

WEEK IN STOCK MARKET PROVED A BARREN ONE.

The Only Things Which Caused Interest Were Railroad Earnings and Advance in Freight Rates.

New York, Jan. 31.—The week in the stock market was barren of developments. Trading was light in volume and limited largely to the speculative leaders.

Included in the favorable returns were many leaders, notably New Jersey Central and Erie. There is still a dearth of facilities for freight moving, although the congestion at important centers is less pronounced than it was a month ago.

There are as yet no immediate indications of gold exports. The few marked movements of note included Amalgamated copper, due to improved trade conditions, while the strength of Erie, St. Louis & San Francisco issues and several other railway shares appeared to result from an increased belief in a deal affecting those systems.

The week's end brought extremely liberal offerings of demand money by local banks, as a result of which the rate fell to the lowest level within some time.

CHINA AND MEXICO JOIN FORCES TO HELP SILVER.

Much Interest Has Been Manifested in Effort and Minister Has Been Applauded.

Mexico, City, Jan. 31.—The news from Washington regarding the point endeavor of Mexico and China to accomplish something for the improvement in the value of silver excites the liveliest interest in business and financial circles here.

The action was primarily taken by Finance Minister Limantour, who sent a committee to Washington with instructions to approach the United States government and to secure, if possible the cooperation of China.

CRITICISED KING EDWARD.

Indiscretion by Kaiser Wilhelm Paraded by London Publication.

New York, Jan. 31.—The National Review again refers to its famous story about the German emperor's visit to an American yacht, saying, according to the London correspondent of the Tribune:

"The story may now be regarded as no longer challenged in any competent quarter. It is beyond all possible doubt that the Kaiser did perpetrate an appalling indiscretion by talking Anglo-phobia at large in the presence of strangers and discussing his uncle, our king, in the most offensive manner.

"Judging from the communications which have reached us during the last three months, this incident made a deep impression upon our readers. The reason we lay so much stress upon it is that it affords a conclusive reason why the German emperor should not be allowed to occupy the position which he covets in this country of being the power behind the throne."

CALLED OFF DUEL.

French Statesmen Concluded They Did Not Have Reason to Fight.

Paris, Jan. 31.—There are prospects of a duel growing out of a lively debate in the chamber of deputies over a proposal to pension the widow of a man named Goblot, who committed suicide because he was falsely accused of murder.

PROMINENT ACTOR ILL.

Mrs. Mordaunt Hurries Across Continent to Be With Her Husband.

New York, Jan. 31.—Frank Mordaunt, well known as an actor and manager, is in a sanitarium at Stamford, Conn., suffering from a serious nervous disorder.

Mr. Mordaunt has been ill for six

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months, but it was only two weeks ago that his malady became acute. His wife was in her home in California, where she had been called on business, and the actor's condition became serious during her absence.

WANTS DRAMATIC CENSORS

This Professor Believes That Stage Could Be Greatly Improved.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—A committee of leading citizens rather than the general public, which makes or breaks a theatrical venture, should decide what the stage shall produce, in the opinion of Robert Baird, professor of Greek in Northwestern university.

"As a remedy for the existing evils of the modern stage," he said, "I would recommend the censorship of prominent people and that no play be produced unless these persons should recommend it. These censors need not be ministers, but representative moral citizens. I speak from conviction."

FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED.

Conduct of Captain Cushing Was Unbecoming That of an Officer.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—The Chronicle says:

Captain William L. Cushing of the revenue cutter service was found guilty on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman by the court martial convened here early this month. This announcement will be made from the treasury department in Washington today.

MAHAN ON MONROE DOCTRINE.

Statement Made by Author Not Liked in Some Quarters.

New York, Jan. 31.—Captain Mahan's article on the Monroe doctrine is attracting a good deal of attention, cables the Tribune's London correspondent. His declarations that the United States cannot assert quasi suzerainty over other American states is not altogether liked.

EXCLUSIVELY GERMAN.

Bank Which Has Offered Financial Assistance to President Castro.

New York, Jan. 31.—An interesting side of the offer of La Popular bank to President Castro to aid Venezuela financially is, says the Herald's Buenos Ayres correspondent, the fact that the bank was recently established and has not yet started operations. Moreover, the promoters are Germans and capital invested is exclusively German.

WHISKY MEN WITHDRAW.

Louisville, Jan. 31.—The Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse company, known as the whisky combination, has withdrawn from the Kentucky Distillers' association, leaving that body with only about 40 members. No reason is given for the withdrawal.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

MORE ABOUT NAN

There was once a man from Nantucket, Who kept his cash in a bucket; But his daughter, named Nan, Ran away with a man, And as for the bucket, Nantucket, —Princeton Tiger.

But he followed the pair to Pawtucket— The man and the girl with the bucket; And he said to the man He was welcome to Nan, But as for the bucket, Pawtucket, —Chicago Tribune.

Never ask a woman if she would like to be young again.

The young man who gets up with the sun should not sit up too late with the daughter.

It is not birth, nor rank, nor state, but "get-up-and-get" that makes men great.

Sombody figures that there are 147 remedies for rheumatism, but it gets there just the same.

Each generation is wiser than the next. The shah of Persia has only 85 wives, while his father had 1720.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he will leave no stone unturned to win the cup. He talks as though it were to be an automobile race.

Southern California produces 22,000,000 pounds of lima beans annually. One ranch in the bean country covers 1500 acres.

A shy young man in a choir Imagined he sang like a loir; So solos he'd try Till he quit being shy— But the people got shor and shor.

There are 1,670 persons over the age of 10 years in the United States who cannot speak the English language, exclusive of 72,000 Indians. The number is about 2 percent of the total population.

In commemoration of the coronation Durbar's 16,138 prisoners have been let out of Indian jails. It is almost sad to think of such an army of men suddenly turned out to work for a living.

A lady had two dudes for beaux. Each said, "I will go where she goes." But another man sued For her hand, not a dud, And he overcame both of his beaux.

The total steerage immigration to this country for the year ended June 30, 1902, was made up of 29,065 immigrants from European countries, 22,271 from Asia and 1494 from all other sources.

The boy stood in the alley— He had left the burning deck; And everyone who passed that way Got a snowball in the neck.

There is in Buffalo a young Irishman who possesses such a keen sense of smell that he draws a large salary from the Buffalo gas company as an expert leak hunter—he gets paid for what he nose.

THE NEW MOTHER GOOSE.

Sing a song of senators, Pockets full of bills; Four and twenty legislators Busy rolling pills. When a bill is introduced The house begins to sing— 'Isn't that a pretty mess, Cooked up by the ring?'

The ring is in the lobby, Scheming after money; The senators are on the floor, Trying to be funny. And some take heed for future votes And some for future glories— And Tarkington? He's taking notes For use in future stories! —Indianapolis Sentinel.

THE MYSTIFIED HEATHEN.

W. A. Pickering, who has traveled extensively in China, tells a story which illustrates the difference between the ancient civilization of the east and the more modern growth of the west. Describing a visit to a Chinese gentleman he says:

"What perplexed him most about Europeans, or 'barbarians,' as he quite innocently called us, was our amazing energy. Why should we trouble ourselves so much and take so much pains about anything on earth? To the phlegmatic literary Chinaman this was incomprehensible. Was anything worth such fuss and bother? We had at great risk and difficulty made an expedition into the interior to see the aboriginal tribes. What was the good of going to see savages? 'I unfolded the mysteries of steam as a propeller. I told them of our machinery. They seemed not to be impressed. Some of them had seen and travelled on a steamer. Yes, but that was not much; to invent these material things, was that worthy of a man's intellect?—Such novelties were merely mechanical.

"I told them somewhat of the stars, of our scientific conclusions. This appealed more to them. Then I quoted to

them passages from their own sacred classics. They approved of me.

"Later, as I lay wakeful on my bed, I heard through the thin paper partitions, my host and cronies considering their strange visitors.

"'Strange creatures, these barbarians.'

"'Aye, indeed they are.'

"That Pi-ki-ling (Pickering), he's a strange barbarian. Where did he learn to speak the language of men (Chinese)?'

"'He's clever for a barbarian. He's almost a man.'

"'He has 'not the eyes of a man. They are round like the rest of the animals, not turned up at the corners, as we men have them.'

"'Well, he is a clever barbarian.' And the discussion ended."

"OUT OF SIGHT."

The famous vaudeville headliner has recently returned from a tour of Europe, and tells some interesting stories of his experience in England. At one time when on his way to his theater, he met an English friend who after greeting him said:

"And how are you feeling today, dear boy?"

"Great," replied Knowles, in brisk American idiom, "simply out of sight!"

"Out of sight, dear fellow," replied the Englishman. "What does that mean? I s'pose, though, it's one of your queer American expressions. What idea is it intended to convey?"

"Why it means er—er—well, it means fine, splendid, enjoying the best of health, and all that sort of thing."

"Oh, indeed! 'It's a very old phrase and an expressive one—I'll remember that and give it to the next fellow I meet, don't you know," and the Englishman left the actor repeating to himself the new bit of American slang that seemed to take his fancy.

On meeting Knowles again, the following day, he exclaimed: "I say, dear boy, none of my friends could see anything so very clever in what you said to me yesterday. At the time, you know, I thought it extremely bright, but since then I've changed my mind."

"What did you say I said?" asked Knowles.

"Well it was this way," explained the Englishman, "the first fellow I met after leaving you asked me how I was, and I replied to him in the way you did to me when I asked you how you were."

"And what did you say when he said, 'how are you?'" asked the comedian.

"Why, I answered, 'You can't see me.' That's what you said, wasn't it?"

DON' FOGIT.

The's sweet dreamin' In dis life, But the's schemin' An' the's strife.

Ofen when the sun shines wahm Things a' jes' loadin' fo' a stoim.

So, chill'en, don' no mo' delay, Yo' kain't tell wha's comin' nex', Don' fo'git to watch an' pray, Yo' kain't tell wha's comin' nex'.

When to meetin' Yo' all go, Don' be sweetin' Jes' fo' show;

An' rememba' yo's a wo'm, Don' be stuck up, kneel an' squ'm.

So, chill'en, don' no mo' delay, Yo' kain't tell wha's comin' nex', Don' fo'git to watch an' pray, Yo' kain't tell wha's comin' nex'.

Don' keep floutin' I an' me— We should oughtn' Eva' be

Things de Lawd has neva' taught That we mo'tals eva' ought.

So, chill'en, don' no mo' delay, Yo' kain't tell wha's comin' nex', Don' fo'git to watch an' pray, Yo' kain't tell wha's comin' nex'.

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