

MARKET BAD, STOCKS WEAK

AMERICAN SUGAR AND NEW YORK CENTRAL DROP

Conditions in Speculative World Are Not Reassuring to the Operators in Wall Street

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Speculative conditions were unaltered today, the influences governing the market being as potent in depressing prices as on previous days of the week.

Liquidation played a large part in the day's decline and was materially assisted by an energetic bear faction, which assailed different stocks from time to time in an endeavor to force out long stocks.

Attention was attracted to probable dividend reductions, combined with a manifest lack of effective insider support at critical times discouraged bull operators, and prices were accordingly allowed to take their course.

The selling pressure shifted about from one stock to another, but eventually the entire list displayed increasing weakness, which was continued to the close.

New York Central and American Sugar were the weakest features of their respective groups, though the known influences responsible for their weakness were assumed to be radically different.

In the case of American Sugar, the recent decision of the Federal Reserve board was assigned as the principal cause of the recent liquidation in that stock, but competent observers were inclined to attribute the decline to a rumor that a successful bear operator was making a campaign against the stock.

Uncertainty as to the forthcoming dividend declaration on New York Central, together with the knowledge that further large sums must be expended to complete the terminal improvement and other projects in course of construction are credited with being the primary reasons for the extensive liquidation in that stock.

The facts outlined cover the underlying motives for the weakness in those stocks or not it is recognized that the rank and file of speculators here are not inclined to encourage a demonstration against stock to discourage them to joint movement.

The belief is that the bank statement will be a favorable showing, although money conditions are still regarded as being far from reassuring.

With virtually nominal markets existing for domestic paper and time money and with the continuation of the currency premium exchange of an early readjustment to a normal basis are expected.

The October statement of both the Union and Southern Pacific railroads which showed large increases in gross earnings converted into heavy shrinkage in net earnings owing to a high ratio of operating expenses contributed to the weakness in those stocks and in a measure fostered the late decline in the general list.

Bonds were irregular with a lower tendency. Total sales, par value, \$1,889,000. Government 2 and 3 per cent, the 4 1/2 per cent on call.

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CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF CITRUS FRUITS

Shipments of oranges and lemons from Los Angeles and California Fruit Growers' exchange, were 16 carloads of oranges and 5 carloads of lemons.

Total to date there were shipped 1610 carloads, of which 445 were lemons.

Last season to date there were shipped 642 carloads, of which 255 were lemons.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Bradstreet's bank clearing report for the week ending Dec. 12 shows an aggregate of \$2,271,828,000, as against \$2,471,882,000 last week and \$2,235,000 in the corresponding week last year.

Cananda clearing for the week total \$47,574,000, as against \$38,707,000 last week and \$21,272,000 in the same week last year.

Following is a list of the cities: Per Cent Inc. Dec.

Table of Bank Clearings by city with columns for City, Per Cent, Inc. Dec.

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Copper in London was higher; spot, 23 1/2 and futures at 23 1/2. Locally tin was steady at 12 1/2.

The market was unchanged. Laker, \$13.00; tin, \$12.75; copper, \$23.50; silver, \$1.10.

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Placed at 40 and 43

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