

STOCKS FEARFUL OF AN EXTRA SESSION

Wall Street Would Regard Such as Nothing Less Than Calamity.

New York, Feb. 27.—Now that the interstate commerce commission has broken the endless chain of rising prices the stock market is not really afraid of anything but an extra session of congress.

An extra session of congress would be a positive calamity to the stock market. Such a development would justify wholesale liquidation of investment securities. It would be doubly disconcerting since the Republican party would be held responsible by the country for the extra session, because of the Republican senate's refusal to take a final vote on reciprocity with Canada. In addition to the uproar that might be caused by a Democratic revision of the tariff just when business is beginning to thrive again chances of a complete change of national administration in the election of 1912 would be increased. A period of readjustment must come within a few years anyhow and an extra session in congress would precipitate it.

Overshadowing in interest any other recent event in railway, financial and business circles, the decisions of the interstate commerce commission that the railways east and west are not entitled to the advances in freight rates they sought caused a pronounced impression in the latter part of the week.

Waiting for Court Decisions. Industrial interests are still awaiting the decision of the supreme court in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases, which, if not forthcoming tomorrow, will be anxiously looked for on each succeeding Monday until they are handed down and the status of the large corporations settled.

While the executives of the railroads are generally disposed to take the rate decisions to heart, the optimist points to the fact that at least the railroads now know where they stand, and have a definite basis upon which to work during 1911. There is talk of retrenchment on some lines, but others, notably the Harriman system, will go right ahead with projected improvements. The double tracking of the Union Pacific and subsidiaries to the Pacific coast, entailing an expenditure of \$75,000,000 at least during the next five years will be pushed.

"We cannot stand still; neither can we afford to go backward; we must grow commensurately with the territory which we serve," says Judge R. S. Lovett, head of the Harriman system. And on the heels of the adverse decision the bankers of the system announce negotiations for the placing of \$50,000,000 Central Pacific 4 per cent bonds in France.

Railway presidents representing the eastern lines traversing "classification territory" are to meet today at the Trunk Line association offices to discuss what action is best in the light of the decision.

Not Much Chance for Appeal. Appeal is talked of, but the decision was based upon facts and figures of the railways own returns, and it is questionable whether any point of law can be adduced upon which to hang a program of recourse to the new commerce court. The decisions contain a proviso that if the roads can show inability to make both ends meet they may protest to the commission and their appeal will be given attention.

Meanwhile general business is good and money is easy. Reports from the steel companies indicate improvements in nearly if not quite all the branches. Export orders during the week included 45,000 tons of rails for Uruguay and 15,000 tons for the Argentine, 20,000 tons of billets and 10,000 tons of bars for Canada. Domestic roads placed orders for 45,000 tons of rails, including 40,000 tons for the Chicago and Northwestern. February rail contracts aggregate 371,000 tons.

The stock market here, influenced by London's opening declined considerably at the opening on Friday but much of the loss was recovered. A feature of the bond market was the advance of 4 1/2 points in Washab first refunding bonds on transactions involving \$4,841,000. Commodity markets, especially in wheat, declined during the week.

IMPERIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DATE

(American News Service)
Berlin, Feb. 27.—The German Emperor and Empress, who were married February 27, 1861, when the former was Crown Prince William and the latter Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, today received innumerable messages of congratulation and many valuable presents on the occasion of their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

A NAVAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR RETIRES

(American News Service)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Medical Director Paul Fitzsimons was placed on the retired list of the Navy today, on account of having reached the age limit for active service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Leaving the Court House



Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gardner, caught by the camera as they were leaving the court after Gardner had received the verdict of the jury acquitting him of the charge of attempting to bribe Congressman Otto G. Fickler to vote against the anti-race track bill in the New York state legislature, in 1908.

FOR STAGE KIDDIES

New York Alliance Gives a Benefit Today.

(American News Service)
New York, Feb. 27.—Under the patronage of the National Alliance for the Protection of Stage Children, of which Daniel Frohman, Augustus Thomas, Mrs. Fiske, Julia Marlowe, Francis Wilson and other persons prominently connected with the stage are active members, a mammoth performance was given in the Metropolitan Opera House this afternoon to enlist public attention in the interest of the children of the stage. The alliance has been working for several years to bring about the repeal or modification of the laws restricting or preventing the appearance of children on the stage. The complaint is especially strong against the existing laws in Massachusetts, Kentucky, Illinois, and Louisiana. In these states the law absolutely bars children under sixteen years of age from appearing in theatrical performances.

NEW REPUBLIC TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION

(American News Service)
Lisbon, Feb. 27.—Intense excitement prevails here today following a report that the Republic will take legal action against the Patriarch of Lisbon for addressing a pastoral to the bishops and archbishops of all Portugal criticizing the government for the proposed dissolution of the union of state and church.

It was stated that the pastoral will have no effect upon the course of the government.

Another sensation has been caused by an attack upon Senor Lachado Santos, a newspaper owner who has posed since the overthrow of the monarchy as one of the heroes of the revolution. A poster acclaiming Santos as a coward was stuck up in front of the self-styled hero's newspapers.

NEGRO WILL LAND FEDERAL POSITION

(American News Service)
Washington, Feb. 27.—That William F. Lewis, a Boston colored man, will be appointed assistant attorney general to succeed John G. Thompson, whose resignation takes effect March 1, was the report again circulated at the department of justice here today. Lewis' name was mentioned to President Taft by Massachusetts politicians several weeks ago when it first became known that Thompson intended to quit the government service for private practice.

Lewis is now assistant United States Attorney at Boston. If he gets the appointment to an assistant attorney general's berth, he will probably be placed in charge of Indian depredation claims.

KING DECORATES ENGLISH HEROES

London, Feb. 27.—Thursday was medal award day at St. James palace and King George invested a number of persons with decorations for heroic services. Among those upon whom medals were conferred were the policemen who performed gallant services in a battle against armed burglars at Houndsditch. Miners who risked their lives in rescue work at the Whitehaven disaster were also remembered. One medal was presented to a woman, Mrs. Frances Wright, who assisted a policeman in a fight with an armed burglar, probably saving the officer's life.

VERY USEFUL BOOK

Being Distributed to Penn. Railroad Employees.

That any employee or passenger on the Pennsylvania railroad may receive immediate attention in case of sickness or accident, the company is extending its methods of giving instruction on "first aid to the injured." To this end demonstrations are to be given to employees and a circular card has been prepared for distribution to employees at the lectures delivered by medical examiners of the company.

The printed instructions that will be distributed to all employees of the Pennsylvania railroad are entitled "Hints on First Aid to the Injured." "Keep cool" is the first admonition. Employees are then advised to send for the nearest physician after which the injured or ill person should be placed on a standard stretcher, a number of which are provided on cars, in stations, shops and other places. "Keep the crowd away" is the next heading on the circular, which also warns employees against touching open wounds with their hands.

The "first aid" packet is described in the circular. It contains two aseptic compresses in oil paper, one cambric bandage, one triangular bandage and two safety pins. The details of dressing a wound are then gone into. Following the general instructions the circular deals with accidents and ills which are most frequent, giving specific and detailed instructions for first aid. An important part of the first aid work of the Pennsylvania railroad is in instructing employees in methods for resuscitation from electric shock. The use of electricity on the New York Improvement and the West Jersey and Seashore railroad has made it necessary to lay stress on this.

Since the Pennsylvania railroad undertook to instruct train, station and shop employees in methods of giving first aid to the injured, practically every such employee on the system has attended lectures by the company's medical examiners. Last year 228 lectures were given to no less than 6554 employees. This year it is the management's intention to prosecute this work even more vigorously.

TELEPATHIC CURE FOR POET MILLER

(American News Service)
San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, is depending on telepathic treatment from his daughter, Juanita Monica Miller, to cure him of the illness which for a time threatened his life. The aged poet is looking much better since the arrival of his daughter and declares the need for physicians has passed. "If I recover," he asserted, "I shall have my daughter to thank. She has been giving me telepathic treatments." The poet tottered out to take his sun bath this morning. Turning to the girl he said: "You are better than all the dope the medicos would have me take. 'I am weak now,' he explained, 'but I will be well in a few days and around again.'"

AN ALLEGED SLAYER OF HIS SWEETHEART

(American News Service)
Denver, Colo., Feb. 27.—The case of Michael H. Murphy, a member of the Denver fire department who is charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Anatolia Wunderlee, came up in court for trial today. The alleged murder occurred on January 15 last. Murphy shot and killed the girl while she was on her way home from church.

CAMORRA CRIMES REVEALS ROMANCE

Light Thrown on Careers of Cuocolo and "Beautiful Sorrentino."

Viterbo, Italy, Feb. 27.—The documents with the aid of which the government hopes to convict Enrico Alfano and forty of his associates of murder and thus rid Italy of the leading spirits in the dread Camorra, reveal that Gennaro Cuocolo and his wife, "the beautiful Sorrentino," the killing of whom led to the roundup of their band, had romantic, but far from worthy careers.

Part of the story which will be laid bare when the trial opens on March 11, may now be told. The victims were about of an age. The husband at the time of his death was 42. They lived in the Via Nardones, opening into the Piazza San Ferdinando, only a few steps from the royal palace in a pretty fourth floor apartment.

Here, after the discovery of Cuocolo's body at Torre del Greco, the police found the lifeless form of the wife stretched upon the bed in a charmingly furnished chamber. The pink silk night gown was perforated indicating the position of numerous wounds. Among them was the characteristic dagger cut known as the fregio, the wound given to one who has broken an oath.

Mark of Evil Life Inflicted. If inflicted upon an honest woman or a girl it is made by a slash on the cheek, but if given to a woman of doubtful character it is always upon the body. In the case of Maria Cutinelli Cuocolo the assassins left the mark of an evil life.

Then began the police search for the records of both victims. Cuocolo in his youth had been condemned for theft, swindling, opposing the police and other offenses, but for ten or twelve years before his death he had not been before the authorities and apparently had become respectable. He was accustomed to define his situation by saying:

"Even if I have married a beautiful woman of not illiberal habits I am content, as she is a faithful wife, and anyway, my marriage was the result of a vow. At the age of 30 years I was ill and vowed to San Gennaro, my patron, if I recovered, to rescue some unfortunate woman from sin and make her my wife. San Gennaro heard my prayer and I have kept my word. Since then I have been tranquil and home loving and have only once risked compromising myself when in public in the Galleria Umberto. I boxed the ears of Enrico Alfano—called Erricone."

Motive of Murders Discovered. The oft repeated story reached the ears of a detective and led him to investigate whether the murders might not have been due to the hatred of Erricone and his companions. Erricone denied that Cuocolo had struck him and swore that he had not even known him. Nevertheless the police persisted on this clue and learned that Cuocolo had been in active service in the Camorra, limiting himself, however, to organizing thefts and taking the lion's share of all operations. Both he and his wife were known among criminals as clever organizers.

At the same time the police archives show that on various occasions they acted as police spies. Notes written in pencil have been found in which the two denounced thefts and crimes arranged by persons affiliated with the Camorra. These papers, through the connivance of certain persons, were inspected by the Camorra and were the cause of suspicion of the Cuocolos and of hatred against them.

Having established the double dealings of Cuocolo, the police set about to prove his death was at the hands of his criminal associates. Erricone and several friends who were with him at the Mimi a Mare on the night of the murders were arrested.

Police Foiled by Priest. Public opinion applauded the police, but soon afterwards all of the prisoners were released on the grounds that the evidence against them was insufficient. Popular indignation was intense, and it was charged that the police shared the profits of the Camorra in crime.

Now it appears that the release of Erricone and his gang was due to the intervention of a priest. The Rev. Fr. Ciro Vittozzi, who is Erricone's godfather, went to the judge and solemnly said:

"I swear in my sacerdotal character that you are about to condemn those who are innocent. I know the real murderers, but I cannot reveal their names, as they came to me with the seal of the confession."

The priest put the authorities in communication with one Ascritore, who was alleged to have confessed the murders. This man denounced two others, De Angelis and Amodeo. All three were fugitives from justice. When found they established alibis, but in the meantime Erricone and his associates had been released.

Later the priest was accused of being a member of the Camorra and the investigation turned again toward Erricone and his companions who were arrested again on new and further evidence.

Dresden China.

It is to Frederick Bottger, a native of Saxony—1682-1719—that we owe the secret of making china or porcelain. It was in 1710 that a lucky accident revealed to Bottger the true nature of the required paste. Having noticed the unusual weight of some hair powder, he inquired what it was made of and found that it was a finely powdered clay from Aue. He forthwith procured some of the clay, made vessels of it and, to his infinite delight, learned that he had at last found the very material he wanted. In a word, he had made the discovery of porcelain.

TELLS WHY CUPID AVOIDS COLLEGES

Wellesley Senior Coldly Says Only Plain Girls Need Education.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 27.—The reason the college girl often is more unattractive than her sister who married and stays at home has been revealed by Miss Imogene Kelly, editor of the Wellesley College News, and a Wellesley senior.

In brief she asserts that the college girl herself would be married and not pursuing intellectual courses if she were fairer. In setting forth her opinions Miss Kelly says:

"Most of the girls who come to college do so with an object in view, namely, to educate themselves in order to better make a living."

Why Education Is Sought. "The girls at Wellesley, as a rule, are not beautiful, and for that reason these girls must educate themselves for the time when they will go out into the world and be obliged to support themselves. If they were more attractive they would be married or engaged and there would be less pressing need for a college education for them."

"The majority of college girls possess that quality of looks which warns them that it is better to prepare for future self-support than to depend on the chances of marrying."

Untidy Habits Are Acquired. "The average woman in college does not think it worth while to be particular and scrupulous about her gowns and what she wears, because she figures that only girls will see her. As soon as she enters college the habit begins to grow on her of dressing hastily."

"It a little while it is a fixed habit and a bad one. It is combined with the habit of hurrying to class, hurrying to meals, hurrying to study, and other hurry habits, which go a great way toward making one look slipshod and carelessly attired and mannered."

HARDWARE DEALERS TO HOLD MEETING

(American News Service)
Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—More than 3000 hardware dealers, representing every section of the country are expected to attend the annual convention of their national association which will begin its sessions in Music Hall in this city tomorrow. Elaborate entertainment has been provided for the visitors.

ROBBERS BLOW A POST OFFICE SAFE

(American News Service)
Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 27.—The post-office safe at Gridley, Ill., was blown early today but the explosion aroused the whole town and the robbers were frightened away without obtaining any loot.

ASKS A DIVORCE

Charging Charles W. Dearth in the first paragraph with cruel and inhuman treatment and in the second with habitual drunkenness, Mary A. Dearth in a complaint filed Saturday petitions the Wayne circuit court for divorce, also alimony in a sum which the court may deem sufficient. They separated on February 23, Dearth going to Indianapolis to live. They were married on November 5, 1908.

Feminine Friendships. She—Have you ever met my two dearest friends? They are just lovely and so devoted. He—How long have you known them? She—Why, I've known Annette nearly ten days and Margaret almost a week.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bury in Caves. In Russia many of the peasantry still bury their dead in grottoes and caves, just as their princes and nobles were accustomed to do centuries ago.

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