

FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

INVESTMENT MATTERS.

General News, Notes and Current Market Comment

Edward Sweet & Co., New York.—There is no question but railroads will have to adjust wages to meet existing conditions, and it would seem that it is an inopportune time for any interference on the part of the administration in regard to this matter. This interference is looked upon to a great extent as having its basis in politics, but nevertheless it has dangerous possibilities. There is but little doubt that a great many of the active stocks have been overvalued and have discounted the worst of the new up to the present time; but as the market is so professional and in the hands of this element, who are bearishly inclined and prefer to trade from day to day on the short side, it is doubtful if we shall see any sustained rally for some little time. But with the improved mercantile and commercial conditions, and also with the improved conditions in certain industrial enterprises, it is time to be hopeful at least, if not optimistic.

Walker Cooper's letter in Saturday's Boston Commercial will say: No considerable amount of copper can be bought for 13 cents. Producers as a rule expect a much higher range of prices during the last half of the year and unless the outlook continues exceedingly blue they will not sell their copper for advance delivery at current quotations. As soon as there is a concerted buying movement on the part of domestic consumers the price of copper will advance sharply. The political situation is responsible for the extreme depression, but this is likely to change within a day. The country itself is all right. There is a lot of money and some courage left. It is about time for the beginning of reconstruction in the business world. The copper market should improve soon.

(Brooklyn Eagle)

"We have now reached a point where

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

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REPORTS AND DISASTERS. Turks Island, Feb. 23.—The British steamer

REPORTS AND DISASTERS. Auckland, Feb. 15, stmr Forerick, Gard-

REPORTS AND DISASTERS. Buenos Ayres—Jan. 21, bark Peter,

REPORTS AND DISASTERS. San Francisco, Feb. 17—Arld, bark Daylight,

REPORTS AND DISASTERS. Portland, Me., Feb. 21—Arld ship Timandra,

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REPORTS AND DISASTERS. W. F. Hatheway is still confined to his

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BUNK

Fireman on Steamer Lansdowne Suffocated as He Lay Asleep.

About 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning George Matcoka, a fireman on the government steamer Lansdowne but who was on the ship's articles as James Reid, was found dead in his bunk. He was lying with his face buried in the pillow and from the appearance of the body Coroner Berryman thinks he must have been suffocated.

The unfortunate man went aboard between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Saturday night. He had been drinking. About midnight he went to his bunk and when two of his shipmates went to call him for breakfast at 7:30 they found him dead.

On Friday night between 10 and 11 o'clock Policeman Nelson arrested Reid for drunkenness in Princess street and locked him up. He was allowed to go Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock and it is said that he had been drinking more or less from then till he boarded the steamer.

Third Officer John Robinson was in the cabin when Reid went aboard. He says the man opened the door and started to say something. The officer, seeing that Reid had been drinking, advised him to go below and he complied. About an hour later, however, he was near the cook's galley and heard Reid ask night watchman for a cup of coffee and a piece of bread, which he got and again went down to the forecastle.

The men who were in the forecastle say that when Reid came down the companion way he had a dull glow of cooled sea to have some supper with him but, none of them complying, he by himself, after which he climbed into his bunk, which was about six feet from the floor. He sang for a while and afterwards appeared to cry himself to sleep. About 4:30 yesterday morning some of the men got up. They agreed that they would not wake Reid then. At 7:30 they went to call him to get his breakfast. He was lying on his face with one of his hands protruding from the edge of the bunk. John Smudis, who was one of the men, remarked on the peculiar appearance of this hand. He called Fred Wallace, another of the men, and together they turned him over and were horrified to find he was dead.

The police and the coroner were notified at once. Policeman McCollum and Coroner Berryman were soon on board the Lansdowne and after viewing the body the coroner gave permission to have it removed to an undertaker.

The unfortunate man signed articles on the Lansdowne on Sept. 22 last. He was a Scotchman. Among his shipmates, however, it was understood that Reid was not his proper name. They say that his real name was George Matcoka. The officers of the Lansdowne think that when he joined the Lansdowne he had a bad case of rheumatism and signed articles under an assumed name. As far as can be ascertained the dead man had only one relative, a wife, who lives in Glasgow.

Coroner Berryman said last night that it was not likely an inquest would be held. There were no evidences of foul play; it was a clear case of death by suffocation. The body was removed to W. Brennan's undertaking rooms and the funeral will take place from the Seaman's Institute Tuesday afternoon.

STILL SINGLE

"I have met hundreds of men who were married and living happy lives," said the man with the horseshoe pin in the smoking compartment, "but there is neither love nor matrimony for me."

CITY SCRIBES ANNUAL "FEED"

Newspaper Men's Dinner on Saturday Evening a Very Pleasant Function

The Keith assembly rooms were the scene of a pleasant function on Saturday evening when the gentlemen of the fourth estate, otherwise the newspaper men of St. John, held their third annual dinner. The attendance was large and the good time enjoyed was even more expansive. The dinner was excellent and well served, the music fine, and the varied forms of amusement all went towards the making of a delightful evening, and the gathering was voted decidedly the best yet.

The present included representatives from the papers as follows: St. John Sun—C. F. Crandall, J. P. Patterson, L. Gove, C. W. Clark, W. Isherwood, Bruce S. Robb. Star—H. V. McKinnon, Harry Ervin, C. McIntyre. Globe—W. C. Jordan, H. W. Lumley. Times—A. M. Belding, A. E. McGinley, A. C. L. Tapley, W. E. Hopper, S. H. Taylor. News—C. Wright. Telegraph—E. W. McCready, Frank McCafferty, H. O'Brien, R. E. Walker, George Scott, S. K. Smith, Joseph Murphy.

Guests—W. H. Golding, Hugh Murphy, H. O'Brien, Robert Seely, Sydney Beckley, Mr. Hammond of the C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan, and Messrs Smith, Leavitt and Davis, of the Philharmonic. The chair was taken at 6:30 o'clock by A. M. Belding, with C. F. Crandall, vice-chairman, and the paragraphs of one fell to work upon the tempting viands. The catering was done by the Frank White Company, and was unanimously pronounced to be in most efficient hands. The table was neatly arranged. The menu was good. Everything was served in tempting style and in all the dinner was excellent. The menu was:

Roast Turkey with Dressing, cranberry sauce. Cold Ham. Creamed Potatoes. Mashed Turnips. Plum Pudding, hot sauce. Cream Pie. Apple Pie. Cake. Tea. Ginger Ale.

After the good things had been disposed of the chairman read a number of telegrams (written for the occasion) which caused considerable merriment. Premier Robinson, J. D. Hazen, The Times New Reporter, Dr. Pugsley, Teddy R.—all sent messages which were heartily received. Then began the speeches and they too, were enjoyed albeit the orators had to stand a running fire of sharp interjections which would make the proceedings of a joust debate rather tame. The toast list was as follows:

The King, proposed by the chairman and responded to by Messrs. Gove and Ervin. The Editor, proposed by C. F. Crandall and responded to by Messrs. Gove and Ervin. The Reporter, proposed by the chairman and responded to by Messrs. McCready and Crandall. The Philharmonic, proposed by C. F. Crandall, responded to by H. O'Brien, J. P. Patterson, W. C. Jordan, and W. H. Lumley. The People, proposed by the chairman, responded to by Messrs. Ervin, Crandall, and Gove. Absent Friends, proposed by L. Gove, and responded to by Messrs. Belding and McCready.

Interpreted with the speeches were vocal solos by Mr. Beckley and Mr. Seely; piano solo by Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Ervin; instrumental music by Messrs. McCafferty and Breen, and selections by the Philharmonic Four. The program of the quartets was received heartily and three cheers were given with a will for the clever entertainers. So too, Mr. Beckley's solo, given with ready wit and a bright recitation by him, and Mr. Seely's songs were heard with will and ears and greatly appreciated.



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