

# Financial And Commercial News

## A BROAD BUYING MOVEMENT AT CLOSE

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New York, Jan. 20.—There were indications at odd moments today's stock market session that the limit of absorption had been reached, but these were dispelled in the later dealing, when a broad buying movement wiped out most of early losses and sent numerous important issues to the highest level attained since the renewal of open trading. Dealings in stocks showed a marked decrease from the preceding day's extraordinary activity, but this was more than offset by the gain in bonds, the business in these securities aggregating the largest amount of any day since the exchange reopened.

Aside from continued activity in Missouri Pacific stock and bonds at advancing prices, low priced stocks were less in evidence than has recently been the case. In fact many shares constituting that group were dull and lower. Rumors issued reflected the receivership proceedings, Bethlehem Steel common was inclined to drop on rumors that no dividends would be authorized for a long time, and Pressed Steel fell precipitately at the end, on reports that the company had failed to receive some large contracts recently under negotiation.

Pressure was directed upon some of the leaders, particularly United States Steel, and the principal copers, boardroom gossip attributing the temporary heaviness of these stocks to foreign selling. London, from all accounts, disposed of a moderate amount of our stocks in this market. Advice from Pittsburgh gave a more favorable aspect to the outlook for the steel industry, operations in that district and the Middle West showing a considerable gain in rate of production, compared with a week ago. Copper prices held at fourteen cents, but some disappointment was felt at the Amalgamated dividend, which was again declared on the 50 cent quarterly basis. Many of the day's gains in bonds were in speculative issues, advances extending from one to four per cent. Total sales, par value, were \$3,960,000.

United States government registered \$'s were up one-eighth per cent, on call.

## PRODUCE PRICES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Jan. 20.—CORN—American No 2 yellow, 84. OATS—Canadian Western No 2, 65 to 66; No 3, 63 1/2. FLOUR—Man. spring wheat patents, 7.40; second, 6.90; strong bakers, 6.70; winter patents, choice, 7.00; straight rollers, bbls, 6.50 to 6.60; bags, 3.10 to 3.20. WHEAT—Man. 25, shorts, 27 to 28. HAY—No 2, per ton, car lots, 18 to 19. POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, 57 1/2 to 60.

## NEW YORK COTTON

	High	Low	Close
Jan.	8.50	8.25	8.50
Mar.	8.81	8.55	8.75
May	9.02	8.77	9.00
July	9.20	8.98	9.18
Dec.	9.57	9.38	9.59

## World's Shipping News

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

JANUARY PHASES OF MOON.

Full Moon	1st	8h.	20m.
Last Quarter	8th <td>5h. <td>13a.</td> </td>	5h. <td>13a.</td>	13a.
New Moon	14th <td>1h. <td>32m.</td> </td>	1h. <td>32m.</td>	32m.
First Quarter	22d <td>1h. <td>32m.</td> </td>	1h. <td>32m.</td>	32m.
Full Moon	31st <td>6h. <td>41m.</td> </td>	6h. <td>41m.</td>	41m.

Day of Week. Day of Month. Sun. Rise. Sun. Set. M. Water A.M. H. Water P.M. H. Water A.M. H. Water P.M. H.

21	Th.	8.50	5.35	10.50	2.15	8.25	5.10
22	Fri.	8.50	5.35	10.50	2.15	8.25	5.10

### A NEW ENGINE.

A new 60 horse power Wolverine gasoline engine has been installed in the pilot boat H. D. Troop and she was given a trial spin about the harbor yesterday.

### STEAMSHIP NOTES.

The Allan Line S. S. Scottish Monarch, from St. John, passed the Lizard at 7 a. m. Monday.

The Allan Line steamer Hesperian from St. John via Halifax, is due at Liverpool on Thursday.

The steamer Cape Breton, 1,108 tons, Capt. Kemp, arrived from Sydney yesterday with coal.

The Donaldson Line S. S. Cabotia, 2,786 tons, Capt. Mitchell, arrived yesterday morning from Glasgow with a general cargo. She docked at the McLeod wharf. She had a stormy passage out, battling against strong head winds and seas.

The steamer Thorwood, 1,980 tons, Captain Jorgensen, under charter to the C. P. R., arrived yesterday from Kingston, Ja., to load hay and other products.

The steamer Nevada, Capt. Willett, sailed yesterday for Sydney.

The Canadian Northern Line S. S. Campanello, Capt. Nelson, arrived at Halifax from Avonmouth on Monday. She made the passage in thirteen days. She landed 30 passengers.

The steamer Rosseau sailed from Povey, England, last Saturday for Boston.

The steamer Scandinavia will sail on Friday for Liverpool with a good

## STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Amal Cop.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am Beet Sug	35 1/2	35 3/4	35	35 1/2
Am Car Fy	47 1/2	48	47 1/2	48
Am Loco	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28
Am Smelt	62 1/2	63	61 1/2	63
Anacosta	28	28	27 1/2	28
Am Tele	119 1/2	121 1/2	119 1/2	121 1/2
Atchafal	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Balt and O	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 3/4
Brook Rap Tr	73	74	73	74
Ches and O	44 1/2	44 3/4	43 1/2	44
Cons Gas	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
Can Pac	165 1/2	167 1/2	165 1/2	167 1/2
Erie Com	23 1/2	24	23 1/2	24
Gr Nor Pfd	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2
Ill Cent	108	108 1/2	108	108 1/2
Lehigh Val	137 1/2	138 1/2	137 1/2	138 1/2
Louis and N	119	120	119	120
Miss Pac	13 1/2	14	13 1/2	14
NY NH and H	55 1/2	56	55 1/2	56
N Y Cent	89 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
Nor Pac	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Penn	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Press Stl Car	35 1/2	36	35 1/2	36
Reading Com	151 1/2	152 1/2	151 1/2	152 1/2
Rep Steel	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2
St Paul	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
Sou Pac	86	87 1/2	86	87 1/2
Sou Ry Com	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
Un Pac Com	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
U S Steel Com	52 1/2	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	108 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2
U S Rub Com	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2
Westing Elec	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
Total sales	301,800.			

## CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Wheat, No. 2, red, 1.36 1/2 to 1.42; No. 2 hard, 1.36 1/2 to 1.42.

Corn—No 4 yellow, 68 1/2 to 70; No 4 white, 69 1/2 to 71.

Oats—No 3 white, 51 1/2 to 53; No 4 white, 51 1/2 to 52 1/2.

Rye—No 2, 1.20.

Barley—69 to 77.

Timothy—\$4.00 to 7.00.

Clover—12.50 to 15.00.

Pork—16.87 to 18.35; lard, 10.62; ribs, 9.25 to 10.12.

## WHEAT.

	High.	Low.	Close.
May	147	137 1/2	143
July	125 1/2	122 1/2	125 1/2

## CORN.

	High.	Low.	Close.
May	78 1/2	76 1/2	78 1/2
July	79 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2

## OATS.

	High.	Low.	Close.
May	56	54 1/2	55 1/2
July	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2

## PORK.

	High.	Low.	Close.
May	19.00	18.80	18.27

## MONTREAL CASH SALES

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Paint Pfd.—43.99. Brazilian—25.74. Cedar Bonds—1,300.86. Tram Power—70.40. Montreal Power—4,213 1/2. 70.214. Ottawa Light and Power—8,120. 20.120.

## PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Wednesday Jan. 20, 1914.

Stmr North Star, Boston, via Maine ports.

Stmr Cabotia, 2,786, Mitchell, Glasgow, Robt. Reford Co., general.

Stmr Thorwood, 1,980, Jorgensen, Kingston, C. P. R., bal.

Stmr Cape Breton, 1,108, Kemp, Sydney, R. P. and W. F. Starr.

Sailed.

Stmr Nevada, Willett, Sydney, Starr.

## BRITISH PORTS.

Lizard, Jan. 17.—Passed stmr Delmira, Lovelace, St. John, N. B., for—

## FOREIGN PORTS.

Bergan, Jan. 11.—Ard stmr Harold, Mousen, Baltimore via, Louisburg, C. B. and Ardrossan.

Boston, Jan. 28.—Ard stmr Eagle Point, Liverpool.

Eastport, Jan. 18.—Sld schr Warner Moore, Norwalk.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Ard schr Alice May Davenport, Turks Island.

St. Jan. 18, stmr Vaderland, Liverpool via Halifax.

Saunderstown, Jan. 18.—Ard schr Irma Bentley, New York.

Vineyard Haven, Jan. 18.—Ard schr South C, Lunenburg, N. S., for New York.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Portland, Jan. 18, 1915.

Seacoast of Maine.

Manar Island Gas and Whistling Buoy, 14M, reported extinguished January 14, will be relighted as soon as practicable.

## OUTLOOK FOR WOOL MARKET IN LONDON

Measrs. Henry P. Hughes and Sons, Bradford, in their wool report for 1914 says of the outlook for the coming season:

It is always difficult, and particularly so at present, to forecast the probable course of markets owing to the many unforeseen circumstances that have to be reckoned with. During the coming season the market conditions will be largely dominated by the war, and no one would be foolish enough to predict with any confidence when hostilities are likely to terminate. The longer the war lasts the better will be the outlook for crossbreds, but the very opposite will probably be the case in regard to merinos, although the better kinds may derive some benefit from Army requirements in the event of fine crossbreds becoming scarce or their value advancing to such an extent as to force buyers to give attention to the finer and relatively cheaper wools. The prospects for all inferior burry and wasty merinos, which are usually bought for the Continent, are particularly unfavorable. There is, however, some prospect of a better demand for such wool being experienced as soon as the Germans are driven back from the North of France, where the greater number of the French mills are situated. They are understood to be uninjured at present, but the whole of the stocks of wool and manufactured goods have been removed by the Germans, and the French are not likely to waste any time in restocking them when they again come into their possession, the necessity of supplying their own troops with clothing, etc., being urgent in view of the huge contracts placed with prospects of more to follow, for khaki, etc., in this country, crossbreds are likely to remain dear until peace is within sight and even then with depleted stocks and prospects of large American requirements, it is not certain that there will be any serious collapse in values. Much, of course, must depend upon the trend of the market up to that time.

## CHICAGO'S ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED NUMBERS

A HUNDRED THOUSAND

Chicago, Jan. 20.—One hundred thousand Chicagoans are out of work this winter, according to a report of the Public Welfare Commission, to Mayor Harrison today. This is exclusive of the drifting population of idle men.

## ONTARIO WOMAN GETS WORD HUSBAND WAS KILLED IN FLANDERS

Wingham, Ont., Jan. 20.—Mrs. John French of this place received word today that her husband had been killed in Flanders. He was killed by British army reservists, and when the war broke out at once returned to England. The action or place of his death is not given.

## MINES CLOSED DOWN

Reading, Pa., Jan. 20.—Because of the mild weather and slow sale of anthracite coal, the mines of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, will close down tonight for the balance of the week. They will resume on Monday morning.

The mines have been working but three and four days a week for some time.

## WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSE.

May close—141 1/2.

July—142 1/2.

May oats—60 1/2.

## HALF MILLION ACRES OF TIMBER BURNED LAST YEAR

350 Million ft. of merchantable timber destroyed in Canada by forest fires, Chief Forester reports to Conservation Commission.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Some idea of the serious loss inflicted on the country by forest fires was given at the annual meeting of the Commission of Conservation today by R. H. Campbell, chief forester for the department of the interior.

Last year there were 1,406 forest fires in different parts of the Dominion, mostly in the West, which destroyed 425,567 acres of forest, and 350,000,000 feet (board measure) of merchantable timber. The spring and summer of 1914 were exceptionally dry. In 1910, another dry year, there were 1,227 forest fires, which destroyed 345,660 acres of trees, and 185,350,000 feet of timber that could have been used for manufacturing purposes. Most of the fires are caused by careless settlers, with the railways a close second, and thoughtless campers third.

Dr. Haanel, director of the Dominion Mines branch, referring to the oil fields of Alberta, said that in his opinion the discoveries made so far, and the prospects of future discoveries, do not warrant or afford any guarantee for people to invest their money.

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## SOLDIER AND BRIDE OF FEW WEEKS DISAPPEAR

London, Ont., Jan. 20.—Private Sydney Bryant of the Eighteenth Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, who was one of the principals in a big wedding at Weddell, was missing, along with his bride and it is claimed that he has deserted. The marriage of the young couple was attended by great pomp and ceremony.

## FOUR YEARS IN PRISON FOR ROBBERY MAILS

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Henri C. Chapleau, a letter carrier, who pleaded guilty to theft from the mails, was sentenced today by Judge Leet to four years in the penitentiary.

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## LUNCH CARTS FOR SOLDIERS NEAR THE TRENCHES

Free Lunches for men going to and from the firing line, latest innovation introduced by Y.M.C.A.

London, Jan. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—At the suggestion of Princess Victoria, the Y. M. C. A., which has been active in various ways at the battlefronts, is preparing to extend its work, and is to establish so-called "free lunch counters" mounted on wagons that can be drawn from point to point.

Steaming hot tea and coffee and rations of soup will be dealt out to soldiers tramping to and from the trenches, and special efforts will be made to furnish the soldiers who have been slightly wounded, but still are able to walk and thus can get to the wagons. It is expected that a lunch wagon can safely be stationed at cross roads, at a reasonable distance in the rear of the firing line, and that much may be done to restore the vitality of the men that has been lowered by the rigors of winter weather.

"People do not go to church to knit, but to take part in the service," said the secretary of the Archbishop of Canterbury in reply to a question which has been put to almost every person in England by patriotic women. In order that the work for the men in khaki might not be relaxed, it was proposed that the women be allowed to knit during sermon time.

"People go to church to pray, sing, listen to the lessons and the sermon," continued the secretary.

"If nothing is going on, they had better be on their knees praying for the soldiers on the battlefield and for themselves."

The official casualty total of the past year in the mines and quarries of Great Britain is 1,870 killed and 184,202 injured, according to a Blue Book issued by the Home Office.

The number returned as "injured" large as it seems, includes only those who were disabled for a period of eight days or more. Altogether there are employed in mining in this country 1,236,211 persons, of which 926,359 work underground.

The Blue Book reports that a gain in safety in mining is to be noticed over a long period of years, but the gain is so slow as to be almost imperceptible. The death rate, figured per million tons of coal or minerals raised, was 5.81 last year, as compared with 7.48 thirty years ago.

The total value of minerals mined in Great Britain in 1913 was \$800,000,000, an increase of about \$145,000,000 over 1912.

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## CHALLENGE TO SEC. BRYAN

Continued silence while German atrocities go on belie his lectures and sermons, Ontario minister tells him.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—The following message was sent today to United States Secretary of State Bryan, Washington, by Rev. Byron H. Stauffer, of Bond street Congregational church, and a former citizen of the United States: "The message refers to the Zepplin raid on English towns and says: 'How much longer will you keep silent while non-combatants are being murdered, and every principle of the Hague conference is being violated. You have had your ideals and your dreams. You have spoken eloquently of the Prince of Peace. You can serve Him now. Your continued silence must surely give the lie to your lectures and sermons. I am sure I speak for the great majority of former residents of the United States now living in Canada.'"

(Signed) BYRON H. STAUFFER.

## BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

The following subscriptions to the Belgian relief fund were received yesterday:

Mrs. Nicholls, Westfield, \$ 2.00

Mrs. John Weston, Jardineville, Kent Co., 5.00

Men's Bible Class, Newcastle Bridge, per W. B. Evans, 10.00

High School Alumnae, St. John per Miss Jessie I. Lawson, 100.00

Centre Napan, Women's Institute, per Miss Lenna A. MacLean, 44.25

## January 1st Re-Investment

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