SUGAR STOCK A NEW BUGABOO.

Bear Operators Parade the Company's "Troubles."

COPPER AND MONEY SCARES PAST.

Latest "Menace" to the Market Not Likely to Be an Important Factor—Skepticism Over the War of the Refineries—Trend of Prices Apparently Upward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The new stock market bugaboo is Sugar. It will hardly prove effective. As was to be expected, when Amalgamated Copper had run its course as a disturber of the market, the coterie of pessimists and bear operators who have made every effort to bring about a slump in prices have found another disturber in American Sugar.

The money bugaboo which professional Wall Street bows down to and worships is rapidly being relegated to the rear. Naturally the money market is easily manipulated at this period of the year, when banking institutions are husbanding their resources to provide for the January disbursements, which will be the largest on record. The bears used this condition of affairs to the fullest possible extent. Combined with the break in Copper, the fears of tight money have caused the liquidation of all the securities which can be expected around the present level.

Investment Purchases.

Investors are now purchasing securities which are being temporarily carried on margin until dividend and interest payments on January 1. The trend of the market is decidedly upward in the opinion of some of the best of the critics, and even Sugar cannot stay its progress.

Very little importance is attached to the story of fresh hostilities between the American Sugar Refining Company and Arbuckle Brothers. That an understanding has existed for several years between these ostensibly hostile refiners is doubted by few men of intelligence in the business world. It is generally believed that the so-called fight has been launched by the insiders in Sugar in order to increase their holdings of the stock at lower prices than those which prevail at the present time.

The American Sugar Refining Company will be greatly benefited by the proposed reduction of the duty on raw sugar from Cuba and the West Indies.

Would Kill Beet Sugar Competition.

At the present time the beet sugar industry has been eating into the profits of the trust to such a degree that it has been forced to begin a campaign for free sugar, which, if successful, would smother the beet sugar competition.

Bank Conditions.

As for bank conditions, they may be better than the weekly statement issued yesterday exhibits or they may be poorer, as the system of averages employed in making up the statement seldom reflects conditions existing on the day the statement is issued. The chances are that the position of the banks is better than that reflected by the statement, as efforts have been made throughout the past week to strengthen reserve. In the coming week further contraction in the bank liabilities will doubtless be effected, but money rates will probably continue to rule at current quotations.

New York Stock Exchange, Dec. 21.

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Net ch'ge.
Amal. Copper	67¾	66¼	66½	—¾
Am. Car & Fdy	30¾	29¾	30¾	+¾
Am. Car & Fdy pf	86¾	86	86¾	+¾
Am. Cotton Oil	33½	32½	33½	+1½
Am. Loco	21¾	21¼	21¼	—¾
Am. Sugar	115¾	115½	115¾	—2¼
Anaconda	29¾	29	29	—1¼
Atchison	78¾	78¾	78¾	
Atchison pf	103	100¾	100¾	
Baltimore & Ohio	102¼	101¾	102¼	+¼
Brooklyn Rap. Tran	65½	64¼	64¾	+¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	46¾	46½	46¾	
Chicago & Alton	35¾	35¼	35¾	+¾
Chicago Gt. Western	24¾	23¾	23¾	
Chi. Gt. West. pf B	48	47¾	47¾	—¾
Chicago, Ind. & L	49	48½	48¾	+¾
C. M. & St. P	164¾	163½	164	+¼
C. R. I. & P	152	152	152	
C. L. & W. pf	80	80	80	+2
Colorado Southern	14½	14¼	14½	—¼
Consolidated Gas	218¾	215	215¾	+¾
Delaware & Hudson	175¼	175	175	
Den. & Rio Grande pf	95¾	94	94¼	+¼
Erie	41	40½	40¾	+¼
Erie 1st pf	73	72½	72¾	+¼
Erie 2d pf	58¾	58	58¼	+¾
Hocking Valley	69¾	67	69	+2¾
Hocking Valley pf	85	83¾	84¾	+1¾
K. C. Ft. S. & M. pf	78¾	78½	78¾	+¾
Kan. & Mich	35½	34½	35½	+1½
Louisville & Nashville	106¾	106¼	106¼	
Manhattan Con	135	133¾	133¾	
Met. St. Ry	163¾	162	163¾	+1¾
Mexican Central	25	24¾	25	+¼
M. St. P. & S. S. M.	36	35¾	35¾	+¼
M. St. P. & S. S. M. pf	92¼	91	92¼	+¾
Missouri Pacific	104¾	103¾	104¼	+¾
N. Y. Central	167	166	167	+½
N. Y. C. & St. L	49	47¾	49	+¾
N. Y. O. & W	34¾	33¾	34¾	+¼
Norfolk & Western	56¾	55¾	56¾	+½
Pacific Mail	45¾	45¼	45½	—¼
Pennsylvania	148¾	147¾	148	+¼
People's Gas of Chicago	102	101¾	101¾	—¾
C. C. C. & St. L	75	74	75	
Reading	50¾	49¾	50¼	+¾
Reading 1st pf	80	79¾	80	
Reading 2d pf	69	68½	68½	
S. J. & G. I	13	12	12¾	+¾
St. L. & S. F	56½	56	56	—¼
St. L. & S. F. 2d pf	73¾	73¾	73¾	+¼
Southern Pacific	61	60¾	60¾	—¼
Southern Railway	33½	33¼	33¼	
Southern Railway pf	93¾	93	93¾	+½
Tenn. C. & I. Co	61	60½	60¾	+¾
Union Pacific	102¾	101½	102¼	—¾
U. S. Steel	43	42¾	42¾	+¾
U. S. Steel pf	92¾	92¼	92¾	+½
Wabash	23¾	23¾	23¾	+¼
Wabash pf	43¾	43¼	43¼	
Wisconsin Electric	158	157¾	158	+½

Total sales of stocks, 284,900 shares.
+Advance. —Decline.

Transactions on the New York Stock Exchange during the week just ended aggregated 4,246,146 shares. Here are the most active stocks:

	Shares.		Net change.
Amalgamated Copper	500,300	Adv.	1
Union Pacific	313,630	Adv.	2¾
St. Paul	232,130	Adv.	2¾
Reading	149,000	Adv.	2
Manhattan	118,355	Adv.	1½
U. S. Steel	116,185	Adv.	1¼
Southern Pacific	104,000	Adv.	2¾
Atchison	102,900	Adv.	1¾
Sugar	79,000	Dec.	4¾
Missouri Pacific	76,800	Adv.	1½
Southern Railway	66,115	Adv.	1
Pennsylvania	55,750	Adv.	¾

The turn of the market is strikingly illustrated by the list. A week ago the similar list contained twelve declines and no advances. During the past week there has been only one decline, that of Sugar.

Investment Period Arriving.

The period is at hand when investors must scrutinize lists of securities with a view to investing a portion of their income, and the problem presented is not one of easy solution. Gilt-edged stocks as well as gilt-edged bonds command such high premiums that the return upon the money invested through a purchase of such securities is very small, often not more than 3 per cent. There is a disposition on the part of some wealthy persons to capitalize the premiums on the securities they already possess by selling the high-priced ones and reinvesting the proceeds in stocks or bonds which are selling at or near par. The question naturally arises, Who buys the high-priced bonds which at maturity will lose their premium? In answer it may be said that the financial and insurance institutions are taking these securities. They are in a position to buy a bond at a premium, put it among their assets at par and lop off the amount of the premium from the year's earnings.

Something of the Sugar Situation.

American Sugar was substituted for Amalgamated Copper as a club over the stock market on Saturday. The reductions which have been made in the prices of refined, first by the Arbuckle Brothers, then by the National Sugar Refinery, and later by the Sugar Trust itself, has naturally dampened the enthusiasm of a very considerable group of speculators who believed that in the present session of Congress a bill would be passed removing the duty on imports of raw sugar. It only demonstrates once more that the man who speculates on what may or may not occur in Congress is playing "high stakes." Sugar has been used as a Congressional football too often for veteran Wall Street men to fall to take profits when the price has been marked up in anticipation of favorable Congressional action on any question affecting the trusts.

As usual, there have been expressions of great bitterness between the apparently competitive refiners, in which one has charged the other with secret rebates, special discounts, and other violations of commercial codes. It is apparent that Arbuckle Brothers could not claim that secret cuts were being made, unless there was an agreement which was being violated. As these two alleged opponents have so frequently indulged in such antics, either for the benefit of Congress, the public, or the stock speculators, there was no excuse for traders being misled.

Beet Sugar Record Broken.

According to advices from London yesterday, beet sugar is now so low in that market that all records have been broken. The German crop of raw beet sugar is the largest on record, and there are indications of another big crop to follow. Signs point to an unprecedented surplus of raw sugars. As the Sugar Trust is seeking to abolish the duties on raws, while still retaining a tariff on the refined article, it would be natural to expect great benefit to the trust in case Congress decided the matter in a manner suitable to Mr. Havemeyer, his associates, and the Cuban planters, and against the beet sugar growers in the West and the cane sugar planters in Louisiana, who would be driven out of business by such a change in the tariff.

Local importers of raw sugars were quoting lower rates yesterday. The refiners simply anticipated this condition of the trade by making their reductions some days ago. There were no further cuts announced for refined, but raws are now quoted so low, with a tendency downward, that it is believed that other concessions will be made by the refiners very shortly. Fortunately sugar does not now maintain its old position of importance, and hence, while other stocks were influenced slightly, the general market advanced despite the decline in sugar.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit.

It is generally believed in Wall Street that the new New York municipal administration will be urged to bring an action to set aside the contract with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company which allows its cars to use the Brooklyn Bridge. It is claimed that the present contract is against public policy, from the fact that the expenses for repairs to the bridge made necessary by the increased burden it has to bear are more than the railroads pay for the right to use the structure.

A Possible Dividend for Locomotive.

The American Locomotive Company has closed contracts during the past two days for sixty-one locomotives, which, with the orders now on hand, will carry their deliveries forward to January, 1903. It is understood that the present extensions of the plants at Dunkirk and Schenectady will be charged to capital and not taken from the earnings. This will enable the payment of dividends on the common stock, which, according to report, the directors are inclined to favor at the next quarterly period. The second dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred has just been declared. Of the new orders, fifty locomotives of heavy type are to be manufactured for the Northern Pacific.

The Freight Rate War.

Reports which have been current in Wall Street for some time of a demoralization of freight rates in the West, which were alleged to have spread to the Trunk Line territory, were greatly exaggerated. In fact, the actual condition of affairs on the transportation lines, caused by the scarcity of cars and the lack of motive power to move freight, even when it was placed on board the cars, should have been evidence enough of the impossibility of any considerable reduction in freight rates.

The condition in the Northwestern districts is proof against indiscriminate cuts. Darius Miller, as chief of traffic of the Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern, and Mr. Stubbs, holding the same position with Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway Navigation Company, both taking orders from the same group of capitalists, it was more than improbable that there could be any rate cutting on these roads, which hold the key to the Western situation. According to advices from Chicago, what little differences there were between competing lines have now been settled. The executive officials of the Western railroads, after a conference extending over several days, have signed what they regard as the strongest agreement for the maintenance of freight rates that has ever been considered by representatives of Western lines. One feature will be the publication of all through export rates.

Same Wabash Facts.

There has been a steady absorption of Wabash Railroad securities recently. The buying has been largely by interests identified with the property. Surplus earnings have been expended on the road, with the result that it has been placed in excellent physical condition, and, accordingly, in a position to handle its traffic economically. Great benefit is expected to be derived from its new line to Pittsburg.

A plan is under consideration for some readjustment of its securities. It is calculated that in the coming year it will easily be able to show earnings at the rate of 6 per cent on its B bonds. There is a proposition to replace these bonds with new bonds, which shall bear fixed interest at 4 per cent. This proposition creates the prospect of a return on the preferred stock in the not remote future. There are other features in the scheme for the development of the Wabash which are likely to be matured in the first half of 1902. It is understood to be the intention of George J. Gould and the other capitalists associated with him to make the Wabash a strong and important system.

CLES VISIONS OF MURDER.

Krause's Slayer Expresses Deep Regret for His Crime.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—"I'm sorry, thoroughly sorry, for what I have done. Dreadful visions of the murder came to me in my dreams last night in the police cell. I'll back down. I would not do the thing over again for anything."

These were the words of Frank Williams, alias Hettrick, as he was being hustled on the cars late last night bound for Trenton, N. J., where he must stand trial for the murder of John Krause.

Before he went Williams had an interview with John W. Reynolds, of this city, who it is expected will defend him in his trial.

Employes Accept Compromise.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 23.—The employes of the traction company here, who demanded 10 cents a day increase this morning, agreed to accept the 5 cents a day which the company offered, and there will be no trouble.

ROSEATE FUTURE OF LONE STAR STATE.

TO BE GREAT INDUSTRIAL FIELD.

Canal and Limitless Supply of Oil Fuel, ex-Gov. Hogg Believes, Will Soon Place Texas in Front Rank.

The ponderous form of James Stephen Hogg, ex-Governor of Texas, fairly filled one of the luxuriant chairs of the New Willard as he leaned back in comfortable attitude and chatted sociably.

"The English language can hardly be used in exaggerative description of the Texas oil strike," said he. "It is something so colossal as to baffle the mind of man. Two of our gushers have a greater daily producing capacity than all the wells in all the other States of the Union. It would take a train of tank cars seven miles long to haul the daily output of a single one. The champion gusher so far has a per diem capacity of 200,000 barrels.

Vast Seas of Oil for Fuel.

"As to the supply giving out, I will say that the owners are not a bit disturbed on that score. The subterranean sea of oil so far developed covers an area of 200 acres, and by measurement has a depth of forty feet. Contiguous to this is a newer sea, the depth of which has thus far defied measurement. Supposing these vast reservoirs are not receiving fresh supplies continually, they contain enough, from the storage of centuries, to serve an indefinite length of time.

"Three pipe lines have been completed and the market for oil is constantly enlarging. It sells for 20 cents a barrel, and two and one-half barrels have a heating power equal to one ton of the best bituminous coal, which is worth $5. You will note how immensely more economical is the oil, and in the cost of labor to operate furnaces the difference is just as great. The oil can be used just as it comes from the earth, without any costly change of present machinery, and the day is soon at hand when it will supersede all other forms of fuel in our home factories and on our railroads.

Texas to Take Front Rank.

"Already manufacturing enterprises are starting up in the vicinity of the oil fields, and as sure as fate Texas is going to be one of the great industrial Commonwealths. She has heretofore been a back State, but by the grace of the gushers and the Nicaragua Canal she will be a front State before Uncle Sam takes another census."

TO DRAIN EVERGLADES AND GROW SUGAR CANE.

VAST ENTERPRISE IN FLORIDA.

One Million Acres to Be Improved and Opened Up—Flagler Thought to Be Back of Enterprise.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—A great project just started in this State is the plan to drain 1,000,000 acres in the Everglades and put the land into sugar plantations. The Florida East Coast Drainage and Sugar Company has taken up the work projected years ago by the Okeechobee Drainage and Land Company, and with its large capital will doubtless make it a success.

The Company's Officers.

This company was incorporated recently with leading men of the State at its head, representing large corporate interests. The officers are: James S. Murray, President; Rufus E. Rose, Secretary; James E. Ingram, Vice President, and G. R. Pride, Treasurer.

Considerable interest is attached to the project by the fact that two of Flagler's main agents, J. E. Ingram, of St. Augustine, and J. R. Parrott, of this city, are in the scheme.

The company controls a million acres at present. It intends draining this land, digging canals, planting cane and building mills to grind it. The surveys, made under Government supervision years ago, show the feasibility of the plan, and the well-known fertility of the soil is shown by the partially drained lands of the once famous St. Cloud sugar lands, near Kissimmee.

Will Underwrite Enterprise.

Yesterday arrangements were perfected whereby M. Fichtenberg and Henry Benedict, of Milwaukee, will underwrite the enterprise to the extent of $5,000,000. The opening of this section by the Florida East Coast Railroad has made the matter more feasible. Work will begin on the lands at once.

It is surmised that Mr. Flagler is interested in this enterprise and that he is really behind it.

ROPE FOR KAISER'S YACHT.

Wilkesbarre Firm Making Rigging for Herreshoff-Built Boat.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Hazard Manufacturing Company of this city is making some wire rope rigging for a new yacht being built by the Herreshoffs for Emperor William of Germany.

It is believed to be of the same type as that for the Columbia and Constitution, for both of which the Harvard company furnished the rigging.

RED SNAKE'S MOTHER DEAD.

Aged Nuc-Se-Ga Buried With Ancient Indian Ceremony.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Dec. 22.—On a lonely island opposite this city, in the Mississippi River, Nuc-Se-Ga, mother of Chief Red Snake, the famous Winnebago warrior, died yesterday at the age of 128 years.

She was said to have been the oldest Indian in Wisconsin. For the last year she had resided in the camp of Buckskin Joe on the island, but previously was a resident of northern Michigan.

She was buried on the island this morning with all the ancient Indian ceremony.

MUST BE VACCINATED TWICE.

School Board Refuses to Accept Certificates of Osteopaths.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—The school board of Ashley has refused to accept certificates of vaccination performed by osteopaths.

Several hundred children are affected by this, and before they can get into school will have to have a second operation in order to get a certificate from Allegheny registered physicians.

It is feared this second operation will cause severe illness in many cases.

A Pleasant Duty.—"When I know anything worthy of recommendation, I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. James Murdock, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured me of Catarrh of five years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in five minutes." Sold by F. S. Williams, Ninth and F Streets; Edmonds & Williams, Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.—7.

MAINE LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT

Prohibition Cities Consume the Greatest Amount of Intoxicants.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 22.—A queer condition is revealed by the annual report of the Maine State liquor agent, which throws an interesting light on the alleged success of prohibition as enforced in the city of Portland by Pearson, "the parson sheriff."

Agent J. W. Wakefield reports that his total sales for the year just closed amounted to $68,860, and of all this liquor more than one-half, or $34,864 worth, was disposed of in the agency in Portland.

The other agencies sold liquors in the following amounts: Auburn, $6,275; Bangor, $2,856; Bath, $2,429; Benedicta, $658; Bucksport, $1,007; Thomaston, $2,749; Gardiner, $1,138; Greenville, $1,227; Lewiston, $6,014; Machias, $1,287; Phillips, $818; Randolph, $1,955; Rockland, $667; Waterville, $2,856; Wiscasset, $2,077.

From this it appears that the three so-called prohibition cities of Portland, Lewiston, and Auburn consumed more than 67 per cent of the liquors dispensed at the agencies, where liquors are supposed to be sold only for "use in the arts and sciences, in mechanical pursuits, and for sickness."

Bangor, which is about twice the size of Auburn, bought less than half as much State liquor as was sold in the Androscoggin city. But in Bangor, people don't bother about the city hall barroom, having their choice of about 150 more convenient places, conducted by private individuals.

NOVEL POINT IN DAMAGE SUIT.

Failure to Wear Rubbers Contributory Negligence, City Claims.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Made a chronic invalid, as she alleges, through the "negligence of the city of New York, its agents or servants," forsaken because of her invalidism by her husband after only six months of married life, Mrs. Frieda Abel, a pretty young woman, eighteen years old, residing at 136 East 109th Street, has presented a claim in the Supreme Court against the city for $10,000 damages.

Being under age, and in the absence of her husband, who enlisted in the United States Army and went to the Philippines, Mrs. Abel had to appear in court through her guardian, her father, John Dullmeyer, of 133 East 109th Street, who was so appointed on September 27 last.

In her preliminary complaint filed by her lawyer, August P. Wagener, of 51 Chambers Street, Mrs. Abel says:

"I was eighteen years old on October 14, 1900, and was married in the fall of 1900 to Louis Abel. On March 7, 1901, I was walking in front of 136 East 109th Street. The sidwalk was covered with lumpy snow and ice, which had not been cleaned away for five days. I slipped on the ice and fell on my back.

"I sustained a displacement of a spinal bone and other severe injuries. I am crippled for life. My husband, because of my condition, left me."

Notice of the claim was filed with the comptroller, as the rules require, and the papers in the case given to the corporation counsel, who examined Mrs. Abel a few days ago. She repeated what she had set forth in her complaint, and on cross-examination admitted that she had no rubbers on. The corporation counsel seemed to think that because Mrs. Abel neglected to wear rubbers she could not recover from the city, and this interesting question will have to be threshed out in the Supreme Court.

TRIED TO SELL PAWN TICKET.

Man Arrested in Baltimore Says He Bought It Here.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—In a saloon on East North Avenue last night a man who gave his name as William Mahoney, of 885 North Forty-second Street, Philadelphia, was arrested by Detective Dougherty while endeavoring to dispose of a pawn ticket for a valuable diamond ring pawned in New York, but Captain Manning says that Mahoney admitted the ticket had been purchased in Washington, D. C. The Philadelphia and Washington authorities have been notified.

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ANCIENT HOMESTEAD WRECKED.

Residences of Bedell and Sloat on Staten Island Torn Down—Where Lord Howe Met Continental Delegation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Residents of Staten Island who take an interest in things historical are much worried over the recent destruction of two houses which they hoped would be preserved. The Bedell homestead, near Green Ridge, one of the oldest and most historic houses on the island, has been practically demolished within the last month. It has been a picturesque ruin for some time, having been partially burned for firewood by a negro family who occupied it.

The quaint old home of Admiral Sloat, who commanded the Pacific Squadron in the war with Mexico, is being torn down to make room for a new building. The destruction of these landmarks is expected to call forth renewed activity on the part of the Staten Island Historical Commission, appointed some time ago for the purpose of acquiring the Bentley Manor House, near Tottenville, which was Lord Howe's headquarters at the time of the Revolution.

Nearly Two Centuries Old.

The Bedell house was built nearly 200 years ago by a Huguenot refugee, who lived in it for many years before it came into the Bedell family. Long before the Revolution an important peace conference between the Indian tribes of the island and their rivals on the New Jersey coast was held there. The Staten Island chiefs were quartered in the house, while the others had to content themselves with beds in the woods. The peace was finally arranged, and for many years the Indians made annual pilgrimages to the spot to renew the treaty. The settlers took a great interest in these ratification meetings. The house was the scene of several fierce encounters in the course of the war between British and Colonial troops. After the battle of Richmond Court House the Americans ambushed a large party of British regulars by hiding in the house and firing on the passing troops. Several British officers of prominence were killed.

The Hand of the Vandal.

The old homestead was built in the substantial fashion which prevailed in early days, and with any sort of care would have lasted for years. It was given over to a colored family some time ago, and that was the beginning of the end. When they wanted firewood they stripped the walls of rooms which they did not use. An elaborate panel painting, a hunting scene, which was set into the wall over the mantel in the dining room, was hacked and ruined in their efforts to pry it out of its place.

A year ago an historical commission was formed of some of the old residents, and an effort was made to secure the Bentley manor house, built by Christopher Billopp. It stands near Tottenville. Billopp, the story goes, is the man who secured Staten Island for the Duke of York by sailing around it in less than twenty-four hours. It was in the front room of this house that Lord Howe met a delegation from the Continental Congress—Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Edward Rutledge—in an effort to agree on terms of peace after the battle of Long Island. It was the intention of the historical commission to make the house the historical headquarters of the island, but the purchase could not be effected at that time.

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