BUYING PREVENTS A BREAK

The Stock Market Recovers Under Heavy Purchasing.

Irregular Tendencies at the Opening—Strike Rumors Lead to Selling of United States Steel—Burlington and Rock Island Shares Active.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Price movements in today's stock market were uncommonly irregular and uncertain. On several occasions during the day it looked as if a violent break was imminent, but at each appearance of weakness exceedingly heavy new buying orders appeared, under which rapid recoveries were scored.

The new developments in the situation were somewhat conflicting. The threatened labor troubles at one of the plants of the United States Steel Corporation, announced this morning, created a disagreeable impression, and led to heavy selling of the United States Steel stocks, but according to the best information the importance of the matter was unduly magnified and in all probability an amicable settlement will be effected before the week is over.

As against this, the large purchase of Government bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury, announced at the close of business yesterday, was a distinctly encouraging development. There were few statements of railway traffic submitted, and the money market ruled at about the levels recently prevailing. The fact was observed, however, that at the prevalent rates for money on call there was an abundant supply of funds offered.

London furnished a lower range of prices for American stocks, but dealt very moderately in this market, and on balance was purchaser of about 25,000 shares. Sterling exchange was fairly firm, with no appreciable change from yesterday's quotations appearing.

At the opening of business the market showed a number of violent and conflicting movements. As already noted, the stocks were under pressure, while Colorado Fuel and Iron and Tennessee Coal and Iron shot up very rapidly. The movement in the two last named was based on the report recently current of the general amalgamation of the large iron-producing companies now outside of the United States Steel Corporation.

The fluctuations in Colorado Fuel and Iron, after the opening, were fairly sensational. During the first hour, and, indeed, throughout the forenoon, the railway list appeared to be under pronounced pressure for both accounts. Heavy operations, evidently for the short account, were noted in that quarter, but so far as could be ascertained, the individuals conducting them were proceeding, as was the case yesterday, purely on the new popular theory of accidents basis.

The market retained its exceedingly irregular appearance until toward mid-day, when Northern Pacific and Burlington and Quincy developed aggressive strength, with the result of changing the whole character of the dealings.

The sharp advances which took place in Amalgamated Copper and Anaconda Mining were also decided influences in the changed appearance of the market. The advance in the two last named was sufficiently accounted for by the issuance of a circular by a prominent Boston banking house, inviting the shareholders in the Boston and Montana and Butte and Boston companies to deposit their stock with the view of effecting a consolidation with the Amalgamated Copper Company.

Although the street was again without an official statement in regard to the status of the Burlington and Quincy-Northern Pacific alliance, the conviction was strong that the matter had been actually carried out. Rock Island continued a conspicuous feature of the market, and while the fluctuations in the stock were exceedingly erratic it was plainly in strong demand. The fact that it was quoted above St. Paul common did not escape comment, and except on purely technical lines would be hard to account for. It is plain, however, that Rock Island is being absorbed by some new interests, whose purchases have, seemingly, been conducted concomitantly with the existence of a very large short account in the stock.

The Chicago Terminal issues, which were the conspicuous features of yesterday's dealings in respect of strength, were today decidedly reactionary, but nothing that was definite attended their advance. Strong features of the railway list were Missouri, Kansas and Texas common and preferred, Canada Southern, and the Erie issues. The strength of the last named was doubtless in part owing to the belief that the so-called Burlington deal had been brought to a successful conclusion.

The movements among local traction issues were somewhat irregular. Metropolitan Street Railway was again decidedly strong, and Brooklyn Rapid Transit was firm, while Manhattan Railway underwent decidedly erratic movements. The heavy speculation recently prevailing in stocks of the class of Consolidated Gas and General Electric subsided materially.

Apart from the United States Steel stocks interest in the industrial quarter centred around Sugar Refining, which sold at the highest prices recorded in a long time. The strength of the stock was apparently owing to the covering of short contracts, although the abandonment of construction work on a glucose sugar plant in New Jersey was also referred to as effective in the course of the stock.

Other strong features of the industrial quarter were International Paper issues, American Linseed Oil, and American Tobacco.

New York Stock Market.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
Amer. Steel & Wire	47	47½	47	47⅛
American Sugar	140⅝	151¼	148⅝	150
American Tobacco	129⅝	130½	128⅞	129⅝
Atchison	65	65¼	64⅝	64⅞
Atchison, pfd	95¼	95⅝	94⅝	95¼
Baltimore & Ohio	92	93	92⅝	92⅞
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91	91½	91	91
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	84½	84½	83¼	83¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	47	47⅛	46⅝	46⅞
Chicago, B. & Q.	188½	195	187½	194⅞
Chic. & Northwestern	201⅝	207	201⅝	206⅝
C., M. & St. Paul	154	154⅝	152⅞	154½
Chic., R. I. & Pacific	152	154⅞	150⅝	153⅞
Chic. & Great Western	23½	24	22	22
Colorado Fuel & Iron	86½	86½	79	85¼
Consolidated Gas	235⅝	236	232	234½
Continental Tobacco	48	48	47	47⅝
Continental Tob. pfd	106	105	105	105
Delaware & Hudson	178¼	181	178	180
General Electric	228	228	227	227
Illinois Central	140⅝	140¼	139½	140⅝
Louisville & Nashville	104	104⅝	103⅝	104⅛
Metropolitan Traction	173½	174⅞	173¼	173⅞
Manhattan Elevated	128½	129	127⅝	127⅞
Missouri Pacific	103¼	104	102⅞	103¼
M., K. & T. pfd	59½	60	59	60¼
New Jersey Central	156	156	156	156
New York Central	151½	151½	150½	151
N. Y., O. & W.	34½	34⅝	34	34⅜
*Northern Pacific	96⅝	99½	98	99
Northern Pacific pfd	96⅝	97⅝	96¼	97⅛
Pacific Mail	36⅞	37	36½	37
Pennsylvania Railroad	132	138¼	132	137½
People's Gas	114⅝	115⅝	113¼	115⅝
Reading first pfd	75⅞	76⅞	75⅝	76⅞
Southern Pacific	45⅝	46	45⅝	46
Southern Railway	28	28¼	27⅞	28¼
Southern Railway pfd	81	81	80¼	81
Texas Pacific	42	42⅞	41⅞	42½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	69½	69⅞	67⅞	68
Union Pacific	93¼	98⅞	92⅞	98⅝
Union Pacific pfd	85	85⅝	84½	85⅝
U. S. Leather	14¼	14⅝	14	14⅝
U. S. Leather pfd	79	79⅝	78½	78⅝
U. S. Rubber	21½	22⅛	20¼	21¼
Wabash pfd	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝	39½
Western Union Tel	91⅞	94	91⅞	93⅞
Amalgamated Copper	125⅞	128⅞	124½	128⅛
Erie	38⅝	41⅛	38	41⅛
Erie first pfd	70½	72¼	70¼	72¼
U. S. Steel	47	47	46	46½
U. S. Steel pfd	94	95	93⅝	94¼

*Ex-Dividend 1 per cent.

The semi-official but undoubtedly authentic announcement that the Burlington deal has been closed and that Mr. Hill is now in control of that system was the moving factor in the stock market yesterday. This announcement made Burlington advance from 187 and a fraction to 195, and it caused the advance of Northern Pacific from 98 to 105, but in other parts of the railway list it was almost as potent a stimulus to the lagging bull cliques and the confident public. During the morning hours there was a distinct tendency toward reaction noticeable, and standard securities all over the list went off from a point to two or three points. The outlook seemed good for a day of declines. This condition was changed entirely by a statement from Mr. Hill that he had secured the Burlington for "a feeder from St. Louis and Kansas City." There was little news of any kind during the day except the Burlington announcement. Money was a trifle easier, and the Secretary of the Treasury purchased one or two small lots of bonds, but these matters probably had no effect on the market. The fear that the employes of the United States Steel Corporation may strike had a depressing effect in the morning, but this was also dispelled by the Burlington story. The copper deal is an important one, but it cannot be learned officially that it has been accomplished yet.

The repeated recoveries of the market from its slight reactions, when the conservative people are continually looking for something serious in the way of a break, has made the bears lose faith. It seems to this contingent that the market is never to go off. Some of the people that were the most rampantly bearish a month ago are now talking of a continuance of the advance all this year and next. The closing of the Burlington deal on a basis which to many seems almost a ridiculously high price makes even the best posted people almost willing to believe there is truth in all the wildest stories of consolidations. It is asked why, if Mr. Hill is willing to give $220 in 3½ bonds for Burlington stock it should not sell for 200 from now on and go out of the market into the investment boxes entirely. It is asked in the same way why St. Paul should not go out of the market at 150 and Rock Island at 120 and Pennsylvania at 200. There are no more bears and the public is buying more and more eagerly.

Nevertheless the market is dangerously high, and the people that are doing most to continue the boom know this better than any others. Prices are far above their legitimate level, measured by earnings and prospects, even though these prospects be the most rosy. Of this there can be no question. When the speculative fever is over there will be a break and a bad one. The insiders, and Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hill are at the forefront of the chase, are gambling on just how far the movement can be carried. The only difference between these gentlemen and the public is that they win either way and the public can only win by getting out, which it will not do, the greater part of it.

A man of the first rank in Wall Street, in close touch with Mr. Morgan, as one of his first lieutenants, said to a Washington investor who saw him in New York on Monday: "Many investors who do not care what the price of their securities is in the market, so that they feel sure of their dividends, have not sold out in the present market. There is even all the time some buying for these people. But to the ordinary operator in stocks the present level of prices is dangerously high." This statement can be construed in only one way. It means that this gentleman wishes politely to advise his Washington friend to sell out his Burlington bought at 125 and his Rock Island bought at 120. And his advice is undoubtedly good.

The facts regarding the copper deal, as far as they have become public property, are that holders of the stock of Butte and Boston and Boston and Montana have been invited to deposit their securities with a New York firm, for the purpose of attempting to consummate a sale to the Amalgamated Copper Company. On its face this does not mean, of course, that the deal is assured, but some of the well-posted people in the street are of the opinion that it is reasonably sure. They suggest that the public bid for stock hardly would be made unless the insiders had already secured a controlling interest in the stock. There is much bullish talk regarding Amalgamated, and the people that at par were predicting 125 for it are now saying that it will go to 150 this week. The movement has reached its dangerous stage, however. The high price yesterday was 128⅞ and there was a reaction from that figure to 125¼ at the close.

The abandonment of the proposed glucose factory at Weehawken is used as a bullish argument on Sugar stock. So, also, is the outlook for an advance in the dividend rate for the coming quarter. The stock was one of the most buoyant yesterday and sold at one time at 151¼. It closed at 150.

Burlington sold at 195 yesterday afternoon, making an advance from 187½ for a low price. It closed practically at the top, with good buying until the last sale. An advance to 200 is not unlikely, but neither is a steady decline from the opening this morning. The stock is too high. Mr. Hill could never pay the present price for it and hope to realize any profit on the transaction. He could not pay the prices that he has paid, much longer, and make any profit, except by selling out at a better figure, and it is exactly this that he is doing now. If he does not sell out all of his stock now he will sell the bonds later. It is only by selling that he can hope to escape a loss. Mr. Hill is in the present market to sell. Conservative people cannot afford to make any mistake about this. The Burlington is not earning a penny over the 3½ per cent interest that is to be paid on the $220 in bonds to be exchanged for the stock. It is doubtful if even this fixed charge can be earned in less buoyant times. But these facts should not be construed as meaning that it will be safe to go short of Burlington. Mr. Hill and Mr. Morgan are the finest people that ever went into Wall Street to control things and they can afford to play a long game.

Northern Pacific boomed up to 105½, ex-dividend, equal to 106½. It closed at 104. The spurt accompanied that of Burlington, and was, of course, due to the same cause. This stock looks high also, but in the same way that Burlington has advanced when it looked high, so may this stock. The rumor of the retirement of the preferred stock at par is helping to sustain the common. The preferred went to 97⅝ yesterday and closed practically at the top.

The new Steel securities were well supported, but there was heavy liquidation in the all day, owing to the talk of a possible general strike of the employes of the trust. The common stock sold as low as 46 and closed at 46½, and the preferred sold as low as 92⅝ and closed at 94¼. A general strike at this time would probably wreck the bull market. This the employes probably do not realize and the magnates very certainly do realize. It will be interesting to watch the developments of the affair. It is almost as necessary that no strike shall occur in the works of the United States Steel Corporation as it was that there should be an end of the strike last autumn in the anthracite coal mines. It is even possible that Mr. Morgan may consider it more important. His interests in the present market are vast. The chances seem to favor no strike. They also favor higher prices for the Steel securities during the coming two months.

The Erie securities naturally were very strong yesterday, in sympathy with Burlington and Northern Pacific, on the announcement of the completion of the Burlington deal. The Erie business will be taken up next. There is likely to be a further advance in these stocks.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—U. S. registered 2's, $300 @110⅝; U. S. coupon 4's, $50@113⅝; Washington Traction and Electric 4½'s, 12,000@68⅛. American Security and Trust Company, 100@230. Union Trust and Storage, 2@108. Capital Traction, 15@104½; 25@104⅝; 75@104¾. Washington Gas, 25@57⅛. Mergenthaler Linotype, 25@163¾. Lanston Monotype, 50 @14¼; 50@14⅝. American Graphophone Company, com., 200@10¼. American Graphophone Company, pfd., 11@12. After call—Washington Traction and Electric 4½'s, 1,000@68⅝—buyer 60. Columbia Railway 5's, $1,000@107½. Washington Gas, 25@57⅛. Lanston Monotype, 150@ 14¼; 100@14 5-16—buyer 60. Mergenthaler Linotype, 50@163½; 200@163¾; 200@163¼.

	Bid.	Asked.
GOVERNMENT BONDS.		
U. S. 2's, R, 1930-30, Q. J.	106¼	106¾
U. S. 2's, C, 1930-30, Q. J.	106⅛	106¾
U. S. 3's, R, 1908, Q. F.	110¾	111⅝
U. S. 3's, R, 1908, R. C. F.	111¾	112¾
U. S. 4's, 1906, Q. J.	113⅝	114
U. S. 4's, 1907, Q. J.	113½	114⅛
U. S. 4's, R, 1925	138	139
U. S. 4's, C, 1925	139	140
U. S. 5's, R, 1904	110¾	111¾
U. S. 5's, C, 1904, Q. F.	111½	111⅝
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.		
Funding currency, 3.65's	123¼	125
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Capital Traction R. R. 4's	107⅝	108½
Wash. Trac. & Elec. Coll. 4½'s	68⅛	68¾
Met. R. R. 5's, 1925	118	121
Met. R. R. Cert. Indebtedness A	105	....
Met. R. R. Cert Indebtedness B	107½	108½
Columbia R. R. 6's, 1914	120	124
Columbia R. R. 2d mort. 5's	107	....
City & Suburban R. R.	95	....
Anacostia & Potomac 5's	90	....
Wash. Gas. Co., ser. A, 6's, 1902-'27	100	...
Wash. Gas. Co., ser. B, 6's, 1901-'25	100	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Deb. Imp., 1907.	106	....
U. S. Elec. Light, Cert. Indebt.	104	....
Ches. & Pot. Tel., Con. 5's	106	106½
American Security & Trust 5's, 1908	110	...
Wash. Market Co., 1st 6's, 1892 1911, $7,000 retired annually	....	....
Wash. Mkt. Co., Imp. 6's, 1912-'27,	....	...
Wash. Mkt. Co., ext. 6's, 1914-'27	....	....
Masonic Hall Ass'n 5's, C, 1908	106½	108
American Graphophone. Deb. 5's	100	103
SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES.		
National Safe Deposit	146	....
Wash. Loan and Trust	173	175
American Security and Trust	229¼	....
Washington Safe Deposit	66	....
Union Trust & Storage	107½	108½
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
Bank of Washington	415	....
Metropolitan	710	....
Central	230	....
Farmers and Mechanics'	250	....
Second	165	....
Citizens'	170	....
Columbia	175	....
Capital	160	170
West End	118½	121
Traders'	130	....
Lincoln	120	121
RAILROAD STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	104¼	104⅝
City & Suburban	24	....
INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Firemen	30	....
Franklin	40	50
Metropolitan	78	83
Corcoran	65	....
Potomac	70	....
Arlington	29	31
German-American	220	....
National Union	9	9½
Columbia	11¼	....
Biggs	7¾	....
People's	5⅞	6¼
Commercial	4	5
Colonial	116	121
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Real Estate Title	84½	....
Columbia Title	4½	5
Washington Title	3¾	4¼
District Title	5	...
TELEPHONE STOCKS.		
Chesapeake & Potomac	73½	75
GAS STOCKS.		
Washington Gas	*57	57½
Georgetown Gas	63	...
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler Linotype	163¼	163½
Lanston Monotype	14¼	14⅝
American Graphophone	10¼	10½
American Graphophone, pfd	11¾	12
Pneumatic Gun Carriage	.05	....
Washington Market	10	....
Norfolk & Washington	*160	....

*Ex-dividend.

THE CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Loses an Advance Under Selling, Closing Low.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Up to the noon hour wheat ruled firm and showed at one time a gain of ¾c over last night's close. There was liberal commission house buying in May and professional buying of July with pit traders trailing on. Late in the session the latter turned sellers and prices yielded easily, with all of the advance being lost at the close. Liverpool was steady. Primary receipts slightly less than last year, clearances liberal, 600,000 bushels. Cash sales 165,000 bushels. The seaboard reports thirty-seven loads. May ranged from 71½ to 70⅝@70¾.

Corn was active and stronger. The leading long interests were on both sides of the market, selling May and July early, but later turned a buyer and bid prices up. Commission houses were generally on the buying side and pit shorts in July covered. The unfavorable weather was the strong factor. Country acceptances were light, primary receipts only 267,000 bushels. No cash sales reported; twenty loads at seaboard. Car lots, 161 with 105 estimated for tomorrow.

Reports of heavy sales for shipment and delayed seeding opened the oats market strong. May touched 25⅞. The firmness in that future is caused by the buying of shorts. Yesterday's sales cash were reported at 456,000 bushels. Receipts were 283 with 161 for Wednesday.

The increased hog movement in the West, and some falling off in the cash demand, brought a lower market in provisions. The closing was quiet at the decline. There was some selling by packers and realizing by both local and outside longs.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
WHEAT.				
May	71	71½	70⅝-½	70½
July	71	71⅝	70⅝-¾	70⅝
CORN.				
May	43⅞	44½	43⅝	44⅛
July	43⅝	44⅝	43⅝	43⅞
OATS.				
May	25¼	25⅞	25¼	25½
July	25⅛	25⅝	25-25¼	25-25¼
PORK.				
May	14.10	14.22	14.10	14.20
July	14.27	14.40	14.25	14.30
LARD.				
May	....	8.20	8.12	8.15
July	8.02	8.02	8.02	8.02
RIBS.				
May	8.30	8.35	8.25	8.25
July	7.95	7.97	7.92	7.92

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
May	8.14	8.14	8.04	8.04
July	8.05	8.06	7.95	7.95
August	7.71	7.72	7.64	7.64
October	7.41	7.41	7.37	7.38

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