BRIEF NOTES OF FINANCE

Paragraphs of Current Interest for the Investor.

The contention of some misguided people that speculation can be abolished by Congress, particularly in the line of commodities, has little in the history of price movements and the varying stages of production to warrant such a course of reasoning. The law of supply and demand exerts an unrestrainable influence over the fluctuations of prices in commodities as in everything else. At the present time this year's crop of corn threatens to be an extremely short one and the oat crop outlook is discouraging. A short crop always means higher prices, and recently corn and oats have both been soaring in prices, helped along by speculation, which begins really when the farmer puts the seed into the ground. By reason of the uncertainty regarding the production of everything that depends on changing seasons and irregular growth, the farmer is a speculator and is dealing in futures when he plants his potatoes or sows his corn, wheat, oats, barley, etc., as he is taking a chance on the success or failure of the season's crop to insure him a profit. There will come a time, however, when operations on the different stock and commodity exchanges will be so regulated that unfair speculation will be eliminated, but a certain degree of speculation will always be necessary to insure a good market in all branches of trade, industry and agriculture.

Mexico's Petroleum Output.

The Republic of Mexico is the third in importance among the petroleum producers of the world and has risen to this degree of standing rapidly since 1907, when Mexico stood eighth on the list of petroleum producing countries. While no official figures are at hand, the estimated production shows that in 1907 Mexico's output was 1,000,000 barrels; in 1908, 3,481,-419 barrels; in 1909, 2,487,492 barrels; in 1910, 4,531,826 barrels; in 1911, 12,269,319 barrels, and in 1912, 15,689,208 barrels. About 90 per cent of the total petroleum production comes from the Tampico region, where the increase has been due largely to improved facilities for transportation to tidewater more than to development. At the close of last year there were 64 producing wells in the Tampico district, but only about one-third of their possible output was being marketed. American companies predominate in the Mexican oil fields, and out of 89 companies operating in 1912 Americans controlled 55, Mexicans 21, and 13 were British, representing a total approximate investment of $175,-000,000. The capital distribution stood, $97,-500,000 American, $75,000,000 British and $2,500,000 Mexican.

Sinking Fund Established.

The Sulzberger & Sons Company gives notice to the holders of its preferred stock that it has established a sinking fund for the retirement of this stock, which shall be in the following percentages each year upon the amount of preferred stock outstanding on the last day of the preceding December: On or before January 31 in the years of 1914, 1915 and 1916, 1 per cent, and on or before January 31, 1917, and each year thereafter, 2 per cent. The sinking fund is to be applied to the purchase or redemption of the preferred stock at not exceeding 125 and accrued dividends. The new stock certificates containing a reference to such sinking fund will be issued in exchange for the certificates now outstanding as soon as they can be prepared, of which due notice will be given by the company.

Spain's Growing Importance.

In a general way the importance of the trade relations of the United States with Spain are given only passing thought by the American public, but Spain has been making rapid progress during the last few years, and in 1912 enjoyed great prosperity in commerce and industry, as evidenced by the fact that the value of Spain's foreign commerce aggregated $579,914,293, as against $554,482,092 in 1911. Her imports totalled $388,547,146, and exports $190,467,447, compared with $178,726,958 and $175,755,134 respectively in 1911. The cotton industry of Spain is a growing one, and although the persistent drouth of last year had the effect of reducing the olive, wine and cereal crops to an appreciable extent, the abundant crops of 1911 overbalanced this reduction. Most of the agricultural implements used by Spain are purchased in the United States, and in 1912 the total value of this branch of imports amounted to $1,227,059, an increase of $219,253 over 1911. The return of the seven principal savings banks of Spain for 1912 display important increases of the popular savings account. In 1911 the value of deposits aggregated $8,979,568, while during the first eleven months of 1912 the total was $10,281,584. The official statistics give the total amount of popular savings in 1911 at $70,640,000, divided among 655,000 depositors, while back in 1900, practically a decade earlier, these public savings amounted to $34,020,000 only, divided among 257,000 depositors.

BOND DOTS.

Douglas Fenwick & Co., of New York, were awarded recently the $10,000 sidewalk and $10,000 street improvement coupon or registered bonds of Saranac Lake, Franklin County, N. Y.

According to reports, San Diego, San Diego City School District, San Diego County, Cal., will hold an election on September 10 to decide on the proposition to issue $250,000 school bonds.

J. W. Byers, village clerk of London, Madison County, Ohio, will receive proposals until noon on September 12 for $25,000 5 per cent High street improvement bonds, denomination $500, dated September 1, 1913, and due September 1, 1934. Accrued interest to be paid by the purchaser.

It is reported that Manheim, Lancaster County, Penn., held an election recently which resulted in the defeat to issue $40,-000 3½ per cent street improvement bonds.

N. W. Harris & Co., of Boston, were the successful bidders on August 14 for $9,000 4½ per cent coupon tax-free school building bonds of Northampton, Hampshire County, Mass., denomination $1,000, dated August 1, 1913, and due $6,000 yearly from August 1, 1914 to 1923 inclusive.

CURB ECHOES.

There was some disappointment among brokers on the New York curb when it was learned that net earnings of the North Star were slightly under $21,000, as previous estimates by officials of the company set the returns for the month at 50 per cent or more over the actual profits, and prospects had been most optimistic on that account.

For the six months ended June 30, 1913, the Tonopah district produced 279,491 tons of ore, an increase of nearly 60,000 tons over the same period last year. The gross milling value was $5,608,580, or at the rate of $11,000,000 a year. The increase in the milling values of the ore was $977,780. May was the heaviest producing month. The figures for the various companies are:

Tonopah Mining	87,455
Tonopah Belmont	81,749
Montana	26,156
Tonopah Extension	28,071
West End	26,682
MacNamara	12,492
Jim Butler	10,849
Midway	1,530
North Star	2,268
Morgan	2,113
Mizpah Extension	265
Total	279,491

The local offices of the Anglo-American Oil Company have not as yet received instructions as to the form in which the stock dividend of 100 per cent will be paid. Advices are expected daily, and it is generally believed that the new certificates, like the present ones, will be coupon bearing, and that the distribution will be made by the simple method of withdrawing the old and issuing to each holder twice the number of his present holdings.

BUSH ADVOCATES MERGER

Would Consolidate Gould Lines Under One Management.

B. F. Bush, who is here on one of his periodical visits in connection with his management of the Gould railroads, stated yesterday that dispatches received at the Missouri Pacific offices indicate a reduction of about 300,000,000 bushels in the corn crop of the United States as compared with last year. He said, however, that the severe drouth of the last few weeks has been somewhat alleviated by recent rains.

The president of the Missouri Pacific, the Western Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande, declared himself as favoring the consolidation of these properties under one operating management, but added that this was impracticable at present, owing to the condition of the money market. Such a merger, said Mr. Bush, would involve an interchange of securities and the creation of new financing.

A special meeting of the executive committee of the Missouri Pacific was held yesterday to authorize the substitution under the Missouri Pacific note indenture of $22,000,000 par value first refunding mortgage bonds of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, to be issued under the supplemental indenture of that company recently authorized by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

In line with the plan to consolidate the operating and traffic managements of the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific railroads the following appointments were announced, effective over both properties:

A. S. Hughes, general traffic manager, with headquarters at Denver; F. A. Wadleigh, passenger traffic manager, with headquarters at Denver; H. L. Adams, freight traffic manager, and E. L. Lomax, assistant passenger traffic manager, with headquarters at San Francisco.

PUBLIC UTILITY NOTES.

Two heavy grades, a railroad grade crossing and from eight to ten minutes in running time of the high-speed interurban service between Allentown and Philadelphia will be eliminated by the completion about October 1 of the half-mile reinforced concrete bridge of the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, connecting Allentown and South Allentown.

The original plans contemplated the completion of the bridge about November 1, but according to the present plans cars will be running over it the latter part of September, and the bridge will be entirely completed early in October.

Mount Whitney Power and Electric Co.

In its report for the month of July the Mount Whitney Power and Electric Company shows an increase of 44 per cent in surplus over the same month of 1912 and for the twelve months ended July 31 a gain of 16 per cent is exhibited. The increase in gross for the month of July is about $3,000 in excess of the gain for June. The statement of the company for the month and twelve months ended July 31 is as follows:

Month ended July 31—	1913	1912
Gross earnings	$52,376 05	$59,128 12
Oper. exp., maintenance and taxes	21,158 70	15,885 63
Net earnings	$31,217 35	$43,242 49
Bond interest	9,125 00	7,875 00
Balance	$22,092 35	$35,367 49
Year ended July 31—		
Gross earnings	$595,021 51	$421,026 59
Oper. exp., maintenance and taxes	239,137 29	192,954 83
Net earnings	$265,884 22	$228,971 71
Bond interest	109,500 00	94,500 00
Balance	$156,384 22	$134,471 71

Detroit United Railway.

The payment of the $75,000 in back taxes by the Detroit United Railway to the city was the last step in binding the day-to-day agreement agreed to recently. August 15 was the first day of operation under the new agreement, and the seven-tickets-for-a-quarter rate was met with such approval that all records for receipts by the company on its city lines were broken. About $50,000 worth of tickets were sold, an average of about $60 for each of the fifteen hundred conductors of the company, and one conductor alone sold $87 50 worth. This large sale of tickets for one day, of course, had the effect of cutting down receipts for the next several days, but this week it is expected that sales will be back to normal. Officers of the company appear to be greatly satisfied with the result of the first few days' operation under the new agreement.

American Public Utilities Company.

The board of directors of the American Public Utilities Company, at its annual meeting, increased its number from seven to sixteen members, thirteen having been elected, with permission to fill the the remaining three vacancies. Officers were re-elected, and the position of chairman of the board was created, but this will be filled later. It was considered inadvisable at this time to increase the common dividend, as, in a resolution introduced and accepted by vote of stockholders, the conservation of the resources of the corporation, as represented by the surplus earnings, for improvements and extension of properties is provided for. The annual reports presented at the meeting were those already published. The members of the new board are as follows: Charles B. Kelsey, Joseph H. Brewer, Joseph H. Hart, George C. Whitworth, Charles McPharson, Warren H. Snow and Blaine Gavett, of Grand Rapids; W. B. Parsons, of Winona; C. A. Boalt, of St. Paul; H. L. Mason, of Boston; L. J. Maloney, Wilmington, Del.; Henry S. Morris and E. Clarence Miller, of Philadelphia.

CREDITORS AFTER T. A. KELLY.

Boston, Aug. 19.—A creditors' petition in bankruptcy was filed to-day against Thomas A. Kelly, a morocco manufacturer of Lynn. The petitioners and their claims were Oelrichs & Co., of New York, $64,090; Frederick Probst & Co., of New York, $63,323, and the International Trust Company, of Boston, $65,000. Kelly made an assignment to James H. Sisk, of Lynn, on August 15.

ITEMS OF WALL STREET

Europe sold about 20,000 shares in this market yesterday, of which half was for London account and the remainder for the Continent on direct cable.

Dividends have been declared as follows:

Republic Iron and Steel Company, regular quarterly of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, payable October 1 to stock of record September 15.

Plymouth Rubber Company, quarterly of $1 75 a share on its preferred stock, payable September 1 to holders of record August 25.

American Gas Company, regular quarterly of 1¾ per cent, payable August 30 to holders of record August 19.

International Smokeless Powder and Chemical Company, regular quarterly of ¾ of 1 per cent on the common stock, payable October 1 to stock of record September 20; also the regular semi-annual of 1 per cent on the preferred, payable November 15 to stock of record November 5.

Silver King Consolidated Mines Company of Utah, initial of 25 cents a share, payable September 16 to holders of record September 10.

Subscription rights to the Southern Pacific stock certificates offered to Union Pacific shareholders were quoted on the Stock Exchange yesterday as follows: High, 54; open, 54; low, 47; last, 48; close, 48@49. The volume dealt in was 100,000.

Nicholas F. Brady was elected yesterday a director of the Mutual Gas Light Company to succeed his father, the late Anthony N. Brady.

The annual report of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company for the year ended June 30, 1913, shows that 231,305 passengers were carried from whom no revenue was derived. The passengers who paid fares numbered 2,-062,020.

The American Car and Foundry Export Company, incorporated at Dover, Del., will take over the foreign business of the American Car and Foundry Company, and will have offices in London, Berlin, Paris and in several South American cities.

The combined income account of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad and the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railway, as reported to the receiver, shows gross earnings for the year ended June 30 as $2,463,-197, an increase of $168,605 over the previous year. The twelve months' surplus after charges was $531,716, a gain of $241,297.

W. J. Harahan, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, sailed yesterday for Europe on the Carpathia.

During the year ended June 30, 1913, the Louisville Railway Company earned a gross of $59,465,620, compared with $56,-211,788 for the previous year. The year's net after taxes was $12,513,620, as against $14,722,597 in 1912.

The petition requesting the governors of the Stock Exchange to close the board on the Saturday preceding Labor Day is being freely signed by the members, and indications are for a three-day holiday in Wall Street.

BUSINESS REVERSES.

OUTLET DEPARTMENT STORE—Petition filed against the Outlet Department Store, a New York corporation, at Third avenue, corner 126th st. Creditors—H. B. Claflin Company, $500; Scribner & Golomp, $20, and Weil & Livingston, $13. Judge Mayer appointed Malcolm Sondheimer receiver, bond $2,500, with authority to continue business twenty days. Liabilities are said to be $15,000; assets, $5,-000. The business was incorporated in May, 1913, with capital stock $10,000. Philip Ritter is president.

I. N. DEITSCH, INC.—Judge Mayer appointed Samuel Strasburger receiver for I. N. Deitsch, Inc., silversmith, at No. 16 to 20 West 32d street, bond $2,500, with authority to continue business twenty days. It was said that it is essential to examine officers of the corporation to inquire into an indebtedness of $15,000 to a brother-in-law of the president of the corporation. The liabilities are $55,000; assets estimated at $7,500.

UNION GAS AND ELECTRIC FIXTURE COMPANY—Schedules of the Union Gas and Electric Fixture Company, of No. 142 West 18th street, show liabilities of $85,314; assets, $12,000. Among the creditors are the Atlantic National Bank, of Providence, R. I., $51,627; Patrick Carter & Wilkins Company, Philadelphia, $6,952, and Standard Metal Spring Company, $4,075.

MANHATTAN BRUSH MANUFACTURING COMPANY—Schedules of the Manhattan Brush Manufacturing Company, of No. 667 First avenue, show liabilities of $10,000; assets, $5,321, consisting of stock, $2,300; machinery, $1,100; claim, $1,721; wagon, $10, and cash in bank, $190.

R. C. KASTNER PAPER COMPANY—Schedules in the assignment of the R. C. Kastner Paper Company, of No. 114 Worth street, show liabilities of $20,324 nominal assets, $21,-340, and actual assets $17,062, consisting of cash, $1,650; accounts, $7,008; stock, $8,204; fixtures, $200.

MAX HOBEL—Schedules of Max Hobel, furniture dealer, of No. 52 Avenue A, show liabilities of $17,787; assets, $3,251, consisting of stock $2,370, and cash in bank, $1.

AMOUNTS UNDER $10,000.

FREDERICK BLASER—Frederick Blaser, restaurant keeper, living at No. 5 West 111th street, filed petition, with liabilities of $3,280; no assets. He has only one creditor, the John Eichler Brewing Company, $3,200, for money loaned. He was president of the Frederick Blaser Company restaurant at No. 529 Spring street, against which company a petition was filed on July 26.

ERNEST J. LINSON—Judge Mayer appointed Philip Elting, of Kingston, receiver for Ernest J. Linson, shoe dealer of Kingston; bond, $4,000.

AVALLONE & GARGUILO—Schedules of Avallone & Garguilo, grocers, of No. 148 West Houston street, show liabilities of $4,256, assets, $2,750, consisting of stock, $1,000; fixtures, $1,000, and accounts, $750.

JUDGMENTS RECORDED.

The following judgments for amounts more than $100 were filed yesterday, the first name being that of the debtor:

Albers, Frederick G.—Hannis Distilling Co., $366 49.
Ahern, Henry E.—Hilliard Hotel Co., $159 07.
Atwood Corporation.—E. M. Von Horn, $531 05.
Aukschun, Edward and Adolph—George Liss & Co., $170 87.
Bassett, Wm. A., and W. Lee Darling—J. J. Bell, $231 69.
Carroll, Mary J.—John Burke Importing Co., $221 76.
Dunn, Ralph—C. Armeny, trustee, $129 41.
Deming, George L. and Frances M.—P. J. McDermott, $231 52.
Franklin, John J.—M. Liebenthal et al., $127 03.
Ford, Clarence D.—J. F. Bell, $3,500.
Feldstein, Samuel—M. Friedberg, $101 46.
Ford, Robert E.—J. F. Bell, $3,500.
Guarino, Anthony A.—Wall Pocket Importing Co., $326 44.
Greenbaum, Arthur—Lowell Realty Co., $315 29.
Grannis, Edward—C. F. Willard Co., Inc., $808 76.
Gruen, Fanny—M. Low, executrix, $6,525 58.
Holmes, Frederick P.—H. Craig, $160.
Howard, Robert E. M.—Frederick Loeser & Co., Inc., $1 92 46.
Kennedy, Patrick J.—F. J. Breslin, $338 49.
Keefe, Edward J.—F. Pender, $100 69.
King, Robert S.—J. H. Reese, $114 11.
Lehr, Harry—M. Low, executrix, $2,805 94.
Larkin, Thomas and Kiernan—F. J. Breslin, $158 31.
Lisi, Tommaso—B. Lupis, $127 91.
Levinson, Meyer and Samuel—Rossmore Worsted Co., $063 21.
McLoone, Frank—Cook & Bernheimer Co., $214 95.
McNamee, Frank A.—Robert Griffin & Co., $113 15.
Meade, James E.—N. K. Fairbank Co., $307 68.
Mulvaney, Edward—New York Telephone Co., $115 60.
Mielke, Albert—B. K. Bloch, $355.
Moulton, Margaret and Charles—Rankin & Rose Co., $136 90.
New Jersey Central Realty Co.—M. M. Geto, $1,737 26.
Reynolds, Peter—Sulzberger & Sons Co., $118 62.
Reardon, J. Tiers—Gimbel Bros., New York, $272 94.
Rau, Emanuel—E. Zimmerman, $522 66.
Sullivan, Jeremiah—F. J. Breslin, $135 98.
Smith, William E. and Alice K.—W. P. Youngs et al., $581 31.
Stillwell, Arthur E.—M. L. B. Owen, $29,426 22.
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Stillwell, Arthur E.—M. L. B. Owen, $29,426 22.
United Vaudeville Co.—R. Cole, $5,240 83.
Voska Bremer Marble Co.—J. R. Taber et al., $1,924 64.
Same—Same, $799 49.
Same—Same, $800 83.
Wital, Johann, or John, Henrietta Wital and Wital, Johann, or John, Henrietta Wital and August Zichman—Charles Raab, Inc., $143 03.
Weingmann, Ernest—F. P. Ranney et al., executors, $183 84.
Whritner, Edgar—B. H. Webb, $545 67.

STOCKS IN OTHER CITIES.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—With few exceptions to-day's market in local securities was easier and the general trade remained dull. Commonwealth Edison lost in the neighborhood of a point and fractional declines occurred in People's Gas, National Biscuit common, Pneumatic Tool, Steel common and American Can common shares. Investment orders of a small character in Public Service preferred, Diamond Match and Montgomery Ward preferred were noted and prices ruled firm. Western Stone sold at 16. Sears-Roebuck common, American Can preferred and Swift's shares made small gains.

CHICAGO STOCKS.

(Furnished by William W. Cohen, No. 45 Broadway.)

Shares.		Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
50	Biscuit	122	122	122	122
300	Can	25½	25½	32⅝	32½
100	do pref	93½	93½	93½	93½
10	Diamond Match	163½	163½	163½	163½
135	Swift & Co	105¼	105¼	105	105
245	Sears	175	175	174¾	175
100	Chicago Rys 1st	92⅛	93	92⅛	93
1,550	Chicago Rys 2d	26	28	25⅝	28
10	Ward pref	106½	109½	106½	109½
10	Pub Service pref	93	93	93	93
20	Pneumatic Tool	51	51	51	51
10	People's Gas	114	114	114	114
20	West Stone	10	10	10	10
60	Comm Edison	148	148	148	148
100	Corn Products	11	11	11	11

BONDS.

$6,000	Chic C Ry 1st 5s	101	101	101	101
2,000	Chic Ry, Ser B	82¾	82¾	82⅞	82¾
1,000	D Match deb 6s	103½	103½	103½	103½

BOSTON STOCKS.

(Furnished by Charles Head & Co., No. 14 Wall street.)

LAND.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
East Bos Ld.	12½	13			

MISCELLANEOUS.

Am Ag Chem	46	46½	Edison Ill Co.	271	273½
do pref	93½	93¾	Geo Ry & El.	114⅝	—
Amoskg Mills	63	63½	do pref	—	84
do pref	94	95	Mass Electric	14	16
Am Pneum	2	2¼	do pref	73½	78
do pref	19½	19⅝	Mass Gas	91	92
Am T & T	129½	130⅛	do pref	—	92½
Am Woolen	17	18	Rotary Ring	—	1
do pref	78	78½	Swift & Co	104½	105
Am Zinc	21⅝	21⅞	Morgen Lino	216	218
Mexican Tel	3	3⅛	United Shoe	59¼	59½
New Eng Tel	145	—	do pref	27	28
Chic Stk Yds	164	166	United Fruit	169	170
do pref	106	—			

RAILROAD.

Bos & Alb	199	200	N Y N H & H	99½	100
Bos & Maine	65	66	West E St Ry	71	72
Boston Elev	90	92			

MINING.

Adventure	2¾	2⅞	Mass Consol	2¾	3⅛
Ahmeek	275	285	Michigan	1	1⅛
Algomah	1	1½	Mohawk	43¼	44
Alouez	25½	26	Mayflower	7⅞	8
Arcadian	1⅝	2	Miami	23	23⅛
Arnold	40c	—	Nevada Cons	16	16⅛
Ariz Com	2¾	3	Nipissing	8¼	8⅝
Bonanza	25c	35c	North Butte	27⅝	28
Bos & Corbin	35c	1	Old Col Cop	3¾	4
Butte & Bal	27⅞	28	Old Dominion	49	50
Butte & Sup	28⅛	28⅝	Ojibway	800	81
Calu & Ariz	63¾	64	Osceola	90	95½
Calu & Hec	435	440	Pond Creek	60	61
Centen Cop	13⅞	14½	Quincy	19	19⅝
Chief Cons	1⅛	1½	Ray Consol	2	2⅛
Chino	29½	29⅝	Santa Fe	2	2⅛
Cop Range	69	69½	Shannon	6¾	7
Daly West	24	25	Shattuck Ariz	25¾	26
East Butte	11¾	12	South Utah	190	200
Franklin	4⅝	5	Super & Bos	2⅝	2¾
Granby	62¾	63	Super Copper	24½	25
Greene Can	6¾	7	Tamarack	78	80
Helvetia	39c	45c	Trinity	1⅛	1½
Hancock	17½	18	United States	37	37½
Inspiration	15½	15⅝	do pref	47¾	48
Indiana Cop	5½	6	Utah Apex	1⅝	2
Island Creek	53	53½	Utah Consol	59¼	59½
do pref	83	85	Utah Copper	60¾	61⅛
Isle Royale	19⅝	20	Victoria	1	1⅛
Kerr Lake	3⅜	3½	Winona	1½	2
Keweenaw	1¼	1½	Wolverine	41¾	43½
La Salle	2¾	3	Wyandot	75c	95c
Lake Copper	64	7			

CURB STOCKS.

Bohemia	1⅞	1⅝	New Idaho	10	10
Boston Ely	53	55	Raven Mining	15	17
Corbin Cop	96	100	R I Coal	1	2
Laramie	—	2	South Lake	4	4½
Lion Hill	39	45	So W Miami	—	2½
Majestic	52	54			

TORONTO STOCKS.

(Furnished by Harry E. Thompson & Co., No. 25 Broad street.)

COBALTS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Bailey	5¾	6	Kerr Lake	3.30	3.45
Beaver Cons	30	31	La Rose	2.39	2.39
Buffalo	2.35	2.50	Little Nipis	⅞	—
Chambers F	17½	19	McKinley	1.70	1.75
City of Cobalt	48	—	Nipissing	8.70	8.90
Cobalt Lake	58	60	Ottawa	—	2
Conlagas	6.15	—	Peterson Lake	19⅝	20⅛
Crown Res	1.35	1.35	Right of Way	5½	6
Foster	—	6	Rochester	2¾	—
Gt Northern	9½	10	Silver Leaf	—	5
G Meehan	1	—	Temiskaming	55	56
Hargraves	—	8½	Trethewey	27	35
Hudson Bay	70	—	Wettlaufer	11	12½

PORCUPINES.

Big Dome	—	13.70	Porcu Gold	6	8
Dome Lake	27	28	Porcu Imp	1	1
Dome Exten	6	8	Porcu Tis	1	2
Foley-O'B	18	22	Preston E D	1¾	2
Hollinger	14½	15¼	Rea	¼	½
Jupiter	28	30	Sawatika	5½	6
Pearl Lake	28	30	McIntyre	1.50	2.00
Porcu Res	1.10	1.15			

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS.

(Furnished by Charles D. Barney & Co., No. 25 Broad street, New York, and No. 122 South 4th street, Philadelphia.)

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Am Railways	38	38½	Penn Salt	195	195½
Baldwin pf	104	105	Phila Co	42½	43¼
Cambria Steel	46¼	46⅝	Phila Electric	22	23⅛
C Tr of N J	72	72¾	do 4s	80	85¼
Elec Stor Bat	47	48	Phila R T ctfs	22	23
Gen Asphalt	26	27	Phila Traction	89	89¾
do pref	72¾	73½	Reading R R	85¾	86
I Co of N A	22	22¾	Tonopah Min	4¼	4⅝
Lake Superior	25	26	Tonopah Bel	6¾	6⅞
do inc 5s	75	—	Un Traction	48½	49
Leh N Trac	84½	85¼	United Gas	85	85¼
Leh V Trac	15⅜	20½	York	11½	12½
Leh V T pf	33	34	do pref	30	37
Penn R R	56¼	56⅜			

BALTIMORE STOCKS.

(Furnished by Middendorf, Williams & Co., Incorporated, No. 31 Pine street, New York, and No. 129 East German street, Baltimore.)

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
At C L 1st 4s	93	96	Hous Oil ctfs	—	17½
do cvt 4s	90	—	do pref	—	58½
At C L of Cl	235	240	Nor R & L 5s	—	98
C R G & E 5s	—	95	Norf & P Tr 5s	—	85¼
Chic Ry 5s	—	98	Nor Central	—	116
Cons Coal	94½	—	South Air L 4s	83¼	84
do ref 5s	—	87½	United Ry	27	27¼
Cons Power	108	111	do inc 4s	62½	—
do pref	111	114	do 1st 4s	82	82¾
do 5s	87	87½	do fndg 5s n	—	86½
Col Duck 5s	68	68½	Wash R & A 5s	—	94
G H S 1st 4s	41	42			

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Columbia Gas	16½	17	Pitts Coal	18¾	20
Crucible	15½	16	do pref	—	86
do pref	92	93½	Pitts Plate G	—	99
Indepen Brew	5½	6	Pure Oil	14	15
do pref	32½	33	San Toy	19	—
La Belle	43½	—	Sewer Pipe	10¼	11
do pref	118	—	Tonopah Ext	2	2½
Mfrs Lt & Ht	48½	49	Un Sw & Stg	—	132
Nat Fireproof	7½	7⅝	Westhse A E	130¼	131
do pref	—	20½	Westhse Mach	—	27½
Ohio Fuel	—	42	Westhse El 2d	36½	37
Ohio Fuel Oil	17	17⅜	West Penn	—	92
Pitts Brew	13½	13¾	do pref	—	50
do pref	32½	36½			

GUARANTEED STOCKS.

(Furnished by Effingham Lawrence & Co., No. 111 Broadway.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Alb & Susq	250	265	L S N B&C	108	110
Alb & Vt	60	70	M Coal R R	700	850
Alleg & W	125	135	Ma C R pf	99	105
Aug & Sav	100	106	Manhattan	125	133
Am T & C	57	65	Massaw Vy	—	—
A & C A L	150	160	MSP&SSMLef	80	84
Beech Creek	94	99	M H & S H	168	174
Boat & Alb	192	198	Mor C & E	69	70
Bost & L	180	—	do pref	160	170
Bost & P	245	260	Morris & Es	160	165
B & 7th Av	155	168	do extn	90	98
Bklyn City	145	155	Nash & Dec	184	194
Canada So	55	60	Nash & L	215	—
Cat pref	102	106	New Lon N	186	206
Cay & Sus	190	200	N Y & H	359	375
C & S A T	102	110	NYB&MH pf	108	115
Chat & G	98	102	N Y M Tel	109	110
C&Kletts pf	—	109	N Y L & W	112	118
C & P R pf	105	129	Ninth Ave	140	160
C S & C pf	135	140	North Car	160	170
Cleve & P	154	164	Nor (N H)	118	125
do spl bet	92	98	North (N J)	85	95
Col & X	200	—	North Penn	85	90
Conc & M	128	133	Northw Tel	110	116
Con & Port	150	—	Nor & Wes	170	176
Conn River	200	—	Old Colony	158	168
C Ry & L	68	81	Oswego & S	190	205
do pref	70	84	Pac & At T	63	75
Del R R	172	185	Pat & H R	185	150
Del & H B	170	184	Pat & Ram	95	110
Dayton & M	80	85	Pemig Val	110	120
do pref	185	190	Peo & H Vy	155	165
Det H & S	85	92	P B & L E	56	61
East Penn	125	135	do pref	113	121
Eighth Ave	300	320	P Ft W & C	150	157
Elm & W	100	115	do special	135	145
do pref	135	145	Pitts & L E	128	138
Erie & Kal	190	210	P McK & Y	125	135
Erie & P	125	135	P Y & A pf	105	165
Fitchb'g pf	102	—	Prov & W	229	240
F W & D pf	116	125	Reins & Sara	165	175
Gal St & SF	250	275	R & G Vy	110	—
Franklin T	40	50	Rome & C	135	140
G R R&B Co	240	250	Rut & Wn	130	140
G & Stk T	115	122	Sar & Schen	155	165
Gr Riv Vy	115	120	Sharon Ry	100	110
H & C W	40	45	Sixth Ave	110	130
Hereford	75	85	So & At Tel	85	95
Hl C L L	90	95	Southern G	102	107
I & Miss T	62	73	S L B 1st pf	110	120
Int'ocean T	85	95	do 2d pref	50	60
Jack L & S	79	89	T & G R A	161	170
Joliet & Ch	140	160	23d Street	225	250
K A & G R	125	135	U G & S Vy	150	160
KSP&Mpcf	50	65	U C & B	65	75
KSP&L&Cpf	100	110	UNJRR & C	218	225
Lack of N J	88	94	U & B Riv	178	—
L Miami	202	210	Vy of N Y	111	116
L S & M S	490	510	Vt & Mass	125	140
L & M R pf	129	140	Warren	150	165

INVESTIGATING 'FRISCO

Inspector of French Ministry Plans Reorganization.

Henri de Peyster, inspector, of the French Ministry of Finance, who arrived here last week to investigate the conditions leading up to the receivership of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Company at the request of the Associatione Nationale de Valeurs Mobilieres, was in conference yesterday with James Speyer. Mr. de Peyster explained that this was the first discussion by him of 'Frisco affairs since his arrival here.

He will not only confer with all the 'Frisco interests in this city, but will also go to Washington and St. Louis to examine the records of the Interstate Commerce Commission which is now conducting an independent investigation of the company.

"The 'Frisco receivership caused a sensation in Paris," said Mr. de Peyster, "principally because of the purchase by French investors of $3,000,000 of the road's bonds shortly before the court took action. The purchasers were misled because they regarded the bonds as 'obligationes,' that is, they were viewed in the same light as first mortgage bonds are regarded in America.

"The purpose of my visit here is to see what can be done in the way of re