THE STANDARD'S FINANCIAL SECTION

Broad Demand For Speculative Shares Featured Market

Heaviness of Rails Was Disappointing—Steels Showed Considerable Strength.

New York, Dec. 2.—Stocks were active and mainly higher today, rails proving the only noteworthy exceptions. For the first time this week dealings in bonds were subordinate to the broad demand for speculative shares. Heaviness of rails, which was somewhat disappointing, in view of yesterday's dividends on Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and Colorado and Southern, was attributed to rumors that the larger transportation system may soon come into the market for money.

Steels, especially the various independent issues mentioned in connection with the proposed merger, were strongest of the industrials. Shipping, shippings and motor accessories also were favored with coppers, food specialties and utilities.

Oils Strong.

European oils were strong on the decision of Royal Dutch to pay dividends in cash and the Latin-American oils also improved. Standard Oils, notably the New Jersey and California issues, made new high records for the current movement, but reacted to charges precipitated by the Federal Trade Commission. Sales amounted to 800,000 shares.

Money Market Easier.

The money market eased slightly, call loans holding at 3 per cent. throughout the session and renewing at that rate into next week. Local and interior banks making more free use of thirty and sixty day accommodations and larger transactions were reported in bank acceptances.

Profit taking and distrust of political and economic conditions in Berlin and Vienna accounted for the reaction in foreign exchange from yesterday's record quotations. Sterling lost four cents and French, Italian and German bills were lower by ten to fifteen points. Dutch and Scandinavian exchanges were stronger and higher rates ruled for far eastern remittances. Bonds were active but further speculative selling contributed to the irregularity in that quarter. Liberty issues were steady and large blocks of Victory 4 3-4s changed hands at par. International reflected further hesitancy in connection with the rumors of a German moratorium. Total sales aggregated $22,600,000.

N. Y. Quotations

(Compiled by McDougall and Cowans, 58 Prince Wm. St.)

New York, Dec. 2.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Allied Chem.	56¾	57⅛	56½	56½
Am Can	32¼	33	32¼	33
Am Loco	96	97½	95⅞	97½
Am C and F.	148¼	151	148¼	149⅞
Am Int Corp.	40	40⅝	39⅞	39⅞
Am Smelters.	43	43⅝	43	43¼
Am Sumatra.	32¾	33¼	32¾	30¼
Am Sugar	55	56	55	55⅞
Am Tels	116	116⅝	115⅞	115⅞
Asphalt	63⅞	65⅛	63⅞	65⅛
Anaconda	46⅝	47	46⅝	46⅝
Atl Gulf	31	31	30⅛	30⅞
Am Wool	80⅝	81¼	80⅛	80
Beth Steel	56	56⅞	56	56⅛
Bald Loco	94¾	95¾	94½	95¼
B and O	37½	37½	37¼	37¼
Can Pacific	120⅞	120⅞	118¼	118¼
Corn Prod	88½	89⅝	88½	88½
C and O	57½	57½	57½	57½
Chino	27½	27½	27	27¼
Cuban Cane	7	7⅛	7	7⅛
Cruc Stl	64¾	66¼	65	65
Cen Leather	30¾	31⅛	30¾	31⅛
Chan Motors	47	47½	46¾	46¾
Erie Com	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾
Endi John	78	78	76¾	77⅞
Gen Motors	11	11	10⅝	10⅝
G N Pfd	77⅝	77½	76¾	76¾
Invine. Oil	12⅞	12⅞	12¾	12⅞
Inter Paper	52¾	53⅝	52	52
Indus Alcohol	37⅝	37⅝	36¾	36¾
Kelly Spg	41½	42⅝	41¾	41¾
Kennecott	25½	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛
Lock Steel	43¾	46⅞	43¾	46⅛
Mex Pete	112½	113¼	112½	112⅞
Midvale	25¾	29⅝	25¾	29
Mid States Oil	14⅞	15	14⅞	15
Mo Pacific	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞	18⅞
N Y N H & H	13½	13½	12¾	12¾
North Am Co.	43⅞	44	43⅞	44
Pacific Oil	45½	45⅞	45½	45¼
Nor Pacific	83	83¼	81⅞	81½
Pennsylv.	34¼	34¼	34⅛	34¾
Pan Amer	51½	51½	51¼	51¼
Pierce Ar	14	14	14	14
Punta Sugar.	29¾	30⅛	29¾	30⅛
Reading	73¾	73¾	73¼	73⅛
Re Stores	52½	53	52½	53
R Island	34	34	33½	33½
R I and S	51¾	54½	51¾	53
Roy Dutch	49	49	48¼	48¼
Sinc Oil	22¼	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛
South Pacific.	81	81¼	80¼	80¼
South Ry	20¼	20⅛	20	20
Studebaker	76½	77	76¼	76¼
Texas Co	45¾	46	45¾	45⅞
Union Pac	128¼	128¼	126¼	126¼
United Drug	70¾	70¾	70¾	70¾
U S Steel	83⅞	83¾	83⅞	83¼
U S Rubber	50	51¼	50	50⅛
U S Rub Pfd	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞
Westing	47⅞	48⅛	47⅞	48⅛

Total Sales—832,000.
Sterling—4.06½.
N Y Funds—9 1-32 p.c.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

(Compiled by McDougall and Cowans, 58 Prince Wm. St.)

	High	Low	Close
Wheat:—			
May	117½	116⅝	117¼
December	115¾	114⅝	115⅝
Corn:—			
May	55	54	54⅞
December	49¾	47⅞	48⅛
Oats:—			
May	35⅞	35⅛	35¼
December	32	32⅛	32⅛

Paper Stocks Were Strong Features On Montreal Market

Prices Moved Downward on Reports of American Cut Below Canada's Mills.

Montreal, Dec. 2.—Selling in the paper stocks featured the trading in the local stock market today, and prices moved steadily downward following news that amounted to almost direct confirmation of the report that American paper prices for newsprint for the first quarter of next year will be $5 per ton lower than those recently announced in Canada. Brompton was the most active in the group, and closed two points down at 24½; Laurentide sold off 2 3-4 points to 73; Spanish preferred opened two points lower at 71 and eased off to a close of 70 1-2; Spanish common sold five points down to 60 with closing bid 58 asked, and 62 asked. Abitibi sold down to 30, but strengthened at the close to 30 5-8. Montreal Power failed to maintain its recent strength and eased off half a point to 89.

Detroit Railway Firm.

Detroit Railway was firm on the news of the company and the city getting together on a possible lease of the lines with later purchase. Opening at 49 it moved up to 73, reacted to 71 and closed at 72, up two points for the day. Montreal Trams continued their advance, closing with a gain of 1 1-2 at 142. Toronto Railway also gained a point to 65, and Winnipeg Railway was unchanged at 36.

In the rest of the list Breweries held up well, closing unchanged at 57 1-2. Atlantic Sugar lost 1-2 to 81, Dominion Glass gained 1-8 at 61 1-2, and Lake of the Woods closed a point down at 143.

The bank shares were rather more active and firmer. Merchants sold a point up at 171 and Royal gained 1-2 to 200.

Prices showed a downward tendency in bonds. War loans 1,937 was an exception, advancing 1-8 to 102.40, another new high point. Quebec Railway bonds were also firm advancing another quarter to 65 1-4. Total sales: Listed, 6,898; bonds $268,000.

Montreal Sales

(Compiled by McDougall and Cowans, 58 Prince Wm. St.)

Montreal, Dec. 2.

Morning Sales

Abitibi—100@30; 55@30⅛; 50@30⅛; 30@30¼; 65@30.
Asbestos Com—95@56¾.
Brompton—30@24; 15@23¾; 75@23¼; 485@23; 25@23¼.
Lyall—50@64.
Can S S Com—30@18.
Can S S Pfd—25@52¾.
Dom Iron Com—110@27.
British Empire Com—50@9.
Tram Debentures—400@76.
Can Converters—10@70¼.
Montreal Tram—5@40½; 25@41.
Dom Glass—15@61½.
Dom Bridge—5@78.
Detroit United—25@71; 65@72; 25@73; 25@72; 16@71½.
Gen Electric—20@96.
Laurentide—5@75; 175@74½; 10@74¾; 45@74; 25@73¾; 50@73½; 50@73¼; 50@73½.
Montreal Power—160@89½; 395@89.
Nat Breweries—300@57½; 50@57¾; 100@58.
Quebec Bonds—1000@65¼.
Quebec Ry—25@24¼.
Riordon—30@6.
Spanish River Pfd—485@71.
Shawinigan—50@106¾; 75@106½.
Toronto Ry—34@65.
Textile—25@140.
1922 Victory Loan 99.50; 99.45.
1937 Victory Loan 102.90; 102.75.
1923 Victory Loan 98.85; 98.90.
1933 Victory Loan 100.80; 100.60.
1924 Victory Loan 98.40.
1934 Victory Loan 98.60.

Afternoon Sales

Abitibi—50@30¾.
Asbestos Com—35@56½.
Brompton—15@23¼; 35@22½; 65@23.
Brazilian—10@26.
Bell Telephone—1@105¾.
Can S S Com—50@18.
Can S S Pfd—10@52½.
Can Converters—10@70¼.
Detroit United—10@72; 50@71.
Laurentide—125@74; 50@73¾.
Montreal Power—115@89; 25@89¼.
Nat Breweries—50@57½.
Spanish River Com—10@60.
Spanish River Pfd—50@71½; 25@70½; 25@70.
Steel of Canada—10@63¼.
Shawinigan—5@106¼.
Winnipeg Electric—5@36.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

(Compiled by McDougall and Cowans, 58 Prince Wm. St.)

	High	Low	Close
January	17.30	16.92	17.12
March	17.28	16.88	17.10
May	17.06	16.70	16.85
July	16.56	16.26	16.40
October	15.83	15.58	15.70
December	17.27	16.80	17.26

Spot—17.55.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

(Compiled by McDougall and Cowans, 58 Prince Wm. St.)

	High	Low	Close
Wheat:—			
May	112⅝	111⅝	112⅝
December	109¼	107⅞	108⅞
Oats:—			
May	46	45⅝	46⅛
December	44¼	43¼	43⅞

Sick at Heart.

Plumber's Devil—"Ain't sick, are yer?"

Plumber—Now, it ain't that. I forgot to tempt me cooks."

GOSSIP AROUND THE MARKETS

Net operating income of 146 class one Railroads in October shows $2,654,489, an increase of 26 per cent. over October of 1920.

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Royal Dutch declares an interim dividend of 15 per cent. in cash, payable January 13th.

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Duns report failures in November as 1,988. This is largest number reported in U. S. for one month in five years.

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Strike of 45,000 packing house workers in fifteen cities is called for Monday in protest against wage reductions.

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President Dodge of International Paper Company says a ten dollar cut in price of print paper for first quarter of 1922 delivery may be expected soon.

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The feature of yesterday's market was the heavy buying of Midvale, Lackawana Steel and R.B.C. induced by the proposed merger of independent steel companies. The strength spread to other steel and equipment shares.

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Evans says:—"The character of the market does not change in the least. It has reacted slightly, but no liquidation of importance has taken place. The market grows dull after it goes down a little way and soon begins to show a tendency to rally. The main tendency is upward, and stocks will be considerably higher in the next six months."

Toronto Trade Quotations

Toronto, Dec. 2—Manitoba wheat, No. 1 Northern 1.29; No. 2, 1.24 1-2; No. 3, 1.16 1-4.

Manitoba oats, No. 2 cw 54 3-8; No. 3 cw 53 1-8, extra No. 1, 53 1-8; No. 1 feed 52 1-4; No. 2 feed 49 3-4.

Manitoba barley, No. 3 cw nominal; No. 4 cw nominal.

All the above on track, bay ports.

American corn, No. 2 yellow 66.

Ontario oats, No. 2, nominal according to freights outside.

Ontario wheat, car lots, fob shipping points, according to freights; all grades nominal.

Ontario barley, No. 3, test 47 pounds or better 57 to 60.

Buckwheat, No. 1 nominal, 68 to 70.

Rye, No. 2 86 to 90.

Manitoba flour, first patent $7.40; second patent $6.90.

Ontario flour, 90 per cent patent, delivered $4.60; mill feed, car lots, bran $23 to $24 per ton; shorts $25 to $26 per ton; good feed flour, per bag $1.70 to $1.80.

Hay, extra No. 2, $22; mixed $18; straw, car lots, $12; loose hay, per ton, No. 1, $27.

Unlisted Market

Toronto, Dec. 2—Unlisted sales: 50 B.A. Oil, 34 1-4 to 34; 55 Montreal Power, 89 3-4 to 89; 130 Hollinger, 780 to 776; 5 Macdonald, 62; 200 McIntyre, 192; 35 Brompton, 234; 250 Laurentide, 74 1-8; 3,000 V.N.T. 17; 75 North Star, 425.

London Oils

London, Dec. 2.—Linseed £17, 10s; linseed oil, 28s., 3d.; sperm oil £36. Petroleum, American refined, 1s. 4d.; spirits, 1s., 5d.; turpentine spirits, 19s., 9d.

Rosin, American strained, 16c. 6d.; type "G" 16s.; tallow, Australian, 44s., 3d.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following property transfers have been recorded in St. John county:

W. W. Boyce to Edith G. Wetmore, property in Lancaster.

Thomas Crozier per Comms. to J. Forbes, property in Tower street.

E. L. Riley to H. M. the King, property in Simonds.

R. J. Ritchie to the Great Eastern Garage, Limited, property in Charlotte street.

Kings County.

Heirs of John Collins, jr., to J. D. E. Dunn, property in Kingston.

Heirs of John McVey to J. L. McVey, property in Norton.

Elmena McKenzie to A. L. McKenzie, property in Cardwell.

W. F. Patterson and others to Soldier Settlement Board, property in Studholm.

B. S. Smith and others Trustees to Violet C. Wiggins, property in St. John county and Rothesay.

Association of United Baptist churches of New Brunswick to Home Mission Board of United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, all property in New Brunswick.

Violet C. Wiggins to B. A. Bell, property in Rothesay.

Cash Wheat Activity Featured Doings In Grain Market

Shippers Continue to Bid Premiums in Their Efforts to Fill Tonnage.

Winnipeg, Dec. 2—The feature of the local grain markets is the activity in the cash wheat and shippers' continue to bid premiums in their efforts to fill tonnage. Premiums, which were about unchanged during the early part of the session, advanced about 1 1-2 later and were quoted at ten cents over the No. 1 Northern, five cents over No. 2 and three cents under for No. 3 Northern. At the higher prices the offerings became more liberal and resulted in a fair sized volume of trade.

The future markets were dull with a steady tendency and prices closed fractionally higher. There was some early buying of May wheat by the exporters. The cash grains continued steady, being influenced by the fluctuations in wheat. Very little business is being worked however.

Closing Quotations

Close—Wheat, Dec. 1.08 7-8 bid; May 1.13 3-8 bid.

Oats, Dec. 43 7-8 bid; May 45 7-8.

Barley, Dec. 57 1-4 bid; May 60 1-4 bid.

Flax, Dec. 1.70 1-2; May 1.77 7-8. Rye Dec. 90 bid; May 91 7-8.

Cash prices: Wheat, No. 1 hard 1.19 3-8; No. 1 Northern 1.19 3-8; No. 2 Northern, 1.14 3-8; No. 3 Northern 1.06 3-8; No. 4, 97 7-8; No. 5, 88 7-8; No 6, 69 7-8, track 1.10 7-8.

Oats, No. 2, cw 46 7-8; No. 3 cw and extra No. 1 feed 44 7-8; No. 1 feed 42 3-8; No. 2 feed 40 3-8; rejected 35 7-8; track 44 7-8.

Barley, No. 3 cw 51 3-8; No. 4 cw 53 1-4; rejected feed 45 1-4; track 57 1-4.

Flax, No. 1 nwc 1.70 5-8; No. 2 cw 1.66 1-2; No. 3 cw and rejected 1.40 1-2; track 1.70 1-2.

Rye, No. 2 cw 91.

JAPAN REGENT MOST POPULAR WITH PEOPLE

His Humanness of the Sort That Appeals to All Japanese.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—With ancient, mystic rites dating from an age contemporary with Pericles and the Roman republic, Hirohito, prince regent of one of the great modern Powers, Saturday stood reverently before the "August Shrine" in the Imperial Palace and announced to the spirits of the Imperial ancestors that he had entered upon his duties as regent of Japan. In the presence of the blood and the highest court dignitaries, and accompanied by weird music of ancient flutes and drums—divine Shinto music—the prince regent, clad in ceremonial robes fashioned after those worn by Mikado millennia ago, advanced into the sacred precincts dedicated to the spirits of sixscore Mikados who ruled Japan before him, and read there the Imperial rescript commanding him to take up the duties of the nation's actual ruler.

Change is Popular.

This ceremonial is only the first of many similar ones demanded by the age-old Shinto rituals. Shortly he must make a pilgrimage to the Great Shrine of Ise and make a similar announcement to Amaterasu, the Sun Goddess, and the greatest of all Shinto deities, ancestors of the Imperial house. Later he must repair to the mausoleum of Emperor Meiji at Momoyama, where he will announce to the spirit of his grandfather his assumption of the regency.

The Tokio Morning Press unanimously hails the appointment, although expressing profound sorrow at the emperor's condition. There is no doubt that the change is tremendously popular. Hirohito is likeable and human, appealing to popular sentiments. He enters upon what is the actual beginning of his reign amid public acclaim. He is popular as a man rather than reverenced as a god, like his forebearers.

The emperor, a pathetic figure, is going soon to the imperial villa at Hayama to live hereafter in retirement. An official bulletin states that he suffers from "impairment of his powers of reason, judgment and memory, especially of his memory," and owing to nervous debility is unable to articulate.

No Political Significance.

The prince's assumption of imperial duties is believed to have no political significance, being absolutely necessary in view of the emperor's condition. The expected retirement of Prince Yamagata and Marquis Matsukata is significant only as marking the passing of these great figures from the national stages. Their tremendous personal influence will be removed, but the offices will be filled by men of their own clique and choice. Viscount Kivoura probably will succeed Prince Yamagata as president of the Privy Council, and Viscount Hirata will replace Marquis Matsukata as Lord of the Privy Seal. Marquis Matsukata probably will be promoted to the rank of prince.

Kramer Predicts Collapse German Economic System

Berlin, Nov. 30.—Director Hans Kramer, one of the most prominent of German industrialists, who was selected to preside over the economic experts who prepared the German proposals for the London conference, and who is regarded as one of the best-informed and far-seeing German manufacturers, declared today that the proposed confiscation of 25 per cent of the capital stock of industrial enterprise for reparations purposes would turn over the control of German industry to foreign capital.

His investigations showed that foreign investments in German industry have already amounted to 10 or 12 billions of gold marks, or about one-fifth of the total value here on industrial equipment, and the surrender of another quarter into foreign hands would seal the fate of independent German industry.

He declared pessimistically that he expected an economic collapse in May, which would be followed next year by a collapse in the food situation. The German manufacturers, he explained, were provided with raw materials enough to continue production until next May, but would then have to go to the world markets to purchase the necessary foreign materials to keep the factories going. That is impossible under the present exchange conditions.

A food catastrophe would follow in the natural course because Germany must import 30,000,000 tons of grain to feed her population, and a corresponding amount of fertilizer, an dafter the predicted collapse in manufacturing, she would have no funds to purchase these.

Kramer declared in conclusion that no relief could be expected from America. England had perhaps some interest in preventing an economic collapse in Germany, but the United States was not inclined to devote either money or effort to carry Germany through its impending trials. This must be realized here at a moment when many Germans are looking to the United States for relief, attaching their hopes to the Washington Conference. He regarded it highly doubtful if the question of German reparations would be discussed there.

Mean Retort.

A well known wit remarked that it was absurd for a man to say, "With all my world goods I thee endow," when he had none. "For instance, when I married," he said, "I hadn't a shilling with which to endow my wife."

"But you had your brains, Bob," said his wife from across the table.

"But nobody, my dear, could say that I endowed you with those," he retorted.—Tit Bits.

Bulls Handicapped In Grain Market By Rain Reports

Chicago, Dec. 2—Promise of rain or snow for drought territory in the Southwest operated on a handicap today on bulls in the wheat market. Prices closed unsettled, 1-8 cent net lower to 3-4 cent advance.

Corn gained 3-8 to 12 to 5-8 and oats 1-8 to 3-8. In provisions, the outcome varied from five cents decline to a like upturn.

Closing Quotations

Wheat, Dec. 113 3-8; May 117 1-4. Corn, Dec. 48 1-2; May 54 3-4. Oats, Dec. 32 7-8; May 38 1-2. Pork, Jan. $8.50; May $8.90. Ribs, Jan. $7.40; May $7.77.

Montreal Produce

Montreal, Dec. 2—Oats, Canadian Western, No. 3, 55 to 55 1-2. Flour, Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts $7.50, Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs $2.80 to $2.85. Bran $23.75. Shorts $25.75. Hay, No. 2 per ton, carlots $27.00 to $28.00. Cheese, finest easterns 18 to 18 1-2. Butter, choicest creamery, 40 1-4 to 40 1-2. Eggs, selected 52. Eggs, No. 2 stock $1.15 to $1.20.

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RUSSIA EAGER FOR NEWS FROM OUTSIDE WORL

Moscow, Nov. 28.—While the W[illegible]ern world has been wondering what [illegible] been going on in Russia, Russia [illegible] been wondering just as much w[illegible] was going on in the rest of the wor[illegible]

The average man in Russia [illegible] known just as little—perhaps [illegible] about events in America and We[illegible] Europe these last four years as [illegible] average American has known a[illegible] the so-called "truth about Rus[illegible] is paragraph from the United St[illegible] is about a strike at Pittsburg, as [illegible] pending strike of the New York w[illegible]elfs, etc.

The biggest political event, su[illegible]