

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

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STEEL AND UNION PACIFIC LOWER

Rumor of Suit to Dissolve Harriman Combine Affects Lumber Issue—Market Has Strong Spots and Close Is Firm.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The stock session at the New York stock exchange today was characterized by large volume of business and wild price fluctuations. The market was generally higher, with prices at different times during the session made new levels in many cases, but there were points of resistance in the market throughout and the closing took place at a level not far from the opening.

The points of weakness that had most effect on speculative sentiment were United States Steel and the Southern Railway. The steel stock was sold at 17 within the first hour after opening, and rumors were circulated of cancellation of orders for the company's product for future delivery. This received no confirmation, and the stock rallied with the general market and closed at a decline of 1/4. The Southern Railway was sold at 10 1/2, with a fractional gain. The special weakness in Union Pacific was attributed to a rumor of a suit by the Interstate Commerce Commission to compel the divorce of the Union Pacific and the Southern Railway. The Gould stocks were unsupported still and there were wide declines in some of the stocks not near the top of the list. The Pennsylvania group, including Reading, gave evidence of absorption and there was a vigorous rebound in Atchafalaya.

The bank statement was regarded as weak, but its publication did not deter the market from pursuing their late covering operations. The outflow of cash was larger than expected, but the stock market liquidation was reflected in the considerable loan contraction. Money and discounts were tight. London, but sterling exchange continued to recede here, indicating a prospect of a contest for new arrivals of gold in the London market. Total sales of bonds, par value, \$1,464,000.

Bonds have been unsettled and weak, in sympathy with stocks. United States has advanced 1/4, and the new 4 1/2 on call during the week.

The following was the range of prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Amer. Express	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Hide & Leather pfd	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Lined Oil	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
do pfd	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Mercantile	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
do pfd	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Mining	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Amer. Tobacco pfd	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Anglo-Siam	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Arizona Mining Co	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Atholton	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Atlantic Coast Ldn.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Central Am. Lumber	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Central of New	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Chicago & Northwester.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
C. M. & St. Paul	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2