

SITUATION UNCHANGED

Semi-stagnation Prevails in the Stock Market.

OUTSIDERS STAY OUTSIDE

EFFORT TO BOOST PRICES THIS WEEK FAILED.

New York, Dec. 6.—The dealings in stocks today reflect no change from recently prevailing doubt and hesitation of the speculation community. Professional traders were early inclined to leave contracts open, even over Sunday. Selling during the first hour was followed by selling after the bank statement appeared, the weakness of the money market being discounted by its publication induced no outside selling. It is reported that some large sums of cash are going to nearby cities for use as change in holiday business. The small loan increase by the banks was not unexpected and it was feared that a still greater expansion had occurred in that item, as several large transactions are known to have been made in the loans.

The foreign houses are now the important factors in the loan market and it is believed that the resources for these loans have been secured by drawing foreign exchange, which is in effect a short sale of exchange. The high rate for time loans serves as an attraction to foreign lenders. There have been very large repayments of foreign borrowings for some time, which are believed to have been secured on very advantageous terms for employment in the stock market. Their expiration was an important influence in the recent heavy liquidation in the stock market. Some of these funds seem to have been re-loaned during the past week at the better terms now prevailing.

Resume of the Week.

Operations in the stock market this week have been confined to the testing efforts of the professional traders. Some attempt was made to lift prices early in the week, on the assumption that the Dec. 1 disbursements to the money market would relieve the tension there and afford resources for speculative operations. The special reason for the payment of 50 per cent installment of \$15,000,000 of new Illinois Central stock was assigned as a cause of the special stiffness of money on Monday and the week progressed it was realized that whatever relaxation there might be in the money market was only temporary. The tightening process was manifested in the time money market, in which commissions were exacted for loans for the shorter periods, which raised the rate to the equivalent of 10 per cent.

The week passed without any export of gold to Europe, but \$1,000,000 went to pay English obligations for wheat, and which was made as a remittance from here to London direct. The Bank of England has given up large sums of gold also for shipment to South America, and it is thought probable that further calls may be made upon New York. The export of gold from New York directly to Paris or London is believed to have been evaded only by the use of bankers' credit, by selling of bills of exchange to be covered by purchases later. A short interest in sterling exchange of many millions of dollars is said to have been created in this way.

London Money Easy.

The London money market has grown easier under the influence of large government disbursements and the payment on Monday to shareholders of the constituent companies in the shipping combine, so that large repayments have been made to the Bank of England, which has left its minimum discount rate unchanged. Large forces of depletion are at work, however, upon the bank's reserve and an advance in the bank rate is looked for toward the end of the year, and such an advance may draw gold from New York. In New York the banking reserves are suffering heavy depletion from domestic sources. Customs collections continue to run very high and demand payments to the sub-treasury average \$700,000 daily. The return movement of currency from the interior is also delayed and large remittances have been made to New Orleans. It is rumored also in banking circles that loans made directly in the New York market by interior banks before the crop movement demand, and while call money ruled high here, have been withdrawn on a very large scale. The result is to increase the demand upon New York banks for loans at the same time that intramarket loans are being cashed reserves. Interior money rates continue high and the continuance of active trade at a high level of prices maintains the demand for currency throughout the country. The possibility of a year end money squeeze has been the dominant factor in repressing all activity in the money market, and financial powers are united in frowning upon the speculative use of resources which will evidently be needed for more essential purposes. There are elements in the trade situation the definite outcome of which it is desired to await.

Effect of Higher Wages.

The advancing of wages of railroad employees and the raising of transportation rates is extending over the breadth of the continent. The effects upon railroad net earnings, upon volume of freight, upon cost of material transported and upon final demand for consumption must be readjusted. In the iron trade also authorities report a general tendency rather downward and the holding back of some work because buyers find the cost too high, the more so as present stocks of material are exhausted. The efforts of professional traders to weaken speculation on the score of the president's message and governmental affairs met with little outside response. The renewed decline in silver and a firmer tone for copper have been incidental influences upon securities.

The undertone of the bond market has been depressed in sympathy with stocks. United States 3s. coupon, declined 1/4 per cent as compared with the closing call of last week.

Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 6.—The statement of clearing house banks of this city for the week shows:

Loans, \$381,427,000; increase, \$1,611,000.

Deposits, \$79,762,600; decrease, \$4,074,200.

Circulation, \$45,566,600; increase, \$73,800.

Legal tenders, \$27,283,600; decrease, \$611,700.

Specie, \$182,830,800; decrease, \$9,214,400.

Reserve, \$229,914,400; decrease, \$6,831,100.

Reserve required, \$219,940,650; decrease, \$1,018,550.

Surplus, \$9,972,750; decrease, \$5,812,550.

Ex. United States deposits, \$20,010,000; decrease, \$5,818,475.

The New York Financier this week says:

The official statement of the New York associated banks showed the week showed the large loss of \$6,821,100 cash, this amount very closely corresponding with the estimate of a decrease of

\$6,928,200, which estimate was based upon the traceable movements of money during the week. The loss was largely in specie, this item showing a decrease of \$6,219,400; the reduction in legal tenders was \$1,111,700. The loans were increased only \$1,611,000, indicating there must have been considerable contraction as the result of disbursement of funds for the December settlements, the loaning of which money largely contributed to the expansion of this item, as shown in the statement of the previous week. Deposits decreased \$4,074,200, or \$1,145,900 below the amount called for by the decrease in cash, less the increase in loans; therefore, the statement was technically out of proportion. The circulation was increased \$73,800. The average daily clearings for the week were \$245,000,000, or \$25,000,000 less than those in the previous week. The changes in loans during the week show that eight banks increased this item by \$400,000 net; the largest gain was \$4,300,000 by one bank.

Bond Quotations.

U. S. ref. 3s reg.	107 1/2	U. S. 4s. 101 1/2
Do. coupon 107 1/2		Max. Cont. 4s. 101 1/2
U. S. 5s reg. 107 1/2		Do. coupon 107 1/2
U. S. 5s 107 1/2		Do. coupon 107 1/2
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Stock Quotations.

Atchafalpa	107 1/2	Atchafalpa	107 1/2
Preferred 107 1/2		Atchafalpa 107 1/2	
Do. coupon 107 1/2		Atchafalpa 107 1/2	
U. S. 4s. 101 1/2		Atchafalpa 107 1/2	
Do. coupon 107 1/2		Atchafalpa 107 1/2	
U. S. 5s. 107 1/2		Atchafalpa 107 1/2	
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Treasury Statement.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$205,744,578; gold, \$117,927,894.

Metal Markets.

New York, Dec. 6.—Quiet markets was experienced in all metals today, prices showing no quotable change. Tin maintained a steady undertone, spot closing at 24 3/4@24 1/2. Copper was more or less nominal and very dull. Standard, 10.75; lake, 11.65; electrolytic and casting, 11.35.

The feeling in the lead market was steady, and spot prices remained at 4.12 1/2.

Silver showed a declining tendency, closing easy and nominal at 5.10 for spot.

Iron nominal, but unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Higher cables imparted strength to wheat at the opening, and the advance was well maintained the greater part of the day, but on liquidation by a prominent long weakness developed late in the day and the close was a trifle under yesterday's final figures. The strength of the markets was a notable feature, the cause for the better tone being attributed to the closing of navigation on the Danube, which shut off the shipments from Roumania. Buying for northwest account was somewhat of a feature, and a good export demand was also a strengthening influence. The volume of business was small. May opened 1/2 to 3/4 higher, at 75 1/2 to 75 3/4, and after selling off to 75 1/2 early, there was a rally, but toward the end of the session another break occurred, the price dropping to 75 1/2. The close was 1/4 lower, at 75 1/2.

Corn ruled firm, the feature being manipulation in May. May closed unchanged at 43 1/2@43 3/4.

Oats were in active demand by commission houses and cash buyers. May closed strong and 1/4 higher, at 32 1/2.

Provisions were weaker, general liquidation all along the line being responsible for the weaker feeling. January pork and lard closed 15¢ higher and ribs 10¢@12 1/2¢ lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat—No. 2.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	72 1/2	72 3/4	72 1/2	72 1/2
May	75 1/2	75 3/4	75 1/2	75 1/2
July	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 1/2	73 1/2

Corn—No. 2.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	43 1/2	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 1/2
May	43 1/2	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 1/2
July	43 1/2	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 1/2

Oats—No. 2.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	32 1/2	32 3/4	32 1/2	32 1/2
May	32 1/2	32 3/4	32 1/2	32 1/2
July	32 1/2	32 3/4	32 1/2	32 1/2

Short Ribs—Per 100 pounds.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 1/2
May	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 1/2
July	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 1/2

Wheat—Spring No. 2 74 1/2@75 1/4; No. 3 spring, 70 1/2; No. 2 red, 71 1/2; No. 2 white, 72 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 73 1/2; No. 2 white, 73 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 74 1/2; No. 2 white, 74 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 75 1/2; No. 2 white, 75 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 76 1/2; No. 2 white, 76 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 77 1/2; No. 2 white, 77 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 78 1/2; No. 2 white, 78 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 79 1/2; No. 2 white, 79 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 80 1/2; No. 2 white, 80 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 81 1/2; No. 2 white, 81 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 82 1/2; No. 2 white, 82 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 83 1/2; No. 2 white, 83 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 84 1/2; No. 2 white, 84 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 85 1/2; No. 2 white, 85 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 86 1/2; No. 2 white, 86 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 87 1/2; No. 2 white, 87 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 88 1/2; No. 2 white, 88 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 89 1/2; No. 2 white, 89 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 90 1/2; No. 2 white, 90 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 91 1/2; No. 2 white, 91 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 92 1/2; No. 2 white, 92 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 93 1/2; No. 2 white, 93 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 94 1/2; 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