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UPWARD CAMPAIGN IN NEW COAL STOCK

Reported Big Speculative Load

Has Been Removed from
Steel Group, Including U.S.
Bethlehem and Lackawanna.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

New York, Aug. 10.—Listing of several new coal stocks on the New York stock exchange is believed in some quarters of the street to be a prelude to an important upward campaign in this group which is going to be greatly influenced by the huge and increasing demand for fuel.

It is rumored that a big speculative load has been removed from the steel group, including Bethlehem, U.S. and Lackawanna. According to gossip this load overhung the entire metal group and now that it is eliminated advances may be more permanent if Washington news progresses along compromise lines recently noted. There is considerable denunciation of the false reports in circulation.

Conservative quarters suggest a stricter censorship by editors in news agencies relative to sensational price fixing tales which have been scattered broadcast in the last few days only to be denied by authorities. "While we are well informed that the condition of General Motors earnings and properties is satisfactory there is no aggressive support and quite a little selling is noted, says a private communication from a good source.

A broader demand is appearing for low priced rails, according to a leading wire institution which is reporting inquiries from outsiders relative to the prospects for S. R. Kan. City Southern, Mo. and kindred issues. Price fixing on commodities in the last analysis is bullish on railroad issues and the stocks of companies from which they buy supplies says a prominent source that is recommending the purchase.

The report that big business will oppose equal prices to the Allies should keep price fixing affairs dominant, encourage bears and make recovery irregular. But aside from the labor situation, which may later be an important factor, other features of uneasiness at the present seem likely to be temporary and of short duration and breaks in prices induced thereby will be accepted as buying opportunities by large operators.

A good demand appears at such times for equipments and low priced rails. Maritime stocks are destined for higher prices. The short interest in U. S. and Bab. is reported very large. Good buying is noted in Beet Sugar, A. F., Baldwin and Lack. Steel. Pool channels are bullish U. S., Willys-Overland and Allis-Chalmers issues, N.Y.F.B.

MONTREAL SALES.

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Montreal, Friday, Aug. 10th.
Lard—50 @ 62.
Sausages—50 @ 56 @ 75.
Butter—10 @ 82, 5 @ 83.
Cement—115 @ 62.
Cement—25 @ 90.
Steel of Canada—75 @ 53 1/2, 10 @ 54, 10 @ 59.
Dom Iron—50 @ 61 1/2.
Dom Iron—25 @ 51, 3 @ 90.
Shawinigan—10 @ 170.
Canada Car—10 @ 51.
Toronto—25 @ 115.
Dom Loan, 1937—\$100 @ 95 1/2, 11 @ 90 @ 95 1/2.

SCOTIA STEEL STRONG STOCK

Advances to 107 1-4 in New York and to 105 1-2 in Montreal, Rising 4 1-2—New Record.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—The indefinite course of prices at New York kept the local stock market in an uncertain mood today. There was little pressure to sell, but concurrently there was no renewal of the better demand of a few days ago and the market drifted idly, with only a few important price changes to be recorded at the end of the day.

Some strength and activity in Scotia Steel furnished one of the features of interest in the day's business. On buying amounting to about 600 shares the price rose 4 1/2 to 105 1/2 bid, with no offerings under 107 1/2. In New York the advance made further progress, a high price of 107 1/2 being established in the afternoon dealings, with only moderate recession at the close.

The special character of the advance was reflected in the inactivity and relative heaviness of other Canadian steel issues. Dominion Iron sagged 1/2 to 61 and offered at that price at the end of the day. Steel of Canada was barely steady at 58 1/2 at the close.

The rise in Scotia was therefore viewed as very largely a New York affair and without significance as to the state of the speculative sentiment here. For that matter, too, it was something apart from conditions in the other steel stocks of the New York list, for these ruled heavy throughout the greater part of the day.

The paper group furnished conflicting features in a little selling, Lauriat, which fell back 2 to 17 3/4, and as there was little buying of Riorion, which rose from 120 to 121 1/2, in the afternoon and closed at the latter price bid against 117 1/2 at close on Thursday.

Changes elsewhere included declines 1/2 to 1/4 for Car at 31, Bridge at 144, Smelters at 29, MacDonald at 14 1/2, Locomotive and Cement at 62 in each case unchanged, but Cement was offered down a small fraction at close.

There were freer offerings of 1937 war loan and price receded 1/4 to 95 1/2. The 1925 issue sold in one lot transaction at 97, decline of one from last board lot transaction.

Total business for day, shares 1780, bonds \$46,100.

FINANCIAL COMMENT

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Aug. 10.—Wall Street Journal—"The bullish crowd predicts 300 for Ann. Tobacco and ninety for Tobacco Products on the basis of the special successes of the individual companies to be made public shortly."

Sun—"With the unsettled conditions in Washington it seems almost certain that the market will be nothing more than a traders' affair."

Financial American—"Government and private finance are beginning to come into conflict. Individual enterprises must have a back seat while the needs of the government are being satisfied."

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STEEL SHARES SOFTEN, SUFFERING SEVERELY

United Steel Corporation's Unfilled Tonnage Statement for August 1 Disappointing—General Motors Off.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

New York, Aug. 10.—Steel stocks suffered declines running to a point or more in the early afternoon, apparently on the decrease of half a million tons in the Steel Corporation's unfilled tonnage of Aug. 1. This reflects the attitude of the domestic trade, which is waiting for the government to announce its price fixing program. It is recognized in the trade that the effect of the government's action upon jobs of steel products who have purchased steel at comparatively high prices might be serious. Steel stocks made a fair recovery however before the close.

General Motors was attacked with success the price being forced below 108, a new recent low. Here again part of the loss was made up. The high priced rails turned soft, C.P.R. and St. Paul losing one to three points.

Secretary McAdoo stated that Congress would shortly be asked to enact additional bond legislation which is nothing new but confirms the belief in the street that public offering of remaining \$4,000,000,000 already authorized is not far distant.

Wage adjustments expected to obviate a strike have been made in the coal mines of Kentucky and Tennessee and the Atchafalaya announces an increase of about 15 p.c. to its shopmen. These incidents suggest that the general wage scale is still going up.

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NEW BRITISH LOAN IS PROBABLE SOON

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and Money Superabundant.

Special to The Standard.

London, Aug. 10.—Money is superabundant this week owing to large government disbursements. The military outlook is hopeful and the Russian situation considered to have improved greatly.

The volume of holiday travelling shows that prosperity is widespread among the working classes. The crop situation is good, though some damage by recent rains is reported.

It is understood that the Bank of England is taking on clerks for overtime from other banks to accelerate uncompleted work in connection with the last loan. This it may be assumed means clearing the decks for the next loan. It is recalled that when the last loan issued the Chancellor of the Exchequer said no later opportunity would be given for subscribing to British government bonds on such liberal terms as he then has much curiosity regarding the terms of the next issue. The 5 per cent. loan is quoted at one-half per cent. below issue price.

LABOR TROUBLES AFFECT STOCK QUOTATIONS

Diverse Elements Bearing Up on Quoted Values Doubtless Accounts for Much of Depression in Prices.

New York, Aug. 10.—Diverse developments bearing upon quoted values doubtless accounted for the lower trend of today's restricted operations in the stock market. A decrease of over 500,000 tons in unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation for July, a new low record for Russian remittances, and the expansion of labor troubles were among the principal drawbacks.

On the other hand, call money relaxed from yesterday's opening rate of four per cent. and several of the leading industrial and producing companies submitted favorable financial reports. Among the more noteworthy of these were the annual statement of the Maxwell Motor Company and the quarterly return of the Utah Copper Company.

Professional Pools.

Apart from shippings, tobacco, sugar and oil, which seemed to derive much of their irregular strength from pools and other professional interests, war shares continued under intermittent pressure. U. S. Steel reacted two points to 122 1/2, with sub-par recovery; Bethlehem, new stock, 2 1/4; General Motors 4 1/4, and a few high priced specialties lost one to three points.

Rails manifested a sudden reversal from their recent firmness, dividend paying issues like Reading, St. Paul, C. P. R. and Delaware and Hudson breaking one to three points on comparatively small offerings.

NEWS SUMMARY.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
New York, Aug. 10.—All important members of the German imperial ministry summoned to grand council at main headquarters of the army.

Many American manufacturers and producers of war materials preparing to oppose policy of equal prices to Allies.

Root mission and war department strenuously oppose suggestion that troops be sent to Russia.

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CANADIAN BONDS LIST SHOWS DECLINE IN N. Y.

Issue of 1921 Slumps to 96 1-2 and That of 1926 to 94 7-8.

Special to The Standard.

New York, Aug. 10.—The natural consequence of the payment for the \$800,000,000 of new treasury certificates and the necessity for providing for the Canadian loan was an advance in call money to four per cent., the ruling rate in yesterday's market.

The ease with which large security offerings and particularly the Liberty loan, have been absorbed without deranging the money market has surprised no one so much as bankers in the closest touch with the situation. They have to revise their estimates of the ability of investors to take subsequent war loans and they are much more optimistic regarding chances for successful flotation of the second big war offering.

Canadian bonds again declined yesterday. The issue of 1921 was quoted at 96 1/2 against 98 on Wednesday, that of 1926 was offered at 94 1/2 compared with 95 previous day and 1931 maturity was quoted at 95 1/2 against 98 on Wednesday. The new two year notes touched 97, one point under issue price yesterday and were quoted at 96 1/2 to 97 1/2 today.

French minister of war says U. S. is solving problem of steamship tonnage destroyed by German U-boats. Proceeds from sale of \$20,000,000 Great Northern five per cent. notes will be used for the equipment, double-tracking, more sidings, enlarging and building new shops.

Special parties cable to the N. Y. Times quotes a prominent Swiss manufacturer as saying that Germany is near collapse, her man power exhausted and limit of effort reached.

June net revenue of 164 railroads reported to the I. C. C. was \$101,825,116, increase of \$9,113,322.

H. S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific executive committee, commenting upon the report that he had accepted the chairmanship of the war purchasing board says: "I am not chairman of the war industry board."

Utah Copper quarter ended June 30th, total income increase \$605,200. Equal \$6.50 a share.

Chino quarter ended June 30th, total income increase \$596,400, equal to \$4.39 a share or at rate of \$17.56 a share per annum.

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Little Benny was looking at a picture of Elijah going to heaven in a chariot of fire. Pointing to the halo about the prophet's head, Benny exclaimed: "Look, mama, he's carrying a spare tire."

CHICAGO PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

	Wheat	High	Low	Close
Sept	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	
	Corn			
May	114 1/2	119 1/2	113 1/2	
Dec	117 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	
	Oats			
May	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	
Sept	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	
Dec	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	