COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Corn Scares Chicago Shorts and Sends Quotations Scampering Skyward.

EVERY COMMODITY GAINS GREATLY

Small Cash Business of Tuesday, Better Advices from Abroad and Checked Receipts at Primary Points the Basis for the Bulge.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Aided by liberal buying and vigorous covering by shorts, the corn market led the dance on the board today, and at times to a rather merry tune. Corn closed with a gain of 1⅝c and wheat ¼c per bu. Provisions followed heavily, but managed to work their way up a trifling extent. Oats finished ⅛c higher for May.

Wheat opened weak at ¼c per bu. lower than it closed yesterday. The chief reason for the opening weakness was the small amount of actual cash business reported as having been done at the board yesterday, and the fact that much of the buying which caused yesterday's advance here was accredited to the influence of the improved foreign demand. Everything received by wire in the first two hours of the session was bullish, and an advance soon succeeded the opening decline. The receipts of wheat at the primary markets were almost sensationally small; small, in fact, and exceedingly so, in comparison with those of the last two years. The total primary market receipts were about 95,000 bu., compared with 168,000 bu. on last Wednesday and 417,000 bu. on the corresponding day last year. The early cablegrams quoted Liverpool ½d higher, but rather "toppy." Paris was 10 centimes higher, and Berlin from 1¼ to 1½ marks higher. Bradstreet's made a net increase of 942,000 bu. in the stocks of the world. The closing cables came weak from Liverpool, and quoted a decline of ½d from the opening figures; Paris was unchanged and Berlin had but 1 mark of its early gain. The great strength displayed by corn was very helpful to wheat, and caused a further advance after that which had first started from the early strength of foreign markets, and the small receipts were apparently on the turn. The weakness of the closing Liverpool cable dulled the buying ardor and caused the market to react rather heavily in the last hour of the session. From 53½c at the start the price of May dipped to 53⅜c, then rose to 54c, and worked down again to 53½c. Near the close it was quiet at 53⅝c, but the strength in corn again influenced the price, and May closed at 54c.

Corn opened with but little change, at 44c for May, and influenced by the early weakness in wheat touched 43⅜c. At that price there was much more stuff wanted than was offered, and the price started up with a whirl, shorts covering vigorously. The market began to sag after reaching 45@45⅛c, and for a time acted heavy and dropped back to 44⅝c. About ten minutes from the close the buying was renewed with more vigor than before, and in the end the price was 45½c and the pit full of excited traders buying and selling at that when the closing bell sounded. Through billed corn was in brisk demand in the cash load market at 1½c advance. Buying orders from St. Louis were numerous.

Oats met with a good sale, and under a generally good demand and sympathy with corn prices were higher. May sold from 29c, the opening price, to 28¾c, and then gradually advanced to 29⅛c, at which price the market closed. The cash market for oats, while not very active, was also considerably firmer, and could be credited with helping the advance in the speculative crowd. The anticipated storm for tonight rather encouraged holders to await developments and perhaps obtain better prices, as the receipts for tomorrow are fixed at only 65 cars.

The provision market was quiet. The fluctuations appeared to be controlled entirely by the course of the grain markets, and, as they were in the main strong and the receipts less than expected, provisions ruled firm. May pork opened at $10.07½, as compared with $10 yesterday afternoon. It rose to $10.22½, and closed 2½c higher at $10.20. May lard rose 2½c at the opening and did not vary from that over 2½c above or below. It closed at $6.67½, as compared with $6.62½ yesterday. Ribs closed with sellers at $5.32½, against $5.22½ yesterday.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 15 cars; corn, 80 cars; oats, 65 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Feb.....	50⅝	51	50¼	50⅞
May.....	53½	54⅛	53⅜	54@54⅛
July.....	54⅝@¾	55	54⅝@¾	55
Corn No. 2..				
Feb.....	41½	43	41¼	43
May.....	44@44⅛	45¼	43¾	45⅛
July.....	44	45⅞	43¾	45⅝
Oats No. 2...				
Feb.....	27¼	27¾	27¼	27¾
May.....	29	29⅛	28¾	29⅛
June.....	28¾	29⅜	28¾	29⅜
Pork per bbl				
May.....	10 07½	10 22½	10 02½	10 20
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	6 65	6 67½	6 60	6 67½
Short Ribs—				
May.....	5 25	5 32½	5 25	5 32½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 53½@53⅝c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 50⅝@51⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 45c; No. 3 yellow, 41⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 28@28¼c; No. 2 white, 32¼@32½c; No. 3 white, 31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 50@50½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 56c; No. 3, 54½@56c; No. 4, nominal.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.42.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.56.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.00@10.05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.55@6.57½. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.10@5.15.—Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.62½@4.75; short clear sides, boxed, $5.40@5.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	19,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.....	3,000	7,000
Corn, bu.....	89,000	46,000
Oats, bu.....	191,000	203,000
Rye, bu.....	13,000	8,000
Barley, bu.....	35,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 12@23c; dairy, 9@20c. Eggs, firm; 10@25c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—FLOUR—Receipts, 10,300 bbls.; exports, 3,200 bbls.; sales, 11,300 pkgs. Market stronger, but asking prices not generally paid except in cases where special brands are wanted. Springs, neglected. Southern flour, dull. Rye flour, dull; sales, 200 bbls. Buckwheat flour, dull at $1.65@1.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 45@55c.

CORN MEAL—Firmer; yellow western, $1.05@1.10; Brandywine, $2.80; sales, 2,000 sacks.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55c; boat loads, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Quiet; Milwaukee, 64@65c; two-rowed, state, 60@61c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull and nominal; western, 70@75c; six-rowed, 70@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 25,400 bu.; exports, 38,700 bu.; sales, 2,625,000 bu. futures and 136,000 bu. spot. Spot market firmer; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 57⅝c; afloat, 59¼c; f. o. b., 58⅝c afloat; No. 1 northern, 61½c delivered; No. 1 hard, 60¾c delivered. Options opened easier under free local selling, but advanced later with corn, afterward reacted under a disappointing Bradstreet's visible supply; early late cables and small exports, finally advancing sharply with late cables and small exports and a late rise in corn, and closing at ⅛@⅜c net advance; No. 2 red, f. o. b., closed at 57⅝c; March closed at 58c; May, 58¼@58½c, closed at 58c; June closed at 59¼c; July, 58⅞@59⅛c, closed at 59⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 27,300 bu.; exports, 49,000 bu.; sales, 945,000 bu. futures and 32,000 bu. spot. Spot market stronger; No. 2, 48⅝c in elevator; steamer mixed, 48c. Options generally strong all day, with few reactions, the advance being due to active covering of shorts, light movement and good western cash demand; closed at 1⅛@⅜c net advance; February closed at 47⅝c; May, 47⅝@48⅛c, closed at 48⅛c; July, 48@48⅛c, closed at 48⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 2,000 bu.; exports, 85,000 bu.; sales, 125,000 bu. futures and 85,000 bu. spot. Spot market firmer; No. 2, 33¼c; No. 2 delivered, 34c; No. 3, 32⅞c; No. 2 white, 36@36½c; No. 3 white, 35½c; track, white western, 37@41c; track, white state, 37@41c. Options quiet, but firmer in sympathy with corn, closing ⅛@¼c higher; February closed at 33⅝c; March, 33½c; May, 32⅞@33⅛c, closed at 33⅛c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@65½c; good choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice old, 2@7c; new Pensylvania, 11c; Pacific coast, old, 2½@7c; new, 8@11c.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted, N. O. selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5c; B. A., dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 12c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 7@7½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy weights, 14½@16c.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 16@28c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet but firm; beef hams, $17. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 5½@5¾c; pickled shoulders, 4½c. Lard, higher; western steam closed at $6.90, nominal; sales, 200 tierces at $6.85; February closed at $6.85, nominal; March, $7, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $7.40; S. A., $7.65. Pork, steady; family, $11.25@12.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 10@15c; western creamery, 11@24c; western factory, 10@13c; Elgins, 24c; imitation creamery, 10@18c; state dairy, 10@15c; state creamery, 15@19c.

CHEESE—Dull; large, 9@11½c; small, 9½@11¾c; part skims, 3@9c; full skims, 2@4½c.

EGGS—Firmer; state and Pennsylvania, 21@21½c; ice house, 21@24c; western fresh, 20½@21c; southern, 20@20½c; receipts, 2,483 pkgs.

TALLOW—Dull.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed at $1.07½ bid; Washington, bbls., $6.80@7.00; Washington, in bulk, $4.30; refined, New York, $5.35; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.50; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $3.40.

ROSIN—Firm.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 29½@30c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6¾c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 5¾c.

ORANGES—Dull; fancy sound, $3.50@4.50; others, $2.00@2.75.

PIG IRON—Quiet; Scotch, $19.50@20.00; American, $12.50.

COPPER—Steady; brokers' price, $9.87½; exchange price, $9.85.

LEAD—Firm; brokers' price, $3.02½; exchange price, $3.10@3.12½.

TIN—Barely steady; Straits, $13.65@13.75; plates, week. Sales on 'change, 10 tons spot, $13.75; 5 tons, $13.70, 10 tons February, $13.70; 10 tons this week, $13.47½; 5 tons this week, $13.50; 5 tons February, $13.25; 5 tons Teutonic, $13.40.

SPELTER—Weak; domestic, $3.10.

COTTON SEED OIL—Steady; prime crude, 25c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

BUTTER—Culled stock, 8c; common to fair, 10@11c; fair to good country, 12@12½c; choice to fancy, 15@16c; gathered creamery, 18c; separator creamery, 19@20c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 20c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5@5½c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 6@6½c; choice large, 6½@7c; choice small, 7@8c; turkeys, fair to good, 8@8½c; choice heavy, 8½@9c; choice small, 9½@10c; ducks, fair to good, 7½@8c; fancy, full dressed, 9@10c; geese, fair to good, 7½@8c; fancy, full dressed, 9@10c.

GAME—Blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50@1.75; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@2.75; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; jack rabbits, $1.25@1.50; squirrels, 60c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 110 lbs., are quoted at 5½@6c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A, 13c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9.00; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Old birds, per doz., 75c@$1.00.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 65c; small lots, 70c.

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, $1.90@2.00; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 90c@$1.00; per bbl., $2.75.

CABBAGE—On orders, 2c.

CELERY—Per doz., 50@85c.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, $2.50; Kansas, $2.25.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate of a doz. and half to two doz., $2.25.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 6@7c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per lb., 1½c.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $2.75.

PIE PLANT—Per box., 50@60c.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, none.

APPLES—Genitons, $3.25@3.50; choice eastern stock, $4.00@4.25.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $10.00@10.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $11.00@11.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, $3.75@4.00; California navels, $3.50; seedlings, $3.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—New Messinas, sizes 300 to 360, $3.50@4.00.

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $2.50@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 26c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.25.

NEW EGGS—Extra fancy, 16c; fancy, 14c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; dark, 14@15c; California, 16c; strained, 4 to 10-lb. cans, per lb., 10c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz., $12; Bixby 5 gal. cans, $3.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 8@9c; Brazil nuts, 8c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $4.50@5.00; per half bbl., $2.50@2.75.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 5½c; 10-gal kegs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.50.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5; half bbl., $3.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No 1 green hides, 3½@4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 50@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@8c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3¾c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3¼@4¼c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½@2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00, No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $8.00@10.00; bear, black, yearlings, No. 1 large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1 medium, $10; No. 1 small, $7; bear, black, cubs, No. 1 large, $8.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, $18.00@22.00; No. 1 medium, $14; No. 1 small, $10; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1 large, $12; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1 large, $6.50; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, silver tip, No. 1 large, $25; No. 1 medium, $12; No. 1 small, $8; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1 large, $11; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $6; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, brown, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $16; No. 1 small, $12; bear, brown, yearlings, No. 1 large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $6; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $3; badger, No. 1 large, $1.00@1.50; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 50c; fisher, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6; No. 1 small, $4; fox, silver, as to color according to beauty, No. 1 large, $100; No. 1 medium, $60; No. 1 small, $50; fox, silver, pale, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $60; No. 1 medium, $30; No. 1 small, $25; fox, cross, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $2; fox, red, No. 1 large, $1.50; No. 1 medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, $1; fox, gray, No. 1 large, 75c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 40c; fox, kit, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; marten, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, 60@65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 35c; mink, dark, No. 1 large, 65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1 large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, 25@50c; otter, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $4; raccoon, No. 1 large, 60@70c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 35c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, narrow striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, No. 1 large, 20@25c; wolverine, No. 1 large, $4; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; wolf, mountain, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, 65@90c; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@10c; No. 1 medium, 9c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 4@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrats, kits, 2@3c.

WORLD'S GRAIN STOCK.

Bradstreet's Advices Covering Principal Points of Accumulation in the Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Special cable and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's, covering principal points of accumulation in the United States, Canada and Europe, indicate the following changes in stocks of grain last Saturday, compared with the preceding Saturday: Available supplies, United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, wheat, decrease, 1,935,000 bu.; United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, corn, decrease, 254,000 bu.; United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, oats, decrease, 717,000 bu.; United States and Canada, west of the Rocky mountains, wheat, decrease, 31,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, wheat, increase, 1,024,000 bu.; principal decreases of domestic stocks of wheat, east of the Rocky mountains, not reported by the grain exchanges, include 250,000 bu. in northwestern interior elevators, 75,000 bu. in Milwaukee private elevators, 64,000 bu. in Cleveland, 59,000 bu. in Minneapolis private elevators, 42,000 bu. at Fort Williams and 40,000 bu. at Ogdensburgh.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 6.—FLOUR—Dull; unchanged; receipts, 12,291 bbls.; shipments, 11,357 bbls; sales, 300 bbls.

WHEAT—Strong; spot and month, 57@58c; March, 57⅝@58c; May, 59@59¼c; steamer, No. 2 red, 54@54½c; receipts, 57,018 bu.; shipments, 102,000 bu.; stock, 175,377 bu.; sales, 51,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 56@58c; southern wheat, on grade, 54½@56½c.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 46⅝@46¾c; March, 47@47⅛c; May, 48⅛c bid; steamer mixed, 46c bid; receipts, 18,611 bu.; stock, 526,318 bu.; sales, 10,000 bu.; southern white and yellow, 47c.

OATS—Inactive and steady; No. 2 white, western, 35@36c; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c; receipts, 848 bu.; stock, 229,597 bu.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 56@57c; receipts, 160 bu.; stock, 51,256 bu.

HAY—Firm; good to choice timothy, $12.00@12.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 2s 1½d; for Cork orders, per quarter, 2s 10@2s 10½d, both for February.

BUTTER—Quiet and steady; fancy creamery, 23c; fancy imitation, 18@19c; fancy ladle, 17@18c; good store packed, 11@12c.

EGGS—Firm, scarce; fresh, 20c; cold storage, 20@21c.

CHEESE—Firm; fancy New York, 12@13c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged to 5 points advance; ruled quiet, but generally steady all local trading; closed quiet at 5@10 points net advance; sales, 7,750 bags, including: March, $14.20; May, $14.25@14.30; September, $14.25@14.29; December, $14.25@14.30; spot, Rio, steady; No. 7, $16.12½; mild, steady; Cordova, $18.12@19.50; sales, 400 bags Rio, Nos. 7 and 8, at $14.75, cost and freight; 400 bags Savanilla, p. t.; 1,000 mats Timor, $22. Coffee contracts opened steady, with prices from unchanged to 5 points higher. It was a small market. Reports from the street said spot coffee was easier on cheaper firm offers from Brazil, but the future market was a little steadier on the stability shown by Havre. The increase of 25,280 bags in the world's visible supply was about as expected, previous estimates having pointed to an increase of 5,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries are fair, but the market is practically destitute of speculative interest.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Share Speculation in Securities Was Light in Volume Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Share speculation on the Stock exchange today was in light volume, the aggregate of the transactions being only about 113,000 shares. It was a waiting market which seemed to hang back for news from Washington touching the proposed bond issue. Rumors were in circulation purporting to give reasons for the delay in issuing the call for the proposals for the loan, and there was talk of an alleged hitch in the negotiations with the foreign banks. But, despite this street gossip, the general conviction is that the government has made all its arrangements for the placing of bonds, and that when it is made certain congress will not give immediate relief to the treasury public announcement will be made of the action taken by the administration. Sustaining influence of the market was the improvement shown by Americans on the London exchange. The foreign buying here was also good, and to some extent counteracted the depressing influence of the realizing sales, which were about the only factors of weakness, except as to a few stocks which fell off on local influences. Cordage guaranteed declined ¾ per cent to 16, the lowest price ever touched, on reports of unfavorable prospects for the company. The general market was irregular during the greater part of the day, but in the main the tendency was upward, and, considering the light demand for stocks, the speculation was not unhealthy in character. Most of the stocks show gains, notably Consolidated Gas, 1¼ per cent; Tobacco, ⅞ per cent; Western Union, Louisville & Nashville and Sugar, ¾ per cent; Sugar preferred, 1 per cent; St. Paul, ⅝ per cent, and other shares ½@1½ per cent. Exceptions were Edison Electrico of New York, which is down 1 per cent; Rubber and Norfolk & Western, ⅝ per cent, and Distilling, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, ½ per cent; Burlington, Rock Island, General Electric and Manhattan are unchanged from yesterday. Atchison stood at 4⅝ per cent all day on dealings in 800 shares, although reports were current here and in London that the reorganization plan would be established tomorrow, and that calls for an assessment of $10 a share. The meeting of the committee was held today, but no action was taken. On the report changes in the directory will be made, Hocking Valley preferred rose 1 per cent to 61, closing at 60½. The market closed fairly steady. There was a moderate demand for railway mortgages today, and higher prices were generally realized for all issues traded in. The aggregate sales were $80,000.

The Evening Post's London cable says: The markets are irregular today. Consols and other gilt-edged stocks were firmer on the idea that the negotiations for the American loan was suspended. It was learned, however, that the negotiations continue and there is reason to believe they are almost concluded on a basis of 2¾ per cent or 3½ per cent, the loan to be secured with a lodgement with the syndicate of 4 per cent bonds. No announcement is expected before the result of the Springer vote on the bill tomorrow. Americans, after dullness, closed better, with Louisville leading. There was a satisfactory allotment today of India council drafts.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison.....	4⅝	U. P., D. & G.....	3¼		
Adams Express...	142	Northwestern.....	97½		
Alton, T. H.....	98	N. W. pfd.....	142½		
*do pfd.....	198	N. Y. Central.....	99½		
Am. Express.....	110	N. Y. & N. E.....	30		
Baltimore & Ohio.	63	Ontario & W.....	16		
Canada Pacific....	52¾	Oregon Imp.....	10½		
Canada Southern.	49	Oregon Nav.....	18		
Central Pacific...	13	*O. S. L. & U. N.	4½		
Ches. & Ohio.....	16¾	Pacific Mail.....	21½		
*Chicago Alton....	147	P. D. & E.....	2¾		
C., B. & Q.....	76¾	Pittsburg.....	170		
Chicago Gas.....	75	Pullman Palace...	154½		
Consolidated Gas.	128	Reading.....	10		
C., C., C. & St. L....	37¾	R. G. W.....	16⅜		
Colo. Coal & Iron.	74	R. G. W. pfd.....	45		
Cotton Oil Cert...	19⅛	Rock Island.....	63½		
Delaware & Hud..	129	St. Paul.....	56⅝		
Del., Lack. & W...	159½	do pfd.....	118		
D. & R. G. pfd....	34¾	St. P. & Omaha....	32		
D. & C. F. Co.....	9¾	do pfd.....	110		
Erie.....	10⅛	Southern Pacific..	17⅛		
*do pfd.....	21¾	Sugar Refinery....	97⅝		
*Fort Wayne.....	157	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	14⅝		
G. Northern pfd...	100	Texas Pacific.....	8⅝		
*C. & E. I. pfd...	90	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	70½		
Hocking Valley...	19⅛	Union Pacific....	9½		
Illinois Central...	88	U. S. Express.....	42		
St. P. & Duluth ..	22	W. St. L. & P.....	4		
R. & T. pfd.....	22⅛	do pfd.....	13⅝		
Lake Erie & West	16	Wells Fargo Ex...	105		
do pfd.....	70¾	Western Union ..	88¾		
Lake Shore.....	137⅝	Wheeling & L. E..	5		
Lead Trust.....	30¼	do pfd.....	30		
Louisville & N...	53⅝	M. & St. L.....	27		
L. & N. A.....	7	D. & R. G.....	11⅛		
Manhattan Con....	108	G. E.....	29¾		
Memphis & C....	35	N. J. C.....	18⅝		
*Michigan Cent...	94	C. F. & I.....	22		
Missouri Pacific..	22	do pfd.....	75		
Mobile & Ohio...	16	H. & T. C.....	2½		
*Nashville Chat..	64	T. A. A. & N. M....	1⅛		
National Cordage.	4¾	T. St. L. & K. C....	1		
do pfd.....	8½	*do pfd.....	7		
N. J. Central.....	88½	S. R. R.....	10		
N. & W. pfd.....	12¾	do pfd.....	31¾		
North Am. Co....	3⅝	Am. Tob. Co.....	95¼		
Northern Pacific..	3	do pfd.....	107		
No. Pac. pfd.....	16¾	St. P., M. & M	107		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 113,302 shares, including: American Sugar, 23,400; Chicago Gas, 14,300; Erie, 3,800; Louisville & Nashville, 10,400; Missouri Pacific, 2,400; Northwestern, 3,600; Reading, 4,100; Rock Island, 3,200; St. Paul, 10,300; Silver bullion certificates, 20,000; Western Union, 6,700.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88@4.88⅛ for demand and at $4.87⅞@4.87½ for 60 day bills; posted rates, $4.87½@4.88½ and $4.89@4.90; commercial bills, $4.86@4.86⅛.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60¼@60½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Barely steady. State bonds, inactive. Railroad bonds, strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg.....	107¼	D. & R. G. 4s.....	80
U. S. 5s, coup.....	114⅛	Erie 2ds.....	62
U. S. 4s, reg.....	110	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	92½
U. S. 4s, coup.....	110	do 7s.....	104
*U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105¾
*Pacific 6s of '95.	100	do 6s.....	102¼
Ala. Class A.....	104¼	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	80
Ala. Class B.....	104	do 2d 4s.....	45¾
*Ala. Class C.....	94	Mutual Union 6s..	109
*Ala. Currency....	94	N. J. C. Gen 5s....	114
*La. New Con. 4s.	92⅛	*No. Pac. 1sts.....	113
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	86½
N. C. 6s.....	127	N. W. Consols.....	139
N. C. 4s.....	98	do S. F. Deb. 5s.	109
S. C. nonfund.....	1⅛	R. G. West. 1sts...	64¾
Tenn. new set 6s.	84	*St. P. Consols 7s.	126
*Tenn. new set 5s	100	do C. & P. W. 5s.	110
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	76½
Va. Centuries.....	58¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	103½
do deferred.....	7	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	84¾
Atchison 4s.....	65	do 2ds.....	23¼
do 2d A.....	18	U. P. 1sts of '96...	103
Canada So. 2ds...	105¾	West Shore 4s.....	104½
C. P. 1sts of '95 .	100	So. R. R. 5s.....	86¼
D. & R. G. 7s.....	114¼		

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—Call loans, 4@6 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4⅛	N. Elec. pfd.....	48¾
Am. Sugar.....	93⅝	Nis. Central.....	2⅛
Am. Sugar pfd....	92⅛	Edison Elec.....	101
Bay State Gas.....	9⅞	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	61
Bell Telephone...	189	Atchison 2ds.....	18⅛
Boston & Albany..	208	Atchison 4s.....	61⅝
Boston & Maine...	168	New England 6s...	108¾
do pfd.....	152	Gen. Electric 5s...	88¾
C. B. & Q.....	77⅛	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	47⅛
Fitchburg.....	80¾	Atlantic.....	10
Gen. Electric.....	30	Boston & Montana	37¼
Illinois Steel.....	42	Butte & Boston....	10
Mexican Central..	6	Calumet & Hecla..	190
N. Y. & N. E.....	30⅛	Centennial.....	50
Old Colony.....	180	Franklin.....	14¼
Rubber.....	43	Kearsarge.....	8¾
Union Pacific.....	9⅝	Osceola.....	22
West End.....	61	Quincy.....	93½
do pfd.....	86	Tamarack.....	144
Westingh. Elec....	32⅛	Wolverine.....	31¼

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	38	Hale & Norcross..	77
Alpha Con.....	8	Justice.....	14
Belcher.....	35	Mexican.....	15
Best & Belcher...	77	Mono.....	21
Bodie Con.....	80	Mount Diablo.....	10
Bullion.....	10	Occidental Con....	4
Bulwer Con.....	13	Ophir.....	100
Caledonia.....	70	Overman.....	15
Challenge Con....	30	Potosi.....	46
Chollar.....	38	Savage.....	34
Confidence.....	70	Sierra Nevada....	41
Con. Cal. & Va....	300	Silver Hill.....	4
Con. Imperial.....	1	Silver King.....	10
Crown Point.....	42	Utah Con.....	6
Gould & Curry.....	29	Yellow Jacket.....	47

Silver bars, 59⅛@60c. Mexican dollars, 48⅛@49c. Drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraphic, 15c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	7	Ontario