

STEEL TRUST DISSOLUTION.

GOVERNMENT SAID TO BE ON TRAIL OF CORPORATION.

These Reports, With Poor Industrial Conditions, Cause Severe Loss in Price of Stocks.

New York, Sept. 21.—It was reported today on excellent authority that the matter of dissolving and reorganizing the United States Steel corporation is receiving the earnest attention of the department of justice and legal representatives of the so-called "billion dollar trust."

Informal conferences were held during the day, but nothing of a positive character was done. E. H. Gary, chairman of the board, declined to discuss the status of affairs, and Francis Lynde Stetson, the corporation's general counsel, would neither affirm nor deny the report that negotiations looking to a voluntary dissolution are in contemplation.

To those who have followed the operations of the corporation since its inception the work of disintegrating and reorganizing the largest industrial combination ever organized represents a task of gigantic proportions. Many of the subsidiaries which helped to make up the corporation have lost practically all semblance of their original selves and in the opinion of dispassionate observers it would be well nigh impossible to restore original equalities.

It is a matter of common knowledge that a large part of the \$500,000,000 common stock originally represented little more than bonuses, or water. On the other hand, it has been admitted by government investigators that much of this inflated value has been replaced in recent years by money taken out of earnings. In fact, the report of the department of commerce and labor has practically fixed upon a value of \$80 for the common shares because of the millions put into new construction, betterments, depreciation, etc.

Quite apart from the legal obstacles which are said to beset the path of the corporation, it is evident that trade conditions are distinctly adverse. For the last three months such new business as the company has received has been at marked concessions. This, of course, is equally true of the many independent companies, but the latter have had a distinct advantage in that their wage schedules were generally lower than those of the big corporations. Intimations put out from various quarters during the week point clearly to a "liquidation of labor" in steel and iron, beginning perhaps with the steel corporation. Officials of the latter company have issued no figures dealing with the extent of operations at the more important plants, but advices from Pittsburg, Chicago and Cleveland indicate business at those centres is smaller at this time than at any period since the first quarter of the year.

The common and preferred shares of the United States Steel corporation were subjected to severe attack in today's stock market by reason of the various rumors affecting the corporation. On sales approximating 575,000 shares, or almost 50 per cent. of the day's total transactions, the common stock registered a net loss of more than five points, while the preferred shares, with sales exceeding 50,000, declined almost as much. In both instances new low records for the year and even a longer period were established.

Dealing in steel stocks and allied industrials completely overshadowed the rest of the list which at first, was only slightly affected. Later, however, the entire list yielded under the pressure upon these stocks.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

It is rumored in this city that there is a move on foot among the Lee county residents of Mechanicsville to get back into Sumter county. It is reported that a petition is now being circulated and that a survey has already been run.

TILLMAN AND HIS PITCHFORK.

PROUDLY CARRIES "EMBLEMS" TO EDGEFIELD FARM.

Purchase Implements in Columbia, Removing Wrappings when Starting on Homeward Trip — Senator More Interested in Agriculture Than Politics—Will Run Again if Health Permits.

Columbia, Sept. 22.—Senator Tillman spent today in Columbia on personal business, passing most of the time with his friend, Dr. Babcock. He returned to his home at Trenton on the afternoon train and carried with him two real pitchforks.

The senator bought the pitchforks uptown and had them sent down to the union station for him at train time. They were wrapped up in paper until they were unrecognizable, and when he told Dr. Babcock what was in the bundle the doctor insisted they ought to be unwrapped and carried openly by the senator, so the paper was taken off and Pitchfork Ben toted the two pitchforks home on the train without any concealment. Two of the senator's friends, Congressman Lever and Mr. R. I. Manning, happened to be present and assisted in the opening up of the characteristic packages. It was seen that the times were tipped with gold and the senator was twitted about hoisting the gold standard against which he used to proclaim eloquently in the days of "16 to 1 or bust."

But the senator is very much more interested these days in pitchforks agricultural than pitchforks political. The news that there will be at least one candidate to oppose him for re-election, Col. W. J. Talbert, does not seem to have disturbed him at all. Senator Tillman expects to make at least a few speeches. The senator enjoys meeting the people, and only the strict orders of his physicians and of Mrs. Tillman, who has always been his chief adviser, have prevented him from going around more this summer. It is his determination to offer for a fourth term in the Senate. That may be set down as certain.

If Senator Tillman is re-elected, or re-nominated in the 1912 primary, he will on the 4th of March, 1913, begin his fourth term as Senator from South Carolina. Having served as Governor from 1891 to 1895, he was first elected to the Senate in 1894 to succeed Gen. M. C. Butler and took his seat on 4th of March, 1895. He was re-elected again in 1900 and again in 1906 both times without opposition. Col. W. Jasper Talbert formerly congressman, has announced he will be a candidate for senator next year, no matter who else runs. Governor Blease has announced that he will be a candidate for Senator if Senator Tillman is not in the race; otherwise he will seek re-election as Governor.

THE SEABOARD SURVEY.

Surveying Corpse of South Carolina Western Railway at Work Between Bishopville and Sumter.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 23.

The surveyors who are locating the route of the South Carolina Western Railway are now at work between Bishopville and this city. They crossed Scape O'er Swamp, south of Manville, Friday afternoon and Saturday were working between the swamp and Mechanicsville. The line of the present survey crosses the swamp back of Mr. R. I. Manning's place, but does not run through his land, passing back of it. It will probably cross the back part of the Mechanicsville plantation. The lines now being surveyed may not be the route that the road will follow, for it is the preliminary survey and other lines will probably be run before the road is finally located. It is expected that the surveyors will reach this city sometime next week.

TO BE SOLD FOR DIVISION.

The Plantation of the Late W. J. DuRant, six miles from Sumter. Six (600) hundred acres upland and two (200) acres swamp, with valuable hardwood, valuable 7-room residence and good out-buildings, pure artesian water, very productive lands. Will be sold in whole or in part.

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THE VERGE OF PANIC.

STOCK GAMBLERS HAVE EXCITING DAY.

Wall Street Crazed by Rumors of Dissolution of Steel Trust and Market Overwhelmed With Selling Orders—Nearest Approach to Real Panic Since Northern Pacific Corner Ten Years Ago.

New York, Sept. 22.—The stock market was overwhelmed today by a wild outburst of selling, which for a time resulted in demoralization and swift depreciation in market values. Alarm at the reports of approaching dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation resulted in an enormous volume of selling by holders of the corporation's stock in all parts of the country and in Europe. The defeat of reciprocity in the Canadian election contributed to the unsettlement of the market.

Not since the panic which grew out of the Northern Pacific "corner" ten years ago has such a convulsion in the stock market occurred. Wall street was in utter confusion. Officials of the Steel Corporation maintained their silence and the situation remained virtually unchanged.

The only fact which stood out from the confused rumors and opinions was a definite statement from Attorney General Wickesham that no arrangements for the dissolution of the corporation had been made, and that no such action had been proposed to the department of justice. This put an end to the widely circulated reports that the corporation had proposed a plan of dissolution to the department of justice, with the idea of averting a dissolution suit. Persons in close touch with the situation said that the corporation's officials had formed no definite procedure.

At the conclusion of a day of stress and turmoil, Wall street was completely in the dark as at its beginning. The scene on the floor of the stock exchange during the height of the excitement was almost unprecedented.

A Dreadful Slight. To H. J. Barnum, of Freeville, N. Y., was the fever-sore that had plagued his life for years in spite of many remedies he tried. At last he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and wrote: "It has entirely healed with scarcely a scar left." Heals burns, boils, eczema, cuts, bruises, swelling, corn and piles like magic. Only 25 cents at Sibert's Drug Store.

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS.

Sumter People Should Know How to Read and Heed Them.

Sick kidneys give many signals of distress.

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Backache is constant day and night.

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NOTICE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Executive Department.

By the Secretary of State.

Whereas South Carolina Western Railway, a corporation duly chartered under the laws of South Carolina by certificate issued by the Secretary of State March 29th, 1910 and by certificate of amendment issued November 10th 1910, have filed with me as Secretary of State a petition for an amendment of charter authorizing said corporation to build and operate additional lines of railway or extensions thereof as follows:

"A line beginning at the town of Hartsville, in the township of Hartsville, in Darlington County, and extending partly through the said town of Hartsville and township of Hartsville, and through the township of Swift Creek, or the township of Clyde, or both, and partly through the township of Lydia, in Darlington County to the village of Lydia, in the County of Darlington; thence through the said village of Lydia and township of Lydia, in Darlington County, and through the township of Cypress in Lee County, and partly through the township of Bishopville, in Lee County, to the town of Bishopville, in the township of Bishopville in Lee County; thence partly through the town of Bishopville and the township of Bishopville in Lee County, through the townships of Mt. Clio and Mechanicsville, in Lee County, and through the township of Swimming Pens, in Sumter County and partly through the township of Sumter, in Sumter County, to and through the City of Sumter, in the township of Sumter, in Sumter County, to a point two miles beyond the City of Sumter, all within the State of South Carolina.

Also a line beginning at the village of Lydia, in the township of Lydia, in Darlington County, and extending partly through the said village of Lydia and township of Lydia and the township of Philadelphia, or the township of Lamar, in Darlington County, partly through the township of Timmons ville, in Florence County, to and through the town of Timmons ville, in the township of Timmons ville, in Florence County, to a point two miles beyond said town of Timmons ville, all within the State of South Carolina."

And whereas under said amendment the said corporation will have power to condemn lands for rights of way, extensions and the erection of depots, yards, shops or other buildings necessary or convenient for the use of said corporation.

Now therefore, this is to admonish all and singular parties at interest that they show cause, if any they have, before me, in my office in the City of Columbia, S. C., on the 12th day of October A. D. 1911, at 12 o'clock M., why said supplement or amendment to the charter of the aforesaid South Carolina Western Railway should not be granted.

It is further ordered that this notice be published in some newspaper in each of the counties of Darlington, Lee, Sumter and Florence once a week for four weeks prior to the date named herein on which cause may be shown and said amendment granted as prayed for in the petition. Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, this the 15th day of September A. D. 1911.

South Carolina. R. M. McCOWN, Secretary of State. Sept. 19-4t.

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LUCK. Does it frighten you to turn the salt over or break a looking-glass or have a bird come into the house, or turn back after you have started somewhere? Yes, you say, I am afraid I will have bad luck. Bad luck! What is luck? Eh? There is no such thing in existence as luck, good or bad. This is one of the devil's lies, one of his scarecrows, to make you believe his other lies. What we call "luck" is nothing but good management and pluck, "git up and git," on our part. I never saw a poor, good-for-nothing sort of an ignoramus in my life that wasn't a strong believer in some mysterious something he called luck, good or bad. What you need to do is to think, use your mind, think out what you want to do, and go and do it in a systematic way. Don't depend on the foolish idea of luck. Don't sit down and wish some rich person would die and leave you a fortune. If you do you will probably starve to death, unless some sane person takes pity on you and feeds you. Put your trust in the Lord and go to work, and He'll take care of you. If you sit down and trust to "luck," the devil's lie, you ought to starve, and not one ought to pity you. Don't be superstitious. Be sensible, and look at things in a reasonable, sensible way. If a rabbit runs across your path it is nothing but the rabbit is going somewhere, just as you are. Go on and attend to your business in a sensible way and do your banking at The Peoples' Bank.

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