

LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks, Prominent in Street Earlier in Week, Dropped Behind.

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New York, Feb. 17.—For the most part stocks which had been prominent earlier in the week on the exchange fell behind today, and the issues which hitherto had figured so prominently. The only difference between the market of today and that of previous days lay in the choice of particular stocks for leadership.

One of these was Allis-Chalmers. The recent annual report of this company surprised the street in that it showed despite the disadvantageous operating conditions during the first half of 1922, that the division had been more than covered. Under these circumstances, with an unusually large foreign business, and with a working capital of \$25,000,000, the dividend is regarded as safe, and therefore the stock on the exchange has been looked upon as an attractive investment.

Recovery in the sugar market was promptly reflected in high prices for the sugar stocks. The copper did not make the response that might have been anticipated by the writer on the return of quotations this time to 15 cents. All some of these stocks made new highs.

Among the public utilities, Public Service of N. J., sold above 101 for the first time this year. Talk of increased dividend, and Utah Securities was actively bought in anticipation of exchange of stock with the Utah Power Company, which is earning over 10 per cent. The return for several days, came in or more attention under the lead of Reading.

National Biscuit—National Biscuit was strong today, due largely to pool activities, which are based on the favorable earnings of the company. It has been reported in the street that National Biscuit during 1922 made very good deductions from the net income, amounting to about \$3,000,000. In addition to other charges contained in the report, it was understood to be earning about \$1,000,000 net per month on its new stock.

Kelly-Springfield.—The further strength of Kelly-Springfield was in anticipation of the 1922 report, due to be published next Monday. It is understood that this statement will show more than \$6 per share earned on the stock after all charges, including dividend. The statement will show that the company, according to estimates, will be at least 100 per cent. higher than that for the previous twelve months. Phillips Petroleum.—This issue was featured among the new issues, selling at a new high for the year. The position of Phillips is said to be very satisfactory. The earnings are running at close to 20 per cent on the new stock. Phillips is producing about 25,000 barrels of oil a day, and is manufacturing 30,000 barrels of gasoline daily.

FINANCIAL BRIEFS
The regular dividend has been declared on Mutual Oil.
It is rumored that General Motors will go on a permanent dividend basis next week. It is predicted that it will be 15 cents yearly.
Copper Metal was quoted at 15 1/2 cents yesterday. Expect some further advance in the metal and some lively trading in the copper market for moderate rallies.

STOCK MARKET OPINIONS.
Jones, Easton, McCullum.—The British market states that England must continue the efforts to bring about a more centrally to become mediator in the Ruhr. This is an indication of further delay in the Ruhr, and is of great significance to the world.
Wheat stocks in North America, Argentina, Australia, United Kingdom and India are estimated to be 211,000,000 bushels, against 212,100,000 last year.
Large corn traders were buying on the export business, and the market was estimated at between 200,000 and 300,000 bushels for the day. Export houses also bought a fair amount of wheat.
Offerings of both wheat and corn were not large, but at the same time demand was mostly from small traders.
Selling of oats has been completed in Oklahoma, and the southern month of the southern states will be on potatoes.
The relative firmness in Liverpool was brought in the early morning for wheat, but the rally prompted reading.

GRAIN MARKET OPINIONS.
Bartlett, Frazier.—Favor purchasing in any further declines.
Clement, Curtis.—Grain should be bought on breaks for moderate rallies.
Lambert Bros.—Advise buying on any further breaks.
Stein, Alster.—Good support is likely to be met on this break.
Jones, Easton, McCullum.—Likely the sharp decline, there is a disposition to wait until the market has recovered, and then to move with more motive than higher prices.

METALS
New York, Feb. 16.—Copper strong. Electrolytic—Spot and futures, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4.
Tin—Strong—Spot, \$22.75; futures, \$22.50.
Iron—Steady; unchanged.
Lead—Steady; spot, \$5 to \$5.25.
Zinc—Steady; East St. Louis, spot and nearby delivery at \$21.50.
Antimony—Spot, \$7.12.

EXCHANGE RATES
Montreal, Feb. 16.—Sterling exchange rates were quoted here today: Demand, \$4.14; cables, \$4.12.

DETROIT DISCOUNT RATE
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Detroit, Feb. 16.—Detroit clearinghouse banks' uniform rate of exchange on Canadian currency for Saturday will be at the rate of 1.26 per \$100.

PROVISIONS
Chicago, Feb. 17.—Provisions showed a little strength with grain, despite lower quotations on hogs.
Cash prices:
Pork—Nominal.
Lard—\$10.50 to \$11.25.
Future quotations:
Lard—May, \$11.32; July, \$11.45.
Lard—May, \$10.85; July, \$10.87.

GOLD AND SILVER
London, Feb. 17.—Bar silver, 30 1/2-103 per ounce.
New York, Feb. 17.—Foreign bar silver, 83 1/2.

MONEY
New York, Feb. 16.—Money on call, 4 to 4 1/4 per cent; ruling rate 5 1/4. Time loans 1/2 to 1 1/2 per cent; 30 days, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; 60 days, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2; 90 days, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2; 120 days, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2.

How the Stocks Closed Today

New York

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCullum, New York, Feb. 17.—Close.

	Open	High	Low
Sugar	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Am. Beet	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Am. Can.	51	51	50 1/2
Am. Chem.	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Am. H. & L.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
L. pfd.	71	71	71
Am. Tel.	84	84	84
Am. Wool	89 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2
Am. Chemical	127 1/2	127 1/2	125 1/2
Am. Loco.	3%	3%	3%
Am. Smelters	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Am. Steel	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel.	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
Am. Wool	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Gulf	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Am. Loco.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Am. Paper	49 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2
Am. Smelters	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Ohio	52	52	51 1/2
Transit.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Am. B	142	142	140
Am. C	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
Am. D	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
Am. E	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Am. F	66 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2
Meter	74 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2
Am. G	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Am. H	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Am. I	81	81	80 1/2
Am. J	86 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2
Am. K	110	110	109 1/2
Am. L	175	175	175 1/2
Am. M	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Am. N	86 1/2	86 1/2	84 1/2
Am. O	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2