

## THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Wheat Took a Tumble on the Chicago Board Yesterday.

## IT WAS WEAK FROM THE VERY START

Public Cables Came in Steady to Higher But Private Advices Received Were Quite the Opposite—Partridges Was on the Right Side.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 14.—"Starved to death" would have been the verdict of a coroner's jury on the Chicago wheat market today. There was no local support to prices and outside buying orders were wholly lacking. Corn, oats, pork, lard and rice all suffered. A break of nearly 3c in wheat occurred and the closing tonight compared with twenty-four hours previous shows a net loss of 1c. The weather being dry and warm was the chief cause. It seems that since the market showed its weakness from the start, the public cables came in steady to higher, but the private advices received were quite the opposite, nearly all of them quoting depression and weakness, while domestic markets were also inclined to sell lower. Trade was dull and very narrow, being chiefly confined to the professional talent and room traders. To many the situation appeared to be one of great uncertainty. There was not an exact amount of news of any kind and such as there was generally favored the bear side. The weather was not especially unfavorable in the winter wheat country, nor was there much appearance of it in the cables on the way to market. In fact, a good many dispatches from Minneapolis report that a large proportion of the spring wheat had already come in to ground. The market and that market manipulation was felt as to seedling not being completed and the ground was in excellent condition for the crop which phenomena progress when once put on.

The Cincinnati Price Current's crop summary on the winter wheat situation was equally as bad as that in the cables showing that substantial progress had been made during the week and that confidence in a good crop was still strong. The grain market association in their official report gave the condition in that state as very satisfactory and nearly equal to that of a year ago. The demand was at a standstill and the market showed signs of weakness. The demand grew very slack and the selling was generally both in the way of small lots and in the hands of the partridges. Partridge was apparently a good year of May, but at the same time was an aggressive seller of July; this caused a drop in the price of May, but the market was still strong. The discount later in the day, New York and St. Louis sold freely near all day of May and July, but they opened at from 8c to 8½c. During the last hour there was some rally on a general disposition of shorts to cover, in view of the holiday tomorrow. The short hand partridges came in steady, the market being helped some by May, after selling at 8½c, sprang back to 8c. A rumor was in circulation that Partridge was a heavy seller of May when through a new lot of brokers. The French and German buyers were active, but the Russian and Hungarian it was said. The cash situation in wheat seemingly holds strong enough to sustain the market for a long time. A New York 1-0-0-0 was 72c per bushel over May. A sale of 65,000 bu. for export was reported at Duluth. In this market there will be no spring wheat No. 2 spring sold at a premium over May.

Corn was firm early and the higher, which was expected to cut off receipts, was grading. But on the subsequent break in wheat, corn soon lost all its firmness and sold at 7c. The market was then very weak, and the market closed heavy at little better than bottom prices.

Oats—Very quiet, with only a small number transacting quotations.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 lbs.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.; rye, none, barley, none.

St. Louis Markets.

St. Louis, Mo., April 14.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; flour, \$1.00/cwt.; choice, \$1.03/cwt.; fancy, \$1.06/cwt.; extra fancy, \$1.09/cwt.; patents, \$1.14/cwt.

POULTRY—Dressed chickens, 10c/lb.; live, 10c/lb.; turkeys, 14c/lb.; geese, 14c/lb.; ducks, 12c/lb.

EGGS—Fresh eggs, quiet but steady at 30c per dozen.

LARD—Lower, No. 2 cash, May, 14c/lb.

OATS—Lower, No. 2 cash, May, 14c/lb.

RYE—None.

WHEAT—No. 2 cash, no sales; April, off 1c.

BAKERS—Nothing done.

BRAINS—More inquiry at 62½c/lb.

BUTTER—Grossed, prairie, \$7.00/cwt.; timo-

thy, \$10.00/cwt.; cream, \$12.00/cwt.

LEAD—Quiet at 10c/lb; specter, \$4.42/cwt.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at 10c/lb.

BAGGING—Quar 14c/lb.

IRON COTTON FEEDS—25c/lb.

LIVESTOCK—Very quiet, with only a small number transacting quotations.

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Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 14.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—The market was dull and weak.

NO. 2 hard, 73¢/bu.; No. 2 red, 70¢/bu.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33¢/bu.

CORN—Strong; demand poor; mixed western.

BEER—Extra India mess, 25¢/doz per three.

BACON—Long clear, 45-lbs., 25¢ per cwt.

HAMS—American bacon, 25¢ per cwt.

SHIPPMENTS—Flour, 17,000 bu.; corn, 3,000 bu.; oats, none.

LIVERPOOL Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 14.—WHEAT—Steady; demand poor; bakers offered moderately; red western, 83¢/bu.; No. 2 red winter, 78¢/bu.

CORN—Steady; demand poor; mixed western.

BEER—Extra India mess, 25¢/doz per three.

BACON—Long clear, 45-lbs., 25¢ per cwt.

HAMS—American bacon, 25¢ per cwt.

SHIPPMENTS—Flour, 25,000 bu.; corn, 5,000 bu.; oats, none.

Cotton Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 14.—FIRM, middling, 6c; fair, 5c; bales; receipts, 10c/bale; shipper's commission, 10c/bale.

NEW YORK, April 14.—COTTON—Steady; demand, 10c/bale; offers, 10c/bale.

CORN—Steady; demand poor; mixed western.

BEER—Extra India mess, 25¢/doz per three.

BACON—Long clear, 45-lbs., 25¢ per cwt.

HAMS—American bacon, 25¢ per cwt.

SHIPPMENTS—Flour, 25,000 bu.; corn, 5,000 bu.; oats, none.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 14.—Receipts, 50,000 lbs.; shipments, 4,000 lbs.; market very quiet and unchanged.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 14.—Lozan &amp; Co. to bidders, Hollingshead, C. Wheat opened strong from 1c to 2c for May. Heavy raining broke the price to 80c. Some good buying was done, but it did not go up to 85c. The buying price is still firm. The market is more steady. The demand for cash lots is up. A premium of 1c was paid over the week. It was difficult to buy in some elevators. Weather continues backward for seedling. The market is firm, but the price is not. Monday morning was quiet. Good buying was done. Money has been quiet. Short loans have been obtained at 1c to 1½c per cent. Not many bills are due. The market is firm, but the price is not. The previous week it was the same old story, no business and no immediate prospects of price fluctuations.

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STOCKS AND BONDS.

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CORN—Receipts, 63,000 bu.; exports, 50,000 bu.; spot market lower, firm; market very quiet, moderate business; No. 2, 43¢/bu.; in elevator, 50¢/bu.; in store, 43¢/bu.; No. 1, 43¢/bu.; No. 2, 43¢/bu.; No. 3, 43¢/bu.; No. 4, 43¢/bu.; No. 5, 43¢/bu.; dry salted shoulders, 43¢/bu.; No. 43¢/bu.; HAM—Distillers finished goods, per gal.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 52¢/lb.; granulated, 64¢/lb.; standard "A," 64¢/lb.

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BEEF 10,000 10,000 10,000

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BAKERS DULL and quiet.

COTTON Receipts, 40,000 bu.; exports, 50,000 bu.; spot market lower, firm; market very quiet, moderate business; No. 2, 43¢/bu.; in elevator, 50¢/bu.; in store, 43¢/bu.; No. 1, 43¢/bu.; No. 2, 43¢/bu.; No. 3, 43¢/bu.; No. 4, 43¢/bu.; No. 5, 43¢/bu.; dry salted shoulders, 43¢/bu.; No. 43¢/bu.; No. 5, 43¢/bu.; HAM—Distillers finished goods, per gal.

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SUGARS—Raw, moderately active and steady; cut loaf, 52¢/lb.; granulated, 64¢/lb.; standard "A," 64¢/lb.

MOLASSES—Foreign, dull; New Orleans, quiet.

HONEY—Dull but steady.

The following are the closing quotations for

the leading stocks on the New York Stock Exchange today:

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