

FORTUNES VANISH.

Thousands of Small Investors Wiped Out in the Great Struggle.

A TEMPORARY TRUCE MADE.

That and the Banks Check Worse Disaster.—Big Houses Sustain Heavy Financial Losses.

New York, May 9.—The two interests at the head of the opposing factions in Northern Pacific corner issued notice to-night protecting their shorts, and agreeing to supply the common stock at \$150 a share.

Throughout the day and until a late hour to-night conferences were being held to bring about some settlement of the main difficulty. The most important financial interests in the country were represented thereat, and it is safe to assume that self-interest, combined with common sense, will prevail.

In the meantime the situation in Northern Pacific is similar to that of two great armies drawn up on the field of battle, anxiously awaiting the outcome of negotiations. There is suspension of hostilities; that is all.

Both sides claim control of the Northern Pacific property, and both are maneuvering for advantage. How it will all end no one can tell, but it looks now as though the honors would rest where the reason has stated from the first—with the Hariman-Gould-Kuhn-Doeb Standard Oil party.

The desperation of the shorts increased. Their bids mounted on top of one another in a vain race for a time. No cash stocks seemed to be on hand. Then they got 500 shares at 280 and 500 at 300. In the minds of the oldest graybeard fighting for his life in that panic-stricken crowd no trading such as this hovered, even as a distant memory. Madness and despair were breaking records as easily as the frenzy of enthusiasm that had come and gone.

In the late dealings the principal banks in the field agreed to form a pool and raise a fund to loan the money rate down to a 6 per cent on the Stock Exchange. The bid for money had been run up to 60 per cent and was threatening to keep alive the panic. The dozen banks quickly came to an agreement to raise \$16,000,000, with implied willingness to increase the sum if necessary. There were very heavy loans placed also by individual banks, ranging in some cases to \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Through the early part of the day bankers exacted the market rate for loans. But, with the growing need to suppress the panic, they offered the rate down to 6 per cent. Old customers of the banks were not charged over 6 per cent at any time, but when outsiders came in asking for new loans, the law of supply and demand was allowed to run its course.

FORTUNES FADED WITH CLOCK TICKS.
In the brokers' offices many men sat who were reduced to absolute ruin as a result of fifteen minutes' proceedings on the stock exchange. Some of these have been made opulent within a few weeks past as a result of the unparalleled rise in prices. With the true gambling spirit they have replaced all their winnings in new ventures on each successful turn. To-day's drop therefore wiped them all out. In many cases one could see the gambler's fortitude with which the chances of gain were accepted.

Most Terrible Cut-Throat Fight Ever Witnessed.

—Russell Sage.
New York, May 9.—"The formation of this corner, which has caused these panicky conditions, is one of the poorest pieces of financing that has ever been undertaken," said Russell Sage to-day.
"Wall street," he said, "may have seen its worst, but it cannot be too cautious. Beyond question, some of the big firms have been terribly hit. They are deep in the financial mire, and unless they hurry to give assistance among themselves and stop this reckless and absurd speculation there may be a crash which will shake the street as it has never been shaken before."
"The fight for the control of the Northern Pacific, as shown by the quotations to-day, is to a finish. It is the most terrible cut-throat struggle Wall street has ever seen. I can see no sensible settlement ahead. The whole thing is a gigantic blunder."
"I am not on any stock which is selling for more than the property is worth."
"I bought Northern Pacific years ago for 8 cents. Now I see by the ticker it is worth 700. Could anything be more absurd than an unwarranted jump like that?"
"There are a good many bargains in the market and I have some of them. I may be old-fashioned, but I pay cash and put the securities in my safe."
"The situation in Wall street to-day does not scare me, and I will do business at the same old stand for a good many years, but not in stocks at crazy prices."

CUBANS ARE READY TO VOTE AMENDMENT.
Acceptance is Settled Upon, but Action Is Delayed.
Havana, May 10.—There now seems to be doubt that the Cuban constitutional convention will accept the Platt amendment, but it is expected that there will be some delay before a final vote is reached.
Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez is advocating public sessions. It is stated that the colored orator wishes to make some interesting statements to the public before the convention dissolves.
It was planned to hold a meeting yesterday, but owing to delay in printing the report of the special commission which went to Washington the session was postponed until to-day.
General Rivera, who is in Honduras on leave of absence, has written to the convention advising the acceptance of the Platt amendment.
The democrats have nominated Senor Carlos Garcia as their candidate for mayor, the republicans have nominated Senor Estrada Mora and the nationalists will nominate the incumbent, Senor Genet.

ST. CLAIR JUDGES UNSHAKEN.

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Kansas City, May 8.—Two of the St. Clair County judges—Thomas Nesbit, presiding judge, and Samuel C. Peden, Associate—who were arrested at Osceola, Mo., yesterday afternoon, were brought to Kansas City this morning to await a hearing before Judge Phillips.
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South McAlester, I. T., May 10.—A terrible calamity happened at McAlester last night wherein a young man lost his life and his body was burned to a handful of cinders. Virgil Hurley got on a drunk yesterday and was arrested for disturbing the peace. He was locked up in the town jail, which was a wooden structure. Some time in the night the jail was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given by the prisoner, who shouted madly for help, but before assistance could be procured the building and the prisoner were both entirely consumed by the fire. It has been but a few weeks ago since a similar occurrence happened at Athelsea in the Cherokee nation.

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After taking their supper, Mrs. Hanback, the superintendent, and all the teachers were taken violently ill, and the physicians worked with them half the night. All recovered. The doctors declare that poison had been put into the food.
Three girls are under suspicion. It is believed that they are the same girls who have twice tried to burn the institution.

Text for the President.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.
Some Wall street estimates: Geo. Gould has increased his wealth \$35,000,000 since the last presidential election through speculation and the rise in value of the Gould stocks; J. P. Morgan is \$20,000,000 richer than before the election, James R. Keene is \$15,000,000 richer and John W. Gates \$5,000,000. Fortunes made in the recent stock speculation from \$1,000,000 down are too numerous to mention. This should be a good text for the president to use in his talks on the prosperity of the people.

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COOKED IN BOILING BEER.

Prominent Millionaire Brewer Meets Horrible Death in a Vat.

Troy, N. Y., May 10.—Samuel Bolton, jr., a millionaire brewer and one of the most prominent and influential business men of this city has been found in a vat of boiling beer in his brewery. His body was literally cooked and death must have been instantaneous.
Much mystery surrounds the circumstances which the authorities are trying to unravel. One singular feature of the case is that Mr. Bolton's hat and watch and chain were found on the floor near the vat. Despite this, the friends of the dead millionaire are of the opinion that his shocking end was due to an accident.
Mr. Bolton arose in his usual condition of health and went to his place of business, the Bolton brewery, at the customary hour. Late in the day he was found in the vat of boiling beer on the second floor. Nobody about the brewery seems to be able to throw any light on the circumstances and apparently none saw him go to the second floor of the building.

For years Mr. Bolton has been recognized as one of the most influential citizens of the city and county and his popularity was unbounded. He was the head of the brewing firm of S. Bolton's Sons, one of the oldest and largest in this part of the state.

Los Angeles Gives a Welcome Greeting to McKinley.

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The population of Los Angeles, according to the census, is over 100,000, but the streets must have held almost twice that number to-day. Pasadena, Santa Monica and other neighboring towns in southern California were literally depopulated. The scene on Broadway, where the reviewing stand was located, resembled Pennsylvania avenue in Washington on the day of an inauguration parade.
Every facade flamed with bunting, flags and pampas grass plumes—red, green and orange, the colors of the fiesta, prevailing—terraced stands of people, the windows walled in with them, the sidewalks to the roped street packed with them like sardines in a box.

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SHOWERS OF FLOWERS FOR THE PRESIDENT.

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VISIT TO THE SOLDIERS' HOME

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Mrs. McKinley did not witness the show, but she drove along Broadway and received the plaudits of the multitude just before the procession appeared. The president rode at the head of the parade in an open carriage drawn by six spirited milk white horses with yellow satin harness.

At the head of each horse walked a Spanish caballero, in green velvet with much gold braid about his bolero. The carriage was a mass of white carnations and yellow coreopsis blossoms.
A troop of cavalry, with yellow horse hair plumes waving above their helmets and wreaths of flowers across their shoulders and blanket rolls of red carnations behind their saddles headed by a band playing "The Star Spangled Banner," preceded the chief magistrate to the reviewing stand. As each carriage reached the reviewing stand the ladies in it arose and smilingly saluted the president with deep courtesies. The president was kept on his feet most of the time returning these charming greetings. He apparently enjoyed the experience hugely. Each lady carried a bag of rose leaves for use as confetti and after saluting the president she threw a handful of the soft petals into his box. Before the parade was over he was ankle deep in rose leaves.

The first steps at the rebuilding of Jacksonville, Fla., was taken Monday, when the debris from former business houses and homes was being carted away and contractors began figuring with property owners on the cost of new buildings.

Missouri Pacific Railway Time Table

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 3	5:56 A. M.
No. 4	12:56 P. M.
No. 10	10:30 P. M.
No. 312 Local Freight	12:56 P. M.
No. 314 Stock Express (does not carry passengers)	5:58 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 9	5:58 A. M.
No. 5	12:27 P. M.
No. 1	9:45 P. M.
No. 311 Local Freight	2:20 P. M.
INTERSTATE DIVISION.	
No. 349 Depart.	7:20 A. M.
No. 350 Arrive.	11:20 A. M.

K. C. Pittsburg & Gulf Time Table

Arrival and Departure of trains at Worland	
No. 1 Kansas City daily Express	12:49 p. m.
No. 3 " " " " " " " "	3:17 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2 Through Port Arthur Express	2:41 p. m.
No. 4 Siloam Springs Express	12:25 p. m.

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