ITS COURSE DOWNWARD

Market's Weakness Confined to Industrial Group.

STEEL STOCKS POUNDED

Split in the British Cabinet Did Not Seem to Affect the New York Market at All—The Bonds Were Quiet.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—With a material decrease of operations to-day's stock market continued its irregular and downward course, the weakness, however, being again confined almost exclusively to the industrial group which suffered heavy recessions. Aside from the persistent reports of depressed trade conditions, no news was heard to account for steady liquidation of these issues of United States Steel, which sold down to the lowest point recorded and without support. The heaviness in these stocks was reflected in Tennessee Coal, Republic Steel, American Car, and Pressed Steel Car, Sloss-Sheffield Steel and American Locomotive. Others in the same group ruled heavy throughout the day, and were vigorously pounded at the close. To this list should be added Crucible Steel, preferred, which sold down over 20 points from the last recorded sales of a year ago.

Outwardly there were no indications that the New York market was at all affected by the split in the British cabinet. American securities were simply neglected in London, though some selling of United States Steel was reported. The list held well during the first hour on the continued buying of railroad shares, presumably for Western account. There was also some disposition on the part of traders to cover their contracts because of a more hopeful view regarding the crop situation.

The market continued irregular and became decidedly heavy in the last hour when Steel, common, touched its low point, with resultant weakness to other stocks, including the Tractions and some railroad shares. The closing was listless and weak.

Time money hardened slightly to-day on a further demand to meet year end loans.

The bond market was quiet and irregular and without any changes of importance.

Total sales, par value, $1,460,000. United States 2's, advanced 1-2 per cent. on the last call.

Total sales of stocks to-day were 333,000 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE—CLOSE: Money on call, easy at 2@2 1-2 per cent.; closing bid, 1 1-2; offered at 2; time money, quiet; sixty days, 5 pe rcent.; ninety days, 5 1-2; six months, 6 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 6@6 1-2; sterling exchange, strong with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86.40@4.86.45 for demand and at $4.82.45@4.82.55 for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.83 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.82 3-8; bar silver, 57 1-4; Mexican dollars, 45.

Wall Street Gossip.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The opening of the stock market was steady and rather featureless, as London market did not give much lead and there was no change over-night in the crop situation. The floor traders were rather bearish on the idea that the shorts got their stock back on Tuesday without much difficulty.

The weakness in Steel at the opening was the consequence of the appearance of renewed liquidation in London. The foreign holdings relatively to the stock held in this country are small, but there is a very fair market abroad, and sales made in London are not easily traced.

These, however, were thought to come from members of a bull pool recently very active.

Trade interests were reported the early buyers of Amalgamated Copper. The stock acted well.

BUYING ORDERS IN COPPER:

R. H. Bissell had buying orders in Amalgamated Copper, said to be for the same people who bought the stock yesterday. The talk was bullish and there seemed to be some short interest, part of it possibly for Boston account.

The floor traders continue to watch Missouri Pacific and St. Paul carefully as giving an indication of the attitude of the Standard Oil interest. The story is that the Rockefeller following are about the only people in a position to bull the market with success in view of the damage done elsewhere in the long decline.

The market in the second hour was somewhat irregular, as the continued weakness in Steel rather offset an attempt to rally prices through the agency of Union Pacific and the Grangers. The larger traders, however, were buyers of stocks.

THE EARLY AFTERNOON:

A rumor of discrimination against Steel in loans obtained a good deal of circulation, thanks partly to the efforts of a prominent Western house. There is always discrimination in loans against all the stocks on the list, according to the idiosyncrasies of the loan clerks in the banks. This is, of course, adjusted by redistributing the collateral. The story is an old one and probably means that in view of the long decline loans, containing too much of one stock, such as Steel, have been changed at the request of the banks.

THE CLOSING:

The close was depressed with the industrial issues, specially weak. The movement had something of the appearance of a raid on this group on the idea that further pressure would have no effect on the railroad stocks.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 18, 1903.

SALES.

Virginia Centuries—$1,000 at 90¾.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. preferred—1 share at 99½.

STATE SECURITIES:	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4's, C.	102	...
Va. 3s, New, C. and R., 1932	90	91
Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R.	90¾	91
RAILROAD BONDS:		
A. C. L. R. R. Con. 4's	90½	...
Georgia, Southern and Fla., 1945	110	...
Georgia and Ala. con. 5s, 1926	105	...
N. and W. Ry. Pocahontas 4s	88½	...
S. A. L. Collateral Tr. 5s, 1011	...	102
RAILROAD STOCKS:	Par.	
Atlantic Coast Line "A"	100 110	...
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100 102	104
Atlantic Coast Line com	100 110	111
Atlantic Coast Line of Com	100 230	...
Chesapeake and Ohio	100 31	...
Ga., S. and Fla. 1st pfd	100 95	...
Ga., S. and Fla. com	100 70	...
Norfolk and Western com	100 62	...
Seaboard Air Line com	100 10	...
Southern Railway pfd	100 83	...
Southern Railway com	100 21	...
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS:		
Pet. Savs. and Inc. Co.	20 70	74
Planters National	100 340	...

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Bank references: Newport News.

State Bank of Va.	100 ...		160
Virginia Trust Company	100 ...		105
INSURANCE COMPANIES:			
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	87½	...
MISCELLANEOUS:			
American Locomotive pfd	100	85	...
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	110	...
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 8 p. c.	100	98	100
Va.-Carolina Chemical com	100	22½	23½
Va.-Car. C. Co. Col. Tr. 5 p. c.		94½	97

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 18.—Seaboard Air Line common, 10¼@10⅜; do. preferred, 32¼@33½. Seaboard 4s, 76¾@77. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 110@112½; do. preferred not quoted.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 8 points on all options, except March, which was 2 points lower. The advances were due to cables that averaged up a little better than expected and continued covering, but almost at once the market turned easier and soon showed a net loss of 3@6 points under the more favorable weather advices. These reflected generally clear weather conditions over the South and naturally encouraged expectations of a freer movement, with the ports receipts for the day estimated at some 25,000 bales against only about 13,000 bales yesterday. Selling was retarded, however by the low temperatures through the belt, although the forecast for cooler weather and the bear contingent have been shaken in their convictions as to the probable course of values as a result of the recent setback to the crop, and after the early decline the market was rallied by a renewal of bull support, with September showing particular firmness and advancing to 11.48, a net gain of 13 points, while the balance of the list showed advances of 2@13 points.

The advance was encouraged by the large exports, which reached nearly 21,000 bales, including 9,162 from New York, and apprehensions of bull manipulation in September in view of the disappointing movement. Shortly after mid-day, however, the recognized bear interests became more aggressive, and with the room turning for profits the market eased off and closed steady, net 3@4 points lower for all options except September and October, which were 7 and 6 points higher, respectively. Sales were estimated at 250,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
September	11.35	11.48	11.29	11.42
October	9.98	10.06	9.91	9.96
November	9.83	9.85	9.77	9.78
December	9.87	9.91	9.82	9.83
January	9.80	9.88	9.80	9.81
February	9.82	9.82	9.82	9.82
March	9.84	9.91	9.80	9.83
April	....	....	....	9.83
May	9.84	9.84	9.81	9.81

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands, 11.75; middling gulf 12.00; sales, 3,250 bales.

Cotton, steady; middling, 11.75; net receipts, 750 bales; gross, 4,708 bales; sales, 3,250 bales; stock, 90,171 bales; export to Great Britain, 847 bales; to the Continent, 6,570 bales; to France, 1,176 bales.

Total to-day at all seaports—Net receipts, 23,038 bales; export to Great Britain, 662 bales; to France, 9,56 1bales; to the Continent 10,178 bales; stock, 177,685 bales.

Consolidated at all seaports—Net receipts, 110,780 bales; export to Great Britain, 10,472 bales; to France, 10,036 bales; to the Continent, 31,251 bales.

Total since September 1st at all seaports—Net receipts, 149,54 8bales; export to Great Britain, 24,986 bales; to France, 10,639 bales; to the Continent, 34 260 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 18.—COTTON—The demand for spot cotton continues good and factors are asking, in most cases, a fraction above board figures for desirable lists. Sales, 1,850 bales, including 1,250 to arrive; quotations unchanged.

Futures were quiet. Contrary to expectations the cold wave had no effect and prices at the opening were 2@3 points lower than yesterday's close. Later in the day a selling movement started and prices advanced 10@12 points above the opening. The advance was attributed to Dun's Weekly Review of cotton crop placing the deterioration from rust and shedding at 25 per cent. In the trading September sold down to 10.72, then up to 10.80; October to 9.75 and up to 9.92; December down to 9.62, then up to 9.78, and March down to 9.76, and then up to 9.82.

During the latter part of the session prices eased off from 1@8 points and closed quiet, the board showing losses of 2@4 points, except in September, which was 7 points higher.

Cotton futures steady: September, 10.77@10.78; October, 9.84@9.85; November 9.66@9.67; December, 9.65; January, 9.65@9.69; February, 9.70@9.72; March, 9.76@9.78.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston, 35,742 bales; New Orleans, 19,833 bales; Mobile, 5,850 bales; Savannah, 58,479 bales; Charleston, 9,197 bales; Wilmington, 22,251 bales; Norfolk, 5,984 bales; Baltimore 165 bales; eNw York, 752 bales; Boston, 442 bales; Philadelphia, 267 bales; Pensacola, 56 bales. Total, 149,518 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Sept. 18.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued to-day shows the total visible to be 4,004,156 against 4,004,040 bales last week and 4,531,038 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 441,156 bales against 401,089 last week and 1,070 938 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 563,000 bales against 603,000 last week and 461,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 400,000 bales against 780,000 last year; in Egypt, 10,000 bales against 17,000 last year; in India, 818 000 bales against 284,000 last year, and in the United States, 216,000 bales against 445,000 last year.

PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—FLOUR—Less active and slightly in buyers' favor. Rye Flour—Firm. Cornmeal—Easy; yellow western, $1.12. Rye—Quiet; No. 2 western, 63¼c. Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2, red, 84⅝c. Options sustained further losses to-day under liquidation brought on by fine weather. After mid-day it rallied on export, but weakened again under liquidation and closed 1c. below last night. May closed at 87⅞c.; September, 86⅝c.; December, 86⅝c.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 60c. Option market broke another cent because of clear weather and bearish crop advices. It rallied for a time with wheat, but eventually broke again and closed 1c. net lower. September, 57¼c.; December, 56⅝c. Oats—Spot, firm; No. 2, 42c.

Beef—Firm. Cut Meats—Firm. Lard—Dull; refined quiet. Pork—Steady. Tallow—Firm. Rosin—Firm. Turpentine—Firm.

Coffee—The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5@10 points on firm European cables. The market was finally steady, net 5@10 points higher, with sales of 24,000 bags. Spot Rio, quiet. Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, steady. Rice—Firm. Molasses—Firm.

Butter—Steady; extra creamery, 21c.; State dairy, 15@18c. Cheese—Firm; State, full cream, fancy small, colored, 11¼c.; small white, 11¼c. Eggs—Quiet; State and Pennsylvania, fancy mixed, 23@24c.

Potatoes—Steady; Long Island, $1.62@1.87; Jersey, $1@1.75; Jersey sweets $2.50@3. Peanuts—Steady; fancy handpicked, 4¾@5c.; other domestic, 3@4¾c. Cabbages—Quiet; domestic, per 100, $2.50@5; per barrel, 60c.@$1. Cotton—By steam to Liverpool, 12c.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 18.—Wheat ruled decidedly weak, closing at ¼@⅝c. loss. Corn was lower, the December option being off 1⅛c., but closed steady. December oats showed a loss of ¼c., with provisions irregular and from 2½c. lower to 5½c. higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
Sept. (new)	79⅝	79⅞	79	79
Dec. (new).	82½	82½	81½	80⅝
May	83¼	83¼	82⅝	82⅝
CORN—No. 2.				
Sept.	51⅝	51¾	51	51¼
Dec.	51¼	51¼	50½	50⅝
May	51¼	51¼	50½	50½
OATS—No. 2.				
Sept.	37⅝	38⅛	37½	37⅞
Dec.	38¾	39⅛	38⅝	38¾
May	40	40⅜	39¾	40
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
Sept.	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.60
Oct.	13.55	13.70	13.55	13.70
May	13.50	13.57½	13.45	13.52½
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Sept.	9.33	9.50	9.35	9.47½
Oct.	8.20	8.27½	8.17½	8.25
Jan.	7.27½	7.30	7.25	7.27½
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Sept.	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oct.	9.00	9.15	9.00	9.15
Jan.	7.00	7.00	6.92½	6.97½

Cash quotations were as follows—FLOUR: Firm. Wheat, No. 2, 80@87c.; No. 2 red, 79¼@80c. No. 2 corn, 50½c.; No. 2 yellow, 52c. Oats No. 2 white, 41c.; No. 3 white, 38½@39½c. No. 2 rye, 66@66½c. Fair to choice malting barley, 53@60c. No. 1 flaxseed, 99c.; No. 1 northwestern, $1.04; prime Timothy seed, $3.30. Mess pork, per barrel, $13.60@13.65; lard, per 100 pounds, $9.45@9.50; short ribs sides (loose), $8.75@9.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.02½@8.75; shot clear sides (boxed), $8.75@9.00. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.23. Clover, contract grade, $9.75@10.00. Butter—Firm; creamery, 15@20c.; dairy, 13@17½c. Eggs—Firm at 18@18½c. Cheese—Firm at 10½@11½c. Receipts—Wheat 120,000 bushels; corn, 528,300 bushels; oats, 204,100 bushels; hogs, 13,000 head.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 18.—FLOUR—Unchanged. Wheat—Steady; spot, contract, 82½@82¾c.; spot, No. 2 red, western, 84@84½c.; southern by sample, 71@82c. Corn—Spot, 50½@50⅝c.; southern white, 55@56c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 42½@43c. Rye—Firm; No. 2, 58½@59c. Butter—Steady and unchanged. Eggs—Firm and unchanged. Cheese Sugar—Strong and unchanged.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 18, 1903.

QUOTATIONS.

WHEAT—		
Longberrye	88	@89
Mixed	88	@89
Shortberry	89	@89
No. 2 red	75	@88
Va. bag lots		
CORN—	59	@60
White (Va.) bag lots	59	
No. 2 white	58½	@59
No. 3 white	58	
No. 2 mixed	57½	
No. 3 mixed		
OATS—	40½	
No. 2 mixed	40	
No. 3 mixed	40	@50
Winter seed	55	@65
RYE		

CATTLE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,500 head; market slow. Good to prime steers, $3.90@5.00; poor to medium $3.90@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.15; cows and heifers, $1.50@4.75; canners, $1.50@2.60; bulls, $2.@4.50; calves, $3.50@7; Texas-fed steers, $3.25@4.40; western steers, $3.25@4.50. Hogs—Receipts to-day, 13,000 head; to-morrow, 10,000 head; 5@10c. higher, closed easy. Mixed and butchers, $5.65@6.25; good to choice heavy, $5.90@6.15; rough, heavy, $5.50@5.80; light, $5.70@6.25; bulk of sales $5.75@6.50. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000 head; market steady to weak. Good to choice wethers, $3.40@4.25; fair to choice mixed, $2.25@3.25; native lambs, $3.75@6.15.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—BEEVES—Receipts, 4,080 head. Good to choice steers, steady; others, 10@15c. lower; bulls and cows, steady. Common to good steers, $3.80@5.25; extra, $5.05; bulls, $2.75@4.10; cows, $1.50@4.80. Calves—Receipts, 1,805 head; grassers, higher. Veals steady; grassers, $3.25@4.20. City dressed veals firm at 9@13c. higher per pound. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 9,875 head; firm; both sheep and lambs, 10@15c. higher. Sheep, $2.50@4; lambs, $5@5.75; Canada lambs, $5.35@5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,405 head; full steady; State hos, $6.50@6.90; mixed western, $6.50.

HERR'S ISLAND, PA., Sept. 18.—CATTLE—Slow. Choice, $4.80@4.85; prime, $5@5.50. Hogs—Steady. Prime heavy $6.75@6.85; medium, $6.55@6.60; heavy yorkers, 6.50@7.50; light, $6.50@6.65; pigs, $6@6.25; roughs, $4@5.50. Sheep—Weak. Best wethers, $3.90@4.10; culls and common, $1.50@2; veal calves, $7.50@8.00.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 18.—HOGS—Quoted at $5.50@6.50. Cattle—Steady at $4@4.60. Sheep—Steady at $1.50@3.50. Lambs—Steady at $3.25@5.60.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

PEANUT MARKET.

NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 18.—PEANUTS—Farmers' market quiet. Fancy, 3½c.; strictly prime, 3¼c.; prime, 3c.; common, 2¾c. Spanish nuts, 87½c. per bushel.

PETERSBURG, VA., Sept. 18.—PEANUTS—Spanish, 90@92½c. Market firm, stock light and few being offered. Virginia's, 3½c. for fancy; market steady.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Operations have been slightly increased in certain quarters, but buyers' commitments ner still very small and restricted by the fear of financial conditions. That these are not all that might be desired, and that the difficulty of securing money to liquidate current indebtedness is very much in evidence, is admitted by both buyer and seller. The jobbing trade shows decided falling off lically.

NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 18.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady at 50c.; receipts, 87 casks. Rosin—Firm at $1.75@1.80; receipts, 114 barrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at $2@3.80; receipts, 69 barrels. Tar—Firm at $1.75; receipts, 54 barrels.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 18.—TURPENTIND—Nominal. Rosin—Steady.

SAVANNAH GA., Sept. 18.—TURPENTINE—Steady at 57c.; receipts, 317 casks; sales, 616 casks; exports, 801 casks. Rosin—Firm; receipts, 1,077 barrels; sales, 812 barrels.

COTTONSEED OIL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Cottonseed oil was quiet and steady. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, nominal; prime summer yellow, 41@41½c.; October, 38½@39½c.; off summer yellow, 36@37c.; prime white, 45c.; prime winter yellow, 45c.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, SEPT. 18, 1903.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion line.

SAILED.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, James River landings and Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Company.

Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion line.

PORT OF WEST POINT, SEPT. 18, 1903.

ARRIVED.

Baltimore, Courtney, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Baltimore, Courtney, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS SEPT. 18, 1903.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Barbarossa, New York.

Steamer Pisa, eNw York.

BANK CLEARINGS

Those for Richmond the Past Week Placed at $3,918,804.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at a number of the principal cities for the week ended September 17th, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year. Sixty-five other cities are included in the totals:

New York $1,012,083,576, decrease 67.5.
Chicago $171,365,704, increase 7.5.
Boston $120,743,606, decrease 0.3.
Philadelphia $96,701,093, decrease 12.2.
St. Louis $50,891,690, increase 3.5.
Pittsburg $41,762,396, decrease 3.8.
San Francisco $35,770,811, increase 14.0.
Baltimore $21,961,180, decrease 11.9.
Cincinnati $20,788,350, decrease 3.0.
Kansas City $23,692,407, increase 9.3.
New Orleans $11,084,780.
Louisville $9,704,372, increase 2.2.
Richmond $3,918,804.
Washington $3,819,290, increase 15.7.
Savannah $5,150,300, increase 13.9.
Memphis $2,259,158, decrease 10.2.
Fort Worth $3,438,074, increase 27.1.
Atlanta $2,587,870, decrease 1.1.
Nashville $3,198,437, increase 18.9.
Norfolk $1,355,570, increase 1.1.
Augusta $1,422,703, decrease 33.6.
Birmingham $1,103,176, increase 6.6.
Little Rock $747,443, decrease 12.7.
Knoxville $1,155,180, increase 34.7.
Macon $781,000, decrease 3.0.
Chattanooga $847,216, increase 26.4.
Jacksonville $542,368, increase 18.4.
Houston $12,456,485, increase 8.5.
Galveston $8,055,000, decrease 10.4.
Charleston $904,801.

Totals United States $1,821,086,695, decrease 27.1.

Outside New York $809,023,119, increase .9.

Totals Canada $51,016,209, increase .6

MANY CHURCHES ARE VACANT

A Very Peculiar Situation Among the Baptists of the State.

Letters are being receive here by certain prominent Baptist ministers from different pastorless churches in the State earnestly asking advice and assistance in the matter of securing pastors. The question is becoming one of very considerable importance, and arriving at a time not much more than a month before the General Association meeting, is a very unusual and striking one.

There are at this time in Virginia perhaps more unfilled Baptist pulpits than has been the case at any time in the history of the denomination. Some of the most important charges in the State are on this list. Not to speak of the First Church, in Petersburg, to which Dr. W. C. Taylor, having reconsidered, is coming; or of the First Church, in Danville, to which the Rev. J. E. Hicks has in recent months come; or of the Fulton Church, to which the Rev. Daniel Hepburn is coming in a few weeks, The following churches are actually pastorless or are to become so in the next few weeks: Randolph Street, Richmond; Fredericksburg; Freemason Street, Norfolk; Hampton, East Hampton, Blackstone, Jonesboro, Drummondtown, Marion, Bruington, Luray, Urbana, and Clark's Neck, Harmony Grove, churches in Caroline recently served by the Rev. J. T. Eubanks, the Lawrenceville field, several churches in upper Hanover, Mt. Madison, Lynchburg; Bluefield, Carmel, and Mt. Horeb, Caroline county; Second Branch, Gill's Grove, and Branches, Chesterfield; Ettrick's and Matoaca, and Oak Grove, Manchester. And this is only a partial list.

All of these churches want pastors and some want them badly. Hence the letters to Richmond. The question of filling all these vacant pulpits assumes a very interesting cast.

SINS THAT KILL

Dr. W. P. Matthews to Speak on that Subject at Y. M. C. A.

The summer Young Men's Meetings are now at an end, and the Men's Meetings will be resumed at the Y. M. C. A. building to-morrow, Sunday, afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The first speaker of the season will be Dr. Will P. Matthews, a popular physician and leading member of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia. His theme will be "Sins that Kill."

The song service will begin promptly at the hour named, and will be participated in by a male quartette composed of Messrs. Cecil, Phillips, Lloyd and Hardy.

The Boys' Meetings will be resumed with the first Sunday of October, and the Sunday-school lesson study with the first Saturday in October.

Registrations for the night educational classes are coming in fast, and members are coming in at a lively gait. Fifty new lockers are being placed in position and other needed repairs made, so that everything will be in apple-pie order in a few days. While the gymnasium classes are open, the formal observance of the fall opening will take place next Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, and there will be a big class of young men on the floor and most interesting work. On the outside tennis and hand-ball are occupying the attention of the members, while box ball and the Friday night socials are the present inside attractions.

JUDGE W. I. CLOPTON TAKES THE OATH

Judge W. I. Clopton, who was on Thursday named by Governor Montague to succeed Judge John H. Ingram as judge of the Corporation Court of Manchester, appeared before the latter in his office at the City Hall yesterday and took the oath of office as prescribed by law.

Judge Clopton and Judge Ingram have long been warm personal friends, and it is a coincidence that in going to a higher position Judge Clopton should qualify before the judge whom he succeeds.

Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Fifth Avenue, O. J. Sands; Continental, Miss Alexander; A. B. Worthington, Miss M. Freedley; Manhattan, B. B. Mumford; Hoffman, Miss Adams; Marlborough, Mrs. M. Bedford; Herald Square, K. Mitchell; Ashland, W. B. Robinson and wife; Everett, C. F. Chamberlain; Gregorian, T. Atkinson.

Postoffice Robbed.

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TROY, N. C., Sept. 18.—The postoffice here was robbed last night of between three and five hundred dollars in money and stamps.

There is no clue to the robbers.

GO ON THE OPPULAR TRILBY THE BEST ROUTE

TO THE SEASHORE EVERY SUNDAY.

Special Fast Vestibuled train leaves Byrd-Street Station 8:30 A. M. $1.00 round trip to Norfolk and Ocean View, $1.25 round trip to Cape Henry and Virginia Beach. No change of cars between Richmond, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

C. & O. Sunday Outers.

Chesapeake and Ohio $1.00 Outing Trains to Norfolk and the seaside will continue to run. ANY SUNDAY take a trip and get a good fish and oyster dinner.

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$1.00 round trip to Norfolk and Ocean View; $1.25 to Cape Henry and Virginia Beach. Special Fast Vestibuled Train leaves Byrd-Street Station 8:30 A. M. Quickest, Best and "ONLY ALL-RAIL ROUTE." No change of cars between Richmond, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

GO TO OCEAN VIEW TO-MORROW. Via C. & O. Outings.

$1.00 Round Trip. Get a good fish and oyster dinner.

AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

San Francisco, October 20-23--$88.20 Round Trip.

These tickets sold via Chesapeake and Ohio routes, on October 7th to 16th, inclusive, with final limit November 30, 1903. Returning, via Portland, Ore., the rate will be $13.50 higher—not sold going via Portland; no stop-overs allowed east of Colorado, common points. San Antonio, Fort Worth, nor east of St. Paul; west thereof, stop-overs may be made.

For detail information, conditions, Pullman reservations, address W. O. Warthen, D. P. A., Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Richmond, Va.

Official Range and Sale of Stocks in New York.

By Thomas Branch & Co., Bankers and Brokers.

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
American Snuff com	...	...	...	93½
American Snuff pfd	...	...	...	89
American Can com	...	...	...	31½
American Can pfd	35½	35½	33¾	32½
800 American Cotton Oil com	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾
200 American Locomotive com	16¾	17¼	16½	16½
2800 American Locomotive pfd	85½	85½	84	84
1475 American Tobacco	133	133	133	133
200 American Tobacco	30⅜	30⅜	26⅛	26¼
15300 American Car and Foundry	114	114½	112½	112½
2359 American Sugar	65⅝	65¼	65⅛	65
44295 A., T. and Santa Fa com	90¾	90¾	89⅞	89
707 A., T. and Santa Fa pfd	45½	46¼	44¾	44¾
27100 Amalgamated Copper	80	80⅝	79¾	79¾
3270 Baltimore and Ohio	37½	38	37⅛	37¼
5305 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	122⅛	122¾	121	121⅛
1500 Canadian Pacific	32¼	32¼	31½	31
800 Chesapeake and Ohio	59	60	59	60
100 Canada Southern	12⅝	12¾	12⅝	12⅝
330 Colorado Southern com	50¾	50¾	50½	50½
300 Colorado Southern 1st pfd	20½	20½	20½	20¼
300 Colorado Southern 2d pfd	139⅞	140½	139½	139½
14250 Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	26½	27	25¾	25⅞
8750 Chi., Rock Island and Pac	43	43	42½	42½
900 Colorado Fuel and Iron	15¾	15¾	15¼	15¼
1600 Chicago Great Western	...	...	...	70
C., C., C. and St. Louis	171½	171½	171½	171
268 Consolidated Gas	160	160	158	158
300 Delaware and Hudson	235	236	235	235
300 Del., Lack. and Western	28¼	28⅝	27½	27⅝
5510 Erie com	66¼	66½	66	65⅝
1510 Erie 1st pfd	49½	50	49	49
700 Erie 2d pfd	157	157	156¾	157
250 General Electric	132¼	132¼	132	131¾
570 Illinois Central	7¼	7¼	7⅛	7⅛
900 Leather	104¼	104¼	103¾	103
700 Louisville and Nashville	133½	133½	132	131¾
900 Manhattan	113¼	113¼	111½	111½
2000 Metropolitan	11¼	11½	11⅛	11⅛
1400 Mexican Central	...	...	...	...

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
7100 Missouri Pacific	91¼	91½	90⅛	90⅜
300 Mo., Kan. and Texas com	19⅛	19¼	19	18⅝
Mo., Kan. and Texas pfd	...	...	...	39
2610 New York Central	120⅛	121	119⅝	119⅝
520 N. Y., Ont. and Western	23	23	21¾	21⅝
400 Norfolk and Western	61½	61½	61⅛	61⅛
6100 Pennsylvania	123¾	124¼	123⅛	123¼
3070 Pressed Steel Car	36½	36½	33¼	33
190 Pressed Steel Car pfd	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¼
220 People's Gas Trust	93⅛	93¼	93⅛	93⅛
15900 Reading com	50	50¼	49¼	49⅝
Reading 1st pfd	...	...	...	76
Reading 2d pfd	...	...	...	67½
700 Republic Iron and Steel com	9⅞	9⅞	9½	9½
5400 Republic Iron and Steel pfd	61	61⅛	62¼	62
400 Sloss	30½	30½	29½	29
100 St. L. and San Fran. 2d pfd	48½	48½	48½	49
Seaboard Air Line com	...	...	...	10¼
Seaboard Air Line pfd	...	...	...	32
St. L. and Southwestern pfd	...	...	...	34½
5920 Southern Pacific	43⅝	44	42¾	42¾
1700 Southern Railway com	21⅝	21¾	21	21
500 Southern Railway pfd	85	85	84⅝	85⅝
6405 Tennessee Coal and Iron	34	35½	33	33⅞
700 Texas Pacific	26⅛	26⅛	25½	25¼
31950 Union Pacific com	73	73¾	72½	72⅝
Union Pacific pfd	...	...	...	86
55805 United States Steel com	18¾	19⅛	18	18
9633 United States Steel pfd	68⅞	69¼	68⅝	68⅝
800 Va.-Carolina Chem. com	23¼	23¼	22¾	22¾
Va.-Carolina Chem. pfd	...	...	...	97
500 Wabash com	20	21⅛	20	20
1200 Wabash pfd	32¼	32¾	31⅝	31½
200 Western Union*	82	82	82	81¾
225 Wisconsin Central	17	17	17	17
Wisconsin Central pfd	...	...	...	38½

*Western Union, ex-dividend, 1¼ per cent.

Total number of sales, 331,000 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	109
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	110
U. S. 3s, registered	108
U. S. 3s, coupon	108
U. S. New 4s, registered	135⅛