

STOCKS RESIST PROFIT-TAKING; LOSSES SLIGHT

Possibilities for Accord on
Utilities Result in
Heavy Trade.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (U.P.).—Profit-taking brought an irregular trade in stocks today after the industrial and utility groups had advanced to new highs for the year in active trading.

The list showed strong resistance to the realizing and losses generally were limited to fractions in most leaders. Utilities were outstanding, moving forward in heavy trading on possibility that a Government-utility industry rapprochement is in the offing.

Consolidated Edison, Brooklyn Union Gas and Stone & Webster reached new highs for the year on gains extending to a point, while preferred issues of Commonwealth & Southern and Electric Power & Light were up 1 to 2 points.

Copper leaders rose to new highs for the year on gains extending to more than a point in American Smelting. Motor steel leaders had losses extending to 1/2 point each in U. S. Steel at 64 1/2 and 81 1/2 in Chrysler.

Today's Business At a Glance

GENERAL BUSINESS

Bureau of Mines reports week ended Oct. 1 stocks of foreign and domestic crude petroleum 280,852,000 bbls., up 574,000 from preceding week.

Dun & Bradstreet reports retail trade this week off 1.2 per cent from year ago; wholesale 3 to 12 per cent below year ago.

Federal Reserve reports gold stock this week up \$75,000,000 to record high at \$13,869,000,000; excess reserves up \$30,000,000 to new high since July 13 at \$3,650,000,000; brokers loans up \$16,000,000; circulation up \$27,000,000; ratio 82.8 per cent vs. 82.8 last week and 80.2 year ago.

CORPORATION NEWS

Adams Express Co. Sept. 30 net assets equal to \$134.8 a share vs. \$116.61 Dec. 31 and \$172.96 year ago.

Electric Bond & Share Co. September quarter net income \$2,330,936 equal to 4 cents a common share vs. \$2,571,601 or 9 cents year ago.

General Motors Corp. September sales of cars and trucks to dealers in overseas markets 27,698 units, off 8.3 per cent from year ago; nine months sales 273,589 units, off 1.1 per cent from year ago.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. reports first eight months telephone gain of telephone operating subsidiaries 46,755 units, up about 4000 from year ago.

New York Air Brake Co. nine months ended Sept. 30 net loss \$271,558 vs. net profit \$1,007,051 year ago.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. September quarter net profit \$42,615 equal to 71 cents a share on 6 per cent preferred; nine months net profit \$387,051 or \$1.17 a common share.

DIVIDENDS

Franklin Fire Insurance Co. usual extra 10 cents and regular quarterly 25 cents payable Nov. 1, record Oct. 20.

Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co. \$6.50 on \$6.50 preferred payable Oct. 27, record Oct. 25, like payment year ago.

Nevada-California Electric Corp. \$1 on 7 per cent cumulative preferred payable Nov. 1, record Oct. 15, vs. like payment Aug. 1.

Procter & Gamble Co. regular quarterly 50 cents on common payable Nov. 15, record Oct. 25.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. 50 cents on common and common "B" payable Nov. 15, record Oct. 25, 60 cents each on 3, Feb. 15, May 16 and Aug. 15.

Simmons Co. interim 50 cents payable Nov. 1, record Oct. 24, vs. like payment Dec. 22.

N. Y. Bonds

BOND PRICE INDEXES			
	20	30	60
Ind. Rails Util. Bonds	87.0	86.8	82.8
Week Ago	86.7	86.5	82.5
Month Ago	86.9	86.8	82.5
Year Ago	83.9	84.3	80.3
1938 High	87.0	86.8	82.8
1938 Low	86.7	86.5	82.5

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U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS

TREASURY			
	High	Low	Last
4 1/2% 1944-48	114.14	114.14	114.14
4 1/2% 1945-49	109.10	109.10	109.10
3 1/2% 1945-49	109.10	109.10	109.10
2 1/2% 1945-49	109.10	109.10	109.10
2 1/2% 1945-49	109.10	109.10	109.10

DOMESTIC BONDS

ALL CORP.			
	High	Low	Last
Alcoa 4 1/2% 40	94.14	94.14	94.14
Am. Can. 4 1/2% 40	94.14	94.14	94.14
Am. Tel. & Tel. 4 1/2% 40	94.14	94.14	94.14
Gen. Elec. 4 1/2% 40	94.14	94.14	94.14
IBM 4 1/2% 40	94.14	94.14	94.14

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (U.P.).—Following are noon cable rates on major currencies:			
	Cable Rates	Net Change	
England (pound)	1.47 1/2	+0.00 1/2	
France (franc)	206.10	+0.00 1/2	
Canada (dollar)	1.36 1/2	+0.00 1/2	
Italy (lira)	203.75	+0.00 1/2	
Belgium (franc)	203.75	+0.00 1/2	

FOOD PRICES

CHICAGO, Oct. 14 (U.P.).—Apples Michigan McIntosh, 100 lbs., 100.00; Wisconsin, 100 lbs., 100.00; Carrots, 100 lbs., 100.00; Cabbages, 100 lbs., 100.00; Cauliflower, 100 lbs., 100.00; Celery, 100 lbs., 100.00; Corn, 100 lbs., 100.00; Eggs, 100 lbs., 100.00; Fat, 100 lbs., 100.00; Flour, 100 lbs., 100.00; Lard, 100 lbs., 100.00; Pork, 100 lbs., 100.00; Sugar, 100 lbs., 100.00; Tallow, 100 lbs., 100.00; Wheat, 100 lbs., 100.00.			
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TELEFACT

MOVEMENT TO & FROM FARMS

1932 1,150,000
1933 1,500,000
1934 1,777,000
1935 1,600,000 FROM FARMS

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N. Y. STOCKS

DOW-JONES STOCK AVERAGES

30 INDUSTRIALS			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	162.46	162.46	+5.90
Week Ago	162.46	162.46	+5.90
Month Ago	162.46	162.46	+5.90
Year Ago	162.46	162.46	+5.90

30 RAILROADS			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	31.50	31.50	+1.96
Week Ago	31.50	31.50	+1.96
Month Ago	31.50	31.50	+1.96
Year Ago	31.50	31.50	+1.96

15 UTILITIES			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	32.37	32.37	+4.71
Week Ago	32.37	32.37	+4.71
Month Ago	32.37	32.37	+4.71
Year Ago	32.37	32.37	+4.71

MINN. HIGH			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	87 1/2	87 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	87 1/2	87 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	87 1/2	87 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	87 1/2	87 1/2	+1/2

N. CH. & ST. L.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2

OHIO OIL			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	9 1/2	9 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	9 1/2	9 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	9 1/2	9 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	9 1/2	9 1/2	+1/2

PAC. CO. & M.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2

ST. LOUIS			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	18 1/2	18 1/2	+1/2

TEXAS CO.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	42 1/2	42 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	42 1/2	42 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	42 1/2	42 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	42 1/2	42 1/2	+1/2

UNION PAC.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	98 1/2	98 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	98 1/2	98 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	98 1/2	98 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	98 1/2	98 1/2	+1/2

W. AIR			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2

Y. AIR			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	10 1/2	10 1/2	+1/2

WHEAT STEADIES IN LIGHT TRADE Liverpool Firm on Report of Australian Crop; Corn Irregular.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14 (U.P.).—Wheat opened steady in light trading on the Chicago Board of Trade today, reflecting firmness at Liverpool and a higher bid for Australian crop.

Wheat was unchanged to up 1/2 cent, corn up 1/2 to 1 cent, and oats unchanged.

Interest in the market was very light at the start in the absence of important news. Liverpool wheat was firm on continued unfavorable Australian crop reports and a broadening in the milling demand.

Winnipeg wheat opened unchanged to 1/4 cent higher. Corn prices were irregular in a mixed trade with light selling in the July future offset by buying in May corn.

WAGON WHEAT

City grain elevators are paying for No. 1 red soft other grades on their merits. No. 2 soft, new No. 3 yellow, 44c. Cash.

Curb Stocks

Aero Sup. B.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	11 1/2	11 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	11 1/2	11 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	11 1/2	11 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	11 1/2	11 1/2	+1/2

Am. Can. P. B.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	28 1/2	28 1/2	+1/2

Am. Tel. & Tel.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

Gen. Elec.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

IBM			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

Int. Tel. & Tel.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

N. Y. Tel. & Tel.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

R. J. R.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

S. I. R.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

T. R. R.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

W. R. R.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

Y. R. R.			
	High	Low	Last
Yesterday	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Week Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Month Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2
Year Ago	94 1/2	94 1/2	+1/2

Home Prices Here Show Another Sharp Decline

Hog prices dropped to a top of \$7.50 for 100-200 pounders in another sharp decline as supplies continued to pour into the local market, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announced today. Until this week the year's low was \$6.10 in early May.

Vealers went unchanged at a top of \$11.50. In the stocker and feeder pens demand was fair, with medium steers going at \$7.25 and good light yearling feeders at \$8 to \$8.50.

Fat lambs prices were reduced 25 cents, after yesterday's gain of a similar amount. Best lots sold at \$8.25.

Increased residential construction is indicated by three September residential construction increased 50 per cent over the 1937 period and had a small contra-seasonal expansion over August, according to the F. W. Dodge Corp.

The September increased lifted volume of residential building for the year to date to within 7 per cent of the 1937 level.

Increased expansion in residential construction is indicated by three current guideposts, according to the Dodge Corp. The first is that there has been no seasonal letup in the flow of mortgage-insurance applications to the Federal Housing Administration. The second, the fact that the volume of mortgages accepted for appraisal continued through September at the rate of \$22,000,000 a week. And third, that the mortgages accepted for insurance by the FHA have continued at the rate of \$15,000,000 a week.

During September 10,090 new single-family homes were contracted for, compared with 8,373 in September, 1937.

Jack Haley inaugurates his first featured radio series on CBS-WFMB at 6:30 p. m. today. With him will be the young singer, actress, Lucille Ball, Virginia Verill, the singer, and Ted Fio Rito's orchestra.

There will be something new in the Haley series, too, though you may not notice it. For the movie comedian, convinced that television is just around the corner, has dispensed with scripts. Everything will be memorized.

GRAIN FIRM GRANTED HEARING BEFORE CEA

Cargill Co. Charged Board of Trade Violated Act.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (U.P.).—The Commodity Exchange Administration announced today it will open hearings in Washington Oct. 28 on charges of Cargill, Inc., that the Chicago Board of Trade violated the Commodity Exchange Act in 1936 and 1937.

If found guilty of the charges, the Board of Trade could be barred from future contract trading.

Jack W. Bain, agricultural Department attorney, will act as referee during the hearings, which may be shifted to other cities for convenience in investigating various phases of the charges. Cargill, Inc., Minneapolis grain dealer, appeared before the Board of Trade in 1936 by failing to give Cargill benefit of the one-day delivery notice, and again in 1937, by attempting a downward manipulation of corn prices.

TOTAL AWARDS IN CONSTRUCTION UP

Engineering Construction Keeps Ahead of 1937 for Thirteen Weeks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (U.P.).—Engineering construction awards this week topped the corresponding 1937 total for the 13th successive week, Engineering News-Record reported today.

The publication estimated total awards for the four-day