

UNCOVERED SHORTS MAKES BETTER DEMAND

The Previous Pressure to Sell Stocks Supplanted by Inclination to Purchase.

WHY THE SOUTHERN SLUMPED

Maintenance of the Dividend on the Preferred Stock is Said to Be in Doubt—Position of Harriman Securities Has a Decided Effect on the Market.

(By Associated Press). NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The pressure to sell stocks, which appeared urgent and precipitate yesterday, was decidedly moderate today and after a short time gave place to some inclination to buy. The demand seemed to come largely from uncovered shorts who had followed the rapid decline yesterday. There was some appearance of supporting orders also. These diminished to almost nothing on the advance in prices.

The large shrinkage in the day's total sales is evidently of narrow proportions. The most conspicuous continuance of the liquidating tendency today was in the Southern railway stock and in the Hill railroad stocks. It was assumed yesterday that the sales of the Southern railway were due to the progress of the settlement of the estate of the late President of the company but today there were rumors in circulation that the maintenance of the dividend on the preferred stock was in doubt. These rumors, however, met with disclaimers from unofficial sources.

The position in which the Harriman companies are placed by the Interstate Commerce Commission's inquiry was a factor in restraining any renewal of large speculative ventures. Today's interest in the subject was deepest in the departure, or reports of the intended departure, for foreign countries of some of the capitalists whose testimony it was expected would be taken by the Commission.

The ruling rate for call loans today was higher than yesterday, but the rate eased after the opening and did not touch yesterday's. Rates for time money were rather easier in tone although not notably changed.

The market closed strong after a considerable reaction in sympathy with the acute weakness of the Hill stocks. Bonds were decidedly firm and there was a faint appearance of January investment demands. Total sales par value \$2,338,000. U. S. Coupon advanced 1-8 per cent on call.

Table of stock prices including Iowa Central, Kansas City Southern, Louisville & Nashville, etc.

Table of Baltimore Markets including Wheat, Corn, Rye, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Sugar, etc.

Table of Money Market including New York, Jan. 9.—Money on call, 2 a 9 per cent; ruling rate 7; closing bid 1; offered at 2.

Baltimore Markets. BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 9.—Flour—dull, unchanged. Wheat—steady; spot contract 74 1-2 a 3-4.

Pretty Names For Books. The following are some of the curious titles of old English books: "A Most Delectable Sweet Perfumed Nosegay For God's Saints to Smell At."

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SON MURDERS FATHER

Crazed Negro Shoots His Parent and Also a Brother.

CULPEPER COUNTY SCENE OF CRIME

Father While Trying to Prevent One Son from Receiving Mortal Wounds Was Himself Killed—Negro Population of the Section Much Excited.

CULPEPER, VA., Jan. 9.—A terrible tragedy was committed in the lower portion of this county early this morning near Kellyville.

James Smith, a colored man, was shot and instantly killed by his son, George Smith, who, just previous to killing his father, shot and, it is now supposed, mortally wounded his brother, Frank Smith.

The facts, as near as can be gathered, are that the negroes, father and sons, had been drinking and a quarrel ensued between the Smith brothers, when George Smith was struck by his brother, Frank, who in turn was shot by George.

The murderer escaped to the woods, but the officers are now in hot pursuit, and it is thought that he will be captured and brought here sometime tomorrow.

The negro population of the lower end of this county is very much excited and vengeance is threatened by them against the murderer.

Richmond Couple Elopes. RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 9.—Springing a surprise on their many friends in this city, Miss Bessie Conroy and Mr. Samuel R. Routen left on the 5:20 Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train yesterday morning and were married in Washington, D. C., five hours later.

Announcement of the fact came in the shape of a telegram to Mr. A. O. Osterbind, with whose family the bride had boarded, at 518 South Laurel street.



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