

WALL ST. MARKET

SECURITIES LIST OPENS MODERATELY STRONG.

Many Shares Gain in Early Trading, Several Registering Advances of a Full Point—U. S. Steel Sells Up 1-2 at 112 5-8—Bethlehem B Stock Touches 127 1-2.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The stock market opened moderately strong today. Gains ranging up to a full point. United States Steel was up 1/2 at 112 1/2, and Bethlehem Steel B stock gained a point to 127 1/2.

People's Gas collapsed under selling pressure, dropped 1/2 to 88 on the first sale and selling at 82 on the next.

Wall Street's attention was riveted on Washington in anticipation of action on the finance bill in Congress. A vote was not expected until after the close of the market, and therefore it was a matter that operated to hold back any active participation.

There is considerable enthusiasm over the continued success of the British arms and equal gratification is felt concerning the rapidity with which Germany is alienating Latin America.

The conviction is growing that the Interstate Commerce Commission soon will act favorably on the railroad application for higher freight rates. Nevertheless the railroad list was narrowly irregular and practically neglected.

Aside from Atlantic Gulf, which advanced some two points, there was but indifferent trading in the shipping shares. Munition and equipment issues, such as Crucible Steel, American Locomotive, and Baldwin moved forward more than a point.

London was quiet but firm. The foreign exchange market on this side offered little activity. Sterling and francs were unchanged, as were rates on Petrograd, but Rome rates were firmer.

As to general business conditions in this country, the trade journals are agreed that the declaration of a state of war has had very little adverse effect.

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THE CURB MARKET

Whole Outside List Advances in Early Trading. NEW YORK, April 14.—A strong tone marked trading in the outside market during the first hour, the whole list advancing from a fraction to two points or more in some of the specialties.

THE COTTON MARKET

Trading Light and Prices Irregular on First Call. NEW YORK, April 14.—Trading was light on the first call this morning, and prices were irregular.

COTTON SUPPLY DOWN

2,906,351 Bales Held in Storage, Census Reports. Cotton held in public storage and at compressors amounted to 2,906,351 bales, as compared with 3,407,169 in 1916.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Table with columns for bank names and financial metrics like deposits, loans, and reserves.

THE LOCAL MARKET

TRADING SAGS ALMOST TO A STANDSTILL

Only Two Bonds and Two Shares Transferred in Listless Day—No Evidence of Selling Pressure Seen—Railway Preferred Goes Down to 79 7-8, Record Low.

Trading sagged down almost to a standstill on the local exchange today, there being little demand for either stocks or bonds, and no evidence of any pressure to sell.

Capital Traction and Railway preferred were the stocks, thirty shares of each changing hands.

The fact that the market was advanced to 80 1/2 immediately after this sale, indicated that there is no general desire on the part of holders to let their stock go at this figure.

The bid for Washington Gas, ex-dividend, was 71 1/2, with the offering of 72 1/2.

Bonds have been more active on the local exchange during the week ending today than for some time past. This evidenced by the total sales, which, including today's business, aggregated \$66,700.

TODAY'S SALES.

Table listing various stocks and their sales figures.

LOCAL BOND MARKET.

Table listing government bonds and their market prices.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Table listing various miscellaneous bonds.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Table listing railroad bonds.

GAS BONDS.

Table listing gas bonds.

TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.

Table listing trust company stocks.

SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.

Table listing savings bank stocks.

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Table listing fire insurance stocks.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS

Reasons for Rate Increase.

An increase of \$447,000,000 in eight leading items of expense of the railways of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, over the previous year, is shown in estimates published in the current issue of the Railway Age Gazette.

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L. P. Lochner, of New York, did not appear before the committee, although he was at the Capitol.

MILITARY TRUSTEES QUIT

Resign Expecting Early Call to Active Service. Expecting an early call to active service, trustees of the National Capital Military College, who are reserve officers, have tendered their resignations, to take effect upon their being called out.

Make Broad Investments.

The financial district was again busy yesterday trying to invest for the United States Steel Corporation its huge holdings of cash, which, together with demand loans amounted to \$189,000,000 on December 31, 1916, according to the annual report.

War and Inflation.

A Wall Street house in speaking of the President's recent war address says that the Street is going to look at it optimistically because of the possibility of inflation which the war may bring.

Missouri Pacific's Assessment.

The date will shortly be fixed for the payment of the assessment of \$50 a share on Missouri Pacific stock in order that the reorganization committee may have a budget and be able to pay off the \$25,000,000 of extended 6 per cent notes due June 1.

Critics' Government Report.

The crop report of the International Harvester Company is the most radical so far made. It states that the Government never indicates the maximum quantity of wheat a bumper crop would produce.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE

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BROKERAGE FIRM FAILS

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ARGUE CONSCRIPTION

Citizens Appear Before House Committee to Oppose Bill.

Now is the time for Congress to assert the Democratic ideals for which the United States has always stood, said opponents of conscription who appeared today before the House Military Affairs Committee.

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TRANSFER LIGHTHOUSE MEN

President Places Ships and Stations Under Military Control.

President Wilson today signed an executive order transferring to the War and Navy Departments forty-three light house vessels and all light house stations.

All vessels of the service have been assigned to stations and duties. They have been prepared for weeks for military service.

Secretary Redfield, in a letter to Commissioner Putnam, said: officers and men of the vessels of his service, "have in the past, by unselfish devotion to duty, under conditions often severe, often hazardous, shown their willingness to assume and their fitness to carry out any service for the public good, whatever element of risk may have been involved."

"They have my fullest confidence in entering upon the work to which they are called. Their record as soldiers of peace, their knowledge of the intelligent way in which their work has always been done, their willingness demonstrated throughout the service to put aside all sort of personal risk, whenever the call for help arises—these are the basis of the confidence we feel in them."

BANK CLERKS DRILL

M. A. Quinn, Former Cadet, Expects to Enroll Class of 100. The first active step in the work of building up a military unit from the bank clerks was taken last night when more than fifty of Washington's junior bankers, members of Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, were given two hours of drill instruction by M. A. Quinn, formerly a West Point cadet.

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RESORTS

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For Your Summer Vacation. Booklet. J. Whitesell, City Clerk, Wildwood, N. J.

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AGENTS—Make \$50 per cent profit selling our auto motor and electrical supplies. Show cards, 1,000 varieties, enormous demand. SULLIVAN CO., 1123 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.

HELP WANTED-MALE

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WANTED - Experienced in coat and suit dept. no other need apply steady position. THE LOEB CO., 714 7th St. N. W.

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