

FINANCE, OIL AND GAS

New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The stock market was thrown into a state of confusion yesterday, on the news that the central powers had instituted peace negotiations. The announcement was followed by an avalanche of selling which more than taxed the market's powers of absorption. Important stocks fell away 5 to 10 points and in one instance—Bethlehem Steel—lost 27 points. Trading at that time was so enormous that the tickets were 20 minutes behind actual operations.

Total sales amounted to 2,500,000 shares, the largest amount, according to authentic records, since the reopening of the exchange in December, 1914, and seldom exceeded. Of this total, United States Steel and the so-called war group contributed an unusually large proportion.

The decline in stocks was accompanied by further demoralization in rates of exchange to Germany, Austria, with a fall to another minimum in Anglo-French bonds. These operations were partly rectified before the close of the session.

Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Germany's wheat market. Selling became almost frantic, especially after what purported to be the main points of the offer were learned. Prices fell in some cases 1 1/2 cents a bushel and closed with at \$1.65 1/2 to \$1.65 3/4 for May and \$1.42 1/2 to \$1.43 for July, with the market as a whole 4 1/2 cents to 10 1/2 cents under yesterday's finish. Corn lost 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 net and oats 3 1/2 cents to 3 1/4.

BITS OF STATE NEWS

According to the Charleston Mail there is a prospect that the Kanawha county court will make a sweeping cut in the budget submitted by Sheriff-elect Jarrett. It is said that about 25 per cent. will be cut off the total of a little more than \$18,000 the estimated total annual expense of the office outside of the sheriff's salary.

Sunday evening the Grafton fire department was summoned to Frantz town to help extinguish a blaze in the big central barn at the industrial school but when they arrived, they found that the blaze had been gotten under control and extinguished by the school boys. The accident is regrettable, says a despatch bearing upon the incident, but it served one fine purpose. It emphasized the sense of loyalty which has developed among the boys for the school and its superintendent. It would have been an easy matter for the boys to sneak away and let the fire burn, and the destruction of a large part of the plant would surely have followed, but they manfully stuck to their posts and by their quick action saved the buildings and stock.

The County Clerk of Wood county the other day was in receipt of the following protest of a father who asks the clerk to refuse a license to his son. The brief and pointed communication follows:

"Clifton, W. Va., Dec. 11.
"Clerk County Court, Wood County, W. Va.

"Dear Sir:—I have a son, Roman Henry, aged 17 years. He has a dam fool notion of getting married to a girl by the name of ——. He applies to you for license, refuse him and give him a swift kick. And oblige.

"Yours truly,
"LEIGHTON HENRY."

One of the shortest wills ever filed in this state was that of the late Judge W. G. Bennett, of Weston, which disposes of a considerable estate. The document admitted to probate reads: "I, W. G. Bennett, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others. I devise and bequeath my entire estate, real and personal, to my wife, Alice B. Bennett."

Conrad Leibenberg, of Charles Town has received a letter from his family in England where they don't drink tea any more, sugar being too high. Potatoes are 65 cents for 14 pounds, bread 4 cents a pound, butter 57 cents a pound, eggs 75 cents a dozen, salt herring 12 cents a pound and fresh fish 25 cents a pound.

They are doing it. Read the following from the columns of the Weston Independent: "Dr. George Helmick, of McWhorter, the original and only dispenser of Sassafras, nature's sure and dependable blood purifier, was in town Thursday with a basket of newly peeled tonic, which like all other things, has gone up, and is now selling at 15 cents a peck, a rise of five cents over last year's product. "Doc" gave as a reason, a scarcity of bark and a larger quantity in each package. Now is the time to lay in a supply before some greedy monopolist corners the market."

According to the Spencer Times-Record a counterpane which was crocheted by Mrs. William H. Bishop, of that city, was sold in the city of Charleston for two hundred dollars. Mrs. Bishop had crocheted the counterpane and sent it to her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Lee, of Charleston, about a

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Oil and Gas.			
In provisions, the outcome was a rise of 5 cents to 55 cents.			
Articles.	High.	Low.	
Wheat—			
May	\$1.72 1/2	\$1.65 1/4	
July	1.45	1.42 1/4	
Corn—			
May	91 1/4	89 3/4	
July	91	89 1/2	
Oats—			
May	55 1/4	55	
July	52 1/4	50	

Oil and Gas.

Operators in the Cabin Creek district, Kanawha county, W. Va., are meeting with good success. The wells are not in the gusher class, but of a fair average size. It is evident that any permanent increase in new production must come from that source. On the east side of the Williams company's tract on Cabin Creek, the Columbus Producing company drilled its No. 59 through the Berea grit and gave it a shot. The well is estimated to be good for 130 barrels a day.

On the same stream, the Eagle Oil company has drilled in a test on the Thomas Crawford farm. The first 14 hours after the well tapped the pay in the Berea grit it produced 75 barrels. East and north of the Columbus Producing company's production, the Ohio Fuel Oil company drilled in No. 3 on the John D. Kittenger farm and it shows for a 75-barrel producer in the Berea grit. All of these completions help improve the prospects for a liberal extension to the development.

In the Weir sand development, on Blue creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the South Penn Oil company has completed a second test on the Squire Matheny farm, and it shows for a very light pump. This location is 800 feet northeast of the test on the W. H. & Thomas Cline farm. On Porter's Fork, Duval district, Lincoln county, the South Penn Oil company's No. 72 on the Horse creek tract is good for 10 barrels a day in the Berea grit.

month ago. Mrs. Lee had it on exhibition at a bazaar that was being held by the ladies of one of the churches in that city, when a lady walked in and said she would like to purchase the counterpane, and it was sold to her for the sum of two hundred dollars. The lady who bought the beautiful bed spread was Mrs. Charles Ward, a very wealthy lady who came from England to this country several months ago, and who makes her home in Charleston. Mrs. Lee immediately forwarded the check to her mother and said, "Make me another one, mamma, which her mother will do."

The Weston Free Press is responsible for the following good natured item: "J. Ed Turner, of Turnertown, comes to the front with another remarkable duck story. He has eight Indian Runner ducks, and these he had penned up with some chickens until he was obliged to turn them out for the sake of peace among the poultry. Two days later he found ten eggs where these ducks had camped out, and then he made a detour of the chicken lot to see if they hadn't been at it before. On a little mound in the midst of a swamp he found in one pile every egg. What a vast amount of wealth for one man to have lying out of the safe, present prices of eggs will remind you. Since the nest of five dozen was found these ducks have been going on with their productivity at the rate of six or seven eggs a day, evidently doing all in their power to help the President in his not altogether successful effort to bring down the cost of living."

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEES SALE OF FAIRMONT REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority in me vested by a certain deed of trust bearing date May 23rd, 1914, made and executed by L. L. Wadsworth and husband to the undersigned trustees, to secure the payment of certain debts therein mentioned, as of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Marion county, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 26, page 423, and default having been made in the payment thereof, the undersigned as such trustee will on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916, beginning at two o'clock p. m. sell at public auction at the front door the Court House, the following described real estate, that is to say:

Lot No. 4 in Block No. 2 of Plat "C" of the Monongahela Industrial Addition to the City of Fairmont, fronting on East Park Avenue, 50 feet and extending back between parallel lines 152 feet on one side and 154 feet on the other side to a ten foot alley along the Coogee line where it fronts 48 feet, together with the two story frame dwelling house thereon situated.

Being the same property which was conveyed by George Cordray and wife to the said L. L. Wadsworth, by deed dated May 20th, 1914, and recorded in said office in Deed Book No. 197 at page 163.

TERMS.
Cash in hand on day of sale.

Given under my hand this 27th day of November, 1916.

M. W. OGDEN, Trustee.

11-29-12-6-13-20.

A FIRE FIGHTER

with all the modern appliances for fighting fire is not able to save your life and property at all times. A policy of insurance will furnish you the money to replace your furniture, buildings or stock of merchandise in case of accident by fire. Would you like to know what a policy would cost? We'll enlighten you for the asking.

F. E. Nichols

315 Main Street.

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—The operations in the local market displayed very pronounced downward tendencies, in fact out of the 32 issues dealt in only three showed an improvement at the close of business and two of these made a new high record to accomplish their end.

The high records were furnished by the gas and oil division, in which Osage and Oklahoma rose to 126, while Union Natural Gas advanced for two points at 185. A singular feature about the movements of these two issues was that they were apparently undisturbed by the general trend of the market.

The rest of the list was weak, losses being registered from fractions up to seven points.

Summary.			
Sales.	High.	Low.	
665 A W G M	64 1/2	61	
285 A W G M pr	125	124	
65 Caney R Gas	47 1/2	47	
7,000 Cable Cons09	.08	
100 Col G & E	47	46	
825 Fireproof	8	8	
30 H W Refrac	1.25	1.25	
840 Ind Brewing	3 1/2	3 1/2	
70 Ind Brew pr	16	15 1/2	
398 La Belle Iron	91	89 1/4	
1,095 Mrs L & H	63	62 1/2	
44,500 Mt Shasta	1.13	1.01	
10 Ohio Fuel Oil	18 1/4	18 1/4	
524 Ohio F Sup	57 1/2	57 1/2	
25 Osage & Ok	126	126	
4,400 Pbc Consol	10	10	
100 Pldaho Star	1.75	1.75	
17,000 P J Cop R	1.15	1.10	
50 Pbg O & G	10 1/2	10 1/2	
10 Pbg P Glass	135	135	
Pure Oil	22	22	
6,600 Ross Mining	33	29	
1,000 San Toy	17	17	
185 Sewer Pipe	18	18	
35 U N Gas C	185	185	
110 U S Switch	113 1/2	113 1/2	
25 U S Glass	40 1/2	40 1/2	
45 U S Steel	121	120	
530 West Air	161	161	
1,445 West Elec	59 1/2	57	
40 United Coal	18	18	
31 Utd Coal pf	70	70	

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Bonds.

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*New high record.

Court News

Marriage Licenses.
James Ralph Henderson, 25, and Lillian Mary Thibault, 28, Fairmont; John Fanning, 23, Scranton, Pa., and Minnie Ware, 21, Farmington, W. Va.

Vital Statistics.
Births—Four registered by Dr. Lee Boyers; three by Dr. B. H. Hildreth; three by Dr. G. R. Miller.

Deaths—Four recorded by J. B. Langer, undertaker, one by William J. Harmer and son, undertakers.

Deaths Filed.

Charles Hall and Anna Hall to Maggie Cleveland, real estate in Cox plat addition to Fairmont, \$2,000.

Maggie Cleveland at vir to Isaac E. Moran, 61 acres of land on the waters of Piney run in Winfield district, for one dollar and other good and valuable considerations.

John W. Harbert et ux to Mary F. Sine, real estate in Grant district, \$2,050.

FOR THROAT AND LUNGS

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SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS

Thanks, Postman—the Regular AETNA Check

CAN'T beat that service. Almost pays to break a leg, doesn't it?

This \$200 covers the \$50 a week for total disability provided for in my AETNA ACCIDENT POLICY.

When I am only partly disabled I will get \$25 a week. Surgeon's fee or hospital bill, too. You postmen ought to

AETNA-IZE

You can easily afford it. In fact, you cannot afford not to. Out on the streets all day long, you're constantly exposed to a thousand forms of accident. Make life pretty comfy if something happened to you and one of the boys brought you a check as regularly as you bring mine to me.

A word, and the AETNA Agent will tell you how to connect up with absolute protection. My Agent is

Charles G. Hood

District Agent.

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Evening Chat

She seemed like a pretty child as she sat in the revolving chair before the doctor at the Tuberculosis Clinic. The history sheet showed her to be sixteen years old. It also conveyed the information that she had been referred to the tuberculosis division by the nurse employed by a local corporation to watch the health of employees.

"Please, doctor, let me go back to work," she pleaded.

The doctor glanced at the chart and noted that on Sept. 9th, the day when she first visited the clinic, she weighed 119 pounds. He looked at her drooping shoulders, at her narrow chest, at her tired brown eyes. He glanced at the result of the sputum analysis. "Positive" it read in big accusing letters. All the signs before him were eloquent of rapid decline.

"I can't," he responded.

"But I must work," she insisted.

"Why do you have to work?" he inquired.

"I must eat, I must dress myself," she answered.

"Doesn't your father do that for you?"

"I have no father."

"Your brothers, then?"

"I have no brothers."

"Your mother?"

"My mother, I have to keep my mamma. She is a practical nurse but she can't get cases. It is up to me."

"Child you ought to be in a hospital right now," said the doctor. "Would your mother let you go?"

"Yes, mamma wants me to get well more than she wants anything else in the world," said the girl very seriously.

"How would she get along?"

"She'd manage somehow. Have you a place in the hospital for me?"

"No, we haven't, and it's a disgrace that we haven't," replied the doctor.

"You should be tucked in a hospital bed this very minute but we haven't a bit of room for you. You're coughing,

you're losing weight, you're running a temperature but the best we can do is to put you on the waiting list. Some day, if it is not too late, we'll get you into the hospital."

The tired brown eyes filled with tears, but the drooping shoulders braced themselves gallantly.

"I'll fight just as long and as hard as I can," said the wee slip of a girl. "I hope for mamma's sake that my turn won't come too late."

By buying Red Cross Seals you help the organized movement to provide adequate care for all consumptives.

INDUSTRIAL FAIRMONT

With the wind whistling around their ears and their hands numbed with the cold, the workmen of the Monongahela Valley Traction company and the Bell Telephone company were working today on the tops of the telephone and lighting poles of the city, starting the work which will result in practically all the overhead wires in the city being down by the first of the year.

It is a fine thing when a foreman or superintendent is held in high esteem by his men, and George Decker, of the Sixth street plant of the Monongahela Glass company, should be proud of the way his men regard him. Every once in a while George stops out of his office for something, to come back and find that someone has added a bit of decoration. Mr. Decker has quite a gallery of calendars, pictures, etc., that have been donated him by his men.

The Fairmont Co-Operative Store, located at Tenth street and operated for the benefit of the laboring men of the city, has been doing a remarkable business since the start a few months ago. The store is now held over heels in the pre-Christmas trade and expects to begin the year with a fine

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ONE CENT A WORD CASH WITH ORDER.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—In Monongahela Valley Traction office Monday evening between 11 and 12 o'clock, silver mesh bag containing two \$5 bills and some change. Return to West Virginian Box 1732. 12-11-31 No 1732

LOST—Between Smithtown and Catwaba a large blue ticked hound. Call 97 J Bell or Manager McCrory 5 & 10 cent store. 12-12-31 No 1736

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Baby buggy good condition, half price. Apply 209 Bell view avenue. 11-20-16 No 1654

FOR SALE—At half price, Solo Apollo Player Piano. Used five years. Good condition. Box 411, Fairmont, W. Va. 12-4-16 No 1701

FOR SALE—Bargain to quick buyer. lot on Reeves ave. For information inquire Bell 683-J. 12-13-16 No 1737

start. The Promoters of the project here have demonstrated that such a store can be a positive asset to a community.

Final touches are being added to the installation of the new traction company unit at the Power station at Hutchinson. Superintendent of the plant, Weeks, hopes to have the 200-ton truck going Friday.

OFFICER ORDERED TO BORDER.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Lieut. Harold B. Cornwell, C company of Charleston, of the Second West Virginia Infantry, who has been stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., to drill recruits from this state, has been ordered by the War Department to proceed at once to San Antonio, Texas, and join his command.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Girls at the Fairmont Stogie Co. Good wages, steady work. Must be over 16 years old. Fairmont Stogie Co. 12-4-16 No 1704

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Boy over 16 years, after school hours, evenings and on Saturday. Apply Fairmont Stogie Co. 12-12-16 No 1734

WANTED—Men. Steady employment at inside work. Helmsky Foundry Machine Co. 12-7-16 No 1716

OFFICES TO RENT

FOR RENT—One outside well lighted office in Peoples National Bank Building. Inquire at Peoples National Bank. 12-8-16 No 1717

FOR RENT—Two large office rooms second floor Hall Block. Rollo J. Conley, Hall Block. 12-11-16 No 1731

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS—Get money for Christmas gifts, and pay back in small weekly payments. No endorser, no publicity. Call Bell 275, Consul. 10. City Loan Co, 366 1/2 Madison street. 12-11-16 No 1729

THE BUCKEYE SAVING AND LOAN company of Bellaire, O., has money