

STRAWS.

The World says that W. K. Vanderbilt is reported to be the chief factor in the \$75,000,000 Automobile trust.

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Bank of England proportion of reserve to liability, 42.3 p.c., against 33.9 last week and 52.9 a year ago. Bullion in bank for the week decreased £970,000.

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Sugar—European Sugar cables dull and rather easier. Nov. beets 3d lower at 9.03. Dec. unchanged at 9-2 1/2d. Visible supply 820,000 tons. Domestic market unchanged. Raws unchanged.

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Double tracking C.P.R. has begun. First section to be doubled tracked is from Winnipeg to Fort William. Next section will be from Winnipeg to Brandon, the third to Calgary, and the fourth to Vancouver.

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Common Leather stock is virtually all in the hands of one man. It was this man's cornering of the shorts which caused the pyrotechnic movements in this stock lately. The movements have no relation to the business of the company.

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The Boston News Bureau says: "Some 20 or 30 years ago money was always tight in the fall and easy in the spring. Money is now active in the West and it does not return as formerly, because it finds remunerative employment here. New York is still the great financial centre—perhaps of the world—but Chicago is making great strides as a western financial centre."

A leading railroader says: —An inevitable result of the money tightness will be conservative buying of securities. I expect to see a growing disposition among speculators to confine their attention largely to first class stocks. The railroads that have been spending the most money on themselves are sure to be the favorites. Railroad and industrial concerns that try to hide the facts about themselves will be the least in favor

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Washington — Assistant Vanderlip said: "There are only two things that the Treas-

ury can do at the present time. One is to deposit in the National Banks the international revenue collections, amounting roughly to about \$1,000,000 a day. The other is for the Treasury to purchase in the open market government bonds to the amount that might be considered necessary. The price which the government might pay for bonds would depend upon circumstances, but I do not feel that the government would be justified in paying more than the market price; that is to say the Treasury would invite bids for the sale of bonds and would naturally avail itself of the most advantageous offers. These are the only two remedies.

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