SHARP BREAK IN RAILROAD STOCKS.

Scurry Over Securities of the Wheeling and Lake Erie.

TALK OF A RECEIVERSHIP.

Officers of the Company Deny That Any Such Action Is in Contemplation.

SUGAR STOCK IN DEMAND.

Despite the Prevailing Fashion of Selling It Short, It Persists in Steadily Advancing in Price.

Wall Street, Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The stock market exhibited extraordinary intrinsic strength to-day. In the face of a disastrous break in Wheeling & Lake Erie securities in the morning the market refused to yield and gradually gained such strength that the bears began to cover stocks at the close and the general list closed appreciably higher. Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred stock fell 7⅞ per cent and the common 1⅞ in the morning. There was much talk of a receivership, but no ostensible steps in this direction have been taken by the company, and the officials deny that any such action is contemplated. As in all such cases, the credit of the company must be injured by the unfavorable rumors, but if the company emerges from its trials triumphantly its credit will be all the stronger.

It was notable that the break in the price of bonds, which usually foreshadows insolvency, was missing. Not a single bond came on the market, and until there is liquidation in the highest class of securities of the company it is quite certain that whatever financial trouble exists is not deemed serious enough by the insiders to warrant an appeal to the courts for protection.

The demoralization of the soft coal trade in Ohio has impaired the earning capacity of the road, but the revenues are still ample to meet ordinary charges unless there is some inherent difficulty not yet revealed. The controlling interests in the property have sufficient resources to tide the company over temporary difficulties if deemed expedient. It has been suggested, however, that a receivership might be a shrewd, strategic step in order to fight the Baltimore & Ohio road, which is charged with the responsibility for the demoralization of the soft coal trade. One report to-day attributed the weakness of the stock to the sale of Treasury stock, but there was not the slightest confirmation of the report.

Fears that a receivership for Wheeling might affect the revenues and rumors of a heavy assessment caused an early decline of 2 per cent in Baltimore & Ohio, part of which was recovered later. The prominence of the contracting interest in Western Union and Manhattan speculation stimulated short selling of these two stocks. Western Union recovered all except ¼ per cent of its early loss, and Manhattan closed with a net gain of 1 per cent.

Union Pacific was strong and advanced 1 per cent for the reasons presented at length in this column yesterday. Tennessee Coal & Iron also attracted notice by an advance of 1⅝ per cent. The buying was in anticipation of favorable developments at the annual meeting to-morrow, when fresh blood will be infused into the management. The annual meeting of the American Sugar Refining Company will also be held to-morrow. The stock was in demand, but there were no reports of any news in connection with the meeting. Recent buying has been traced to inside interests, which is worthy of attention in view of the public parade of fierce warfare between the Sugar and Coffee antagonists. Every one, or almost every one, has the tip in Wall Street to sell Sugar stock for a big profit, and despite the prevailing fashion of selling Sugar short it persists in steadily advancing to a higher level. This action of the stock under such circumstances usually precedes one of those dazzling bulges which are so expensive to the bears on the stock.

Sales of stocks by London were easily absorbed, and had no influence upon sentiment. The most notable feature of the market was the strength and activity of railroad and Government bonds, the latter reaching the highest point since election. Investment houses report an increased interest on the part of investors and a wider demand for securities which do not rank as gilt edged.

Following are the sales of stocks and the range of prices:

Sales.	Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
18270	Am S Ref'g	111½	112⅝	111½	112½
220	Am S Ref'g pf	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝
700	Am Spirits Mfg.	13⅝	13⅝	13⅛	13⅛
3520	Am Tobacco	78⅝	79⅛	78⅛	79
825	Am Tobacco pf	104½	105⅛	104½	105⅛
100	Am Cotton Oil	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
240	Am Cotton Oil pf	55	55	55	55
945	A., T & S Fe	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
2150	A., T & S Fe pf	23	23⅛	23	23⅛
15	Ann Arbor pf	23	23	23	23
20	Buff, Roch & P	22½	22½	22½	22½
2910	Baltimore & O	16	16	14⅞	15⅝
500	Bay State Gas	11½	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝
170	Canada Southern	45	45	45	45
1215	Ches & Ohio	17⅛	17½	17⅛	17½
3185	Chicago Gas	74⅝	75⅝	74⅝	75⅝
100	C., C., C & St L	28	28	28	28
100	Chic & N W	102⅞	103⅛	102⅞	103⅛
100	Chic & N W pf	153	153	153	153
5130	Chic, B & Q	71⅝	72⅛	71⅝	72⅛
7620	C, M & St Paul	74⅛	74⅝	74⅛	74⅝
15	C, M & St P pf	131⅛	131⅛	131⅛	131⅛
4910	C, R I & Pacific	66⅞	67⅝	66⅞	67½
100	Colorado Fuel	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
200	Col, H V & Tol	18	18	17½	17½
100	Col & H Coal & I	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
1020	Consol Gas Co	139⅝	140⅛	139⅝	140⅛
1817	Del & Hudson	110⅝	111½	110⅝	111⅝
7	Del, Lack & W	154⅝	154⅝	154⅝	154⅝
200	Erie Railroad	15	15	15	15
16	Erie R R 1st pf	32½	32½	32½	32½
235	General Electric	33	33⅝	33	33⅝
350	Illinois Steel	35	35	34½	35
375	L E & W pf	68⅝	68⅝	67½	67½
5	Lake Shore	151½	151½	151½	151½
450	Long Island	52	52	51	52
700	Louis Gas	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
3460	Louis & Nash	49	49⅝	48⅝	49⅛
1820	Manhattan con	87⅝	88⅝	87	88⅝
17	Mexican Central	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
155	Michigan Central	91	91	91	91
15	Minn & St L pf	78	78	78	78
760	Missouri Pacific	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
100	Mo, Kan & Texas	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
1050	Mo, Kan & T pf	29⅝	30	29⅝	30
220	Mobile & Ohio	22½	22½	22½	22½
25	Morris & Essex	165⅛	165⅛	165⅛	165⅛
100	Nat Starch 1st pf	55	55	55	55
10	N Y Central	94	94	94	94
100	Nat Lead	24	24	24	24
48	Nat Lead pf	88½	88½	88½	88½
37	N Y, L E & W	120	120	120	120
1013	Northern Pac	13⅞	14	13⅞	14
678	Nor Pacific pf	33½	33½	32⅞	33½
310	Ontario & W	14½	14½	14⅛	14⅛
145	Or R & N pf	39½	39½	39½	39½
100	Pacific Mail	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
3385	Phil & Reading	26⅝	27	26⅝	27
55	Pull Pal Car Co	155	155	155	155
100	P, C, C & St L	12½	12½	12½	12½
100	St L S W	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
100	St L S W pf	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
1020	St P & Omaha	49	49⅝	49	49⅝
14	St P, M & M	112	112	112	112
70	Southern Pacific	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
530	So Railway	9⅝	9½	9⅛	9½
1428	So Railway pf	26½	27⅛	26½	27⅛
180	Standard R & T	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
7625	Tenn Coal & I	27⅛	28½	27	28½
100	Texas Pacific	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
13385	Union Pacific	6⅛	7⅝	6⅛	7⅛
100	U S Rubber	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
300	U S Leather	9	9	9	9
3420	U S Leather pf	59⅞	61⅝	59⅞	61⅝
800	Wabash	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝
230	Wabash pf	16	16	16	16
1945	West Union Tel	83½	83½	83	83½
12780	Wh & Lake Erie	5½	5½	3⅝	4½
2100	Wh & L E pf	22	22	16½	17½

Total sales, 114,982 shares.

Principals in the Trial of Michael Costello for Murder.

Mrs. Costello swore yesterday that when her husband shot and killed James Purcell he acted in self-defence. She told the story of Purcell's attack on her and said that after she had informed her husband of the assault he went to their home, reproached Purcell and was himself attacked by the man, who tried to stab him with a fork.

Following are the sales of bonds, expressed in $1,000s, and the range of prices:

84	Atchison adj. 4s	44 @	44½
131	Atchison gen. 4s	80 @	80⅝
5	Am. Spts. M. Co. 6s	74 @	—
3	Ann Arbor 4s	74⅝@	—
16	Austin & N. W. 1st	82 @	82½
2	Balt. & Ohio 5s, 1885-1925	92⅝@	—
4	Bur., C. R. & Nor. 1st	106 @	—
6	Brooklyn W. & W. 5s	100 @	—
2	Brooklyn City 7st	113 @	—
9	Brooklyn El. 1st	74½@	75
23	Brooklyn Union Gas 5s	106⅛@	106½
3	Ches. & Ohio cn. 5s	108⅝@	109
124	Ches. & Ohio gnl. 4½s	74 @	74⅝
5	Ches. & Ohio R. & A. 1st cn	98⅝@	99
8	C., B. & Q. cn. 5s	106⅛@	106½
13	C., B. & Q. 7s	115⅝@	—
5	C., C., C. & I. gnl	123⅛@	—
5	Canada Southern 1st	108⅛@	—
3	Canada Southern 2d	105 @	—
1	Chicago & Nor. Pacific 1st t. r.	41⅛@	—
5	Cleveland & Canton 1sts t. r.	72⅝@	—
5	Central Pacific gold, 1898	100⅛@	—
2	Central Pacific ext. 5s	99⅛@	—
4	Ch., St. L. & N. O. 5s	118⅞@	—
92	Chicago & Erie 1st	111 @	112
7	Denver & Rio Gde. 4s	88⅛@	—
5	Denver & Rio Gde. 1st	111 @	—
3	Detroit Gas 5s	78 @	—
2	Duluth, S. S. & Atl. 5s	100 @	—
1	Erie cn. 1st	140 @	—
1	Erie prior bonds	94 @	—
17	East Tennessee 5s	107⅛@	107⅝
8	East Tennessee R. lien 4-5s	89 @	89⅝
5	Equit. G. & F. of C. 1st	97⅝@	—
5	Edison E. I. 1st 5s	110⅛@	—
15	Edison E. I. cn. 5s	104⅝@	105
1	Ga. Pacific 1st 5-6s	111 @	—
1	Iron Mountain 1st ext. 5s	102⅛@	—
1	Iron Mountain 5s	73⅝@	—
16	Int. & Gt. Nor. 1st	118⅛@	118⅝
3	Kansas & Texas 4s	83 @	—
5	Kansas & Texas 2s	60⅝@	61
19	Lex. Ave. & P. F. 1st	117 @	—
2	L. E. & W. 2ds	100⅛@	—
20	Long Dock 6s	134 @	—
7	Lake Shore 1st c	111 @	—
6	Lake Shore 2d c	119 @	—
20	Lou. & N. g. 4s	79 @	—
25	Lou. & N., N. O. & M. Div	117 @	—
6	Long Island 4s	85 @	—
8	Minn. & St. L. cn. 5s	101 @	—
2	Mo., K. & T. of Texas 5s	77⅛@	—
7	Met. Elevated 2d	105 @	105½
3	Mobile & Ohio new 6s	118 @	—
1	Mobile & Ohio gnl	67⅝@	—
1	Missouri Pacific cn	86 @	—
3	Mil. & L. S. 1st	132 @	—
2	Northern Pacific 1st c	114 @	—
5	N. Y., B. & M. Bch. 1st 5s	105⅝@	—
48	Northern Pac. pf. 4s	85⅝@	85⅞
9	Northern Pac. cn. 5s t. r. as	54⅝@	55
20	Northern Pac. gnl. 8s W. I.	52 @	—
1	Northern Pac. & Mont. 1st t. r.	42⅝@	—
5	N. Y. & S. 1st r. 5s	101⅝@	—
3	N. Y. & S. 2d gnl	73⅛@	73½
1	N. J. Central gnl. 5s R.	115⅝@	—
10	N. Y. Central 1st c	118½@	118¾
3	N. Y. Central deb. 5s r.	106⅝@	—
10	N. Y. Central deb. 5s	106⅛@	107
10	Nash. & Chat. 1st	127⅝@	—
11	N. Y., Ch. & St. L. 4s	104⅛@	104¼
1	N. W. S. F. 5s	106⅛@	—
48	N. W. cn. 7s	140⅛@	141
5	N. W. S. F. deb. 5s, 1933	110⅝@	—
4	N. W. deb. 5s 25-yr	106⅝@	107
11	N. Y., O. & W. r. 4s	90 @	—
23	O. R. & N. con. 4s	81 @	81¼
5	Ohio Southern 1st	86 @	87
5	Oregon Imp. 1st t. r.	86 @	—
15	Oregon Imp. 5s t. r.	18 @	—
1	P., G. & C. 2d Gt	90 @	—
10	Pitt. Shen. & L. E. 1st	97⅛@	98½
3	R. & Pitts. 1st	112 @	—
1	R. & Pitts. cn	118 @	—
41	Rock Island ex. 5s	102 @	102¼
20	Rock Island ex. 5s r.	101 @	—
3	Rock Island deb. 5s	94 @	—
42	Reading gnl. 4s t. r. as	80⅝@	80⅞
50	Reading 1st pf. inc. 5s	46⅛@	—
8	Rio Grande Western 1st	73⅛@	73⅞
10	Scioto Val. & N. E. 4s	82 @	—
10	So. Pac. of N. Mexico 1st	103 @	—
15	St. P. & Ma. 1st con	102⅝@	—
1	St. P. & Ma. 1st	130 @	—
3	St. P. & Ma. con	128⅝@	—
8	St. P. Ma. 1st M. ex	87⅝@	88
8	St. L. & S. F. gen'l 6s	108⅝@	—
2	St. L. & S. F. t. r. 5s	87⅛@	—
9	St. L. & S. F. con. 4s	62⅝@	—
10	S. P. 7 3-10	130⅛@	—
28	St. P. gnl. 4s S. A.	97⅛@	98
10	St. P. 1st I. & M.	125⅝@	—
25	St. P. 1st C. & M.	108½@	100
12	St. P. 1st C. & P., W. d.	112⅛@	112½
1	St. P. 1st W. & G. S. 5s	107⅛@	—
2	Southern Railway 5s	89⅛@	89⅝
2	Stand. R. & T. 6s	75⅛@	—
2	Texas & Pac. 1st 5s	80⅛@	—
10	Texas & Pac. 2d in	21 @	21½
7	Tol. & Ohio Central 1st	105 @	—
10	Texas & N. Orleans cn	93 @	—
1	Union Pac. D. & G. 1st	82⅝@	—
3	Va. Midland gnl. s	100⅛@	101
2	Va. Midland gnl	100 @	—
80	Wabash 1st	106½@	106⅝
15	Wabash 2d	71⅝@	72
26	West Shore 4s	105⅛@	105½
16	West Shore 4s reg.	103⅝@	104¼

Total sales of railway bonds, par value, $1,645,000.

Government bonds were quiet and rather. The 4s of 1925, and 5s of 1904 closed ⅛ per cent higher bid, and the 4s c. of 1907, ⅝. The 4s r. of 1907 closed ⅛ per cent lower bid. Reading bonds were active and higher. The noteworthy advances were in Chicago and Erie 1sts, 1⅛ per cent, Georgia Pacific 1st 5-6s, 1; International & Great Southern 1sts, 1; Long Island 4s, 3½; Ohio Southern 1sts, 1; St. Paul 1sts, Chicago & Missouri River 5s, 1, and St. Paul 7 3-10s, 1.

The sales of United States bonds were $8,000 4s c. of 1907, at 111¼@111¾, and $18,000 4s c. of 1925, at 120¾@120⅞.

Commercial price of bar silver in New York, 64⅝@. Mexican dollars were quoted at 50⅝@51½. Bar silver in London closed at 29 11-16d. Exports of silver to-morrow 391,000 ounces.

Money on call, 1½@2 per cent. Time money, 2½@3 per cent. Commercial paper, 3¼@5 per cent. St. Louis exchange on New York declined to 25 cents discount bid, par asked; New Orleans to 25c. discount for commercial, and Chicago to 60c. discount. Foreign exchange, dull but steady. Actual rates closed: Sterling, cables, 4.87⅝@4.88; demand, 4.87⅝@4.87½; 60 days, 4.84½@4.84⅝; francs, cheques, 5.17½; 60 days, 5.19⅝; reichsmarks, demand, 95 9-16; 60 days, 95.

The following dividends have been declared: The New Haven Railroad Company, a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, 3½ per cent on the preferred stock and 1 per cent on the common, payable February 8.

The Norfolk & Western Railroad reports gross earnings for November of $903,738, a decrease of $49,361, as compared with the same month of last year, and net $243,076, an increase of $16,661. For the five months ending November 30 the gross earnings were $4,433,601, an increase of $69,239 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net $950,610, a decrease of $125,715.

Railway gross earnings for the first week of January, compared with the same period of last year:

Canadian Pacific	$320,000	Dec.	$37,000
Texas Pacific	125,129	Inc.	1,344
N. Y., Ontario & West	46,177	Dec.	3,682
Southern Railway	338,846	Dec.	9,790
Wheeling & Lake Erie	22,428	Dec.	5,073
Louisville & Nashville	357,475	Inc.	2,970
Chesapeake & Ohio	183,678	Dec.	7,545
Denver & Rio Grande	103,200	Dec.	14,300
Wisconsin Central	60,491	Inc.	7,121

Following are the closing Boston quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston & Albany	210	214
Boston & Maine	164	165
Chicago Junction, common	101	101
Chicago Junction, preferred	101	102
New England, preferred	60	..
Mexican Central 4s	..	68
Mexican Central stock	7⅝	8
Old Colony	176½	177
Illinois Steel	35	36
Dominion Coal	9⅝	9½
American Bell Telephone	..	210
Erie Telephone	65⅝	68
General Electric, preferred	75	77
Boston & Montana	90	90⅝
Calumet & Hecla	347½	350
Osceola	28	29
Quincy Mining	122	123
Tamarack Mining	..	98
Bay State Gas	5⅝	5 5-16

Following are the closing Philadelphia quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Lehigh Valley	29⅝	30
Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.	41	42
Pennsylvania Railroad	51¾	52
Philadelphia & Reading stock	13 7-16	13½
Phila. & Read. Gen. Mort. 4s	80¾	80⅞
Philadelphia Traction	69¼	69½
Union Traction	10	10⅛
Elec. and People's Trust cert	72¼	72½
Metropolitan Traction	109	109½
Consol. Traction of N. J. stock	24	25
Consol. Traction of N. J. stock 5s	83¼	83½
United Gas Imp. Co.	72¼	72½
Welsbach Gas Light Co.	45½	46¼
Electric Storage Battery, com.	28⅞	29
Electric Storage Battery, pref.	30⅝	31
Penn. Heat, Light & Power, com.	13¾	14
Penn. Heat, Light & Power, pref.	25¾	26½
Welsbach Commercial, com.	22	24
Welsbach Commercial, pref.	63	64

The exports of general merchandise from the port of New York for the week ending to-day were $8,792,640, against $8,087,099 last week and $9,538,642 last year.

Latest London quotations are as follows:

Atchison	14¼	Ont. & West	13
Canadian Pacific	57½	Nor. Pacific pf.	34
Erie con.	15½	Nor. & West. pf.	17¼
Erie 1st pf.	34¼	Pennsylvania	53¼
Ches. & Ohio	17⅞	Reading	13⅝
Illinois Central	95¼	St. Paul	76¼
Kansas & Texas	14⅛	Southern Railway	9⅝
Lake Shore	157	Southern Ry. pf.	27½
N. Y. Central	97½	Union Pacific	6⅝
N. & Nash.	50⅝	Wabash pf	16⅛

Money in London 2 per cent. Rate of discount in open market for both short and three months' bills, 3 1-16@3⅛ per cent. Paris advices quote 3 per cent rentes at 102 francs 37½ centimes. Exchange on London, 25 francs 2½ centimes.

WIFE'S STORY OF DEATH STRUGGLE.

Mrs. Costello Says Purcell Tried to Stab Her Husband.

HIS WEAPON WAS A FORK.

Costello, She Testifies, Was the Attacked and Shot in Self Defence.

TRAGEDY IN A DARK HALLWAY.

The Little Woman Tortured in Her Effort to Defeat the Murder Charge. Defendant to Testify To-day.

Mrs. Mamie Costello, child wife of the murderer now on trial for the killing of James Purcell, who was best man at their wedding, took the stand yesterday afternoon, and for over an hour was tortured with humiliating questions in an attempt to save the life of the man she promised to love and obey. While she was telling the story Costello sat uneasily in his seat and drank in every word of her testimony.

Lawyer Le Barbier Opening the Defence for Costello.

RATES HURT THE ROAD.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Directors Pass Resolutions to Protest Against Them.

Rumors were circulated in Wall Street yesterday that a receivership was pending for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company. The stock of the company declined sharply on the Stock Exchange. Its common stock declined from 5½ to 3⅝, and the preferred stock declined from 22 to 16⅛.

One of the officials of the company absolutely denied the report. He said: "No receiver has been applied for, and none is contemplated. Of course, this wild rumor may affect the company, as it has bills payable and creditors who might crowd the company for payment without warrant. This injury to the credit of the company may have a serious effect which is not apparent now."

The company's business recently has been a losing one, owing to the demoralized state of the bituminous coal trade. The directors recently passed the following resolutions, which show where the shoe pinches:

That the Board records its protest against unnecessarily low rates and prices which have been made for the transportation and sale of bituminous coal during the past year, the same involving, as your Board believes, needless sacrifice of earnings, and, in many cases, necessitating doing of business below cost.

That this Board call upon several other railroads engaged in similar traffic to take such steps as they lawfully may do to restore bituminous coal rates and prices to a fair and reasonable basis.

$12,000,000 FOR THE ROAD.

Syndicate Will Expend That Amount on Improvements for the Long Island System.

The regular meeting of the directors of the Long Island Railroad was held yesterday. No steps were taken toward the declaration of the regular dividend. It is believed that none will be paid for the present quarter, and that the money will be used for needed improvements. There is no change in the directors, but within a short time the syndicate which purchased the Corbin interest will be represented in the Board.

The new syndicate will raise $12,000,000 to carry on the various plans in contemplation for the improvement of the system. This will be expended in the construction of the East River tunnel, to give the road a downtown terminus, and the East River Bridge for an uptown terminus. The Fourth avenue horse car stables at Fourth avenue and Thirty-third street, will be purchased.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The Sheriff yesterday received two executions for $391 against Hyman Kaliski, dealer in clothing and men's furnishing goods, on Greenwich street, near Battery place. He is said to have given a bill of sale of the business to his wife last month.

The execution received by the Sheriff on Monday against the Potter & Stymus Company, manufacturers of furniture and interior decorations at Lexington avenue and Forty-first street, for $15,325 in favor of the National Bank of Commerce was withdrawn at the Sheriff's office yesterday.

A meeting of the creditors of the Stewart Ceramic Company, manufacturers of drain pipes, washtubs and bathtubs at Nos. 312 Pearl and No. 540 West Nineteenth street, was held yesterday at the office of Anthony B. Porter, the assignee, in the Tribune Building, and the creditors unanimously decided to grant the company an extension of two years, one-half the indebtedness to be paid in one year and the balance in two payments at eighteen and twenty-four months. The liabilities are $26,000 and nominal assets over $100,000.

Julius D. Mahr has been appointed receiver for the firm of M. J. Taylor & Co., manufacturers of ostrich feathers at No. 25 Washington place, by Judge Beach, of the Supreme Court, in a suit brought by Morton J. Taylor against Jeanne L. Taylor, his wife and partner, for the dissolution of the firm and an accounting. Sidney J. Cowen has been appointed referee. The partners have been at loggerheads for the past six months, and efforts made by the principal creditors for an amicable adjustment were unsuccessful. The liabilities are $30,000 and assets $40,000.

of harming him until the moment unexpectedly arrived, when he found his own life threatened.

The witnesses at the morning session were policeman who told what they saw when they visited the flat in Varick street after the shooting. After them came hospital doctors, who testified to the nature of the wounds, and then the driver of the city hearse and the Morgue attendant, to say what action they had taken. Captain Cross, of the Fifth Precinct, said Costello told him about the shooting at the first moment he attempted to question him, only that self-defence was not then raised, but the attack on the prisoner's wife by the murdered man.

The defence asked time to procure two other witnesses before putting Costello on the stand in his own defence, and Justice Smyth ordered an adjournment till 10:30 a. m. to-day.

MINING STOCKS ACTIVE.

Much Trading for the Day in the Red Mountain, Russell and Jack Pot Securities.

There was considerable activity on the Mining Exchange yesterday, particularly in the stocks of the Red Mountain, Russell and Jack Pot Mining companies. The last named is a Cripple Creek property which has recently been remarkably active on the Denver, Col., exchange.

The sales for the day were 11,300 shares, which, with quotations, were as follows:

Sales.	Stock.	High.	Low.	Close.
400	Argentum	41	38	38
200	Anaconda	91	87	89½
200	Mollie Gibson	58	51	58
500	Isabella	59	47	50
100	Mercur	6.50	6.00	6.50
2,600	Red Mountain	20	18	18
3,300	Russell	22	19	20
4,000	Jack Pot	6	4½	6

BANKS DROP W. P. ST. JOHN.

His Name Does Not Appear in Their Directories Since the Annual Meetings.

Many of the banking institutions in this city held their annual meetings yesterday. In most cases the former boards of directors were re-elected. Two important changes made were in the Second National Bank and the Mercantile National Bank, in both of which William P. St. John, late treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, was dropped from the directories. Henry T. Carey succeeds him in the former bank, and E. B. Conner in the latter.

William S. Opdyke was elected a director of the Fourth National Bank in the place of John H. Inman, deceased. Daniel S. Lamont, present Secretary of War, was elected a director of the National Union Bank to succeed O. H. Payne.

Miss Odette Tyler Is Better.

Miss Odette Tyler's many admirers will be pleased to hear that she was driving in the Park yesterday afternoon. She has recovered from her indisposition sufficiently to return to the cast of "Secret Service," where she plays a leading part with all her accustomed charm and energy. Miss Tyler is the extremely pretty young woman who was, about two years ago, reported to be engaged to Howard Gould.

Financial.

I, UNDERSIGNED, SWORN TRANSLATOR of the City of San Paulo, appointed by the Commercial Court of said State, declare the following an exact translation of the original:

TRADE AGRICULTURE & PUBLIC WORKS Secretary of the State of San Paulo.

OFFICES OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, Trade & Public Works of the State of San Paulo.

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY of Gas for lighting the City of San Paulo, Capital of this State.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY AND IN conformity with Laws No. 54 of 17th April, 1886, 375 of 24 September, 1895, and 440 of 5th August, 1896, it is hereby known that tenders for the lighting the City of San Paulo, by gas, will be received under the following conditions:

VIZ.: 1ST. TENDERS TO BE LEFT AT these offices, and at the offices of the Secretary for Railways, Roads and Industry in the Federal Capital, Brazilian Legations or Consulates in London, Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Washington and New York, in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside,

"TENDER FOR LIGHTING THE CITY OF San Paulo by Gas," and the name of the proposer, on or before 3 o'clock p. m. on the thirtieth day of April, 1897.

2D.

TO BE ADMITTED AS A BIDDER THE proposer must deposit as guarantee, in the Treasury of this State, or in the National Treasury, or in the Fiscal Office of this State in London, or in any of the other legations and consulates before mentioned, to the amount of Rs. 50,000 (fifty contos) in shares of the Public Debt of the United States of Brazil or in money, if in foreign currency, to be calculated at the rate of 27 pence per milreis. The provisional deposit will be returned to the bidders whose proposals are not accepted, and that of the selected proposer retained.

3D.

ALL THE PROPOSALS MUST COMPLY with the general conditions and specifications which accompany this notice; those without discrepancy constitute the clauses to be made.

COPIES OF CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS can be received at the places mentioned for the receival of tenders, and proposers will be able to study the plans and receive any information they may require.

4TH.

THE PROPOSALS WILL BE READ IN PUBLIC, and under the superintendence of the Secretary of Agriculture of this State, on the day and hour to be mentioned.

WITHIN 60 DAYS, TO COUNT FROM THE day on which proposals were read, the Government will consider the proposals presented.

5TH.

THE PROPOSER PREFERRED WILL BE advised by notice in the Official Gazette of this State, and in that of the Federal Capital, in order to sign the agreement.

IF THE PROPOSER DOES NOT SIGN THE agreement within 30 days from the day of advice, the money deposited will be confiscated. The tenders will then remain open, and the Government will be free to choose from the remaining proposals that which may seem most advantageous.

6TH.

THE TENDERS WILL SPECIALLY TREAT on:

A. PRICE OF CUBIC MEASURE OF GAS, which in no case may exceed 250 reis.

B. PART OF THE PROPOSED PRICE, which must not exceed 50 per cent of the total, the 90 days' bank rate of 27d. per milreis at the 90 days' bank rate on London, on the last day of each month for the gas consumed and verified in the same month.

C. A REDUCTION OF PRICE IN PROPORTION to the augment of gas consumed and fluctuation in exchange accordingly, with its respective condition.

D. DURATION OF PRIVILEGE NOT TO exceed 40 years.

7TH.

PROPOSER WILL BE ALLOWED TO FORM a company which shall be subrogated for all rights and obligations stipulated in the contract signed by him.

8TH.

BY PRESENT NOTICE OF AGREEMENT, the Government of the State of San Paulo is not obliged to accept to lowest or any offer.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.
San Paulo, 31st of October, 1896.
The General Director,
EUGENIO LEFEVRE.
EUGENE HOLLENDER.

A WONDERFUL TUNNEL.

A mining enterprise of unusual magnitude is the driving of a double track tunnel through Palmer Mountain in the State of Washington. It is being financed by the sale of treasury shares, at ten cents per share. Beautiful illustrated prospectus and general information about gold mining in the Northwest will be mailed on application to H. C. Barroll, Spokane, Wash.

Wanted--An Idea

Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Dept. F. J., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer and new list of 1,000 inventions wanted.

Legal Notices.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT, New York County.—Minnie Calister, plaintiff, against George Clauter, defendant. Action for absolute divorce. To the above named defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the date of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated New York, November.

AMBROSE H. PURDY,
No. 84 Elm st., New York City, New York.

To George Clauter: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of Hon. Charles F. MacLean, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1896, and filed with the complaint in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at the County Court House, on the 7th day of December, 1896.

Dated New York, December 7th, 1896.

AMBROSE H. PURDY,
Plaintiff's Attorney, 84