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FURTHER PROGRESS IN STOCKS, BUT GAINS WERE CHIEFLY IN SPECIALTIES

New York, April 7.—In its essential features today's stock market was largely a repetition of the day preceding. Prices made further progress, though gains were mainly in the specialties, which have dominated operations of the past fortnight. Trading was subject to frequent periods of dullness and total transactions were somewhat under recent average.

Automobile shares broke into new high ground with gains which ran as high as seven points. Petroleum stocks, fertilizers, the smaller steel companies and numerous other miscellaneous issues joined in this movement, which again bore traces of professional manipulation.

These advances were partly nullified by corresponding declines in various specialties, including Bethlehem Steel, General Electric, Cuban American Sugar and more subordinate issues. Rock Island and Missouri Pacific were active at advances, but leaders like Union Pacific, United States Steel, Reading and Amalgamated rose and fell alternately.

Contrary to expectations, the publication of the government crop report, which showed improvement in the average condition of winter wheat

over last December, failed to exercise the slightest influence. Likewise sales of refined copper at a fraction over sixteen cents failed to favorably affect the metal group.

Rates of exchange on London were lower on heavy offerings of bankers bills by a leading institution. Continental exchange fell in proportionate degree, francs and marks easing perceptibly. Remittances on Rome were unchanged, despite the belief that a loan or credit to Italy is impending.

London was again a seller of our stocks in the home market and here, transcontinentals constituting the chief offerings. It is believed that these sales were made as a preliminary to another large British treasury loan.

Local and interior banks are once more in the money market, long time loans and purchases of commercial paper constituting a large part of their recent operations.

Total sales of stocks amounted to \$24,900 shares.

Bonds were irregular, with some decided gains in Missouri Pacific 4's, Chicago and Eastern Illinois 6's and Rock Island debentures. Total sales, par value, aggregated \$2,734,000.

INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE MARINE COMPANY AFFAIRS

Defaulted interest on \$2 Million collateral Trust 4 1-2 p. c. Bonds — Incorporated in 1903.

New York, April 7.—International Mercantile Marine, which as defaulted interest on \$2,744,000 collateral trust 4 1-2 p. c. bonds, amounting to \$1,686,740, and passed into receivership, was incorporated June 6, 1903, as International Navigation Company and assumed its present name under amended certificate of incorporation Oct. 1, 1902.

The company owns entire stocks of Oceanic Steam Navigation Company (White Star line); Atlantic Transport Company, Ltd., and Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia (Atlantic Transport line); International Navigation Company, Ltd. (American line); Societe Anonyme de Navigation Belge-America (Red Star line); Mississippi & Dominion Steamship Company, Ltd., and British & North Atlantic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd. (Dominion line). It also owns controlling interest in Fred Leyland & Co., Ltd. (Leyland line), and the shipping business of Ismay, Imrie & Co. and Richards, Mills & Co. Atlantic Transport Company controls National Steamship Company, Ltd.

The company has outstanding \$51,730,971 6 p. cent. cumulative preferred and \$49,821,735 common. No dividends have been paid on the common, and accumulated dividends to end Dec. 31, 1914, amounted to 72 p. cent.

There are also outstanding \$52,744,000 20-year, collateral trust 4 1-2 p. cent. bonds issued Oct. 1, 1902; \$18,143,000 International Navigation Company first mortgage fund 5 p. cent. bonds dated Feb. 1, 1909, and due Feb. 1, 1929; \$273,000 British and North Atlantic Steam Navigation 4 1-2 p. cent. and 5 p. cent. debentures, and \$1,125,000 Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., 4 1-2 p. cent. first mortgage debentures. Not included in general balance sheet, but outstanding, are \$234,700 Leyland line first mortgage debentures 4s. and \$23,925 National Steamship 5 p. cent. registered debentures. Balance sheet of Dec. 31, 1913, showed a total cost of properties, after all allowances and depreciation, of \$169,449,150. Depreciation reserve was \$22,973,160. Investments in other companies, notably Leyland & Co., were \$15,317,174, only a slight change over 1912. Debenture bonds of constituent companies held over by the public were \$5,802,055 on Dec. 31, 1913, compared with \$6,431,000 on Dec. 31, 1912. At conclusion of operations in 1913 the company had 124 ships in operation, with total gross tonnage of 1,115,801. It had under construction 14 vessels which would add 239,375 gross tons.

International Mercantile Marine has not yet reported results for 1914. In 1913 the company made a good showing in North Atlantic freight and passenger service, with profits substantially greater than preceding year.

FEWER BUSINESS FAILURES FOR WEEK IN THE DOMINION

Mortality shows decrease for week of 5 per cent—Dun's Review of trade conditions.

Despatches to Dun's Review from branch offices of R. G. Dun & Co., in leading trade centres of the Dominion of Canada report that while the weather has not been generally favorable the demand for spring merchandise is quite satisfactory in view of the various adverse conditions.

Montreal reports a fair sorting-up business in dry goods, and that travellers who are showing fall samples are meeting with favorable results. Clothing is quiet and the footwear industry is not very active, while hides and leather has fallen off. There is a normal movement of groceries, especially in staples, but the iron market still rules slow.

There is no particular activity in either wholesale or retail business at Quebec, but improvement is looked for with the advent of warm settled weather.

Although progress is slow at Toronto and wholesale trade is quiet this week, owing to adverse weather, indications point to a fairly active business in most staple lines. There is a reasonable demand for dry goods and some improvement in the movement of clothing and footwear, while sales of groceries are well up to the average in volume. Leather is in moderate request, but steady, while hides display a weaker tendency.

In the Far West and Northwest most reports indicate moderate improvement and sentiment is more confident as regards the future. Somewhat more favorable conditions seem to prevail at Winnipeg sales of footwear, agricultural implements and machinery, automobiles, accessories and supplies showing improvement. Demand for clothing and millinery, while somewhat below the average for the season, is about equal to expectations, and the movement of groceries and provisions is well sustained.

Calgary reports a good demand for dry goods and groceries, and a better inquiry for shoes and rubber goods, with easier collections.

Jobbers of hardware and groceries at Saskatoon report satisfactory sales, and there is quite a brisk demand for spring wearing apparel. Retail trade has also shown some improvement.

Jobbing business at Edmonton makes a favorable comparison with that of previous years, but city retail trade is very quiet in most lines. Retail trade at Vancouver has been stimulated to some extent by favorable weather, and a fair trade is maintained in most wholesale lines, although country shipments are not quite up to expectations.

Gross earnings of all Canadian railroads reporting to date for three weeks in March show a decrease of 15.9 per cent., as compared with the corresponding period a year ago.

Commercial failures in the Dominion of Canada this week number 47, as against 52 last week and 45 the same week last year.

HIGH WHEAT PRICES MAY CONTINUE THROUGH YEAR, IS FORECAST

Very little cash wheat available at important centres, high prices for old crop may be sustained

It is taking longer for the Allies to accomplish the fall of the Dardanelles than expected, and as a result prices for American cereals are holding firm at a level not far from the best prices which have prevailed for a month past. May wheat continues to sell around the \$1.50 a bushel mark, and with little or no cash wheat now available at the important centres there appears little doubt but the old crop will go out at the present high level as there remains but three months before the new crop comes on the market.

Advices in general from the growing American crops are particularly favorable, the winter wheat crop being especially favorable with a prospective yield per acre, the same as last year, but with 4,000,000 acres larger crop are unfavorable from several countries, notably Russia and Argentina, and unless there is a change for the better, high prices for American cereals will continue through 1915.

There are almost daily rumors of overtures of peace to settle the foreign war, and even if peace were immediately declared there will continue enormous clearances for the next three months, as there have been very heavy contracts closed for wheat and oats for early and distant shipment, extending up to July 1.

The heavy grain exports are causing a harvest for ship owners, as evidenced by the fact that there have been recent charters of five vessels from Atlantic to French ports to carry about 1,500,000 bushels of oats, also five charters for about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat from Gulf ports to West Italy and France at 34¢ and 33¢ a bushel, while the rate to Liverpool from Boston is 27¢ a bushel.

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Crystal Stream S. S. Co., Ltd.
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Manager.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL LINE.

St. John to Boston \$5.00
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Staterooms, \$1.00.

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City Ticket Office, 47 King Street.

A. C. CURRIE, Agent, St. John, N. B.

A. E. FLEMING, T.F., P.A., St. John, N. B.

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From Manchester, St. John. From St. John, Manchester.

Jan. 30 Man. Inventor Feb. 22

Feb. 27 Man. Spinner Mar. 22

Mar. 6 / Man. Shipper* Mar. 22

Mar. 13 Man. Citizen Apl. 6

Mar. 20 Man. Miller* Apl. 6

Mar. 27 Man. Inventor Apl. 19

Apl. 3 Man. Port* Apl. 19

Steamers marked (*) sail via Philadelphia.

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Mar. 12 Caterham Mar. 20

Mar. 19 Caterham Mar. 29

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PHASES OF THE MOON—APRIL

Last Quarter ... 6th 4h 12m p.m.
New Moon ... 14th 7h 26m a.m.
First Quarter ... 22nd 11h 39m a.m.
Full Moon ... 29th 10h 19m a.m.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Amal. Cop. 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2
Am. Beet Sug. 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2
Am. Car. Ry. 48 48 48 48
Am. Loco. 32 32 32 32
Am. Smelt. 67 1/2 67 1/2 67 1/2 67 1/2
Anaconda 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2
Am. Tele. 119 1/2 119 1/2 119 1/2 119 1/2
Atchafalpa 100 100 100 100
Am. Can. 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2
Balt. and O. 72 1/2 72 1/2 72 1/2 72 1/2
Beth. Steel 87 1/2 87 1/2 87 1/2 87 1/2
Brook. Rap. Tr. 90 90 90 90
C. F. L. 29 1/2 29 1/2 29 1/2 29 1/2
Ches. and Ohio 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2
Cons. Gas 121 1/2 121 1/2 121 1/2 121 1/2
Coca. 163 1/2 163 1/2 163 1/2 163 1/2
Erie Com. 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2
Gr. Nor. rd. 117 1/2 117 1/2 117 1/2 117 1/2
Lehigh Val. 137 1/2 137 1/2 137 1/2 137 1/2
Miss. Pac. 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2 13 1/2
N. Y. N. H. and H. 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2
N. Y. Cent. 86 1/2 86 1/2 86 1/2 86 1/2
Nor. Pac. 107 1/2 107 1/2 107 1/2 107 1/2
Nat. Lead. 62 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2 62 1/2
Reading Com. 147 1/2 147 1/2 147 1/2 147 1/2
Rep. Steel 23 1/2 23 1/2 23 1/2 23 1/2
St. Paul 90 90 90 90
Sou. Pac. 89 89 89 89
Sou. Ry. Com. 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2
Un. Pac. Com. 128 1/2 128 1/2 128 1/2 128 1/2
U. S. Steel Com. 50 50 50 50
U. S. Steel Pfd. 106 1/2 106 1/2 106 1/2 106 1/2
U. S. Rub. Com. 68 68 68 68
Westing. Elec. 76 1/2 76 1/2 76 1/2 76 1/2

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Wednesday, April 7.

Stmr Ramona Head, 2913, Finlay.

Dublin, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Stmr Manchester Miller, 2766, Musgrave, Manchester, Wm. Thomson & Co., general cargo.

Sailed

Stmr Manchester Citizen, Robertson, Manchester, Wm. Thomson & Co.

BRITISH PORTS.

Avonmouth—Arr April 3, str Hambleton Range.

Manchester—Sld April 2, str Memphian, Boston.

Cardiff—Sld March 31, str Chimur, Parker, Philadelphia; April 2, str Charterhouse, Murchie, Louisbourg, C. B.

Manchester—Arr April 1, str Manchester Merchant, Beggs, St. John, N. B.; Sheba, Lindsay, Louisbourg, C. B.

Glasgow—Sld April 2, str Marina, Brown, St. John, N. B.

Greenock—Sld April 1, str Whately Hall, Mead, St. John, N. B.

Dublin—Arr March 31, str Rathlin Head, Orr, Galveston and New Orleans.

London—Sld April 1, str Ardgaroch, Sheel, St. John, N. B.; Sicilian, Peters, St. John, N. B.; 4th, str Saxon Monarch, Walker, New York and Boston (not previously).

Arr April 4, str Graciana, Fairclough, Halifax.

Liverpool—Arr April 3, str Heperian, Main, St. John, N. B.; North Point, Reavley, Newport News; Scyllan, Steele, Galveston and Newport News; John Bakke (Nor), Londahl, Boston for Manchester; 4th, str Durango, Chambers, St. John, N. B.; Toronto, Thoroldson, New York.

Sld April 3, str Gramplan, Williams, St. John, N. B.

Belfast—Sld April 2, str Durley Chine, Davies, Sydney, C. B.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Havana—Arr March 29, str W. S. M. Bentley, Jacksonville.

Sld March 29, str John L. Treat, Mobile.

Newport News—Sld April 5, str Orthia, Glasgow.

Calais—Arr and sld April 5, str Cornwall, Letang, N. B.

Eastport—Arr April 5, str Fred B. Balano, St. John, N. B.; Centennial, do.

Sld April 5, str Mattie J. Allen, Norwalk; Ravola, western port; James L. Maloy, Amherst, N. S.

Boston—Sld April 5, str Nicolson, New Orleans.

New York—Arr April 5, str Harold B. Cousins, Philadelphia.

New London—Sld April 5, str Comama, for New York.

Portland—Arr April 5, str Ocean Monarch, Glasgow; Iona, Newcastle.

Portsmouth—Arr April 5, str Conrad S. Liverpool, N. S.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Jan. ... 10.83 10.86 10.66

May ... 9.28 9.73 9.73

July ... 10.31 10.01 10.03

Oct. ... 10.57 10.40 10.41

Dec. ... 10.76 10.57 .58

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Wheat.

May ... 156 1/2 154 154 1/2
July ... 124 1/2 122 122 1/2
Sept. ... 111 1/2 109 109 1/2