

## LATE NEWS IN WORLD OF FINANCE

## EASTERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S TROUBLE

Corporation issues statement showing causes contributory to present difficulties — Receivership entirely friendly proceeding.

On account of a bill for coal of \$42,491, a receivership for the Eastern Steamship Corporation has been petitioned in the United States district court at Portland, Me., by the Berwind-White Coal Company of Philadelphia, the holder of the supply claim.

The corporation has issued this official statement:

There have been many lesser causes contributing to the present plight of the Eastern Steamship Corporation. In common with all other transportation interests, it has been faced by very rapidly increasing expenses in every department. In particular the requirements which have been forced upon the corporation as a result of the Titanic disaster, as respects the number of lifeboats and restrictions as to the number of persons carried, have very seriously interfered with the earning capacity of the boats. Difficulties such as these can be overcome but only through the bold investment of additional capital for reconstruction and re-equipment if necessary.

The Eastern Steamship Corporation, one of the smaller subsidiaries of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad group of corporations, was organized in January, 1912, and bought at that time the properties thereof, formerly owned by the Eastern Steamship Company, by the Metropolitan Steamship Company, and by the Maine Steamship Company. The latter company was owned in the New York, New Haven & Hartford system. The ownership of the Metropolitan Steamship Company was not at that time publicly known, but is now understood to have been owned by the Billard Company.

While the precipitation of this receivership at this moment is due to the very unfortunate experience of the Eastern Steamship Corporation during the current year—an experience which has brought fog and cold weather for almost the entire season, with a consequent demoralization of the corporation's business, the real trouble lies in two facts, namely:

First: When the corporation acquired in 1912 the steamship properties

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE LOANS

London, Nov. 3.—The stock exchange loan scheme announced by the treasury department coincides with the forecasts.

Lenders, except banks and insurance companies, will be allowed to get six per cent. of loans returned on the lodging additional collateral of the Bank of England.

The stock exchange committee will guarantee the legal expenses of any suits arising between banks and members relative to loans.

Banks will be allowed to demand the repayment of loans as soon as quotations on collateral are firmly established at the minimum prices prevailing at the end of July.

formerly owned in the interest of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, it was found necessary to spend a very large amount of money upon those properties in order to bring them up to the standard always theretofore and at present maintained, and in the present financial condition, by the old Eastern Steamship Company properties.

Second: The unfortunate fact that the largest beneficial owner of the Eastern Steamship Corporation is the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and that these interests are either unable or unwilling to shoulder the part of the floating indebtedness of Eastern Steamship or take care of its accruing requirements.

Under its recent agreement with the United States authorities the New Haven and associated interests are obliged to dispose of their investment in Eastern Steamship Corporation on or before July, 1917. And this is a most unfortunate kind of ownership to have in any corporation. With this necessity hanging over it, it is only natural that the railroad should feel disposed to make those investments in the steamship business from which the returns can, in the nature of things, be expected only over a period of years.

There have been reports that the New Haven railroad has already sold its holdings of Eastern Steamship Corporation, but there have been no confirmations of these reports up to the present time.

The present receivership is an entirely friendly proceeding, in the wisdom of which all the larger interests in the corporation concur. Pending arrangements for some re-organization of the corporation's finances on a sound and simple basis, all of the property will be held intact, and a continuance of Mr. Calvin Austin's efficient management insured.

## LOAN RATES ARE NOT MUCH LOWER

Banks said to be willing to reduce charges, but under conditions not suitable to brokers.

New York, Nov. 3.—Brokers say the quotation of 6 per cent. for call money is a fiction, and the naming of it does them an injustice. They assert that the average rate on their loans has not been substantially changed, and they look for complaints from customers after the monthly statements are sent out. People having stocks on margin who think the brokers will make substantial reduction of carrying charges will be disappointed; but the brokers apprehend that blame for continuance of high rates is not likely to be put where it belongs. They say the banks, not the brokerage firms, are responsible.

It is true that lenders express willingness to reduce rates from 8 per cent. to 7 per cent., or even 6 per cent., under conditions with which most houses cannot comply. The banks insist on the elimination of cheap stocks from collateral, although the houses have larger holdings of that kind than of the high-price issues, and would find it impossible to take out the stocks in which their customers are chiefly interested. Besides requiring collateral made up wholly of higher-priced stocks, the banks demand a margin of 30 per cent. on prices of July 30, instead of the usual 20-per-cent margin accepted when the exchange closed. As one broker expressed it, "the banks must either accept their terms or continue to pay the old high rates."

A large number of houses established the fact that 8 per cent. is still being paid on most loans.

So far as can be ascertained from brokers, there has been only one conditional reduction of loans since the end of July. That was made by the First National Bank a few weeks ago, when it notified all those borrowing at 8 per cent. that it did not require any changes in collateral and made no demand for additional margin.

The example was followed, in a way, by other lenders, but has not been duplicated so far. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. offered to reduce rates to 6 per cent. making new conditions as to collateral which a few houses were able to accept, although many found them impossible. In practically no other case have terms offered by lenders resulted to advantage of the borrowers, some of whom are complaining that numbers of their large customers have taken up their accounts and carried their securities to a banking institution which loaned to them at 6 per cent. while still charging the house 8 per cent.

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## PRODUCE PRICES IN CANADIAN MARKETS

Montreal, Nov. 3.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, \$3.40.

OATS—Canadian Western No. 3, 58 to 59; extra No. 1 feed, 58½.

FLOUR—Man. spring wheat patents firsts, \$6.70; seconds, \$6.20; strong bakers, \$6.00; winter patents, choice, \$6.00; straight rollers, \$5.50 to \$5.60; bags, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

MILFEED—Bran, \$23 to \$24; shorts, \$25 to \$26; middlings, \$28 to \$29; moultie, \$32 to \$36.

HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, 18 to 19½.

POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 60.

BRITISH PORTS

Greenock, Oct. 30.—Arr. stmr. Monks-haven, Milburn, Campbellton, N. B., via Belfast.

Tuskar, Oct. 30.—Passed stmr. Missanabie, Quebec for Liverpool; Manchester, Oct. 30.—Arr. stmr. Williams, Montreal for Manchester.

Liverpool, Nov. 2.—Arr. stmr. Hichigan, New York; Nov. 1st, stmr. New York, New York; Missanabie, Quebec.

Glasgow, Nov. 1.—Arr. stmr. Pannonia, New York; Viator, Halifax.

Manchester, Nov. 1.—Arr. stmr. Manchester, Liverpool; Nov. 1st, stmr. Avonmouth, Nov. 1.—Arr. stmr. Cambrion, Boston.

FOREIGN PORTS

City Island, Oct. 30.—Arr. stmr. Anna, (Nor.), New York for Chetcamp, N. S.; schrs. Harry W. Lewis, New York for Port Greville, N. S.; Beatrice L. Corkum, New York for Yarmouth, N. S.

Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 30.—Sld schr. Empress, Halifax.

Vineyard Haven, Oct. 30.—Arr. schrs. J. Howell Leeds, Philadelphia for Gloucester; F. A. Allen, Philadelphia for Gloucester; Fanny C. Bowen, Philadelphia for Calais; Henry Withington, Philadelphia for Boston; Margaret May Riley, Perth Amboy for Halifax; Jennie A. Stubbs, St. John, N. B., for Port Chester.

Sld Oct. 30, schrs. Florence M. Belding, (from Shelburne, N. S.), New York; Palmetto, from Weymouth, N. S., for New York; Manie Saunders, Bedford for Nova Scotia; tug. Boxer, towing barge Kimberton, Philadelphia for —

New York, Nov. 2.—Arr. str. St. Louis, Liverpool.

Boston, Nov. 1.—Arr. schr. Florence E. Melanson, Liverpool, N. S. Sld Oct. 31, schr. Crescent, Salem, N. S.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Nov. 1.—Arr. schrs. Jessie Ashley, Mattland, N. S., for New York; Mary E. Morse, Advocate, N. S., for New York; Rebecca M. Walls, Portsmouth, for a coal port.

Passed Nov. 1, schr. Almale, New Bedford for Nova Scotia; tug. Boxer, towing barge Kimberton, Philadelphia for —

New York, Nov. 1.—Arr. tug. Security, Miller, with barge, St. John.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

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J. C. OHESELEY, Agent Marine and Fisheries Dept.

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J. C. OHESELEY, Agent, Dept. Marine and Fisheries.

## STATUS OF IMPERIAL BANK OF GERMANY

New York, Nov. 3.—President Haysen of the Imperial Bank of Germany recently said in part at a gathering of German financial and business men:

The German money market in these first two months of the war fared comparatively better than any other country. The national bank was able to pay 6 per cent. discount. The money market is comparatively solvent and banks and other institutions of credit have—in contrast to England and France—not discounted their business for a single day or limited payment of accounts, and, supported by the national bank, have continued to give credit without rigorous limitations and considerably increased their assets with the national bank.

From July 23 to July 31 gold, silver and national treasury notes amounting to 915,000,000 marks, bank notes to 1,019,000,000 marks, altogether 1,934,000,000 marks or 1,050,000,000 marks more than during the corresponding period in previous year, were drawn from the national bank; it paid out in August about 300,000,000 marks in silver and increased small notes from 812,000,000 marks on July 31 to almost 1,600,000,000 marks on August 31, consequently by about 800,000,000 marks, and large notes by over 500,000,000 marks, and besides about 120,000,000 marks of loan fund notes were put into circulation.

A part of circulation of currency was very useful, but a large part was also used for replacing collected gold and silver. The scarcity of currency was largely done away with and will be done away with completely soon because of continued coming of silver and payment of small loan fund notes. The two large sources of credit, the national bank and the loan fund, are being founded everywhere and open up for all regions out of the country the two large sources of credit, the national bank and the loan fund.

The gold reserve indicates a very satisfactory development; it was reduced to 1,250,000,000 marks during last few days before war even with us—in much greater degree in all other countries—but rose to 1,478,000,000 marks on July 31, and first victories the hidden gold began to flow back. Since August 7 it has thereby gained 200,000,000 marks, and in the last week alone 5,000,000 marks. Money security of the notes rose from 30 per cent. of 37.9 per cent. on August 31, to 42.7 per cent., and total security to 46.4 per cent.

Single subscriptions to the war loan amounted to about 1,150,000, and no less than 200,000 are covered by subscriptions of 100 and 200 marks, 700,000 by over 200 to 2,000 marks; there are 600,000 single subscribers concerned in these small subscriptions.

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HELD AT VIENNA

London, Nov. 2, 3.35 p. m.—A despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Vienna, coming here by way of Amsterdam, says that demonstrations of sympathy for Turkey occurred at Vienna today. Thousands bearing Turkish, German and Austrian flags assembled in the vicinity of the Turkish embassy and cheered.

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## THE REASONS FOR NO SHORT SELLING

Rulings in plans for stock exchange trading resumption would tend to support prices.

New York, Nov. 3.—Prohibition of short-selling, as recommended in plans for the resumption of stock exchange trading, formulated by bankers after a conference with Sir George Paish and Basil B. Blackett, English financial representatives, should not, it is said, be construed as abandonment of the theory that short selling is generally advantageous as affording protection to a declining market. Such protection can be afforded by the considerable short interest still outstanding from July 30. The measure now proposed is similar to the injunction made in the 1907 panic on the day when no call money was available until the Morgan syndicate supplied \$25,000,000. The syndicate would support the market, it would not tolerate absorption of the money by speculators for the decline.

As to the intent to pay for securities in the money of this country, and not necessarily in gold, it was remarked: "Sir George Paish has said that the Bank of England has been paying gold to all who asked for gold, but private advices from London are to the general effect that any one asking for gold without good and sufficient reason would be promptly refused."

Similar here it is felt that precautions must be taken to protect the gold of the banks against the money changers, just as such precautions have been necessary since the stock exchange closed.

In regard to the expansion of the call money market, the recent restoration of a surplus reserve by the banks holds out hope that the money situation will so improve that the requisite additional credit facilities may be supplied. A call money market broad enough for stock exchange business is not, however, expected until the operation and surplus funds increased by them.

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