

STOCK MARKET HAS VERY MUCH STRONGER

Relief Afforded by the Treasury Department Has the Effect That Was Expected.

RULING RATE FOR MONEY LOWER

Gossip of Coming Dividend Increases Caused Reading and Amalgamated Copper to Take a Jump Upward—Decided Expansion in the Value of Business Done in Stock

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—There was prompt and emphatic renewal today by both the money market and the stock market caused by the relief from the treasury department for the money stringency which was anticipated after the market had closed yesterday. The readjustment of the price level at the opening of the stock market was almost spasmodic in its violence. There were successive advances by sudden inroads of large buying odds at different periods during the day. The first quotation of money at the Stock Exchange was 10 per cent. There was a flurry to 18 per cent later in the day, but the ruling rate was lower than the opening. A ruling exchange made a sudden rebound from its rapid fall of yesterday towards the gold import point and the feeling of relief in London over this relaxation threatened a strain on that market's resources. There was a decided expansion in the volume of transactions at the stock exchange. The incident most spoken of today was the large congestion of stock which are the recognized favorites for operation by groups of large capitalists. The jump in St. Paul was accompanied by rumors of an early announcement of subscription rights to new stock. Reading and Amalgamated Copper were affected by gossip of intended dividend increases. The sub-treasury continued to absorb funds for the market, \$150,000 being deposited for transfer to New Orleans. Profit taking unsettled the late market somewhat and the closing was irregular.

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CUTTLEFISH FARMS.

Where the queer creatures are cultivated to be milked. Does any one know that cuttlefish are cultivated on farms to be milked? These cuttlefish farms are located on the coasts of Great Britain, and the cuttlefish are kept in tanks or ponds to be milked of their ink. The pond or tank is connected with the sea by a pipe, and a thousand or more cuttles are kept in a single one. They form a most curious sight as they move about, trailing their long arms and staring out of their bulging eyes. They are guarded by sercons which prevent them from being scared, for if they are suddenly frightened they will squirt their milk into the water, and it would therefore be lost. This fluid or milk is very valuable, and a cuttle will yield about \$3 worth a year. It is secreted in a bag which can be opened and closed at will, the cuttle ejecting the fluid to darken the water so that it may escape unseen when attacked. The best cuttlefish are procured in China, where for some reason or other they produce the best quality of milk. When the farmer considers it opportune to milk the cuttles he proceeds by opening the sluices of the pond and gently agitating the water. The cuttles then swim around the pond, and as soon as one passes through the sluice is closed. The cuttle passes down a small channel into a basin or metal receptacle, and as soon as it is securely there the water is drained off. It is then frightened and at once squirts the fluid from the bag. When it is exhausted it is lifted out, the milk is collected and the basin prepared for another.

MODERN CIVILIZATION.

Its Complexity, Hurry and Worry Shortening Our Lives. Not long ago while traveling I chanced to stop at a village on the river Rhine, where I found an astonishing number of old people. There were a dozen over a hundred years of age and many from eighty years old up to the century mark, yet straight and vigorous. One woman nearly a hundred years old was earning her living by picking hops. Her grandchildren were middle aged. It was quite wonderful. But there was no mystery about it. It was merely the effect of a simple life spent largely in the fields, with plain diet, consisting of a few vegetables and fruits, little meat, and native beer and wine for beverages. Nothing can be more obvious than that the very complexity of our modern civilization is shortening our lives. But of all the evils that afflict us the worst and most destructive are hurry and worry. Hurry drives the body machine beyond its capacity, while worry racks it inwardly. Of the two worry is probably the worse. This might indeed be called the age of worry. Because of the intense nervous strain to which we are subjected we do vastly more worrying than did our forebears. The average man of today is continually surrounded and pursued by phantom troubles, which, though few of them ever materialize into realities, haunt him continually, ruining his peace of mind and injuring his health.—Reader Magazine.

Getting Married.

I don't know myself what getting married feels like, but it cannot be much more exciting than watching other people getting married. Indeed, I always get something like palpitation of the heart just before the priest utters the fatal words, "I declare you man and wife." Half a second before you were still free. Half a second after you were bound for the term of your natural life. Half a second before you had only to dash the book from the priest's hands and put your hands over his mouth, and though thus giddily swinging on to the brink of the precipice, you are saved. Half a second after— All the king's horses and all the king's men Cannot make you a bachelor again. It is the knife edge moment betwixt time and eternity.—From La Gallienne's "His Quest of the Golden Girl."

The Name "Fife."

The origin of the name Fife is not known. One historian tries to show that it comes from the Celtic word veach, a Piet, and means that the district was inhabited by Picts, but that is obviously absurd, as Fife was not specially the home of any of the Pictish nations. The tradition that finds greatest favor is related by a monk, who states that the first known possessor of the district which has since grown into the kingdom of Fife was one Pifus Duffus, a famous chieftain whose date is lost in the mists of antiquity.

He Cheapened Pens.

Sir Josiah Mason was, according to his biography, walking in Bull street, Birmingham, in the year 1828 when he saw some steel pens, price 3s. 6d. each. Josiah was a hard up maker of split rings. No sooner had he seen the pens than he went home, made some better than those in the shop, sent them up to London and got a large order by return. At thirty years of age Mason's capital was 30 shillings. At sixty he had given away £400,000.

Hard Luck.

"Why does Baron Hoffman look so dejected lately?" "Haven't you heard? He married a rich widow not long ago, and now a banker has absconded with all her money."—Meggendorfer Blatter.

In Egypt the cat was sacred to the moon, and when a cat died its master shaved off his eyebrows in sign of mourning.

ANCIENT EMBALMING.

Not Only People but Animals Were Mummified in Egypt. Myrrh, which was fabulously supposed to be the tears of Myrrha, who was turned into a shrub, was a plant of handsome appearance, with spreading, fernlike foliage and large umbels of white flowers. It was found principally in Arabia and Abyssinia. In early times the perfume distilled from it was greatly in requisition for embalming. Herodotus gives a detailed account of the ancient mode of embalming, which is perhaps more instructive than pleasing. After the body had undergone much preparation, which, to spare your feelings, will not be described, it was filled with powdered myrrh, cassia and other perfumes. It was then steeped in natron, a strong solution of soda, for seventy days. After this it was wrapped in bands of fine perfumed linen, smeared with aromatic gums. Not only people were thus embalmed, but the crocodiles of Lake Moeris, which, after their mummification, were decorated with ornaments and jewels and laid in one of the subterranean passages of the great labyrinth with much pomp and display. The sacred cat, ichneumon and other cherished animals devoutly worshipped by the Egyptians were embalmed with scrupulous and fanatical care. On days special to the memory of the dead the mummies were newly sprinkled with perfume, incense was offered before them and their heads anointed with fresh oil—in the same spirit as we lay new blooms upon the graves of our dead.

WHISTLER AS A TEACHER.

A Genius Who Showed Difficulty in Imparting His Knowledge. Whistler was certainly a genius, but he showed some difficulty in imparting his knowledge. His criticisms were often foggy and uncertain, and he hardly ever found words in which to express himself. It was almost an impossibility to develop without becoming a slave and copying him in every way. With a majority of the students this was a dangerous method. If one came with a spark of originality it was extinguished immediately by the dominating personality of the master. He could see art only from his own standpoint, and he insisted on all of us using the same palette and the same brushes as himself and on our seeing all objects with his eyes. The result to an ordinary outsider was ridiculously monotonous. I well remember a Frenchman who wanted to join the class coming to view some of the studies and then remarking, with an amused smile, "Vous avez beaucoup des patus Wheelstair's!" This was perfectly true of the majority, but there were a few matured men who hardly carried out Whistler's formulas as regards the palette and method, but who, owing to their more independent attitude, profited much by the criticisms.—Century.

Voting in Paris.

"In Paris only one-fifth of the voters go to the polls and cast their ballots," said an American who has lived in Paris as a business man for several years past. "This is not because they cannot vote, but because they do not care to. Everybody in the city is interested in politics, but when the time to vote comes few care to go to the polls. The man who wins is most often the man who promises everything. For instance, in my district last time a man was elected who promised to put a new shed on the market. I know of another deputy who was kept in office fifteen years because he promised to add an extra sardine to the daily rations of the soldiers. There are so many soldiers that that made a big difference. They did not get the sardine, but he continued to promise and kept office."—Washington Post.

Man and Art.

In ancient times there stood in the citadel of Athens three statues of Minerva. The first was of olive wood and, according to popular tradition, had fallen from heaven. The second was of bronze, commemorating the victory of Marathon, and the third of gold and ivory—a great miracle of art in the days of Pericles. And thus in the citadel of time stands man himself. In childhood, shaped of soft and delicate wood, just fallen from heaven; in manhood a statue of bronze, commemorating struggle and victory, and, lastly, in the maturity of age, perfectly shaped in gold and ivory—a miracle of art!

Temper.

Temper itself is not a bad quality. It is not to be destroyed, as we sometimes say. Without temper a bar of steel becomes like lead. A man without temper is weak and worthless. We are to learn self control. A strong person is one who has a strong temper under perfect mastery. There is a deep truth here—that our mistakes and our sins, if we repent of them, will help in the growth and upbuilding of our character.

Fair Proposition.

"Don't you throw off anything because of the big holes in these doughnuts?" asked the new wife of the baker. "I'll tell you," he replied, scratching his chin. "Eat the doughnuts, and we'll make a liberal allowance when you return the holes."

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