NEW YORK EXCHANGE,

RUMORS OF WAR IN SUGAR AND GAS SHARES ADVANCE.

The Market Bueyant-There are No Laggards.

Sugar and Tobacco Very Active.

New York, Aug. 26.

London prices were firm and our opening was almost buoyant, the first two hours showed great activity and many noted advances. Sugar rose 3 per cent. and Peoples and Consolidated Gas three and five respectively and this in the face of great war rumors which should have weakened both classes of securities. There were both classes of securities. There were small declines in Brooklyn Rapid Transit, United States Leather preferred, C. C. C. St. Louis and one or two others, the general list was higher and closes strong. The principal advances were in the Pacifics, Grangers, Sugar, Tobacco. Gases and Manhattan, the ranges being from ½ to 5 per cent.

MORNING OPINION.

New York, Aug. 26th.

The stock marset will not conform, in its movements, to the traders' idea of the properties of the situation.

Nearly all the larger dealers and

professional operators would be de-lighted to see a recession in values, sufficient to wipe out small margins, and clear the way for a fresh advance, but such a re-action does not come.

in a time like this the average man would rather invest his moneyl than have it adly resting in the bank. It is therefore difficult to get everything to re-act at once, and the average of the market does not yield worth nondez-

This market is of a higher class than any we have enjoyed in many years. Now, the buyers of stocks care ditthe what manipulatian may do. He knows that the conditions in general business are all that could be asked, and puts his money into stocks as an investment.

Yesterday the weakness of the Local Gas stock was one of the market's chief bearish factors, but its effect was no more important than the continued London sales.

An investment demand sustained the Grangers most of the day, and there was no increase in the demand for the Pacific stock, which may now be called the market's leader.

A recovery in Manhattan was attributed to the effort to reduce the short

buted to the effort to reduce the short interests.

A movement began during the raid on Missouri Pacific the previous day. It looks as though this week's reports on the condition of trade would be the best of the season, and perhaps

supply a future ,mpetus for the mar-It may be that last night's i heavy buying of New York iCentral was significant. A little spurt in money did not affect the market.

MARKET STRONGER.

While there were a few influences outside of the Room, responsible for the strength of yesterday afternoon's market, most of that strength looked as if it emanated from the change in speculative sentiment, and a covering on the part of traders who sold stocks

LONDON MARKET.

The market for Americans in London to-day displays considerable irregularity in price. Americans are said to be fairly active and fluctuations range from 1/4 per cent. decline to 3/5 advance.

Houses with important London connections were moderate buyers of stocks in our market yesterday. This is the first time in many weeks that London houses have been buyers here. Every day they appeared as considerable sellers and this selling has, at times, had a deterrant effect upon any upward movement.

· SUGAR.

With the advance in the price of this stock, came the rumors to the effect that trade conditions were improving. that there was to be some harmonious understanding with the opposition. These rumors are, however, not verified to-day, and on the advance of yesterday afternoon there was some good selling. Demand for Sugar in last night's loan crowds was noticeably less than for several days

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. August 26, 1898.

TO-DAY'S PRICES-

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CHICAGO MARKET.

The Bartlett Frazier Co., Limited.-H. J. Coon, manager, 39 St. Sacrement St., quote the opening, highest, lowest and closing prices in Chicago to-day as follows: August 26, 1898.

	—closing prices aug. 20 to 25.					TO-DAYS PRICES.			
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BALTIMORE AND OHIO.

A re-organization of Baltimore and Ohio South Western is said to be near at hand. It has been evident that the sums spent every year, for maintenance of the property, have been materially less than were necessary to keep it in order. The company, for example, have averaged only about \$20 per annum per freight car, for "repairs and renewals," while in three years it has destroyed 1,000 freight cars, representing \$500 000 of original cost,

AMERICAN GAS CO.

The Gas situation is giving the market much concern, for all the gas stocks have declined, including those dealt with in the outside market. Consolidated Gas has broken quite sharply, and there is now in full blast what the market calls a "gas war."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

TO DAY'S PRICES

The Southern Pacific will probably distribute another 1 per cent, dividend on its Preferred stock this fall, making 2 per cent. paid during the year. The figures of the late report show a plus of something over \$1,000,000, or 134 per cent. on the Preferred stock.

MARKET STRONG AND BULLISH.

New York. Noon, Aug. 26.

Immediately after the opening it became apparent that the bullish temper, which developed during the first two yours of yesterday's tracing, had increased in strength over night.

Foreign Houses were buyers of almost all international stocks; except St. Paul their purchases were especially heavy in Union Pacific Common and Preferred.

There was also good local buying of both of those stocks, more especially in

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the Common, which as a low-priced stock is attracting considerable atten-

SUGAR.

The manipulation of Sugar, which began yesterday, was continued to-day with considerable success. The shorts have been particularly well stamped, and comparatively little stock is coming on the market at the advance.

The reason for the advance is the publication of a story in a New York newspaper, to the effect that a settling had been arrived at between the Arbuckles and the American Com-

The best informed people are confident that there is no truth in the story, and that as soon as the Arbuckle Refinery is in full working order, one of the bitterest wars in the history of the Sugar trade will be in-

augurated. It is now generally admitted that the forthcoming annual statement will make a better shawing than ever the most sanguine Bulls dreamed of, two months ago.