

COMMERCIAL

**BANK CLEARINGS.**  
Clearings for week ending Thursday, August 6th, 1908, \$1,850,138.  
Corresponding week last year, \$1,721,230. Decrease \$128,908.

**NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.**  
Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market.  
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Amalg. Copper	79 3/4	79 3/4
Anaconda	48 1/2	48 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Am. Smelt. and R.	93 1/2	93 1/2
Am. Car Foundry	40 1/4	40 1/4
Am. Woolen	25 1/2	25 1/2
Am. Locomotive	87 1/2	87 1/2
Brook. Rpd. Tr.	52	52
Balt. and Ohio	91 1/2	91 1/2
Ches. and Ohio	43 1/2	43 1/2
Canadian Pac.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Chi. and G. West.	123 1/2	123 1/2
Colo. P. and Iron	23 1/2	23 1/2
Consolidated Gas	113	113
Gen. Electric Co.	141 1/2	141 1/2
Ill. Central	119	119
Kansas and Texas	31 1/2	31 1/2
Great Northern Pfd	117 1/2	117 1/2
Louis. and Nashville	110	110
So. P.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Missouri Pac.	55 1/2	55 1/2
Nor. and Western	74 1/2	74 1/2
N. Y. Central	107 1/2	107 1/2
North West	160 1/2	160 1/2
Ont. and Western	42 1/2	42 1/2
Pacific Mail	48 1/2	48 1/2
Peo. C. and Gas Co.	94 1/2	94 1/2
Reading	122 1/2	122 1/2
Republic Steel	51 1/2	51 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	63 1/2	63 1/2
Pennsylvania	125 1/2	125 1/2
Rock Island	128 1/2	128 1/2
St. Paul	142 1/2	142 1/2
Southern Ry.	19 1/2	19 1/2
Southern Ry. pfd	50	50
Southern Pac.	94 1/2	94 1/2
Northern Pac.	143 1/2	143 1/2
National Lead	52 1/2	52 1/2
Tenn. Coal	91	91
Texas Pac.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Union Pac.	145 1/2	145 1/2
U. S. Rubber	24 1/2	24 1/2
U. S. Steel	46 1/2	46 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd	46 1/2	46 1/2
1% per cent.	111 1/2	111 1/2
Wabash	13 1/2	13 1/2
Wabash pfd	14 1/2	14 1/2
Western Union	55 1/2	55 1/2
Total sales in New York yesterday, \$1,800,000.		

**CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.**  
Ct. Op. Noon.  
Sept. corn... 75 1/2  
" wheat... 96 1/2  
" oats... 47 1/2  
Dec. corn... 75 1/2  
" wheat... 96 1/2  
" oats... 47 1/2

**MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.**  
Wed. Thurs.  
Ct. Op. Noon.  
Dom. Coal... 58  
Dom. Iron and Steel... 15 1/2  
Dom. L. and S. pfd... 44 1/2  
Nova Scotia Steel... 49  
U. P. R... 12 1/2  
Tug. City... 21 1/2  
Montreal Power... 95 1/2  
Rich. and Ont. Navg... 74 1/2  
Toronto St. Ry... 105 1/2

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.**  
Wed. Thurs.  
Ct. Op. Noon.  
August... 9.80  
October... 9.58  
December... 9.32  
January... 9.28

**J. M. ROBINSON & SONS.**  
Private Wire Telegram.  
Morning Sales to I. P. M.  
Shawmut—300070.  
C. P. R—250704; 750170; 200071; 200171.  
Soc—0117; 1000116.  
Mexican—250834; 225049.  
Rio—0062; 000524; 1000524.  
Mackay Pfd—250740.  
Mont. Power—1000544; 450058.  
200555.  
Dom. Tex Pfd—050845; 250844.  
Lake of Woods—250844.  
Toronto Elec—1000104.

Morning Cotton Letter:—Notwithstanding all the talk of unsatisfactory trade conditions and the slack demand, we notice that whenever goods are offered they are taken. An indication of this, we may cite the auction sale of woolens for the account of the Arlington mills yesterday. This sale was unusually well attended. About 50,000 pieces were offered and fully 100 buyers were on hand. The prices brought were high, in fact, considering the old style of much of the stock, they were extraordinarily high, and a feature to which we call attention, was that buyers were retailers and cutting up-trade. Clavin was the only jobber who secured any important part of the goods. This emphasizes the tendency in the direction of cutting out the middle man in the textile trade. Most trade accounts come from the middlemen. The retailer is not in a position to give any general view of the situation, the manufacturer doing a business with the retailer does not care to give the middle-man any information. Consequently trade reports are more pessimistic than the situation may warrant. We must judge the trade by much forced sales as the results of are made public and the general course of events.  
Detailed Cotton Gossip:—Our reports on Rock Island Pfd. point to further bullish operations in that stock. The trend of Amalgamated continues upward, but we find signs of profit-taking on strength now. Rumors are current of a big French demand for copper. Smelting may be bought on these recensions for turns. Some professional selling of M. O. P. and N. Y. Central is now reported. Reading is taking place for pool count in Lead around 83. On heaviness Reading may be bought for turns according to our information. The same thing may be said of Union Pacific and So. Pac. The press car order may cause some short covering. Additional offerings of stock are appearing in Atchison around 88, St. J. St. Paul 145, to 144 Erie 26, 24, Northern Pfd, 128, L. and N. 110, Nor. Pacific 143, Penna 128 and Steel 47. Some professionals are consequently selling these stocks on approaches to the offerings which they call distribu-

ONLY SIXTEEN

ARE LEFT ALIVE

**Victims of Blackbirding Captain to be Sent Home**

**Survivors of 400 Gilbert Islanders Who Were Carried Off to Guatemala Plantations.**

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 5.—When the steamship Aorangi sails for the South Seas on August 14th she will bear to the homes they have not seen for 19 years a little company of 16 Gilbert Islanders all that are left of upwards of 400 men, women and children who constituted the human loot of two blackbirding voyages under the command of Captain Blackburne to the South Seas in the old steamship Monserrat in 1889. They are now being returned, during a three-year contract and that at the end of this period he would return with the steamer and take them back to their homes and people again.

DIED ONE BY ONE.

They never saw steamer or captain after being landed on the island after year the band of unfortunate slaves and one by one died in the coffee plantations of Guatemala. Their bodies were all absorbed in charges for food, clothing, etc. Finally the British government's attention was directed to their condition. The British Vice-Consul at Mazatlan, Mr. Strait-Gardner, took up the matter of repatriation and the prisoners who survived were finally brought to San Francisco and forwarded to this port, here to await an Australian sailing.

GOING HOME TO DIE.

"It is only 22," said Tikan, "and was only a baby when I was taken to Guatemala. It is a bad country and they only gave us rice and bananas to eat. We worked on the coffee plantations and just got a little food for what we did. We are glad to be going to the Gilbert Islands, although the sea makes me sick. I am an aged couple who plainly showed the effects of the unusual travel by steamship."

"They are Ten Mafka and his wife, Mr. Donat and his wife, and he is 22 and she is 80. They will not live long, but will die at home in our islands. That is what comforts them now when they are feeling ill after the long voyage."

PRESIDENT REYES TOO

GRAFTY FOR CONSPIRATORS

PANAMA, Aug. 6.—Notwithstanding the strict censorship over the new papers and telegraph lines, the news has leaked out concerning the recent unsuccessful conspiracy against President Reyes in Bogota, and as a result of which many Colombians are prisoners. The A. P. has received reports that on July 15 last the prominent conservatives and Liberals resolved at all hazards to cease their connection with the regime, which according to them, is ruining Colombia.  
Among the alleged conspirators are former members of the Senate Court and of the Cabinet and Veteran Generals, many of whom were joined by their sons. The following names are reported to have been banished to the unhealthy Cauca region to the penal colony at Mocoa.  
Dr. Felipe Casar Rodriguez, Carmelo Arango, Daniel J. Reyes, and General Rafael Ortiz and General M. Uscategui and their two sons.  
When Dr. Angulo was asked who his accomplices were, it is reported he answered: "The entire republic of Colombia is a threat of a government which brings us shame outside its confines and oppression in the interior."  
It is also reported that Mr. Ragonetti, the Apostolic Nuncio at Bogota, has convoked an assembly of all the Colombian Archbishops and Bishops. It is believed he was requested to do this by President Reyes, who is thought to be endeavoring to use religious influence to prevent an insurrection. The conspirators are said to have failed because they anticipated the date hurriedly on learning that President Reyes was trying to float a big loan abroad. Though no detailed news is obtainable it is alleged that political and economic crisis in Colombia is serious and that a strong revolutionary outbreak would not cause great surprise.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 6.—Rev. Llewellyn Brown, pastor of Trinity Baptist church here, has received a call to the Park Baptist church, Brantford, Ont.

tion. If the offers are removed higher prices may be expected. So long as the stock is for sale, however, reactionary tendencies from the levels indicated, will be seen after approaches, and purchases should be made in this division only on reaction or when the stock may be removed. Moderate returns should content daily operators for the present.

FORCED GROWTH

BY ELECTRICITY

**Remarkable Experiments by Sir Oliver Lodge.**

**Electrification of the Air Stimulates the Growth of Plants—Canadian Red File Produced Increased Yield.**

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Many of the great discoveries in the world of science says The Daily Graphic, have been made by chance, and, judging from what Sir Oliver Lodge says, another application of nature's laws to man's use must, without disparaging the cleverness of the investigator, be placed in this category. Sir Oliver has lately been engaged in making experiments in fostering the growth of plants by electricity. What led him to turn his attention in this direction may be briefly stated. Some thirty years ago the Swedish Professor Lennstrom sought to elucidate the Aurora borealis by trying to imitate its appearance under actual experiments. He produced high-tension discharges of various kinds, and sent them through variously shaped rods, and incidentally he noticed that the plants seemed to thrive under the treatment, and that the electricity in their neighborhood appeared to do them good.

Regarding nature's atmospheric electrification, Sir Oliver Lodge gives it as his opinion that such electrification must be playing an important part in many phenomena. Atmospheric electrification is responsible for the formation of rain and hail. During fine weather the electricity in the air is mainly positive. When wet weather sets in it is negative. Vastly more remains to be known, but meanwhile it can hardly be doubted that the electrification of the air has some effect on growing plants.

When after some preliminary experiments at Bliton, Mr. E. Newman of the Electric and Chemical Company, determined to try the phenomenon on a large scale, and asked Sir Oliver Lodge if he could help them electrically, and enable them to maintain a constant current of electricity over ten or eleven acres, by means of a battery of Leyden jars, and dynamo, he willingly assented. His method is to stretch over the field a number of wires on poles, a plot of land, under similar conditions, being left without any wires.

The system of conductors is then connected with a generator supplying positive electricity to a potential of something like a hundred thousand volts. Leakage immediately begins, and charges pass off from the wires with a sound sometimes audible, and with a glow visible in the dark. Anyone watching the glowing cap of the head, as of a cobweb on the face. They are feeble, but stimulating.

Numerous trials have taken place under these conditions, and the results are very interesting. The increased development and productiveness of the electrified plants. The result of the other. Two plots of land were sown with wheat—one with standard Red Fife, and the other with English White Queen. The following figures show the increased yield of the electrified plot over the un electrified. Bushels of wheat per acre:—

Electrified. Un electrified. Increase		
Canadian	45 1/2	40 p. c.
English	40	31 3/4 p. c.

DIED WHILE WAITING

TO HEAR PARKER SPEAK

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 6.—O. T. Pratt, a physician of this city, expired last night in the Temple Auditorium, surrounded by nearly two thousand persons who had gathered to hear Judge Parker of New York, open the National Democratic campaign in California. Dr. Pratt was with friends, and the speaking had not begun when he was seen to lurch forward and in a few minutes he was dead.

NO AMALGAMATION

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—The International Brotherhood of Teamsters yesterday rejected the overtures of the United Teamsters of America to amalgamate the two organizations.  
The Brotherhood held to the position taken by the Boston Convention of the Brotherhood last year that the United Teamsters could enter the Brotherhood as individuals or as a body if they submitted to the laws of the brotherhood. The conditions demanded by the United Teamsters failed to meet approval. It was decided to have conventions of each instead of annual reunions.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

GIRLS WANTED—Apply at D. F. Brown Page Co. 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