

RETURNING TO RAILWAY LIST.

Market Cuts Away From Amalgamated Copper.

FIRM AND STEADY TONE MAINTAINED

London a Heavy Seller—Forecasts Show Unfavorable Bank Statement—Sugar Refining Breaks—Old Rumors Aroused by Buying of St. Paul and Union Pacific.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The general expectation that the stock market would cut away from Amalgamated Copper upon the removal of the uncertainty in regard to the quarterly dividend on that stock was realized in today's dealings. There was again heavy trading in Amalgamated Copper, and the fluctuations in the stock were fairly wide, but they played little or no part in changing movements elsewhere in the market.

The market opened fairly firm and a steady tone was maintained during the earlier part of the day. Activity was checked somewhat by the appearance of lower conditions in the money market, but a fair day's business was rolled up, with interest well diversified.

Bank Statement Forecast.

According to the preliminary estimates the banks have lost upward of \$2,000,000 on account of the various actual movements in money during the week, and as it is not expected that the loan account somewhat will show any material decrease, a rather indifferent showing was expected to be made by the banks in their weekly statement.

Sterling exchange continued firm, and the tendency of that market was furthered by the increase in selling of stocks here for foreign account, about 20,000 shares being disposed of during the course of the forenoon. Consols and Kaffir stocks were notably strong, as were Missouri Pacific, Atchison, the Rocking Valley issues, together with the Erie and the Readings. The street thought it detected in the buying of St. Paul and Union Pacific evidences that the oft-repeated rumor of some close connection between these two lines, which has borne out in early developments, The Wash securities, which have been notably firm for some time, continued steady, notwithstanding the absence of any dividend declaration upon the debenture bonds at today's meeting of the directors. It is generally believed, however, that measures looking to a readjustment of the status of this last-named security will soon be announced.

Railways Again Active.

Speculative interest showed quite distinct signs of returning to the railway list, where some of the day's most extensive advances were secured. St. Paul and Union Pacific were notably strong, as were Missouri Pacific, Atchison, the Rocking Valley issues, together with the Erie and the Readings. The street thought it detected in the buying of St. Paul and Union Pacific evidences that the oft-repeated rumor of some close connection between these two lines, which has borne out in early developments, The Wash securities, which have been notably firm for some time, continued steady, notwithstanding the absence of any dividend declaration upon the debenture bonds at today's meeting of the directors. It is generally believed, however, that measures looking to a readjustment of the status of this last-named security will soon be announced.

A Break in Sugar.

The industrial quarter was strong, with Sugar being particularly conspicuous. Exception to the general tendency, underlying a rather choppy market, was seen in the fact that the price of sugar advanced in the latter part of the day. The price of sugar advanced in the latter part of the day. The price of sugar advanced in the latter part of the day.

Standard Railway Issues Strong.

In the railway list the features were the standards stocks that have been conspicuous at all times recently, New York Central, St. Paul, Union Pacific, the Transcons, and the coals. For the most part these securities all made fair gains during the day. It was suggested, for instance, that a declining price for sugar stock and the appearance of a fierce conflict might be a good thing at the beginning of a session of Congress, and of a Congress which it is popularly supposed will take some action on the "trust question." The importations of sugar during the present year, according to the latest figures, are the largest on record, and this suggests prosperity, rather than the reverse.

The Congenious Industrials.

People's Gas was again strong yesterday morning. Other industrials that showed strength were the Steels and the Car Foundry issues. The talk of the steel trade prosperity in the most rosy character. The comment is made by many conservative trade interests that the action of the Steel Trust in preventing an advance in price is the best thing that could be done for the industry, looking at the matter from the standpoint of the people that wish stable conditions and not simply a sharp "boom" and a following disastrous reaction. No particular reason for the advance in People's Gas was given, but it is probable that a "drive" on the shares was made. The story that the company is to take over the Edison Company is revived.

Mr. Morton on Atchison.

Mr. Paul Morton, vice president of the Atchison system, is quoted as making the prediction that his company will earn more this year than it did last, despite the failure of the corn crop. General business, he says, is fairly good, and last year's record. Bull "tips" of a pronouncedly optimistic character are heard in the street regarding Atchison common stock, and they are accompanied by the story that Pennsylvania interests are undoubtedly buying the stock. It is said that the Philadelphia banks are full of it.

No Increase in Louisville Dividend.

There is still talk in some quarters of an increase in the dividend on Louisville and Nashville stock. It may be stated on excellent authority that no such increase is contemplated. The intention of the management is to expose surplus earnings very extensively in betterments for the present. It may be added that the net earnings of the company for the present half year are a trifle less than the record for the same period last year. The record being that the Louisville market place in this stock and in some of the other Southern securities as well should be attributed to the prosperous and good outlook for the South and its railways, not only for next year but for a good many years to come.

Pool Manipulation was Resumed in the

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by the company at the same time that the dividend was declared on Thursday. It is, of course, the first of such character, but the first suggestion naturally is that the Standard Oil people are telling the whole truth regarding the situation. They say that the Standard Oil people are telling the whole truth regarding the situation. They say that the Standard Oil people are telling the whole truth regarding the situation.

British Consols Up Three Points.

The conspicuous feature in the London market during the last few days has been the advance in British consols, which have gained three points, a most unusual occurrence. It is indicated that the leading financial interests near the Government have probably received assurances that the Boer war is this time really nearing its end.

Government Bonds.

U. S. 4's, 1900-25, Q. J. 108 1/2
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Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—United States Electric Light, Dec. 6: \$50,000. American Security and Trust Company, 29,220. Columbia Title Insurance Company, 60,474.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BONDS.

Funding certificate, 2 1/2% 115 1/2
Miscellaneous bonds 107 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Capital Fraction B. Co. 106 1/2
Met. R. R. 5% 102 1/2
Met. R. R. 5% 102 1/2

SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Washington Safe Deposit, 109 1/2
American Security and Trust, 109 1/2
Washington Safe Deposit, 109 1/2

RAILROAD STOCKS.

Capital Fraction B. Co. 106 1/2
Met. R. R. 5% 102 1/2
Met. R. R. 5% 102 1/2

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.

Bank of Washington, 37 1/2
Metropolitan, 37 1/2
Central, 37 1/2

INSURANCE STOCKS.

Franklin, 25
Metropolitan, 25
Central, 25

BEAUTIFUL GEMS AT KARR'S.

Preparations for Christmas at an Old-Established House.

J. Karr's Sons' jewelry house at 545 Pennsylvania Avenue, whose reputation in Washington has long been established, is offering holiday bargains in gems and ornaments.

WAR ON BUCKETSHOPS.

Chicago Board of Trade Succeeds in Preventing Posting Quotations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—For the first time in the history of the bucketshop as an institution in Chicago, there is not one in the city today posting the market quotations of the Chicago Board of Trade or making trades in grain and provisions.

THE CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Large Trade in Wheat, with Prices Ruling Strong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—There was a large and active trade in wheat today, and the market ruled strong on covering by shorts, as well as good buying for long account, owing to light receipts at the Northwest and higher cables from abroad.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

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WHEAT

Open High Low 2 1/2
29 1/2 29 1/2 29 1/2

COAL

Open High Low 2 1/2
60 1/2 60 1/2 60 1/2

PORE

Open High Low 2 1/2
16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2

LARD

Open High Low 2 1/2
9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2

RIBS

Open High Low 2 1/2
8 1/2 8 1/2 8 1/2

THE COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Cotton was firmer and more active today. The feature of operations was mainly the closing out of January contracts by the market and outsiders alike, either by outright sales or fresh investment in late months or by "switching" methods. Bulls and bears alike appeared to have the same feeling in regard to January, presumably resulting vividly to mind the substantial bulge of 250 points in a single hour on last delivery day of January of the present year.

Prices Firmer, with an Advance at the Closing.

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