

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

STOCKS MUCH STEADIER

Principal Element of Weakness Shown Saturday's Market Removed—More Confident Tone Assumed Based Presumably on Belief That Liquidation Has Been Completed—Stocks Held Their Advances Well to a Strong Closing.

New York, Aug. 26.—The early disturbance in today's stock market was the residuum of Saturday's unsettledness and was caused by the fears aroused by the feverish movements there. After it appeared that no liquidation consequent was to be immediately forthcoming the market resumed the more confident tone which was manifested earlier last week and which is based, presumably, on the belief that liquidation has been completed. The Erie stocks were comparatively steady, thus removing the principal element of the weakness shown in Saturday's market.

This and the absence of any confirmation of the trouble rumors were the negative factors making for the later improvement of prices. A more positive factor working towards this was an improvement in sentiment over the monetary outlook, not only here, but also abroad. The call loan market was rather stiffer.

The Saturday bank statement discloses that the present position of the New York clearing house banks is not so far beyond the corresponding periods in previous years, as was the case for a long period, the surplus reserve in fact now standing above that at this time last year. The margin is not large, however, and additional currency by the interior may be looked for from this time forward. The sub-treasury also is taking funds from the banks at present, the balance in favor of that institution since Saturday amounting to \$1,608,000, while there was a credit balance in addition in favor of the assistant secretary at the clearing house this morning of \$608,850.

Great interest was felt in the publication of a call both by the Federal Comptroller of the Currency and the New York State banking department for reports of condition of banks and trust companies on the same date, August 27.

Stocks held their advances well to a strong closing. Total sales for value \$1,062,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales stocks today, 538,900 shares, including: Copper, 96,800; Am. Smelting, 20,400; Coast Line, 200; C. & O., 1,100; N. Y. C., 32,200; N. & W., 600; Union Pac., 2,500; Reading, 86,000; Union Ry. 126,400; do pf. 600; Union Ry. 126,400; United States Steel, 53,500; Va. Car. Chemical, 500; do pf. 100; Sloss Sheffield, 700.

New York, Aug. 26.—Mobile & Ohio collateral trust is offered at 85.

Baltimore, Aug. 26.—S. A. L. common and preferred, nothing doing.

New York, Aug. 26.—Standard Oil 40.

A SHARP ADVANCE IN COTTON

Market Opened 5 to 12 Points Better.

Selling Up to Net Advance of 12 to 14 Points Monday, Advancing Early Session—Closing Was Steady at Set Back of 7 or 8 Points.

New York, Aug. 28.—The cotton market had quite a sharp advance early and while part of the gain was lost later the close was steady at a net advance of 7 to 8 points. Sales for the day were estimated at 225,000 bales.

The opening was firm at an advance of 5 to 12 points and the market sold 12 to 14 points net higher for the active months during the early session. Trading was quite lively at the start with small profit shorts covering and bull supporting on the higher cables, continued dry weather in the Western belt. Unfavorable crop reports from that section, reports of very firm spot holders and talk of an increase in the stock market. The upward movement carried prices to within 12 to 13 points of the highest for the season and attracted heavy realizing under which the market reacted during the late forenoon. But the pressure was not means aggressive and after a set back of about 7 or 8 points, the list ruled generally steady on scattered covering and talk of New Orleans bull support. Private cables from Liverpool reported an attempt to corner the September option and October shorts were said to be very uneasy in New Orleans. The forecast was for probable showers in west Texas.

Receipts at the ports to-day 3,103 against 1,361 last week and 11,324 last year. For the week 29,000 bales 11,514 last week and 74,102 last year. Receipts at Houston 1,698 against 6,904 last year and at New Orleans 80 against 251 last year.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter

Special to The Observer

New York, Aug. 26.—Receipts are no light compared with other seasons that Europe is uneasy and shows her anxiety in the sharp advance in Liverpool to-day. This advance was so sharp that it involved realizing, and the best prices both here and there were not maintained during the afternoon. There is an absence of speculation, the market responding to the commercial features of light receipts and the fact that whether in the Southwest and not to speculative buying. Spinners are well under contract at good prices, which naturally increases their anxiety to the possible outcome of the crop. Some Wall Street shorts covered today, but not on a large scale.

HUBBARD BROS. & CO.

New York Produce

New York, Aug. 26.—Flour firm, but quiet. Rye flour steady. Corn steady firm. Wheat, spot strong. No. 2 red 98 1/2 c. elevator, September 98 1/2; No. 2 white 97 1/2; No. 3 white 96 1/2. Corn, spot strong. No. 2 nominal elevator. Options 19 to 18 1/2 lighter, September 19; May 18 1/2. Oats, spot firm; mixed 12. Best steady. Cut meats steady. Lard firm. Western prime 20 to 22; refined 20; cutback 19 1/2. Pork steady. Tallow barely steady. Petroleum firm. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet, 75. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Sugar, raw quiet; fair refining 34 1/2; molasses sugar 23 1/2; refined steady. Red coffee quiet; No. 4 32; Santos No. 4 3 1/2; mild coffee 34; Cordova 3 to 1 1/2. Futures net unchanged to 39 points lower. Butter firm; creamery specials 35; State dairy common by first 19 to 24. Cheese strong. Full cream large, and small colored 11 to 13; skims 10 to 11. Eggs firm, nearly selected white 28 to 29. Good to choice 24 to 26. Precipitate and poultry quiet, unchanged. Potatoes firm; white per barrel 11.50 to 12.50; sweet, yellow 11 to 12.50; red and white 12 to 13. Cabbages steady, 12 to 16 per 100.

New York Cotton

New York, Aug. 26.—Cotton, spot closed, middling 15 1/2; good middling 16 1/2; low middling 17 1/2; good ordinary 18 1/2; ordinary 19 1/2. Futures opened firm and closed steady. Open High Low Close. Aug. 26 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2. Sept. 16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2. Oct. 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2. Nov. 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2. Dec. 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2. Jan. 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2. Feb. 21 1/2 21 1/2 21 1/2 21 1/2. Mar. 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2. Apr. 23 1/2 23 1/2 23 1/2 23 1/2. May 24 1/2 24 1/2 24 1/2 24 1/2. Jun. 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2. Jul. 26 1/2 26 1/2 26 1/2 26 1/2. Aug. 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2. Sep. 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2. Oct. 29 1/2 29 1/2 29 1/2 29 1/2. Nov. 30 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2. Dec. 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2. Jan. 32 1/2 32 1/2 32 1/2 32 1/2. Feb. 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2. Mar. 34 1/2 34 1/2 34 1/2 34 1/2. Apr. 35 1/2 35 1/2 35 1/2 35 1/2. May 36 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2. Jun. 37 1/2 37 1/2 37 1/2 37 1/2. 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