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United States Steel was up 1/8 at 121 1/2, and Bethlehem B was off 1/8 at 125 1/2. Other steels were unchanged.

Industrials were irregular. American Locomotive opening off 1/8 and Westinghouse 1/4.

Each decline was broken at midday by strong buying movement in Baldwin Locomotive, which advanced 2 points to 72 1/2.

Afternoon trading continued quiet with Mexican Petroleum moving up two points to 94 1/2.

Rumors were current of the formation of pools, however, was quiet and the overturn light.

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Table of stock market quotations including various stocks like Alax Rub., Alcham, Am. Can., etc.

THE LOCAL MARKET BUSINESS CONTINUES TO BE OF THE DULLEST NATURE.

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Business continued to be of the dullest nature on the local stock exchange today. Only two transactions were made and both of these of minor importance.

Washington Gas stock was the only security on the list today that there appeared to be any demand for.

The bond market was quiet today. Prices of various bonds were reported.

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NEW YORK, July 27.—The strongest evidence yet presented to show that Alfredo Cocchi had accomplices in the murder of Ruth Cruger was obtained yesterday when Arturo Cocchi, nine-year-old son of the slayer, was questioned by Assistant District Attorney Talley and Special Assistant District Attorney Osborne.

The Cocchi boy said he was in his father's shop after 3 o'clock in the afternoon of February 13 and heard his father and one or two other men talking in the cellar.

It has been the theory that Ruth Cruger was killed at 2 o'clock. She went to the shop for her skates a few minutes before that hour.

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Draft Capsules To Be Auctioned To Aid Red Cross

Protest Marshal General Crowder today presented the remaining 10,491 numbered paper squares which were drawn in the draft lottery to the American Red Cross.

The slips will be auctioned off to the highest bidder for the benefit of the Red Cross.

AMERICAN AIRMAN CITED FOR HEROISM ON FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, July 27.—Sergeant Andrew C. Campbell, of the Lafayette escadrille, of Chicago, was formally notified today he was decorated with the French war cross in recognition of his bravery.

Dispatches from the camp of the Lafayette escadrille today told of a stiff engagement which Corporal Robert L. Rockwell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, had with an enemy plane early this week.

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TWO YOUTHS TRY TO HOLD UP TRAIN IN CONNECTICUT

SEYMOUR, Conn., July 27.—Emulating the example of the bad men of the West whom they had seen in the movies and had read about in lurid novels, two Ansonia, Conn., youths terrorized trainmen and passengers on the New Haven road near Seymour today and sent large noses of policemen on the search for train robbers.

The boys, Redvern Bowen, eighteen, and Theodore Jakob, fifteen, started from home this morning armed with air rifles, a .32-caliber revolver, and a Bowie knife.

Both youths opened fire as the train approached, one bullet penetrating the arm of Fireman Horn and the other piercing the clothing of Engineer Davis.

NEUTRALITY OF MEXICO BAR TO LOAN IN U. S. The fact that Mexico is not an ally of the United States probably will prevent that country from floating a loan in the United States.

BURLESON TO REPLY TO PRYING CHARGE. Chairman Keating, of the House Committee on Postal Expenditures, is planning to call another meeting of the committee in a short time to go deeper into the charges of Congressman Tague and Dallinger of Massachusetts, that their personal mail has been tampered with in transit.

HEARING POSTPONED ON NEW WAR ESTIMATES. A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee to consider the huge new war estimates submitted by the War Department was postponed until this afternoon when War Department estimates were unable at the morning meeting to give the committee information it sought as to how much of the \$5,000,000,000 asked would be required immediately.

GROCER IS BANKRUPT. Henry C. Renshaw, a grocer at 1700 Seventeenth street northwest, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the District Supreme Court through Attorney Joseph Y. Reeves.

FINANCIAL. American Graphophone Co., \$7000; Mergenthaler, 26144.

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13,000 MEMBERS SINCE WAR FOR D. C. RED CROSS

Membership of the District Chapter of the Red Cross has increased from 7,000 to 20,000 during the past four months, the finance committee announced today.

H. B. F. Macfarland, chairman of the committee, thinks this is a remarkable indication of the active interest taken by the people of Washington in the Red Cross.

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COMPLAINTS ON RENT INVITED BY COUNCIL

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