

FIGHT FOR READING

Sensational Buying of This Stock the Feature of the Market.

ADVANCES EIGHT POINTS IN HALF HOUR

Rumor that E. H. Harriman is Seeking Control of the Railroad.

PACIFIC MAGNATE REFUSES TO DENY IT

Other Reports Credit Eying to Moran and Lake Shore.

MOVE CAUSES RISE IN ENTIRE LIST

Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific Recover Part of the Losses of Tuesday.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Sensational buying of the shares of the Reading company today gave Wall street its most exciting experience since the Northern Pacific contest of six years ago.

Up to the close of the market there was nothing official to show the source of the purchasing orders, but a persistent rumor was in circulation that E. H. Harriman was buying the stock with the object of securing control of the Reading and that Mr. Harriman was taking all that was offered in the open market, in addition to the holdings of H. C. Frick, which he was said to have purchased privately.

It was said also that the Reading stock held by the Lake Shore had been turned over to Mr. Harriman and that he would have absolute control. It was pointed out that Mr. Frick, having become a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad company would desire to dispose of his Reading stock and that as he is friendly with the Harriman interests he would be likely to sell to them if they came to the market.

Morgan Rumor Afloat. The reports as to Harriman buying were circulated generally throughout the financial district and were given credence in spite of the lack of anything official to confirm them, but there were other rumors.

One of these was that J. F. Morgan & Co., which formerly dominated the market in buying to resume its former position in the property; another was that the New York Central, which owns the Lake Shore, was adding to the Lake Shore's holdings of Reading, and a third attributed the buying to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Frick is buying back stock that he sold some time ago at higher prices.

All the time that the stock was going up efforts were made without success to discover the source of the buying and to confirm the various reports in circulation. At the offices of the banking houses associated with the rumors all knowledge of the movement was denied, but at the same time it was said that independent attempts to secure the property might have been undertaken without the knowledge of the firms interviewed.

Mr. Harriman, who is in Washington, was informed of the use of his name in connection with the Reading transactions and he then made a statement through his secretary to the effect that he was not interested in Wall street and did not care to be denying all the rumors originating there.

Further than this nothing official was obtainable. The brokerage houses handling the buying orders were numerous and their identities were not divulged, whatever as to the persons for whom they were acting.

Enormous Trading in Reading. The trading in Reading reached the extremely large total of 75,000 shares, or about one-third of all the transactions on the stock exchange for the day. The magnitude of the sales seemed to preclude the idea that an ordinary manipulation maneuver for higher prices was being executed.

The blocks traded in were large, ranging up to 500 shares lots, with one block of 10,000 changing hands at 125.

The strength in Reading attracted attention early in the day, owing to its being in sharp contrast to the weakness in the list generally. The market opened with a rally from yesterday's decline, but before noon the bearish sentiment and the decline became violent.

The feeling on the exchange bordered on demoralization, with extremely heavy liquidation and declines for many issues to the lowest point of the year. The Harriman news and the stocks in which he held shares and the stocks in which he held shares and the stocks in which he held shares.

Entire List Strengthened. This sudden turn after the recent weakness in the market served to strengthen the entire list and a general rally was soon in progress which continued to the close, which was strong and active, with quotations at the best of the day.

President in the recovery of the Northern preferred, which closed at 125, an advance of 1/2; Southern Pacific, which closed at 38, a rise of 2; and Northern Pacific, which rose 1/2 to 129 1/2.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, March 7, 1907.

Table with columns for 1907 and 1906, and rows for MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN.

THE WHEAT.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA.—Rain Thursday, except fair in southwest portion; colder in west portion. Friday fair.

LEGISLATIVE. Sunday base ball bill is killed in the house at Lincoln after extended debate.

Governor Sheldon signs 2-cent fare bill to avoid possible illegal complications. Legislative committee listens to argument in favor of submission of a prohibition amendment.

NEW JERSEY COMMITTEE reports on life insurance companies of the state, recommending sweeping changes in the law.

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SECRETARY TAFT may settle question of stock fighting in Cuba. Health Commissioner Connell asks city council for more money to conduct the affairs of his office.

BLUFFS COAL DEALERS are selling Spadix semi-anthracite and Illinois bituminous coal for 50 cents a ton less than is charged in Omaha.

JUDGE TROUP overrules motion to dismiss case against J. A. Sunderland, on trial in coal trust case.

DEPUTY UNITED STATES DISTRICT CLERK appointed for federal court at McCook, Norfolk and Hastings.

DEMAREST DEFEATS POGGEBURG and Conklin wins from Hollis in amateur billiard championship contest.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET. Omaha grain market. Omaha general market. New York stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. Arrived. Departed.

SECOND SUIT IN EDDY CASE. Bill Will Be Filed in Massachusetts if Defendants Do Not Appear in New Hampshire.

BOSTON, March 6.—Former United States Senator William E. Chandler, special attorney for George Washington Glover of Lead, S. D., and other relatives of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, who have brought suit against Christian Science officials in three states, announced tonight that possession of a second suit will be instituted in Massachusetts.

Mr. Chandler has been in consultation here for two days with the other counsel for the plaintiff. In addition to the former senator, there were present at the conference today James W. Kelley of Portsmouth, N. H.; Nathaniel B. Martin of Concord, N. H.; and F. W. Peabody of this city.

THAW'S MOTHER ON STAND

She Tells of Mental Condition of Son After Return from Europe.

SEEMED TO HAVE LOST INTEREST IN LIFE. Examination is Brief and Ineffectual—Jerome Indirectly Raises Question of Lunacy Commission.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Another dramatic chapter was added to the history of the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White today when the defendant's mother took the witness stand to contribute what she might toward saving her son from the electric chair.

There is the question of heredity," she protested when both Mr. Delmas and Mr. Jerome told her she might stop down.

Witness Nearly Breaks Down. After a few moments Justice Fitzgerald asked solicitously if she felt able to proceed, and Mrs. Thaw, evidently much chagrined that her great grief had overcome her strong will of resistance, nodded in the affirmative.

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DIVORCE BILL RUNS GAUNTLET

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BUSY DAY IN HOUSE

House Takes Up and Acts Favorably on Number of Measures.

ANNEXATION BILL REACHED ON CALENDAR. Goes Over by Request Without Losing Its Place on the Call.

ONE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BILL ACTED ON. Compels Those Who Practice that Faith to Report Contagious Diseases.

SUNDAY BASE BALL MEASURE IS KILLED. Favorable Action on Bill to Compel Roads to Sell Mileage Books Good in Hands of Rearrer for Two Cents Per Mile.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The house recommended for passage two railroad bills, killed the Sunday base ball bill, recommended for passage a bill to place Christian Science in the matter of reporting on contagious diseases, treated Harvey of Douglas county like a prince and came very near taking up the Omaha-South Omaha consolidation bills.

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CONFERENCE OVER PATRONAGE. President Urges the South Dakota Delegation to Get Together.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The South Dakota senatorial patronage muddle had a session at the White House today, the president holding conference with Senators Kittredge and Gable, Representative Parker and State Senator W. C. Cook, chairman of the republican committee. The president expressed a desire to see the two senators get together on patronage matters in that state, and it is understood that the confirmation of the president's plan, however, that as to the United States attorneyship he would give the appointment to Senator Gable, stating that he had promised to do so some time ago.

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