CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

CREDITORS SEE DIVIDEND

Settlement of Officer Estate Controversy Makes Funds Available.

MAY POSSIBLY REACH TWENTY PER CENT

General Feeling Among the Creditors that the Bank's Affairs Should Be Wound Up as Soon as Possible.

Now that Attorney J. J. Stewart has been appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Officer, in place of Charles T. Officer, the many creditors of the defunct Officer & Pusey bank are likely to be paid a third dividend within a short time.

The hearing on the final report of Charles Officer as administrator is set for Wednesday before Judge Wheeler, in the district court. According to this report Officer has in his hands $14,749.84 to turn over to Administrator Stewart as soon as his report is approved. Negotiations for the sale of another valuable farm, forming part of the assets of the Thomas Officer estate, are nearly completed and those moneys and the amount at present in the hands of Receivers Beresheim and Murphy will be sufficient it is expected, to declare another dividend of 15 or possibly 20 per cent.

The first dividend declared was 25 per cent and the second was 20 per cent, making a total of 45 per cent that the creditors have received so far. Should the mining interests owned by Thomas Officer in Colorado pan out, it is possible that his estate may nearly prove sufficient to pay the bank's deficiency. As it looks now, the creditors of the bank will probably realize 65 and possibly 70 per cent of their claims.

There is a feeling generally among the creditors that the affairs of the bank should be wound up as speedily as possible and the receivers discharged now that Mr. Stewart, who represents claims aggregating $300,000, has been appointed administrator of the Thomas Officer estate.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Law Settles Controversy.

Now that the state legislature has enacted a new Board of Health law it is expected that there will be no further controversy between the city Board of Health and the county Board of Supervisors over the bills incurred in caring for smallpox patients. Heretofore all bills incurred in this respect by the city, have had to be recommended to the county for payment by it. This has led to more or less dispute over the bills and in several instances the board has flatly refused to pay them. Under the new law, while the bills will in the first place still have to be paid by the county, the supervisors will levy a tax upon the city, town or township incurring these expenses, equivalent to one-third of the amount paid by the county. The entire amount, however, of the expense of quarantine proper, building or providing a pesthouse, detention hospital, or other hospital for quarantined persons shall be collected back from the city, town or township, in which it is incurred. As in the case of other expenses they shall be paid first by the county.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read. 541 Broadway.

First Sunday Excursion.

The Wabash brought in its first Sunday excursion to Council Bluffs yesterday morning and between 400 and 500 persons living along the line between this city and Stanberry took advantage of the low rates and made the trip. The train reached the transfer depot at 9:30 o'clock, where the motor company had several large motors in waiting to transport the crowd to Omaha. Many of the visitors, however, stopped over in the Bluffs and visited Fairmount park and other points of interest. The return trip was made at 7 p. m. It is expected that when Lake Manawa is opened these excursions of the Wabash will be followed by the other railroads entering Council Bluffs.

Davis sells paint.

Officer on Guard Night and Day.

A special officer is being maintained day and night to watch the residence of Rollo Ernst at 202 South Twenty-first street to prevent any attempt at kidnapping his 3-year-old son. The officer is being maintained at Ernst's request and the expense is being borne by him. The arrival of Mrs. Ernst's father in the city has aroused Ernst's suspicions that there is a plot brewing to take his son away. Despite his suspicions, Ernst accompanied his wife to church last evening, leaving the child at home under the watchful eye of the officer patrolling the sidewalk in front of the home.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Stockert sells carpets and rugs.

Wellman, scientific optician, 409 B'way.

Pasturage, Judson, 929 6th ave. Tel. 348.

J. C. and W. Woodward, architects, room 8, Everett block, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Take home a brick of Metzger's ice cream. Vanila, 25c; Neopolitan, 35c.

Refrigerators and ice chests. Prices right. Cole-Brelsford Hardware Co., 41 S. Main st.

New goods and outfits for pyrographic work at Alexander's Art Store, 322 B'way.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hamilton of Chicago are guests of Mrs. Laura Clawson of Avenue B.

Mrs. Alice Stork is home from Lafayette, Ind., where she was called by the death of a relative.

The Ideal club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Metcalf on Bluff street.

The Oakland Avenue Reading club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. M. Hart.

The New Century club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. C. Ensign at her home on Tenth avenue.

At the regular meeting of Fidelity council, Royal Arcanum, this evening, the representatives to the session of the grand council in Des Moines will make their report and a full attendance accordingly is desired.

Go to Morgan & Klein for upholstering, mattress making and feather renovating. 128 South Main street. 'Phone 548.

We make a specialty of all kinds of furnace and tin work. See us for prices. Cole-Breisford Hardware Co., 41 S. Main street.

Mayor and Mrs. Mahlon Head of Jefferson, Ia., are guests of Mrs. Head's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Bonham of North Second street.

The Insurance gasoline stoves are absolutely safe. No dirt, no smoke. Get our prices. Cole-Brelsford Hardware Co., 41 S. Main street.

Tramps and hoboes have begun their spring moving and the railroad yards are overrun with them. Most of them seem to be emigrating west.

The Columbia and Tribune bicycles are the very highest grade. We handle them. Also a fine line of cheap wheels. See us. Cole-Brelsford Hardware Co., 41 Main st.

The Athenian club will meet Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Reynolds. "France After the Second Restoration" will be the subject for general discussion.

The current events department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Walter I. Smith. "Some Living Writers" will be the subject for discussion.

A general meeting of the members of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will be held this afternoon at the home of the vice president, Mrs. F. W. Miller, on Oakland avenue. The meeting has been called to take action on an important question.

For Sale—Excellent building lot in Central sub., size 44x130. This is a bargain for someone, for cash sale or will sell on payment plan. Lot is located on Avenue B within several blocks of good school. Call or address E. F. Watts, Bee office. Council Bluffs.

The household economic department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of the president of the club, under the leadership of Mrs. E. J. Towslee. In addition to the regular program, Dr. Houghton will make a short talk to the members.

As the Portland Gold Mining company of Colorado has declined to file any statement for assessment with Assessor Everest, he has assessed it at the full market value of its capital stock, $9,000,000. The company will, it is said, contest the legality of the assessment of its stock in Council Bluffs.

A reception will be tendered the new pastor, Rev. James Thomson, and family by the women of the First Congregational church this evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. O. P. McKesson on Oakland avenue. An invitation has been extended to all the ministers of the city and their wives to be present, as well as all members of the church and congregation.

The Christian Scientists of this city have completed arrangements for a free public lecture at the Dohany opera house Tuesday evening, April 29, by Edward A. Kimball, C. S. D., of Chicago. Mr. Kimball is one of the leading advocates of the Christian Science doctrine and is a member of the board of lecturers of the First Church of Christ of Boston, the mother church of the Christian Scientists.

Samuel DeForest, aged 25 years, died Saturday at midnight at his home in Keg Creek township from tuberculosis, after an illness of two years. He is survived by his wife. Deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows at Manning, Ia., and of the Woodmen of the World of this city. Services will be held at the residence this afternoon at 2:30 and the remains will be taken to Dunlap, Ia., for burial Tuesday morning.

Manager McGuckin has reorganized the Union Pacific base ball team and has these players on the list: Harry Sage, catcher and captain; H. Saffelder, pitcher; A. J. Knodell, first base; Cliff Segear, second base; Fred Nesttiebush, third base; Charles Robinson, shortstop; Thomas Barry, left field; Jack Diamond, center field; James Stack, right field; Joe Devine, substitute catcher. The club's grounds at Twenty-first street and Eighth avenue have been fixed and the team is ready to play ball.

Davis sells glass.

SAINTS ORDINATION SERVICE

Among Those Consecrated Were the Two Councillors to the President.

LAMONI, Ia., April 21.—The feature of the Latter Day Saints' conference today was the afternoon ordination and prayer service. The following officers were ordained: D. M. Smith, first counselor, and R. C. Evans, second counselor, to President Joseph M. Smith; A. P. Smith, F. M. Sheehy, U. W. Green and John R. Rushton Ashy, as apostles of the quorum of twelve; J. H. Lake, E. C. Briggs, and J. R. Lambert, as evangelical ministers. Those officiating in the ordinations were Joseph Smith, W. J. Wright, G. T. Griffiths, Peter Anderson, I. N. White, and F. G. Pitt. The prayer service which followed the ordinations was most impressive, and attended by the gifts of tongues and prophets in a most remarkable manner.

Methodists Dedicate a Church.

WEST UNION, Ia., April 21.—(Special.)—The new church of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, erected at a cost $12,000, was dedicated Sunday with appropriate exercises. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Bishop John W. Hamilton, D. D. of San Francisco. In the afternoon President Guy P. Benton of Upper Iowa university delivered a sermon and Rev. T. M. Fleming, D. D., occupied the pulpit in the evening. Services will be held in the new church each evening during the week. Pastors from Independence, Fayette, Decorah and Charles City will assist.

Elevator at Murray.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 21.—A propitious change in the wind saved the town of Murray from possible destruction by fire last night. A grain elevator and extensive corn cribs of O. F. Hulbut & Co. caught fire and were destroyed, together with several freight cars. A high wind swept the flames toward the business part of the town, but after destroying a portion of the stock yards the wind shifted and the fire was soon under control. The loss is estimated at nearly $40,000.

Arrested for Passing Bad Money.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 21.—(Special.)—The large amount of counterfeit money in circulation in this city, complaint of which has caused the presence of government secret service men in Wapello and adjoining counties, led to the arrest of John Cooper and George Gilbert, farmers who reside a few miles south of here, and may lead to unearthing a plant, the presence of which has been strongly suspected for months.

Quit "Truck" Store Business.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 21.—(Special.)—The Western Supply company, famed during the palmy days of the coal business in this section of the state as surveyors and miners, decided today to go out of business and turn the stocks of merchandise over to the coal companies. The Western Supply company began business in Iowa in 1875, and ever since has operated a chain of stores throughout Iowa and Illinois.

Switchman Crushed to Death.

FORT DODGE, Ia., April 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward Edwards, a switchman on the Illinois Central, was crushed to death in the yards this morning. He started to step on the footboard of the tender and slipped and fell under the wheels. Death was instantaneous. He has a wife and child at Fargo, N. D., and a mother at Melville, in the same state.

Packers to Can Tomatoes.

OTTUMWA, Ia., April 21.—(Special.)—The firm of John Morrell & Co., which operates a large packing house here, makes the announcement that it is installing machinery to can tomatoes on a large scale. This is believed to be the only concern in the country, which will operate a vegetable canning plant in conjunction with the packing business.

SEND THE OLD DELEGATION

ndications that All the Present Congressmen from Iowa Will Be Renominated.

STATE CANDIDATES ARE SPRINGING UP

First of the Estherville Whitecappers to Be Tried is Found Guilty of Burglary—Des Moines Man is Sent to Omaha.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, April 21.—(Special.)—Indications are that every member of the present Iowa delegation in congress will be renominated and in nearly every instance unanimously. The latest effort in this, the Seventh, district to beat Captain Hull came in a movement to induce Senator Crossley of Madison county to come out as a candidate in his county to get that delegation away from Hull. If this was done Judge Prouty might have some chance of winning out in the district convention not yet called, but otherwise Captain Hull will be easily nominated. Bremer county, in the Third district, held a convention yesterday and instructed for Colonel Henderson and all opposition to Henderson has now disappeared. In the Fourth district the opposition to Haugen is badly divided. In no other districts have there been any serious consideration of any movement to nominate others than the present congressmen.

The democrats are beginning to look around for candidates. In the Sixth district J. P. Reese, head of the Mine Workers union in Iowa is said to be a candidate for the democratic nomination in the hope that by securing the solid miner vote he could beat Major Lacey. Ex-Governor Boies may be pitted against Colonel Henderson in the Third district.

The contest for nomination for state offices has begun. Treasurer Gilbertson and Secretary Martin will be renominated by acclamation. Chief Justice Ladd may also be renominated the same way. For clerk of the Supreme court there are several candidates, C. T. Jones of Washington, the present incumbent; John S. Crockett of Hardin, lately assistant clerk of the house; J. E. Whelan of Montgomery, state bank examiner, and P. H. Bosquet of Marion. For reporter of the supreme court, W. W. Cornwall of Clay and Ben I. Salinger of Carroll will be opponents. For state auditor, B. F. Carroll of Davis, J. P. Wall of Ringgold and Amos Brandt of Polk are avowed candidates. The date and place of convention are yet to be fixed.

Will Oppose Fishway.

The legislature just closed provided by law for the construction of a fishway over the dam at the Des Moines river at Bonaparte so that fish from the lower river might come over the dam and thus to a large measure make restocking of the Des Moines river unnecessary. It was provided that condemnation proceedings might be had so that the fishway might be under full control of the state. The owners of the dam now declare that they will oppose the building of the fishway and demand what would virtually be pay for the entire dam and more if the state is to have any rights there. They place the estimate at $25,000. In former years they have tried to sell the dam to the state, but have failed and the effort of the state to condemn the entire dam resulted only in lawsuits.

Annual Guard Contest.

The annual shoot of the Iowa National Guard will begin May 25 on the range near Cedar Rapids. It will be under direction of Colonel Monse, inspector of small arms practice, who succeeded Colonel Cooke. There will be a detail of four men from each company in the state. Adjutant General Byers visited the state rifle range last week and found that some repairs will be necessary before the annual shoot takes place.

Will Go to Omaha.

L. A. Manlove, assistant city agent for the United States Express company in Des Moines, will go to Omaha the first of next month to take charge of the express office there as manager. Mr. Manlove formerly resided in Omaha. He has been connected with the United States Express company for twenty-four years. In the past year, when he has been virtually in charge of all business in Des Moines, the company receipts have greatly increased here. He will be succeeded in Des Moines by W. G. Burnside of the Winterset run.

Convicted of Burglary.

Charles Peterson, the first of five whitecappers, tried on the charge of burglary at Estherville, was found guilty. This is the case where Detective Downey of the Anti-Saloon league was taken from his room in December, whipped and ordered to leave town. Downey was taken from his room and after being marched to the fair grounds near Estherville was given a beating. He was then ordered to move on and not stop until he had crossed the state line. The whitecappers followed him for a considerable distance and shot at him with revolvers. Downey was thinly clad and the night being cold he was badly frozen when he took refuge in the house of a farmer. It is believed the other parties will be convicted and all will be given stiff sentences. Downey was a detective working in the interests of the Anti-Saloon league and had aroused the enmity of the saloon interests.

Parole an Embezzler.

Governor Cummins has issued an order for the parole of W. O. Hedrick, a Marshall county prisoner who is serving a three years' sentence in Fort Madison. Hedrick was convicted of forgery and embezzlement over a year ago, and has now served about one-half of his sentence. His parole created some surprise in Marshalltown, where he gained little sympathy. Hedrick deserted his invalid wife after forging her name and the name of her sister to drafts, securing the money and going to Illinois, where he was arrested. Friends at Boone, where Hedrick formerly resided, were instrumental in securing his release. He bore a good reputation while there, it is claimed, and his aged mother enlisted the sympathy of many during his trial. Hedrick's father, who was formerly a member of the Soldiers' Home, is now a resident of Iado, where another son resides, and one of the conditions of the parole is that Hedrick shall go to that state and be cared for by his relatives.

MORGAN GOES TO CONTINENT

Congratulates Himself Upon Getting Away Without Being Observed.

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LONDON, April 21.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—J. Pierpont Morgan, who was reported to have left London yesterday for Paris, deferred his departure until this morning, when he left on the 11 o'clock train from the Victoria station. He was accompanied by one of his daughters and nobody was at the station to see him off. He looked to be in his usual health and was rejoicing because he thought he was not recognized striding up and down the platform, smoking a big cigar and carrying a heavy silver-topped Malacca cane under his arm, while waiting for the train to leave.

MUST WALK OR STAY AT HOME

San Francisco Street Railway Strike Made Effective by the Employes.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—San Franciscoans were without the usual facilities of rapid transit today, and many walked. The street railway strike has become effective. Only three lines were in operation, California, Hyde and Union streets. Business on every line of the United Railroad of Baltimore syndicate, which lately took over the Market street system, was suspended. The cables were running, but they drew no cars.

During the day a few cars under police supervision were run over the different lines of the system to comply with the franchise requirements, but no attempt was made to carry passengers. The only facility for traveling over the affected district was furnished by automobiles and carryalls. The day passed very quietly.

There were no disturbances around the various car barns. Both sides to the controversy held separate conferences during the day, the results of which have not yet been made public. The striking employes were busy enrolling recruits and perfecting organization. They were very confident that they had the strike won and stated that it would be impossible for the company to secure enough new men to carry on business.

During the day there were various rumors that the officials of the system were willing to settle on the basis of a ten-hour day and 24 cents an hour, but held out on the question of unionism. The rumors were denied as fast as they were circulated.

It was evident, however, that the railway officers were surprised at the strength developed by the strikers who claim to have about 3,000 men enrolled.

The company has not yet announced its plan for breaking the strike, but it is generally anticipated that they will make an attempt tomorrow to run with the mail cars as bumpers.

The strike leaders assert that there will be no attempt to interfere with the mail cars.

Mayor Schmidtz who was at Sacramento when the strike was called reached home today and at once entered into negotiations with the opposing sides for the purpose of bringing about an adjustment.

Chief of Police Whitman held a long conference with the mayor during which the attitude of he police in the controversy was discussed. Whitman reported that President Holland of the Union Railway company had requested him to place four policemen in each car sent out by the company with nonunion crews. Wittman declined to entertain the proposition until after he had consulted with the mayor.

The mayor endorsed the action of Wittman and informed him that the railroad comany could not count upon the aid of the police at a time when there was no necessity for such intervention. He did not believe the police would be needed in any event, as all reports made to him during the day were to the effect that the strike was being conducted in a most orderly manner and without any show of violence on the part of the strikers. If the company could find men to take out the cars they would not be interfered with enroute.

VETERANS SWAMP RAILROADS

Crowd Attending Confederate Reunion Compel Abandonment of Freight Traffic.

DALLAS, Tex., April 21.—The advance guard of the United Confederate Veterans reached Dallas at 2 o'clock last night and since that hour train after train carrying old soldiers, their relatives, friends and sightseers has been rolling into the city to attend the annual reunion, beginning Tuesday. Estimates made by railroad men are that at least 150,000 people will attend. On several roads freight traffic will be entirely or partially suspended during the four days of the reunion, as there will be little room for anything but the passenger equipment.

General Gordon, Major General Wheeler and General Fitzhugh Lee will be in attendance. The main body of the veterans will be quartered in tents at the fair grounds, where the reunion exercises will be held. The principle speeches will be made on the first day, Tuesday, April 22, and Private John Allen will be orator of the day.

In the afternoon the Kaliphs parade will be the feature and the evening will be devoted to receptions and a grand ball by the United Sons of Confederated Veterans. The second day will be devoted to a business session. The evening will be given over to receptions and the opera. On the third day the feature will be the veterans' parade and the "Grand Kaliph's" ball at the Auditorium.

Five buffaloes have been secured and will be served to the veterans in the form of a grand barbecue on the closing day.

FATAL FALL FROM TRESTLE

Railing Gives Way and Precipitates Two Men to the Ground, Fifty Feet Below.

LEAD, S. D., April 21.—(Special Telegram.)—O. F. Kohler was killed and R. G. Hensley seriously injured by an accident in the yards of the Black Hills & Fort Pierre railroad tha morning. A freight train was backing across the Morning Glory trestle, when a flat car became derailed on the highest span of the trestle. Engineer Kohler and Yardmaster Hensley, who was on the train, went back to assist in getting the car on the rails and, in order to allow a couple of the train crew to pass them leaned heavily against a railing which ran on the outside of the trestle. The railing broke and both men were precipitated to the ground, a distance of fifty feet. Kohler struck on his head and received injuries, from which he died an hour later. Hensley suffered a broken arm and internal injuries.

FATHER KELLY AT MONTROSE

Priest Who Was Subject to So Much Talk Holds First Service in New Appointment.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 21.—(Special Telegram.)—It was learned here this evening that Father Kelly, the priest whose name was connected with that of an Elk Point young woman in a recent alleged scandal and concerning whose future there has been considerable speculation, especially in Catholic circles throughout the state, because of the refusal of Elk Point Catholics to permit him to return to that city, has arrived at Montrose, a little town on the Omaha railroad, about twenty-five miles northwest of Sioux Falls, where he has been assigned to the rectorship of the local Catholic church. He conducted services for the first time at that place today.

HAS RELATIVES IN OMAHA

Veteran at Leavenworth Soldiers' Home Killed by Missouri Pacific Train.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 21.—Perry C. Knight, an inmate of the Soldiers' home, a veteran of the Eighteenth Indiana infantry, and who has near relatives in Omaha, was killed by a Missouri Pacific passenger train tonight.

SPECULATION ON INCREASE

Prospective Improvement in Monetary Conditions One of Causes.

REPEAL OF THE WAR TAX ALSO HELPS OUT

Developments Show that Morgan is in Complete Control of the Louisville & Nashville Situation.

NEW YORK, April 21.—(Special.)—Henry Clews, head of the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., in his weekly review of the conditions in Wall street, says:

There has been a decided increase in speculative activity during the last two weeks. This could not be entirely attributed to the Louisville & Nashville incident, though that may have been a stimulating factor. The principal cause has been the prospective improvement in monetary conditions. Local bank reserves may be low just now, but the turning point has been reached; currency will soon return from the interior with increasing freedom, relieving the loan situation from fear of natural stringency for several months to come. Very likely the money market will now work along fairly comfortably until the crop movement begins; assuming of course that no seriously untoward events occur during the next three months. The effect of the recent Russian and British loans upon the international financial markets can be fairly measured. The former is not a factor of importance; the latter will be issued so gradually as not to produce any material disturbance. Possibly at a later date we may export fair amounts of gold to Europe on account of American investments in consols, but in view of our large supply of gold and the increasing production of the same, this need cause no uneasiness. The approach of peace, moreover, in South Africa will stimulate the production of gold in that quarter, and so tend to divert demand from this section; the world's money markets thus being in an easier condition than for some time past.

War Tax Repeal Helps.

A very important event from the American point of view was the repeal of the war tax bill imposed at the outbreak of the war with Spain. The repeal of superfluous taxes will of course check the congestion of funds in the treasury, which had been a serious financial menace ever since the war closed. The only effectual means hitherto of releasing funds withdrawn unnecessarily by taxation was by the purchase of bonds; a most objectionable method, because it constantly diminished the basis of national bank circulation, and so forced a further ultimate contraction of the currency, to say nothing of the folly of the government paying unnecessarily high prices for its own bonds. The repeal of the war taxes, therefore, removes a serious element of disturbance, which had it been allowed to continue would sooner or later have involved the country in fresh financial spasms. The avoidance of such a contingency is a distinct aid to confidence.

Morgan in Complete Control.

The Louisville & Nashville episode has developed another very important fact; viz., that Mr. Morgan is in complete control of that system. With masterful sagacity he has evidently measured the possibilities of further contests for control in the spread of the concentration movement, and with admirable tact has accomplished his purpose without dangerous friction. After the experiences a year ago attending the struggle for control of Northern Pacific there was naturally very serious apprehensions of trouble by those who best understood the consequences of such contests and the possibilities of their repetition. The removal of this danger has immeasurably strengthened the financial situation and invited renewed activity. These two factors then—the improved monetary condition and the passing of Louisville & Nashville under Morgan control—seem to have been the signals for a revival of speculative activity, which promises to continue for some time to come. Many of the big leaders have returned from their southern trips; the large holders are known to be favoring an upward movement; there is an excellent demand for desirable investments, which are scarce and firmly held; trade conditions are good; railroad prosperity appears unchecked, and so far crop conditions are satisfactory. When the Boer war is over and the waste of about $200,000,000 yearly stopped, this country will be the better off; so will the army of about 150,000 men, a large portion of whom will be released for productive employment, possibly in South Africa. Under such conditions it is not surprising that some of the restless spirits who have acquired large wealth may wish to distinguish themselves in the stock market. Conservative operators may not approve of all their actions, but they are not likely to do otherwise than quietly encourage an upward movement in the market in spite of the high level of prices.

Anticipate Active Market.

For such reasons I anticipate a much more active market. Sharp irregularities are likely to occur because the situation is not as satisfactory as a year ago and realizations must follow; yet there are present all the elements necessary to active speculation, in which the railroads are entitled to a decided preference. The industrials should be left severely alone. A keen outlook must be kept upon the crop situation. A good harvest would insure another year of general prosperity. A partial failure would produce unwelcome results.

BUYING NORTHERN PACIFIC

Selling of Germans Readily Absorbed and Induces Rise of Eight Points.

BERLIN, April 21.—The most active security on the bourse during the past week was Canadian Pacific, which developed an extraordinary movement and was bought heavily on London and New York account. The Frankfurter Zeitung says there has been much short selling of Canadian Pacific stock here. This stock secured a rise of eight points during the week, otherwise the bourse was quite lifeless and there were few transactions. The undertone was rather firm, however, and this improved somewhat toward the end of the week, under the influence of the British loan and the securing of the control of Louisville & Nashville by J. P. Morgan, which the Vossische Zeitung regards as of eminent significance for the American international situation, since it shows anew how Americans are buying back foreign holdings in American railways. "Far more significant, however," continues the Vossische Zeitung, "is the fact that the leading capitalists are not frightened by the action of the government against the Northern Securities company."

The protraction of the peace negotiations in South Africa has disappointed the bourse and is causing reserve in speculation.

Domestic loans were weaker, but recovered their lost ground yesterday. Irons had a mixed tendency and this market was confused by conflicting reports of the industry. Coal shares gained several points during the week as a result of the situation in Belgium. French speculators are investing money in German coal shares in anticipation of a spread of the strike in Belgium. Machinery shares were mostly lower, as were electric securities. Textiles were higher, with considerable advances in some instances. Cements were partly lower upon bad annual reports.

Ocean steamship shares were slightly higher during the week. Herr Plath, president of the North German Lloyd line, said at the annual meeting of the company, held yesterday, that the company had acquired in conjunction with Herr Krupp, an extensive coal field, which it would soon begin to open up. Herr Plath also said that the present business year of the North German Lloyd line promised to give normal results.

The Cologne Gazette, discussing the latest statements of the London press regarding the shipping combine, says the conclusion is legitimate that J. Pierpont Morgan has acquired control of nearly all the British lines of steamers reaching America and that the organization of a great shipping combine, in the style of the United States Steel corporation, appears to be imminent. The branches of this combine, continues the paper, will retain their nominal independence, but will be directed from the central office. The Cologne Gazette argued that the Hamburg-American Steam Packet company and the North German Lloyd line of steamers have formed a syndicate which has made a long term agreement with Mr. Morgan's combination on the basis of community of interests.

LITTLE BUSINESS IN STOCKS

Speculators Are Timorous Over the Situation in South Africa.

LONDON, April 21.—The barometer of the Stock exchange fluctuated throughout the last week in response to every fresh rumor of peace negotiations, but actual business was comparatively limited, the interest in the new loan overshadowing all other dealings. The immense oversubscription to the new issue of consols fairly indicates the strong conviction among the public of the actual proximity of peace, but the situation is too complicated to encourage extensive speculation. The most optimistic of the operators during the first part of the week proved to be most timorous. The whole list fell perceptibly upon Mr. Balfour's announcement that a definite settlement in South Africa had been deferred in order to allow the Boer delegates time to interview the commandoes. Rands also weakened at the end of the week without any assignable cause and the whole mining situation closed weaker. Home rails profited more than any other stock during the week and there was a general rise in quotations and advances were well maintained. The outlook for English railways is today decidedly more cheerful than it has been for six months past.

American securities attracted considerable attention during the week. There was not much trading, however, and this was partly owing to the fear of a corner in Louisville & Nashville. The announcement of Mr. Morgan's participation in this deal removed some of the apprehensions of the arbitrage houses. There is a better outlook for American business next week.

The money market expects an easier time for the next two months. There will certainly not be any great lockup of treasury funds for that period. The rates of exchange on New York, Paris and Berlin all point to gold shipments to London, rather than the reverse.

Get After Tax Dodgers.

ST. JOSEPH, April 21.—Shortage of funds is responsible for an order to curtail the number of school months from nine to six. Citizens, dissatisfied with the prospect, are responsible for an increase in the assessments of real estate and personal property by considerably over $2,000,000. This is the dodgers who are being ferreted out and the full school term will probably be the result.

Yours for Health
Lydia E. Pinkham

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