this show has demonstrated. Hereafter American women may desert the trail of fashion that annually leads to the shops of Paris, because they have centers of fashion in American cities, the managers of the National Style Show declare.

Exhibitors Satisfied.

The show has been unusually satisfying to the Washington exhibitors because they have done remarkable well in the matter of displaying the creations of dress that have won recognition from their contemporaries in the field of fashionable gown making.

To Washington members of the National Ladies' Tailors Association it is a matter of pride that one of their members—Robert Pluym—captured the first prize against a New York competitors. Mr. Pluym had a total of 293 points, while A. M. Grean, of New York, had 290, and was awarded second prize.

Gold Medals Awarded.

Gold medals were awarded to six Washington exhibitors, A. W. Lukel, E. W. Zea, Del Gross, P. Leibel, E. Lipshutz, and J. C. Wineman.

Silver medals went to F. C. Chorley, W. Schwartz, H. Muller, F. Faust, and A. Bode, while Mrs. Jogn Rhoades and M. Lowenstein, of this city, received bronze ones.

COST OF LIVING HIGH IN ONE CASE

"Boots" Repetti Wins Championship of Hearty Eaters.

Any hungry man who thinks he can eat more than ten pounds of ham and forty pounds of kale and drink more than two gallons of beer, at a single sitting, has a fine oportunity to make a reputation for himself.

He can challenge "Boots" Repetti, a laborer at the navy yard, who has just won the all-round, long distance eating-ship of the Capitol by putting away the aforementioned ham, kale, and beer. The dainty little affair took place in a saloon packed so full of interested spectators that "Boots" had scarcely room in which to work his jaws.

On a former occasion Repetti put away a ten-pound turkey, three quarts of sauerkraut, one quart of cranberries, half a gallon of raw oysters, a pint of ketchup, half a pint of olive oil, one gallon of beer, one loaf of bread and twelve stalks of celery.

"Boots" is forty years old, five feet ten inches in height and has a waist measure of only forty inches—before he begins to eat.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued today.

To W. R. Shelton, for one two-story brick dwelling at 522 Twelfth street southeast; architect, C. E. Webb; builded, W. R. Shelton; estimated cost, $5,000.

To C. Livingston, for one two-story brick dwelling at 1752 Willard street; architect, L. T. Williams; builder, J. W. Powell; estimated cost, $3,000.

To A. P. Austin, to repair dwelling at 3301 Newark street northwest; architect, Claughton West; builder, Winfield Preston; estimated cost, $2,365.

LOCAL SECURITIES CONTINUE SLOW. NO PRESSURE TO SELL. GAS ISSUES FIRM.

Local security operations were in narrow lines, a bond here and there, a few shares of stock of this or that issue, activity in nothing, but with a disposition to hold for firm prices and not to make concessions to induce sales.

Holders have their own views—they are content with local securities, tractions, gas shares, bank stocks—and are not making any effort to market them.

A few orders are being executed but pending a settlement of security matters in New York, it is not probable that there will be any great activity.

Gas securities are very steady. The situation is not materially changed therein; in that the expected cutting of the melon is delayed to a more opportune time. A 4 per cent bond sold at 107—they are being accumulated by strong interests.

Potomac consolidated 5's 107⅞.

Capital Traction shares 123, Railway preferred 87¾; Merganthaler firmer at 215; Graphophone preferred 30.

The only sale of bank shares was of the Merchants and Mechanics Savings Bank stock at 155.

TODAY'S SALES ON WASHINGTON EXCHANGE

Washington Railway and Electric 4's, $1,000@87.

Potomac Electric Consolidated 5's, $1,000@101⅞.

Capital Traction, 10@133, 10@133, 5@133.

Washington Railway and Electric preferred, 10@87¾.

Mergenthaler, 6@215, 5@215, 10@215, 2@215.

Merchant Mechanics' Savings Bank, 10@155.

Graphophone, preferred, 10@30.

After call, Graphophone, preferred, 10@30, 10@30.

WASHINGTON EXCHANGE BID AND ASKED PRICES

	Bid	Ask
GOVERNMENT BONDS.		
U. S. Reg. 2's	100½	101
U. S. Coupon 2's	100½	...
U. S. Reg. 3's	102¼	102¾
U. S. Coupon 3's	102	102¾
U. S. Reg. 4's	114½	115¼
U. S. Coupon 4's	114¼	115¼
GAS BONDS.		
Georgetown Gas 5's	110	115
Wash. Gas 4's	105	109
Washington Gas. Cert. 6's	101	104½
RAILWAY BONDS.		
Cap. Traction R. R. 5's	114½	115
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	102	103½
City & Suburban 5's	102	103¾
Columbia R. R. 5's	102¼	103
Columbia R. R. 6's	107	108
Metropolitan R. R. 5's	103½	111
Wash. Ry. & Elec. 4's	86½	87
Wash. Alex. & Mt. Ver. 5's	97	...
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Elec. Cons. 5's	101¾	102
Potomac Elec. Lt. 5's	107¾	108½
N. & W. Steamboat 5's	100	...
C. & P. Telephone 5's	103½	104
Amer. Tel. & Teleg. 4's	101½	...
Emerson Steam Pump 6's	75	80
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	132¾	133½
Wash. Ry. & Elec. Com	37	38¼
Wash. Ry. & Elec. pfd	87¾	88
Wash., Alex. & Mt. Ver	67½	...
N. & W. Steamboat	210	250
Washington Gas	72	72¾
Georgetown Gas	59	62½
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	215	215¼
Lanston Monotype	87½	88½
MINING STOCKS.		
Greene Cananea	9	9½
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American National Bank	185	191
Capital National Bank	204½	...
City Nat. Bank	170	175
Columbia National Bank	250	...
Commercial National Bank	185	190
Far. & Mech. Nat. Bank	283	...
*Lincoln National Bank	130	140
Metropolitan National Bank	200	207
Second National Bank	152	160
Nat. Bank of Washington	295	315
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
Amer. Sec. & Trust	270	285
National Sav. & Trust	215	230
Union Trust	131⅝	134
Washington Loan & Trust	205	210
United States Trust	115⅞	116⅞
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Home Savings	290	...
Merch. Mech. Savings	155	170
Union Savings	245	265
Dime Savings Bank	11½	12¾
East Wash. Sav. Bank	13	15
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Arlington Fire Insurance	30	32
Com. Fire Insurance	5	5½
Corcoran Fire Insurance	74	...
Firemen's Fire Insurance	19	22
Franklin Fire Insurance	40	...
Ger. Amer. Fire Insurance	250	300
Nat. Union Fire Ins	6¾	...
Potomac Fire Insurance	33	...
TITLE INSURANCE STOCK.		
Columbia Title Insurance	4⅝	5¼
Real Estate Title Ins	85	100
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Emerson Steam Pump	11	15
Graphophone, pfd	25½	30
Merch. Trans. & Storage	115	...

REPUBLIC BUREAU BUILDING IS SOLD

Property Facing White House Goes to H. H. Westcott for $50,000.

House No. 2, on Jackson place, fronting the White House and now occupied by the Bureau of American Republics, has changed hands.

Horace Westcott is the new owner, and the price paid for the property is $50,000.

The place is known to Washingtonians as the old homestead of the late Peter Parker. In the case of Peter Parker Phillips, trustee, and others, against Peter Parker and others, a decree granting the application of the trustee and directing the sale of the house and lot, was signed by Justice Barnard in Equity Court, No. 2. Attorney Wilton J. Lambert represented the trustees, and the defendants were represented by H. Randell Webb, and J. J. Darlington.

One thousand dollars was the commission allowed the agent who made the sale.

The Bureau of American Republics will vacate the property early in April, after which Mr. Westcott will put handsome improvements there. The lot is 27 feet wide, and 107 feet deep, on Pennsylvania avenue, and the &price paid is one of the highest obtained for property& in that locality.

NORTON TO EXPLAIN PLANS FOR REFORM

It was said at the Treasury today that Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Norton will issue a statement this evening or tomorrow morning explaining what he has done in the way of introducing reforms into the administrative work of the clerks.

It is probable that some of these changes may result in the dismissal of fifty or seventy-five clerks July 1, but this has not been definitely fixed as yet.

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JAIL OVERCROWDED, DECLARES WARDEN

Crisis Reached By Danger of Disease Through Congested Conditions.

The crowded conditions of the District jail, involving as they do the huddling and the congestion of prisoners, encouraging the spread of disease, have arrived at a point which the local authorities consider a crisis.

There are now in charge of Warden McKee 171 prisoners in excess of the number the District jail was intended to accommodate when it was built.

Recently, influential men and women have visited the jail to ascertain means to ameliorate conditions, but, as far as can be figured, no way of relief is in sight.

Two years ago Congress authorized the appropriation of $100,000 for the selection of sites for two new buildings to increase the capacity of the District jail, but up to this time, owing to some inexplainable reason, neither site has been secured. The argument is, therefore, offered, if the Government is not able within two years to even select a site for a new building, how long will it require for the construction of such a building after the site has been secured?

"We have 340 cells in the jail, and there are 567 prisoners occupying them," said Warden McKee today. "It is true that thirty-eight of these cells are double compartments, giving accommodation to seventy-six men. But the remaining are single cells, so that we are obliged to force 171 men into single cells already occupied.

Prisoners Diseased.

"The important feature to this crowded condition of the jail," continued Warden McKee, "is the fact that one-half of the men who come in are diseased. Some of them are so diseased, in fact, that they are not fit to associate much less sleep in the same room with any one else. In some cases we are obliged to isolate diseased cases, and this, too, takes up much of our space, and works a hardship upon us in our present condition of crowded area.

"On January 10, or just a month ago, we had 488 prisoners in the jail, so that we have gained seventy-nine prisoners since that date. Our present figure represents practically the high water mark. If the same accumulation continues during the next month it is hard to perceive what is to become of us. I don't know where we will put them all. Certainly we won't have room for them, as the situation now stands.

"If necessary I can put the prisoners out into the corridors to sleep. That is what I wanted to do some months ago, when we were crowded, but the Department of Justice interfered, and, by order of the Attorney General, 102 prisoners were sent to Fort Smith, Ark.

Transfers Advisable.

Now, just let me summarize: In the north wing of the jail we have 136 cells and 257 prisoners; in the south wing we have 136 cells and 235 prisoners. What are we going to do under such conditions as that? Can anyone answer. The only way out of the difficulty I can see is to occupy some of the quarters under the jurisdiction of the workhouse which are now vacant and which are not being put to any use whatsoever.

"As a matter of fact, there are two buildings on the workhouse grounds which might be used by the jail authorities, yet they are allowed to remain idle. And this in view of the fact that we very recently had a case of scarlet fever right here in the jail. We did the best we could with it, and managed to prevent the spread of the disease, but it was a hard and uncertain, not to say a dangerous task.

"I see no reason why this vacant space should not be allowed us, inasmuch, as it is being put to no use at all. Especially when the conditions in jail are such at present that the health of every man in it is threatened. I think the present conditions are outrageous. The should be remedied and at once."

"HELLO GIRLS" PAY RAISED IN BOSTON

New England Telephone Company Recognizes the Increased Cost of Living.

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Recognizing that the increased cost of living is pressing heavily upon its "hello girls" and clerks, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company today announces an appropriation of $260,000 to increase the salaries of those employed in its service.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13TH
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PARTY STRIFE ENDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Representative Martin Pleases President With Report of Peace Among Republicans.

The President today had the pleasure of hearing how peaceful are things in the Republican ranks of South Dakota, from Representative Martin, of that State, who recently has returned from a mission of pacification.

Mr. Martin informed the President that the prospects for the party in the future are particularly bright, and that the Republicans will carry the State unless there is another and more serious outbreak in the party's ranks.

Former Senator Kittredge has been leading the opposing faction, but according to Mr. Martin, his thirst for "scalps" has disappeared. In the language of Mr. Martin, "everything is rosy."

BODY FOUND IN CANAL.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 10.—After being in the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal for two months, the body of Private Frank Lynch, aged fifty-five, of the 112th Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort du Pont, has been recovered. Lynch disappeared Friday, night, December 17, last. Coroner Gaynor will make an investigation. The dead man belonged in Wilmington.

HUNGER ALLEGED AS CAUSE OF THEFT

Boy of Seventeen Sent to Workhouse for Stealing Lens.

Carl Bradley, seventeen years old, has no father or mother, no place to live, and the pangs of hunger overtook him. So he told Detective Sergeant Weedon, when arrested for taking a wide-angle lens from the Columbia Photo Supply Company.

The lens was valued at $30 and he sold it for 10 cents to get something to eat. Judge Kimball gave him a home in the workhouse for ninety days. His case will be investigated.

WOMEN IN DEFENSE OF "MERRY WIDOWS"

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—Maryland's feminine population and most of its milliners today are up in arms over the attempt to legislate the "merry widow" hat and its millinery offspring of wide dimensions out of existence.

Harsh words are heard for the bill of Delegate Wittig, of Allegany county, of the General Assembly at Annapolis, proposing to make it a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, for any woman to wear a hat of a diameter of more than ten inches on any public street.

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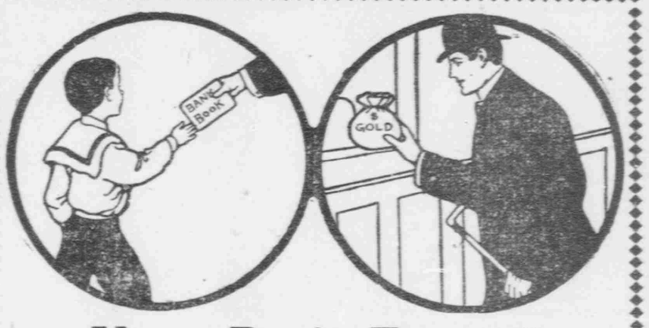

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Washington, January 15, 1910.

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Now, therefore, I, THOMAS P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON," in the City of Washing, District of Columbia, is authorized to have succession for the period specified in its amended articles of association, namely, until close of business on January 16, 1930.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Fifteenth day of January, 1910. T. P. KANE,
(Seal.) Deputy and Acting Comptroller
Ex. No. 2838. of the Currency.
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