



ENORMOUS PURCHASES

Small Investors Buying Industrial Stocks.

CONFIDENCE RETURNING

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SUMS FROM \$100 TO \$10,000

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NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Never in the history of Wall street has there been such an enormous purchase of securities by investors in ordered lots, and the transfer books of the railroad and industrial companies show today a record breaking number of new shareholders. The present low market values of standard securities is responsible. New York Central and several other companies report that the number of their shareholders have nearly doubled in the last year. The transfer departments are working day and night to keep up with their work. Where the transfer of stock is unusually effected in two days, delays of a week are now not uncommon. Distribution of stock to people of moderate means foretells certain relief for the monetary situation, for brokerage houses state today that these purchases are made outright, with cash withdrawn from safety deposit vaults or with certified checks. These sums ranging in amounts from \$100 to \$10,000 in the aggregate total many millions of dollars. Bankers welcome the small investor for his appearance betokens firm conviction that the country's industrial well being will be maintained.

"FENG SHU" BARRED.

Chinese Don't Take Kindly to Foreign Concessions on Public Works.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Foreign governments and corporations which have obtained concessions from the Chinese government for the construction of railroads and other public works are experiencing more or less trouble in the prosecution of their enterprises, according to advices which have reached this government from official and unofficial sources. "The opposition to the foreigners and to the work being done by them is said to extend alike to the Germans, English and especially to the Japanese. American interests in China are being watched carefully by our representatives there and any alleged violations of their rights are promptly reported to the State Department.

MAKING TESTS.

Endeavor to Find Way to Make Water-Proof Cement at Less Cost.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 15.—The department of engineering of the University of Oregon has begun a series of exhaustive tests on the strength and impermeability of concrete for building purposes and for the construction of dams and reservoirs. The ordinary water-proof concrete is mixed in the proportion of one part of cement to two parts of sand and four of stone. If through electrolytic action, induced by the addition of a small percentage of clay, alum, or other agents, the approximate proportion can be changed to the ratio of one to three to six, it can easily be seen that a large saving can be made

in the cost of materials, since the cement is the expensive part of the wall. Certain experiments already made have tended to show that concrete so mixed has both greater strength and greater impermeability. To determine whether or not this is true, some three or four hundred tests will be made, extending through the year, with varying definite amounts of electrolytic agents added. Each sample will be submitted to a water pressure test of from 40 to 100 pounds to the square inch, in addition to the regular compression tests. The department of chemistry is cooperating, and the most thorough work possible will be done. C. A. McClain and J. W. McArthur, of the department of engineering, will have charge of the tests. Since the university has at present no money available for the carrying on of such work, the expenses will be borne by the men in charge.

DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Quarterly Earnings of Standard Oil Placed at \$10 Per Share.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The directors of the Standard Oil Company today declared the quarterly dividend of \$10 per share. This is the same as for the corresponding period last year. Ordinarily the payments for this quarter are made December 15 but it is announced payment will be made this time November 26 because of the present financial conditions.

RAILWAY MEN STRIKE

Want Increase in Wages and Reinstatement.

CARS LOADED WITH POLICE

Five Hundred Strikebreakers Arrive from Other Cities and Are Escorted by the Police—Disorderly Element Puts in Appearance—Mob Hoots Police.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 15.—The union men employed by the Louisville Street Railway Company went out on strike this morning for an increase in wages and the reinstatement of several discharged men. The company employs about 1100 men, of which number 900 are members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. Few cars were run up to 8:30 a. m., and these were loaded with police. This is the second car strike Louisville has experienced in a few months. The few cars that were running up to 11 o'clock were protected by a heavy wire netting and guarded by police. Practically no passengers were carried. Five hundred strikebreakers from Chicago and Indianapolis arrived during the morning, and were escorted by the police to various car barns. Three arrests were made for throwing stones, but there was no further disorder. The disorderly element, however, was in evidence shortly after noon. At Second and Chestnut streets sewer caps were placed on the rails and another barricade composed of stones, tree boxes and logs was built across the street at Floyd and Walnut. A mob of 200 persons hooted the police who were called upon to remove the obstructions. Sixteen arrests had been made at noon.

IMMUNITY PLEA.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—A long drawn out argument over what is practically a plea for immunity, because the books of the defendant were used in the grand jury investigation, consumed the afternoon in the Walsh case. The question of immunity was not settled when the court adjourned.

MEXICAN LAWYER DEAD.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 15.—Pablo Martinez del Rio, probably the most prominent lawyer of Mexico, died here last night of heart disease. He had been a visitor at the San Antonio International Fair. He was a warm personal friend and prominent supporter of President Diaz, whose confidence he held.

DICTATED LAST WILL

Banker Was Conscious for Hours.

JUDGMENT DELIBERATE

Calmly Gave Directions and Chatted Freely With Relatives.

ESTATE VALUED AT MILLIONS

Was Restored to Consciousness and Gave Minute Directions as to Disposition of Estate After Which Submitted to Unsuccessful Operation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Mortally wounded by his own hand, Charles T. Barney summoned his family and lawyers to his bedside and after calmly reviewing his life and private affairs, and giving minute expression of his wishes in certain matters dictated and signed a will in which his wife is the principal beneficiary. This matter disposed of he submitted with resignation to the operation through which his physicians had hoped to save his life. Half an hour after the lawyers withdrew the former head of the Knickerbocker Trust Company was dead. This became public today and explains the presence of the lawyers at the house when the coroner arrived. It appears that after Barney shot himself and was found senseless in bed he was restored to consciousness about 11:30 and remain conscious until 1:30 when the surgeons administered an anaesthetic and probed unsuccessfully for the bullet. Barney made a will two years ago which was practically the same as the one made yesterday. At that time his fortune was valued between \$7,000,000 and \$9,000,000. Shrinkage in value to about \$2,500,000 made certain changes necessary. While the attorneys were engaged in their work it is said Barney chatted freely with others in the room. His mind seemed clear and his judgment as deliberate as in the days when for him the disposition of millions was part of the day's work.

CALLS EXTRA SESSION.

California's Governor Issues Proclamation for Legislature to Convene.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 15.—Governor Gillett this morning issued a special proclamation calling an extra session of the legislature to convene on next Tuesday, November 19. The chief object is to meet conditions arising from the present financial stringency. It is proposed to amend the codes so as to postpone the date when taxes shall be come delinquent, and to enable courts to continue business on legal holidays. Amendments to the charter of San Francisco relating to bond issues and also permitting the Treasurer to deposit public moneys in banks will also be considered, as will a measure relative to harbor improvements at San Francisco. In addition the Legislature is expected to remove from office State Railroad Commissioner A. M. Wilson, former supervisor of San Francisco, who has confessed to receiving bribes. He refuses to resign and cannot be summarily ousted by the Governor.

Other matters to be considered are the approval of amendments to the charter of San Francisco, increasing the salaries of firemen and policemen; to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the Adjutant-General during the labor troubles in San Francisco in May, June and July of this year; to pay members of the National Guard for services during that time, and to appropriate money for contingent expenses of the Governor's office.

TESTIMONY WEAK.

Witnesses for Steve Adams Make Bad Impression on Jury.

SPOKANE, Nov. 15.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Rathdrum, Idaho, states that the alibi of Steve Adams began to be unfolded today. It was the first of the defense and Alvin W. Mason and wife and Myrtle Mason, his daughter, were on the stand. The Masons were brought to Rathdrum that they might testify that Adams and Simpkins were in their home attending the Masons' birthday party at such time in August that it would have been impossible for them to have been in the Marble Creek district at the time Tyler was killed. Partially they were successful. Their testimony might have had more weight had they been more familiar with the testimony they gave at the first trial of Adams, but they seemed to have given it scant investigation. The state was consequently enabled to establish sufficient discrepancy regarding their dates as to have some effect on the jury. Myrtle Mason when it came to dates took refuge behind "Don't remember." She made this answer to practically every question asked her by counsel for the government. The defense will probably take four more days to introduce their testimony and the arguments will require three or four days. The last of next week, therefore should see the end of the case.

OPTIMISM EXPRESSED

Prominent Men Address Negro Students.

RACE FUTURE BRIGHT

President is Principal Speaker at the Howard College Installation.

DWELL AMONG THEIR PEOPLE

Roosevelt Advises Negro Professional Men Not to Stay Around Cities But to go to the Homes of the Negro and Assist in Uplifting the Race.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—President Roosevelt, James Bryce, British Ambassador, and Andrew Carnegie delivered addresses reflecting pronounced optimism as to the future of the negro race here today. The occasion was the installation of the Rev. W. P. Thirkold as president of Howard University, and the celebration of the 40th anniversary of that institution which is devoted primarily to the higher education for the negro. President Roosevelt admitted that sorrow and hardship has come to men of the colored race, but he called attention to the fact that within 40 years past the colored institutions of the United States have accumulated property worth \$330,000,000 and own more than 500,000 homes. "When the men and women come to own their own homes," declared the President, "it was proof positive that they have made long strides along the path of good citizenship. Material basis is not everything," he said, "but upon material basis is built the structure of the higher life." He said the 300 graduates which the institution has turned out have a great burden upon their shoulders. He spoke especially regarding the large percentage of students in the institution who were studying medicine. To these he expressed the hope that after graduation they would not stay around Washington, would not seek government positions, that they would not even go to the cities, but that they would go out and dwell among their fellow citizens of their own color in their homes. Those of the negro professional men whom the president had met in the south, he said, were held in high esteem by their neighbors. Concluding, the President said: "It is from this institution that are being graduated those who will lead and teach their less fortunate fellows. Upon their learning and teaching much depends for their race and for their country."

OUT OF SIGHT.

Conductor and Orchestra Will be Invisible to Audience.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Walter Damrosch, the conductor, announces that in the near future he will have the New York Symphony Society give a concert in Carnegie Hall with the leader and the musicians invisible. Mr. Damrosch's experiment will apply the Wagnerian theory of the invisible orchestra to concerts, as it has been applied to opera. Musicians await the experiment with interest. Alfred Berts of the Metropolitan Opera House, in speaking of it, said: "I heard a concrete in Heidelberg under these conditions. Many persons like to see the conductor in action, and when they cannot see whence the music comes, perhaps there is a feeling that the whole thing is automatic, merely a piece of unintelligent mechanism. I know I felt depressed at Heidelberg when I couldn't see the source of the melodies. However, the experiment is very interesting."

Campanini, at the Manhattan Opera House, said:

"I am not prepared at present to give an opinion on this scheme, but the experiment will prove of high concern to the musical world."

CASHIER SUICIDES.

Prominent Politician and Masonic Leader Shoots Himself.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 15.—J. B. Thomas, for nearly 30 years cashier of the Bank of Albany, at Albany, Mo., a prominent Democratic politician and president of the State Board of Arbitration and Mediation, and former Grand Master of the Masonic Order of Missouri, committed suicide by shooting at the Midland Hotel in this city, today leaving no explanatory message to explain his act. There is no evidence that the Bank of Albany is involved in the tragedy and the directors state they know no reason for the suicide.

EXAMINER APPOINTED.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15.—The order of appointment of Thomas K. Skinner, as special examiner in the government's ouster case against the Standard Oil Company made by the United States circuit court of appeals in St. Paul Wednesday was received by the clerk of the court here today. Skinner is to take evidence in 10 subdivisions of the bill against the Standard concerning railroad rates.

HOLIDAYS SOON END

End of Next Week Will See Close.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAIMED

Governor Urges People to Give Thanks That Things Are no Worse and to Have More Confidence in Our Neighbors and Business.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—In view of the present financial situation, Governor Chamberlain will probably ask the people of the commonwealth of Oregon in his Thanksgiving proclamation, now in process of composition, to pray God that the manifold blessings in which they are now and have been rejoicing do not take wings in flight. Thursday, November 28, will be set aside for the day of public thanksgiving. Based upon the optimistic advices received daily from the banks throughout the state, Governor Chamberlain believes that the prolonged holiday season will come to an end before the close of next week. Encouraging reports are being received from the leading banks of Portland and throughout the state to the effect that they will be in position to have the embargo raised from the money market within a few days. A few days ago the Governor thought the holiday season would be extended throughout November.

Proclamation.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 15.—In his annual Thanksgiving proclamation Governor Chamberlain says:

The President has set apart Thursday, the 28th day of November, A. D. 1907, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, as Governor of the State of Oregon, do proclaim said day as a holiday in this state. Let it be properly observed. Thank God for the manifold blessings we enjoy, and pray him that we may have more confidence in our neighbors so that the good things we have may continue to abide with us.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Salem, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1907.

(Signed), GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor.

F. W. Benson, Secretary of State.

MUCH GOLD COMING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Engagements of gold from abroad now aggregate a total of \$67,905,000.



CAN HE PLAY THIS NEW "DIABLO" GAME? The game "Diablo," now the rage in Europe, will soon be introduced into this country.