

NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE UNCHANGED
— **YESTERDAY'S ADVANCE IN SUGAR**
PROFESSIONAL — SUGAR MOST
DEALT IN — WABASH AND OTHER
GOULD STOCKS BOUGHT WELL.

New York, April 26.

The 12.30 prices from London show considerable irregularity but on balance little change as compared with our close.

Consols are down 1-16 while the active American list shows fluctuations from $\frac{1}{4}$ decline to a similar advance.

In spite of rumors to the contrary, the Bank of England rate remains unchanged. Later quotations from London state that there is rather a stronger tendency in regard to Americans, and that fractional advances have been scored in a good many cases on a scarcity of offerings rather than on any considerable buying demand.

London was an important factor in our market yesterday. They probably bought a few stocks on balance but in no case were these transactions large. Commission House business was at a low ebb.

It can be easily seen in looking over the official sales list, that yesterday's market was largely professional, for nearly 40 per cent. of the transactions were in Sugar and most of these were of a manipulative character.

In Sugar there was an excited opening after which a small decline, then a sharp rally on buying, reported to be for Standard Oil interests, but which really looked like a move against the shorts, and on a wild covering on part of these same shorts. Stop orders were caught on the way up, and while the price was advancing so sharply, the same old rumors of the settlement of the war were circulated most vigorously.

The stock sold above 115 and then some selling orders came in, people who bought during the morning were probably anxious to market some of their stock. They, however, in the late afternoon found very little market on which to sell. The stock broke almost as sharply as it had advanced, leaving the price some three points higher than the night before. So far as the outside public knows, there is absolutely nothing new in the Sugar question. Just before the close of business, a false report was circulated that Woolson Spice Co. would be closed to-day.

Last night's loan crowd showed a continuance of the borrowing demand for stocks. So far as the technical position of the stock market is concerned, it has not been stronger for a long time, and any extensive covering on part of shorts would certainly result in a sharp upward movement.

New York (noon), April 26.

This morning's market, from a commission house point of view, was even duller than yesterday, and displayed almost no interesting incidents.

As was the case yesterday, so to-day Sugar was the stock most dealt in, but as yet, it has displayed no decided tendency one way or the other. It has been something of a football, first up and then down, in response to the supply and demand. At the opening there was quite a little stock for sale, and the price receded. Shortly after there was an urgent demand on part of shorts, which resulted in a sharp advance. Later still, substantial selling orders came, which again car-

ried price to near lowest of morning. One commission house executed a selling order for about 5000 shares.

Elsewhere in the market there was little of interest.

The Gould issues have absorbed a little speculative attention, Texas and Wabash coming to the front, while Mop. has been dull, but steady. The buying of Texas was principally by traders, and can only be ascribed to the expectation of sympathetic upward movement in response to the strength of other so-called Gould stocks. Wabash corp. and Mop. have been fairly well bought, large commission house orders to buy making their appearance during first two hours of business. This buying is said to be based on a rumor that a dividend of $1\frac{1}{2}$ will be paid in near future on the debentures.

London has been a moderate buyer of stocks, but their operations have not been large enough in any case to materially influence prices. So. Pac. has displayed some weakness in face of London buying, one or two selling orders of considerable size being executed in this stock. For some days past there has been most persistent selling of this stock and judging from brokers who have the orders, it is thought to come from pretty near the inside. There has been some fairly good buying of Con. Tobacco and A.M.T., but dealings in these stocks have not assumed large proportions. The market at present is dull but steady.

STANDARD MINING EXCHANGE.

Toronto, April 25.

Golden Star—500, 8. 3000, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$. 2500, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Big Three—4500, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$.
White Bear—6000, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Van Ande—5000, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Gold Hills—1500, 4.
Virtue—1000, 112.
Mont.-London—500, 27.
Can. G. Fields—1000, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Rathmullen—1000, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Winnipeg—1000, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

Toronto, April 25.

Iron Mask—100, 35.
Morrison—1000, 3.
Noble Five—500, 3.
Vict.-Triumph—1000, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. 500, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Novelty—3500, 2.
Deer Trail—2000, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Golden Star—1000, 8.
Athabasca—500, 25.
Granby Smelter—500, 40.
Ram. Cariboo—1000, 26 $\frac{1}{4}$.
B. C. G. F.—700, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$.
Mont. G. F.—3000, 5 1-3.
Rathmullen—500, 3.

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