THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1913.

\$635,000 IN BONDS DECLARED INVALID

Railroad Commission Scores "Financial Flimflam Methods"

Economic Gas Company Is Ordered to Notify Bond Holders of Action

Ronds of the Economic Gas company of Los Angeles to the amount of \$635, 006 were declared invalid yesterday by a decision of the railroad commission The company was ordered to notify the holders of the bonds of the action

Early in the present year the com mission learned that the Economic Gas mission learned that the Economic Gas company had issued bonds for which it had not received the approval of the commission. As a result the company subsequently applied to the commission for authority to issue \$930,000 of its bonds. In its decision the commission finds that \$295,000 of these bonds were issued prior to the effective date of the public utilities act, and that \$635,000 of these bonds were put out illegally thereafter.

Although the commission finds that \$635,000 of these bonds are void, it finds that the Economic Gas company may properly issue \$270,000 of bonds to replace an equal amount of void bonds. These \$270,000 bonds are allowed to refund indebtedness.

The commission, however, denies to the Economic Gas company authority to issue \$365,000 as applied for. This, in effect, leaves outstanding \$365,000 of void bonds.

In the course of its decision the commission states that an effort was made by the Economic Gas company to evade the public utilities act. The commission finds that L. P. Lowe, president of the Economic Gas company, formed a company called the California Light and Fuel company, and thereafter issued a large number of its bonds to Mr. Lowe and to the California Light and Fuel company.

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"This is not the first time we have found two companies controlled by the same agencies engaging in this financial filmfiam with an apparent design to profit individuals at the expense of the utility."

Although the commission says it will institute no proceedings against the Economic Gas company for its illegal actions, it continues in part as follows:

"Of course, this commission has nothing to say nor authority over the right of action of the parties who bought these bonds in good faith, but the bonds are absolutely void under the law and these parties will either be compelled to make other arrangements with this company or to pursue whatever action they have for the return of the purchase money.

"We call attention to the fact that this commission has no authority to excuse from prosecution even a technical violation of the law and the proper law officers will have the right at any time to take such steps as they may deem necessary in this regard, and the action of this commission shall not be taken in any wise as an approval of the actions of this company or as an

the intrinsic worth of the securities in which you have

that we constantly receive inquiries from people who have invested their money in worthless offerings or those in imminent danger of becoming worthless.

OUR STATISTICS

are the most complete on the Pacific Coast and our statistical department is at your

ON SPECULATION

we have no advice to give to any one. Concerning investments, we are in a position to offer the most competent

WE RECOMMEND

for the investment of your money only those securities in which we are willing to invest our own money.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS

Cales		High				Sales	nd stock sales STOCKS				Ask
	Amalg Copper Amer Beet Sugar.			6314	63%	100	Do pfd	121/	121/	66	68
900	Do pfd	21/2	201/2	20% 70	80	400	Mexican Central Mexican Pet	60%	60	14%	16
1,600	Do pfd Amer Can Co Do pfd	28 871/4	27 % 86 %	271/4 861/2	27% 87		Minn & St L Do 1st pfd			331/2	36
100	Amer Car & r Co	2.4	24.72	10816	411/2		Do 1st pfd M St P & S S M Do pfd			1321/2	140
	Do pfd Amer Cotton Oil	100000000		3036	361/2		Mo Kan & Texas			201/2 54	21 59
	Do pfd American H & L. Do pfd			3%	931/2	100	Do pfd Miami Copper Missouri Pacific.	21	21	21	211
	Do pfd			17 1936	20	100	Missouri Pacific. National Lead	30	30	30 45	301/
	Amer Ice Sur Amer Linseed Do pfd Amer Locomotive			81/8	81/2		Do pfd National Biscuit.			1051/2	1064
	Do pfd Amer Locomotive			2714	30		Do pfd			116	1191
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	Amer Snuff Co.;			145	160	100	N Y Ont & W.	103	103	28¼ 102¾	287
	Amer Sugar			107	109	200	Do pfd	0054	661/		85 68
	Amer Sugar Do pfd Amer Steel F			261/2	2714	300	North American. Northern Pacific.	1061/8	1061/8	105%	1064
100	Amer T & T Co Amer Tob Co Do pfd	127%	127%	127	12714		Omaha			119	130
	Do pfd			95	9714		Pacific Mail			18	20
100	Amer Woolen	16	16	16	20	400	Omaha Do pfd Pacific Mail Pac T & T Penn R R Co	11114	1111%	2814 111	283
400	Do pfd Anacouda	321/2	32	32	3214		People's Gas			109	111
500	Atlantic Coast L	115	115	951/4	95%		People's Gas Pittsburg Coal. Do pfd P C C & St L. Pressed Steel Car Do pfd Ray Cons Ry Steel Spgs Co			76	771
	Do pfd			9614	97 9214		P C C & St L Pressed Steel Car			96	115
300	Bal & Ohlo Do pfd	9378	92%	79	82		Do pfd	1000		92	93
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800	Chino Copper	33%	331/2	331/2	3374	300	Do 2d pfd	87	86	86 19	861
900	C & O	021/2	51%	8	5134		Do pfd			76	77
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200	C & N W	2074		127	128		Rumley			14	17
200	Do pfd	103	102 1/8	1021/2	103		Sears-Roebuck			167	1671
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200	Do pfd	26%	2694	20%	190	******	Do pfd Southern Pacific.			63	66
	Colorado Southern			30	66		Southern Railway Do pfd			20%	213
	Colorado Southern Do 1st pfd Do 2d pfd Consolidated Gas. Corn Products Do pfd Crex Carpet D L & W D & R G Do nfd			55	65		Tennessee Copper			7334	75
	Consolidated Gas.			914	12934	100	Texas Oil Texas Pacific	106	106	1051/2	108
	Do pfd			63%	80		Third Ave			30	303
	D L & W			385	395		Third Ave Toledo St I. & W Do pfd			16	18
200	Do pfd	16	151/2	16	17 27		Twin City R T Union B & P Union Pacific			101 %	1021
100	Distillers' Secur Duluth S S & A	121/4	121/4	121/4	61/2	7.000	Union B & P	14516	14436	144%	1447
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300	Great North Ore	3134	311/2	31	311/2	900	U S Rubber	601/2	60	591/2	60
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	Inter Paper			81/2	914	200	Wabash	234	21/4	214	97
	Inter Pump			6	9		Do ptd Wells Fargo Ex. Western Union Western Maryland Do ptd Westinghouse			6%	112
•••••	Do pfd			221/2	23	100	Western Union	61	61	61	611
	Do pfd			14	18		Western Maryland	1		36	38
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1,600	Lehigh Valley	1451/2	144 %	145	1451/2		Do 1st pfd			13	16
	Do pfd P Lorillard Co			1061/8	1081/4		Do 2d pfd Wisconsin Centra			61/2	81
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excuse for such actions. We merely allow certain bonds to be issued which may be substituted for certain obligations paid for by bonds that were attempted to be issued and refuse to allow other bonds to be issued to pay for obligations heretofore assumed and purported to be satisfied by bonds illegally issued.

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SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS

Standard New York stocks have another dull day.
Railway strike question against Wall street activity.
Boston copper shares occupy the same old rut.
Good weather news falls to weaken cotton futures.
Generally better feeling in local securities market.
Tonopah mining shares firm here and in New York.
Black rust reports boom wheat in Chicago pit.
Wheat easy locally at the recent declines.
Feed barley offering to arrive at lower rates. reed barley offering to arrive at lower rates.

December barley option scores a sharp rise,
Recent ensiness in egg market passes off.

Butter market absorbs all offerings readily.

Brisk demand for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Poultry market very sienderly supplied.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGE

Though actual trading was light slightly better prices prevailed on the San Francisco Stock and Bond exchange vesterday.

Associated Oil stock made a quarter point gain, while Spring Valley Water and Sugar stock remained firm.

There was strong demand for California Gas & Electric unifying 5 per cent bonds and for Pacific Gas and Electric 5s, the former improving to \$92.50 with sale of \$9,000 and the latter a shade better at \$85, with sales of \$10,000.

Bond sales totalled \$25,000 and stock sales 350 shares in the listed department.

The one stock was active in the unlisted, 40 shares of Pacific Gas and Electric preferred going at \$87. There were no bids for Pacific Gas common. The only bond investment was of \$3,000 Natomas 6s at \$55.

Wall Street Changes

For Western Pacific railway bonds \$76.25 was bid.

LISTED SECURITIES

SALES JULY 14, 1913

Street—
\$6,000 Cal Gas & Electric unifying 5s. 92.50
\$4,000 Pacific Gas & Electric 5s..... 85.00
\$1,000 S Joaquin Lt & P 6s, series A..101.50

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Only 70,300 Shares

Rumor Depresses Coppers and Other Leading Stocks Drop Fractionally

NEW YORK, July 14 .- Continued paralysis of speculation to a degree unparalleled in recent years was the fea-

ture of today's market. Prices held fairly steady, although late in the day some of the leading stocks eased off, influenced by the weakness of the copper group. With a few exceptions, fluctuations did not exceed fractional limits. There was no appearance of life in the market at any time during the session. The day's total of transactions was only 70,300

Weakness of the coppers was associated with the rumor which has often done service in the past, although each time discredited subsequently, to the effect that the government was about to institute proceedings against important copper interests. Smelting broke two points to within a fraction of the year's low price, and Amalgamated Copper yielded a point. Canadian Pacific also was exceptionally heavy, and Union Pacific at times lagged behind.

There was no development over the weekend to stimulate speculation. The possibility of a strike of conductors and trainmen on eastern roads tended to restrict trading, although the day's developments were regarded as increasing the probabilities of a peaceful settlement.

Resumption of gold exports to Eugene and beautiful particular and the settlement. Weakness of the coppers was asso-

settlement.

Resumption of gold exports to Europe had been looked for, as it was expected that, conforming with the three previous movements of the year. \$4.000,000 or \$5,000,000 more gold would be sent out of the country. In addition to the \$1,500,000 engaged for export today tentative arrangements were made for another shipment of the same amount. The year's exports of gold now amount to \$64.885,000, of which \$41.000,000 went to Europe and the remainder to South America.

There were few changes of importance in the bond market, although a number of well known issues displayed a weakening tendency. Total sales, par value, \$1.049,000.

United States 4s coupons advanced \$6 on call.

Hutton's New York Letter

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MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS

Cotton Market

(From E. F. Hutton & Co.'s private wire.)

NEW YORK, July 14.—Despite lower temperatures in the southwest over Sunday and ioricasts for scattered rains in Oklahoma and west Texas the market was strong. The underlying basis of strength lies in the scarcity of offerings, as no one dares to take the short side on old crops with the local stock small, and few care to sell the new crop at a 50 per cent discount under the old. Census reports today showing 467.000 bales consumed in this country in June and a total of 4,834,000 for 10 months were about as expected. Crop advices continue very favorable. Southern spot markets are reported unchanged.

Spot closed quiet and unchanged. Midding uplands, 12.30c; do guif, 12.55c. No sales.

COTTON FUTURES

ST. LOUIS. July 14.—Wool steady; northern and western mediums. 17@20c; slight burry, 16@ 161/2c; fine burry, 15@151/2c.

NCISCO STOCK EXCHANGE

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Saturlay's advances were not maintained, the market showed a steadier tone. The opening was steady at a decline of 3 to 5 points in response to disappointing German cables, but prices almost immediately steadled on covering and the active months ruled about 3 to 5 points and the active months ruled about 3 to 5 points in response to disappointing German cables, but prices almost immediately steadled on covering and the active months ruled about 3 to 5 points and the active months ruled about 3 to 5 points steady.

25 30 Wolverine . 50 — net higher during the middle of the day. Reactions followed under realizing, but the close was steady.

Spot coffee steady. Rio, No. 7, 91/c; Santos, No. 4, 111/2c. Mild coffee, dull. Cordova, 13/6