

FINANCES AND MARKETS

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The approaching steel strike was again the sole factor of importance in the stock market today, many prominent issues recording lowest quotations of the week, with irregular recoveries at the close.

were partly relieved, the rally being attributed more to short covering than actual buying. Total shares amounted to 500,000 shares. Bonds were steady but featureless. Liberty issues again supplying most of the activity. Total sales, par value aggregated \$3,500,000.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stock market indices and prices such as Am. Best Sugar, Am. Can, Am. Locomotive, etc.

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FRENCH MOTHER STILL HOPES

(Elizabeth Fraser in the Saturday Evening Post) Frant is my loyal little aide-camp and maid of all work, a good little scout who darts me, mends me, runs my errands, instructs me in Parisian slang, corrects the French in my articles, corrects my French, avarice of her rapacious countrymen in the shops who spot me for an American multimillionaire on sight, retails the scandals or French high life, puts up with my tempers, and if I have a trouble, Frant trots off to church to say a special prayer for me, before a special saint—not a grand, aristocratic, popular saint—not a grand, aristocratic, popular saint, you understand, who is in constant demand, but an obscure, modest, sensible little saint whom Frant knows personally and who takes an interest in small events.

Flights up, subsisting on eggs and milk and rolls, so that she can concentrate on her stage work and hold her job. She will stick at that work when she is so ill she ought to be in a hospital. She will rise from her bed when she is scarce able to breathe, when she is burning with fever and almost delirious, when every joint and muscle and nerve in her protests in agony against the outrage of exertion; will go through rain and sleet and freezing slush to the theater to play her part—and get well through the joy of doing it when, according to medical science, she ought to die of pneumonia.

SONG HIT STARTS IN OLD MISSOURI

A popular song hit is taken for granted by most people with never a thought of what made it appeal to public fancy. Considering what a fickle thing this fancy is, it is small wonder that experts in the song writing world have failed to analyze it, and are continually taking chances with it. They seldom know beforehand whether their songs are going to "get across." The results of their hopes and guesses are frequently so astonishing as to completely upset any theories that they may have had on the subject.

for incidents are often the starting point of famous song hits. Such was the luck which once befell Frederick Knight Logan in the case of his "Missouri Waltz."

ROOSTER KILLED A RACCOON

(Philadelphia Record) Greensburg, Pa.—The mystery of the disappearance of many of his fine fowls was solved when Clem Lauffer, near Harrison City, went to his henhouse and was surprised to find lying dead a big raccoon and standing over him triumphantly crowing, one of his fine big roosters. The supposition is that the rooster hearing a commotion among the younger poultry investigated, and vanquished the intruder after a vicious battle. Mr. Lauffer had fifteen half grown chickens and sixteen ducks killed before the raider met his doom.

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Frant, I should add, is about 50, gray as to hair, tiny in body as a mosquito, always rakishly scented, with a ribbon at her withered throat or in her hair, a typical boulevardier, Parisienne to her finger tips, gay, witty, a philosopher who laughs at life in order not to cry.

MATERIAL FOR STAGE SUCCESS

(David Belasco in the Saturday Evening Post) Granted the innate ability to act, I would by preference choose for his- trionic instruction and training a girl of the factory or the shop, with no more than a common school education, and of the ardent, intense, temperamental and impressionable order. Such a girl will make the finest artist.

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