

BROKERS CHEER UPWARD PRICES

At Close of Market Members of the Stock Exchange Are Jubilant

NOT A FAILURE DURING THE PANIC

Sharp Advance in All the Leading Securities, Led by Reading and Amalgamated—The Rumor That Harriman Has Lost Control of U. P. Is Denied.

NEW YORK, March 15.—An unusual scene was enacted on the floor of the Stock Exchange to-day just after the market had closed strong and buoyant. In sharp contrast to the demoralization of yesterday, brokers gathered around the trading posts and cheered loudly in demonstration of their relief and satisfaction at today's change in speculative sentiment from the panicky feeling of yesterday. Congratulations were extended all around the floor on the fact that the members of the exchange, without exception, had successfully passed through the severe declines in prices of the past two weeks, and hopes were generally expressed that the worst was over.

To-day's stock market opened very strong at much higher prices than yesterday's closing. Reading leading with a rise of 11 points.

Amalgamated Copper also was buoyantly strong, and with Reading led practically the whole list in a sharp upward movement.

There were the usual reactions, but the one which held the market steady was known in Wall Street that the bankers had reached their offices early and that a careful investigation of the situation did not reveal any cause of anxiety as to the solvency of any banking or brokerage house.

This change had much effect on sentiment, and together with the announcement of government relief for the money market last night, gave the traders confidence that the situation threatened no grave danger, and that the money market would be able to care for all legitimate requirements.

The trading continued active, with the general tone firm throughout, even the 15 per cent. money rate being of little effect.

At the close of the market leaders showed the following advances from yesterday:

- Amalgamated Copper, 13.
- United States Steel preferred, 3 1/8.
- Missouri Pacific, 6 1/2.
- Atchafalaya, 9 1/2.
- Canadian Pacific, 5 1/2.
- St. Paul, 9 3/4.
- Great Northern preferred, 9.
- Northern Pacific, 5 3/4.
- Pennsylvania, 6 3/4.
- Reading, 12 1/4.
- Southern Pacific, 4 1/2.
- Union Pacific, 11 1/4.
- United States Steel, 3 1/2.

There was a heavy buying by bargain hunters for investment, and their purchases were heavy enough to strengthen the market each time the prices weakened. Hundreds of thousands of shares are believed to have been taken by these purchasers.

There were no unusual changes in circulation to-day, but much attention was paid to them. One of these was that E. H. Harriman had lost control of Union Pacific. Instant denial was given the report, and it had no influence on the trading. Union Pacific continuing strong at the close.

The Stock Exchange galleries were filled to-day with spectators drawn to the scene in the hope of witnessing an active and excited trading market. They were not disappointed, for the opening was one of the liveliest known in a long time.

At 10 o'clock the galleries were crowded, and there were hundreds of persons waiting outside unable to gain admittance. Among the visitors to the exchange during the day were many women.

PRESIDENT WAITING FOR THE BIG FOUR

It Is Thought in Washington That the Railway Men Will Decide to Come.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—At a late hour to-night President Roosevelt had received no word from the four railroad presidents who were suggested by J. P. Morgan on the eve of his departure for Europe as conferees to discuss with the President the railroad situation and to urge Mr. Roosevelt to take some action to allay the public anxiety as to the administration's attitude.

The President will not invite Messrs. McCrea, Houghton, Newman and Mellen to the White House, but if they ask for an appointment the President will be glad to receive them.

The embarrassed position in which the railroad magnates have been placed is due to the fact that Mr. Morgan arranged the conference with the President without consulting the officials for whom he asked the audience. This is the first time in the last few days President McCrea, of the Pennsylvania, communicated with the President and made it clear that while he did not want to show any discourtesy, he did not want to be placed in the attitude of rushing to the White House to make a plea for Executive clemency. Since the conference has been given the proposed conference is the general belief in official circles here to-night that the railroad presidents will decline to keep the appointment which Mr. Morgan arranged for them.

The President's policies have been outlined so clearly in his messages to Congress and in public addresses, he said.

STRIKING ATTITUDES OF SENATOR TILLMAN DURING SPEECH LAST NIGHT



"I waited for a guide." "I am a genuine farmer." "The trusts are overgrown pigs." "There's Teddy, for instance." "They call me erratic."

HUMMEL'S STORY IS IN EVIDENCE

Says He Prepared Affidavit Accusing Thaw, and Evelyn Signed It.

DELMAS BRINGS OUT HUMMEL'S PAST

Makes Him Tell Jury That He Is Under Indictment Charged With Having Made False Affidavit—Copy May Be Placed in Evidence.

NEW YORK, March 15.—With Attorney Delmas fighting him every inch of the way, District Attorney Jerome to-day secured from Abraham Hummel his complete story as to the affidavit which it is alleged Evelyn Nesbit Thaw made in the lawyer's office in 1903, charging Harry K. Thaw with beating her when she had told him that the statement that Stanford White had drugged her and ruined her was not true. The Hummel testimony came during the afternoon session of the trial to-day, and Mr. Delmas, first objecting broadly to all of Hummel's testimony, offered a specific objection to each question put by the prosecutor. Justice Fitzgerald overruled every objection, and Mr. Delmas had exceptions to the rulings noted on the records.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was called to the stand in the effort of the defense to keep Hummel silent. She declared she had called upon Hummel in his professional capacity and to seek his advice as a lawyer. Stanford White had taken her to the lawyer's office with that end in view.

Justice Fitzgerald declared that, admitting the proposition of counsel and client, Mrs. Thaw had herself waived the professional privilege by taking the stand early in the case and giving her version of what transpired at Hummel's office. The bond of secrecy once removed could not be re-established.

Hummel's Hideous Past.

Unsuccessful in blocking Hummel's testimony Attorney Delmas in cross-examination the witness brought from his own lips the fact that he had been convicted in December, 1905, on the charge of conspiracy in the courtroom in which Thaw is being tried.

He further admitted that two indictments for subornation of perjury are pending against him, and that one of those indictments charge him with having caused a false affidavit to be made.

Mr. Jerome protested against the witness being dragged through the humiliating details of his trial, but Justice Fitzgerald declined to interfere.

Mr. Delmas asked Hummel if he had (Continued on Seventh Page.)

BIJOU THEATRE SITE IS SOLD

Richmond Company Disposes of Its Property in Mobile.

MOBILE, Ala., March 15.—The Bijou Theatre Company of Richmond, Va., which was organized to build a theatre house in this city, to-day disposed of the property it had intended for the site of a theatre. The location was known as the old Rapier homestead, at the corner of St. Louis and Conception Streets, in the heart of the fashionable residential section. The property was sold to-day to James K. Glenn, a real estate dealer of this city, for \$20,000. The Bijou Company considered the location too far removed from the business section for a playhouse.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The following Richmond people were registered to-day at New York hotels: Belmont, G. R. Hatcher, A. W. Judger, Imperial, Mrs. M. P. Huff, C. M. Foubain, H. W. Smith, Jr., Buckingham, Mrs. E. C. Christian, York, C. G. Overton and wife.

LIBRARY BOARD DEFERS ACTION

Will Meet Here April 8 to Announce Its Decision.

ALL TESTIMONY HAS BEEN TAKEN

Mr. W. C. Torrence Fires a Parting Shot at Librarian—Chairman Byrd Writes That Employees Did Not Give Information Voluntarily.

"The Library Board has determined that it should have before the members the testimony of the evidence taken before the board before it should decide upon the questions involved in the investigation."

"That the members of the board may have an opportunity to read and consider the evidence, the board will not meet until April 8th following."

Concisely told, this is the story of yesterday's conclusions by the State Library Board, which has under consideration the interesting and complex library situation.

It required but a short time to finish the taking of testimony, and before the hour of noon the board went into executive session and gave out the statement quoted above.

Was Not Recalled.

The chief witness yesterday was Mr. W. C. Torrence, bibliographer of the library, and he testified in line with nearly all his associates who had heretofore appeared, and testified strongly against Mr. Kennedy.

Witness did not think the present librarian the proper man for the place, and he told of frequent "breaks" between himself and Mr. Kennedy.

Mrs. Minor wrote a note expressing a desire to appear before the board again, but it was decided for some reason not to recall her.

It was the opinion of the board that her testimony would be merely "cumulative," to use a legal term. Anyhow, she did not have the opportunity to amend her testimony, and the public inquiry is now at an end.

Messrs. Kennedy and Evans testified (Continued on Seventh Page.)

FIST FIGHT, THEN HOT PISTOL DUEL

Michael Bryan, North Carolina Fire-Fighter at Point of Death from Wound.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 15.—As the result of hot punishment over a Democratic primary, Michael Bryan, thirty years of age, and assistant foreman of Engine Company, No. 3, and Thomas Simmons, a well-known contractor, engaged first in a fist fight and then a pistol duel here late this afternoon. Bryan now lies at the point of death in a hospital and Simmons is in prison. Both men have been prominent ward leaders for several years. This afternoon they were in a rear room at Hall's drugstore, situated in an outer ward, and got into a dispute over the exciting primary then in progress. Hows followed lurid epithets, and Simmons, who is a large, powerful man, called Bryan twice. As Bryan went down the second time he drew a pistol. Simmons, however, brought his revolver into play first and pumped lead into his adversary. Bryan was shot through his entire body. Bryan was sent to a hospital, where late to-night he is not expected to live, and Simmons was arrested and imprisoned.

YOUNG ROOSEVELT IS NOW CONVALESCENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Archie Roosevelt's condition is still improving, and Surgeon-General Rixey to-night said that the quarantine restrictions imposed on account of the boy's illness will be raised in a few days. Archie sat up in bed to-day. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., arrived to-day from Harvard, and will remain at the White House until after Easter.

TILLMAN WIELDS HIS PITCHFORK

South Carolina Senator Puts Trusts on the Gridiron.

FORESEE GREAT SUCCESS OF FAIR

Stockholders Have Enthusiastic Meeting and Plan Work for New Exhibition.

REPORTS VERY ENCOURAGING. General Manager Coleman Makes Ringing Speech and Outlines Policy for 1907.

The stockholders of the Virginia State Fair Association held an enthusiastic meeting at Murphy's Hotel last night, a large majority of the stock being represented, and about fifty stockholders being present in person. President Stuart made his report orally, and in the form of an earnest address, reviewing the history of the fair movement and the success attending it. His words were enthusiastic and optimistic, and were warmly commended. Secretary M. A. Chambers submitted his annual financial report, showing a net balance of \$5,782.81.

Fifteen directors were chosen for terms of from one to five years, in blocks of three. The directors held a meeting after the stockholders adjourned, and selected officers for the ensuing year. General Manager Coleman made a ringing address, which aroused the enthusiasm of his hearers, and convinced them that the directors had made no mistake in their choice of him to take charge of the work here.

President's Report.

President Stuart called the stockholders' meeting to order, and on motion of Mr. Leigh R. Page, Mr. Alfred B. Williams was made chairman and Mr. M. A. Chambers secretary pro tem.

An oral report was submitted by President Stuart, who stated that the operations of the association, judged by any standard, measured up to and beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends. He reviewed the hurried work necessary to prepare for the first annual meeting, and the obstacles which hindered consummation of the enterprise. Nevertheless, it had fully equalled, if not exceeded, any previous State fair.

The fair had brought to the city more people and more money than had been attracted in any other week of its history. Testimony of the hotels, the merchants and the banks fully sustained this assertion. Eleven States were represented at the exhibition of live stock. The show had greatly stimulated interest in stock-raising among Virginia people. Many farmers and stock-raisers were attracted to this State, and Virginia was widely and desirably advertised. Even as an (Continued on Second Page.)

MUSIC LOVERS GATHER HERE

Delegations Are Coming from the Nearby Towns to Hear Sembrich To-Night.

Probably the most brilliant audience assembled here for many years will greet Madame Marcella Sembrich, the world-famous singer, in Richmond, to-night. The entire society element and music-lovers from all classes will be present. About 200 persons will come from Petersburg to attend the concert, at least thirty will attend from Ashland, and many from Charlottesville, Burkeville, Fredericksburg, Enfield, N. C., and many other towns have sent in orders for tickets. Many box parties have been arranged.

Mme. Sembrich is expected to reach Richmond this morning. She will stay at the Jefferson Hotel. The program for to-night is an exceedingly interesting and varied one. Of course Mme. Sembrich will be the centre of attraction, but the tenor and pianist will also be warmly welcomed on account of the genuine merit of their achievements.

Sembrich is now at the very height of her fame, one of the very greatest of the Metropolitan Opera Company's stars, and herald and accompanist by critics the world over as the most perfect singer living. The concert will be an epoch-making event in the musical life of Richmond.

WARDS COMBINE TO SECURE FUND

East End, Reinforced by Madison and Clay, Gets in Work.

STUBBORN FIGHT IN COMMITTEE

Lee and Henry Get Left and Protest Vainly, Claiming Unfair Treatment—Clay Held Balance of Power and Used It.

At a stormy meeting held yesterday afternoon the Committee on Streets recommended to the Council a plan of distribution of the \$100,000 appropriated in the budget for "streets generally," by which Clay, Marshall, Jefferson and Madison wards get the lion's share of the total, and Lee and Henry each secure only a meagre proportion.

As a matter of fact, Marshall, Jefferson and Madison wards each got more than Lee and Henry wards combined, and Clay Ward, which held the balance of power between the East and West End delegations, captured more than any other ward. The result was secured by a combination in which it was necessary for Marshall, Jefferson, and Madison, the wards combining, to have the assistance of one of the other of the seven wards in order to secure as much as possible to be expended within their boundaries, and Clay Ward, which was the one added to the combination, favored a high price for its co-operation in the scheme of distribution. The whole plan had been worked up quietly, but not the less effectively. The dominant combination did not waste much time in talk. They had the vote and the plan of division, and they knew they could carry it through.

WHAT COMBINATION ALLOWED TO WARDS

Clay Ward.....	\$20,000
Jefferson Ward.....	16,500
Marshall Ward.....	16,500
Madison Ward.....	16,000
Monroe Ward.....	10,000
Henry Ward.....	9,000
Lee Ward.....	7,000
Repairs.....	5,000
	\$100,000

VOTE ON ABOVE SCHEDULE.
Ayes—Adams, Garber, Lynch, Masurier, Pollock, DonLeavy, Mann and Whitsett—8.
Noes—Burton, Cary, Gilman and Spence—4.

FIRES SHARPLY AT ROOSEVELT

Charges President With Side-stepping on Rate Bill—Would Consign Stock-Waterers and Railroad-Wreckers to the Place Where Dives Went.

Senator B. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, lectured to a large audience at the Y. M. C. A. last night on "Corporations, Trusts and Monopolies," and he not only had his sharpest "pitchfork" with him, but he used it vigorously.

The speaker put all the trusts on the gridiron and fairly fried them, while his audience roared their approval. He tried to stop several times, but was urged to go on.

Finally he said he was tired and had to go to Winchester to-day, and would stop anywhere.

"Besides," he declared, "if you are not already converted to my faith, I don't think there is any hope for you."

Had Waited Long.

Congressman Lamb introduced Senator Tillman in a brief but eloquent speech, and apologized to the audience for his tardiness.

The distinguished statesman and platform lecturer was received with applause, and he plunged almost immediately into his subject. He took an opening shot, however, at the Y. M. C. A. management for not sending to the hotel for him.

"The management of the Young Men's Christian Association," he commenced, "owes you an apology. I owe you only an explanation. I have traveled all over the country and lectured in some 200 towns, and this is the first time no one came to show me where I was to speak. I went driving with Governor Swanson and returned and sat in my room an hour and a half, waiting for some one to show me the Y. M. C. A. Building."

With this explanation the Senator drew his pitchfork and "went after" all forms of "combinations, trusts and monopolies," upon which subject he spoke for more than two hours to the great delight of his hearers.

Proceeding slowly and deliberately on the start, he described the things about which he was to talk, and having described them, he "jabbed" them madly from all sides. Taking up the steel trust first, he said with biting sarcasm that this was the creature of "Big Iron Kelley, of sainted memory." He described how Carnegie had developed the steel trust into its present gigantic proportions, and pro-

COOL CASH COULD NOT WIN BRIDE

Miss Anna Jackson, Who Ran Away, Was to Have Received \$1,000.

WARRISAW, VA., March 15.—Much interest is felt among the relatives and friends of Miss Anna Jackson, who on Wednesday last was to have wedded Mr. William Yeatman, of Lancaster, but instead ran off just before the marriage ceremony was to be performed. Miss Jackson, who is only sixteen years of age, escaped to Nonim Grove, Westmoreland county, though Mr. Yeatman, who is a widower at least forty years her senior, had promised to bestow upon her \$1,000 in cool cash as soon as the ceremony was performed.

It proved no inducement to the fair damsel. She does not love Mr. Yeatman, and that money could not win her love. Miss Jackson in making her escape passed through Warsaw, completely disguised with a large shawl wrapped about her, being accompanied by a friend who was driving at a rapid rate of speed.

Justice and Shame. Mr. Cary was promptly on the floor as a representative of the city, rather than of Henry Ward, to protest against the proposed division.

He declared that in his campaign for the Council he had pledged himself to vote against the method of ward distribution of funds, and to stand for distribution on the merits of the various localities. He declared that the assessed values of Lee Ward were \$8,206,852, an increase in the last two years of \$1,200,000, compared with an increase of \$1,500,000 in the case of Lee Ward, which was a new ward, and not over \$120,000, and but little more for Marshall Ward. Mr. Cary declared that if the Mann resolution prevailed, it would be an injustice and a shame, and that if it did, the Council would not be fit to be entrusted with its responsibilities in this matter. He declared that he was contending not alone for Henry Ward, which had plenty of unpaved and unimproved localities, but more especially for Lee Ward, which was a new ward, and yet one with enormous property values and one which was in the direction of inevitable growth.

Grace and Franklin Streets were the driveways of the entire city. He offered a substitute for the Mann resolution,