

THE LOCAL AND GENERAL REACTION MARKS MERGER RULING

The Supreme Court Decision Meets With Flat Reception.

WALL STREET KNEW OF VERDICT

An Early Leak Caused Any Move to Be Discussed—Meets With Warm Approval—Contest Has Just Been Inaugurated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The effect of the Supreme Court decision in the Northern Securities case, which was so eagerly awaited by Wall Street prior to the bombshell which the President and Attorney General threw into the financial camp on Thursday morning, may be said to have fallen flat as far as any pronounced advance in prices is concerned.

As a matter of fact, the only effect visible was a steadier tone, but there was absolutely no aggressive strength. The weakness of the opening was followed by a rally and a gain ranging from fractional to 1 and 2 points, but the advances were all scored before the announcement of the decision. Even the stocks which are supposed to be primarily affected by the decision showed no appreciable effect, and it was evident that the prospective suit of the Attorney General under the Sherman anti-trust law has completely landed on all bullish tendencies which might have been created by the favorable decision on the Minnesota case today.

Was Discouraged. A favorable decision was discounted by the street early last week and the bullish tendency of Wednesday's closing market gave an indication of what might have resulted had the President not administered the rap which he did on Thursday morning.

The effect of the announcement in Wall Street may be said to have induced nothing more than words of approval. It is even doubtful if the gain shown in the early trading could be traced to the belief in a favorable decision. The knowledge that today's decision can in no wise affect the action of the Attorney General completely nullified all possible good effects.

Trading Moderate. Trading was in only moderate volume throughout the forenoon and was largely confined to the railway specialties and miscellaneous stocks. Further advances were scored in Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville, and Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, Evansville and Terre Haute, Colorado Southern, and other usually inactive railway stocks. St. Paul, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, and stocks of that general rating were dull but fairly steady.

In the industrial quarter the Rubber stocks and United States Leather were advanced, and the United States Steel issue was steady. Sugar opened firm, but became reactionary on the disappointment as to the extent of the reduction in Cuban tariff reported in despatches from Washington. Amalgamated Copper was comparatively steady on the rumored acquisition of the Clark copper properties in Montana.

New York Stock Exchange, Feb. 24.

Table with columns: High, Low, Last, Change. Lists various stocks like Amal. Copper, Am. Bicycle, Am. Can. & P., etc.

BALTIMORE PRICE CURRENT.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Lists items like Flour, Wheat, Corn, etc.

Government Bonds.

Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, Change. Lists various government bonds.

Washington Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Lists various Washington stocks.

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.

Table with columns: Bank Name, Price, Change. Lists various national bank stocks.

INSURANCE STOCKS.

Table with columns: Insurance Company, Price, Change. Lists various insurance stocks.

TELEPHONE STOCKS.

Table with columns: Telephone Company, Price, Change. Lists various telephone stocks.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Table with columns: Company Name, Price, Change. Lists various miscellaneous stocks.

BLESSING THE LAMBS.

The Church of St. Agnes Outside the Walls at Rome was filled to its utmost limits by a large crowd, eager to witness the ceremony of blessing the lambs.

After the blessing the Abbot delivered a sermon to the great master of ceremonies of the Lateran Basilica, who, as soon as the ceremony was over, took them to the Vatican to present them to the Holy Father.

KISSES IN LIEU OF TAXES.

The "kissing," which takes place in Hungerford on the Tuesday following the second Sunday after Easter, varies little from that practiced in olden days in many other parts of England.

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