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Financial and Commercial

MONETARY STRINGENCY IS STILL DOMINANT

The Public Should Not be Worked Into a State of Speculative Enthusiasm—The World Swept Practically Clean of Floating Supply of Gold.

(New York Journal of Commerce)

Wall Street has continued under the all-dominant influence of the monetary situation, with the result that the changes for the week have not been of a sensational character. The high rates asked by the banks for accommodation naturally tend toward a more conservative attitude on the part of the commission houses, easily explainable by the fact that their loans have of late weeks been rapidly growing. There is little question but that the outside public since the Harriman coup has been taking more interest in speculation, though its participation is still on too moderate a basis to permit of any distribution by the commission houses, easily explainable by the fact that their loans have of late weeks been rapidly growing. There is little question but that the outside public since the Harriman coup has been taking more interest in speculation, though its participation is still on too moderate a basis to permit of any distribution by the commission houses, easily explainable by the fact that their loans have of late weeks been rapidly growing.

MONETARY STRINGENCY SHOWS LITTLE RELAXATION.

The larger interests would act wisely in checking efforts to distribute stocks through working the public into a state of speculative enthusiasm, since the monetary situation shows little sign of relaxation. Despite the fact that we have secured over \$30,000,000 gold abroad, or within \$10,000,000 of the estimated crop-movements, time money continues at an alarmingly high rate with the supply only moderately adequate. An easier tendency to call loans is no index to the situation, since the bulk of Wall Street borrowing is satisfied with time money, which is also the source for quenching the demands from the mercantile community. Commercial paper is bringing 7 per cent, pointing plainly to a legitimate demand from business interests because of the unexampled prosperity of the country. It may well be, as inferred in some quarters, that banking interests are putting on the screws, since having undergone a number of lean years they may not be averse to seizing the present opportunity for large profits. It is also inferred that the big interests hope to convince Secretary Shaw that there is a crying need for government assistance either in the shape of deposits in national banks or the refunding of the four maturing next year. The government has now a working balance of over \$90,000,000 or \$40,000,000 more than the minimum considered necessary for carrying on its day to day business. The facilities for bringing in gold have worked effectively, but are becoming less effective. The action of the Bank of England in charging 4-1/2 per cent for loans, one half per cent above the regular rate, is a hint that it proposes to lock the vaults against further intrusions to its gold holdings. The Bank of France, like Germany is in much the same position as are the local institutions and has advanced its discount rate to 5 per cent, suggesting possible draws for funds upon its neighbors. Now that we have practically swept the world clean of its floating supply of gold, except for the shipping route from South Africa to London, it is difficult to see where we can obtain a further engagement.

REARRANGEMENT OF RAILROAD MAP?

(N. Y. Journal of Commerce)

While the imagination has been drawn on rather freely in Wall Street comment regarding the commission of Union Pacific bankers that the Harriman interests were negotiating for the 40,000 shares of Baltimore & Ohio stock purchased from the Pennsylvania, the deal is certainly designed to have a marked effect in the railway world. The stock involved is only one-fifth of the Baltimore & Ohio capitalization, but it is fair to assume that Mr. Harriman and his associates, which includes Henry Frick, are already holders of enough shares to give them practically the dominating voice in the management when the transfer is concluded. It remains to be seen whether in his ambition to head the first transcontinental trunk line in the United States E. H. Harriman is working in harmony with neighboring railroad interests, and hence may not incur their hostility. A system such as would arise from the combination of the Baltimore & Ohio with the other so-called Harriman roads—the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Illinois Central and Chicago & Alton—would aggregate over 25,000 miles. It is hardly supposable that Mr. Harriman contemplates an exclusive exchange of traffic between the Baltimore & Ohio and the roads already controlled.

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THE CHEESE BOOM

(Montreal Gazette, Saturday)

Cheese reached a new high record in the country on Friday, sales being made at 12c to 13c, an advance of 1-1/2c to 2c over the previous day. The local market continues strong. Ontario cheese sold at 12c to 13c. The Liverpool public cable today quoted an advance of 8d per cwt, bringing white up to 68d and to 12c to 13c. The butter market is quiet but steady at 23c to 24c for choice, and 22c to 23c for standard. The price of Canadian cheese will be considerably less this year than last, but enhanced prices will more than make up the difference to the producer. The high prices ruling at the close of the season will, Mr. Riddick believes, prove an incentive to greater activity next year in cheese making.

THE CLEARINGS

The following are the weekly bank clearings in Canada as compiled by Bradstreet for the week ending September 20, showing per cent of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal	\$23,700,373	inc. 4.8
Toronto	\$20,723,844	inc. 1.7
Winnipeg	\$10,677,746	inc. 7.4
Ottawa	\$2,901,494	inc. 10.6
Halifax	\$1,086,297	inc. 10.6
Vancouver	\$3,240,208	inc. 53.4
Quebec	\$1,707,888	inc. 10.5
Hamilton	\$1,711,859	inc. 8.1
St. John, N. B.	\$1,236,127	inc. 23.1
London, Ont.	\$1,022,377	inc. 8.1
Victoria, B. C.	\$329,111	inc. 8.1
Calgary	\$29,800	inc. 8.1
Edmonton	\$72,114	inc. 8.1

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT

The August report of the chartered banks of Canada shows a current loan in Canada and elsewhere, at \$43,724,711, contrasted with \$42,196,270 in Aug. of 1905, being an increase of \$1,528,441. Call loans in Canada were \$60,281,293 against \$44,522,543 last year. Call loans outside Canada were \$90,107,002 compared with \$58,976,521. Total call loans in Canada and outside represented a sum of \$150,388,295 in circulation were \$72,212,885 against \$51,486,151 in August of 1905. Deposits on demand are recorded at \$18,285,916 against \$16,723,488 last year, while deposits on notice were \$385,027,505 compared with \$406,632,284. Total deposits represented the enormous sum of \$553,316,409, an increase of \$71,926,897.

METHODIST W. M. S. MEET IN SACKVILLE

Annual Branch Meeting Will Open Tonight—Many Delegates Will be Present.

The annual branch meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island opens at Sackville, N. B., this evening. Delegates from all parts of the two provinces will be in attendance and business of importance to the members of the society will be transacted. Quite a number of delegates from this city left for Sackville yesterday and today. Among the representatives from the St. John churches are: Charles W. B. M. Knowlton; Carmichael, Mrs. M. H. Marshall; Centenary, Mrs. Salter; Exmouth, Mrs. Annie Magee; Portland, Mrs. R. A. Sinclair; Queen Square, Mrs. Shenton; Star Circle (Exmouth), Miss M. Cochrane; Star Band (Exmouth), Miss Edith Magee; Jessie Higgins; Hiram Circle, Miss Murphy.

A number of other ladies also went up to attend the meetings. The officers of the society are: President—Mrs. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen. Hon. Vice-President—Mrs. R. Johnson, Charlottetown. 1st Vice-President—Mrs. W. B. Conlhard, Fredericton. 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. S. Howard, St. John. 3rd Vice-President—Mrs. H. Sprague, St. John. Cor. Secretary—Miss F. E. Palmer, St. John. Rec. Secretary—Miss Harriet S. Stewart, Sackville. Mission Band secretary—Mrs. Fred S. Williams, Marysville. Treasurer—Miss Vina Reid, Tryon, P. E. I.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

Chicago Market Report and New York City Market, Published by D. C. Olmsted, Banker and Broker.

Banker and Broker.	Yesterday's Closing	Today's Opening	Noon
Amalgamated	114 1/2 <td>114 1/2</td> <td>114 1/2</td>	114 1/2	114 1/2
Anacostia	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Am Sugar Rfrs	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
Am Smelt & Rfg	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Am Car Foundry	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Am Woolen	36	36 1/2	36 1/2
Atchafalpa	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Locomotive	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Brooklyn Rfd Trs	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Ches & Ohio	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Canadian Pacific	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Consolidated Gas	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Consolidated Iron	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Consolidated Steel	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Consolidated Zinc	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Brits, first pd	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Illinois Central	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Indiana West	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Louis & Nashville	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Manitoba	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Miner, Met	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Mexican Central	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Missouri Pacific	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Norfolk	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Northern Pacific	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Y Central	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
North Western	37	37	37
Ont & Western	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Pacific Mail	38	38 1/2	38 1/2
Pennsylvania	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Repub Steel	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Pennsylvania	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Rock Island	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
St Paul	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Southern Ry	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
St Paul & N. Ry	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Southern Pacific	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Union Pacific	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
National	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Texas City	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Union Iron	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Union Pacific	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
U S Steel	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
U S Steel	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
U S Steel, pd	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Vashab, pd	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Western Union	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
100 shares.	Total Yesterday, 1,787 1/2	Total Today, 1,787 1/2	