

WEDNESDAY MORNING

MARINE COMMON MADE NEW HIGH RECORD

Preferred Stock, However, Suffered From Profit-Taking, Going Down.

MARKET IRREGULAR

Rails and Specialties Backward—Pessimism Over Foreign Situation.

NEW YORK. Jan. 18.—There was little in today's irregular market to justify detailed or extended comment. Trading, mainly to lower levels, resulted largely, if not wholly, from bearing reshuffling. Among the trading element there seemed to be an excess of pessimism, reflected in part on external conditions. Great Britain's proposed stringent blockade and war in Mexico were cited as the chief reasons for this state of mind. With few exceptions, stocks of backwardness, despite excellent earnings, and steady-held and high-priced issues, yield more easily to downward pressure.

Marine common made the new record decline of 1% to 4% & 8 under its record of yesterday.

The States Steel, in which the trading was unequalled of any day for two weeks, declined to 8% or 9% after a further fraction over its recent minimum.

The selling seemed to be based upon increasing doubts of a major share and fertilizer moved to higher quotations, probably in consequence of manipulation.

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ADVANCE IN CABLES SENDS WHEAT SOARING

Highest Price Yet Paid for This Season's Crop—Strong Close.

CHICAGO. Jan. 18.—Wheat soared to a new high price record of \$1.31 per bushel, with general acceptance from the market and with Canadian Government buying at Winnipeg. The selling was chiefly responsive to the advance of 1% to 2% for higher. The market closed 2% higher, but fell 1% to 1% on the second day.

Commodities were weak, but were able to hold their own, especially in consequence of manipulation.

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The biggest rush to buy wheat came during the last hour of trading, and accompanied news that the Canadian Government was a participant in the market. Commodity trading to dray, but the strength of wheat finally acted as more than an offset for bearish influences. Oats showed independent strength.

For the time being, notwithstanding that hard thrust most of the day was under heavy selling pressure.

PRICES REACTIONARY ON TORONTO EXCHANGE

Maple Leaf and Cement Succumb to Profit-Taking—General Electric Makes an Advance.

On the Toronto stock market yesterday was a continuation with some improvement. General and Maple Leaf, which have shown much strength for several days, met sufficient stock to retard further progress and to bring them down. Both of these stocks were strong at the record at 92. Realizing followed the initial transaction, and General Electric was lost two points, from 75 to 71 1/2. The only other active stocks were Steamship and General Electric, the former advancing and falling from 18 to 16, while General Electric made 1% points, with the close at 13 1/2. Smelters was steadily firm, with the top sales at 138. Brazilian was strong, the fact of a further decline in exchange, and an announcement of internal trouble in the South American republic. Steel was lost one 1/2 points, from 75 to 71 1/2. The market was quiet, and action was limited to a few transactions in preferred stocks and bank shares. Dominion Steel Founds' advance from 100 to 110, but this was the only item in the curb dealings requiring any mention for the day.

PRICE RATES.

Glasbrook & Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, report exchange rates as follows:

Buyers. Sellers. Counter. N.Y. 9:30 p.m. 5:18 p.m. 1/2% to 1/4% Mont. Mts. par. par. 1/2% to 1/4% New York. 4:17 1/2% 4:18 1/2% Cable. 4:30 1/2% 4:31 1/2% Rates in New York— Sterling demand, 4:76% to 4:76% Sterling of England rate, 5 per cent.

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Record of Yesterday's Markets

TORONTO STOCKS.

Ask'd. Bid.

Am. Cyanamid com. 65 67 1/2

do. preferred 10 68 1/2

Brazilian 58 58

C. G. Hartmann. 11 11

Bell Telephone com. 113 142

Buri F. N. com. 20 94

Car. Brewster. 30 92 1/2

Car. do. preferred 90 90

C. Car. & F. Co. 74 74

do. preferred 88 88

Can. Pacific Ry. 50 50

Canadian Pacific Ry. 50 50

Canadian Natl. Ry. 98 98

Ch. Mt. & St. L. 74 74

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