COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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HEAVY RECEIPTS A WEAKENING FACTOR

Falling Off in the Russian Shipments Was Among the Influences Which Underlay the Bullishness After the First Weak Spell.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Wheat was inclined to steadiness today, helped by better cables and a liberal decrease in the world's visible supply, but heavy northwestern receipts encouraged sellers. May closing ⅛c lower. May corn closed ¼c; May oats ⅜c, and provisions finished at moderate declines. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 550 cars of wheat, compared with only 228 on the parallel day of the previous week and 221 cars on the corresponding day of the year before. That caused the market to open rather weak and at about ⅛c under the previous day's closing price. The foreign markets were quoted either firm or at least steady, and the week's shipments from the other exporting countries of the world were lighter than on the week before. That, in a very short time, more than counterbalanced the northwestern receipts, and being followed up by the figures of the Atlantic clearances for twenty-four hours, it proved to be heavy. The easy closing was succeeded in about ten minutes by a period of quite bullish activity, during which May advanced from 52⅛c about the opening to 53c in less than forty-five minutes. A falling off in the Russian shipments was among the influences which underlay the bullishness which succeeded the first weak spell; later, with Pardridge selling, the price worked off again on the level of the opening rates. When Bradstreet's statement of the visible supply came to hand at noon the price of May wheat was 52⅝c, and although there was a spurt of activity following the announcement, and although the report was bullish, the price only gained ⅛c, to immediately lose it again. The statement showed a total decrease in the world's visible supply of 2,880,000 bu. English and continental markets closed from steady to firm, but for a time there was a disposition to sell on account of reports from the seaboard that there was no demand whatever from exporters today. The market here began to improve again and about half an hour from the close there were buyers at 52⅝c. At the advance there was more selling, and May closed at 52½c.

The corn market was moved about in line with the fluctuations in wheat. The range was not wide, but the market made up for the narrowness of its range by going over it several times. Pardridge was supposed to be a seller on the hard spots. The day's receipts were liberal at 407 cars, but only 135 cars are expected tomorrow. Export clearances for the day were fair. Primary western markets received 287,000 bu., compared with 655,000 bu. a year ago. May opened today at 44⅝c and dropped down to from 44⅜ to 44⅛c for an instant upon beginning with the starting price. It rose to from 44⅝c to 44⅞c at the time of the early bulge in wheat, and subsequently rose and fell a number of times between 44½c, and from 44⅝c to 44¾c, closing at 44⅝c.

Oats experienced a quiet session. Fluctuations were narrow and influenced almost entirely by corn. May started at 29c, sold up to 29⅛c, and later declined to 28⅞c, at which price it closed.

The provision market was quite firm as long as the packers refrained from pressing sales, but when they made an attempt to unload a little the demand was not there and the prices took an immediate drop. Business was dull. Hog receipts, 4,000 under the estimate, was probably the cause of the early slight advance. After an advance of 7½c, pork closed up with a loss of 5c, compared with the closing price of the day before. Lard closed without change, and ribs at a decline of 7½c.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 14 cars; corn, 165 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, $3,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closs.
Wheat, No. 2				
Feb.....	50⅛	50⅜	50⅛	50⅛
May.....	52⅛@⅜	53	52½	52½
July.....	53⅝	54	53⅝@⅞	53½
Corn No. 2.				
Feb.....	42⅜	42⅛@⅜	42⅛	42⅛
May.....	44⅛@⅜	44⅜@⅞	44⅛@⅜	44⅛@⅜
July.....	44⅝@⅞	44⅝@⅞	44⅝	44⅝
Oats No. 2.				
Feb.....	28	28⅛	27⅞	27⅞
May.....	29	29⅛	28⅝@⅞	28⅞
June.....	29	28⅞	28⅝	28⅝
Pork per bbl				
May.....	10 30	10 37½	10 25	10 25
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	6 55	6 57½	6 52½	6 52½
Short Ribs—				
May.....	5 35	5 37½	5 32½	5 32½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged, steady.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 52½@55½c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 50⅝@50⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 42⅜@42¾c; No. 3 yellow, 40⅜@41c.

OATS—No. 2, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 30⅝@32c; No. 3 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 54½@55c; No. 3, 52@54½c; No. 4, 51c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.39.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.75@5.80.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.10@10.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.52½@6.55. Short ribs, sides (loose), $5.15@5.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.62½@4.75; short clear, sides (boxed), $5.52½@5.57½.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	19,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.....	18,000	22,000
Corn, bu.....	153,000	44,000
Oats, bu.....	213,000	212,000
Rye, bu.....	12,000	10,000
Barley, bu.....	102,000	14,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady: creamery, 12@23½c; dairy, 9@20c. Eggs, steady; 25@26½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 37,700 bbls.; exports, 16,600 bbls.; sales, 28,200 pkgs. Market weaker, with transactions largely in city mills, but some export business for the West Indies. Southern flour, dull. Rye flour, firm; sales, 400 bbls. at $1.65@1.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—Dull; western, dull; yellow western, $1.08@1.10; Brandywine, $2.

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

BARLEY—Neglected; No. 2 Milwaukee, 64@65c; two-rowed, state, 61c; Canadian; 70@72½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 70@75c; six-rowed, 73@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 5,200 bu.; exports, 119,700 bu.; sales, 1,620,000 bu. futures and 24,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 56¼c; afloat, 57⅝c; f. o. b., 58¼c afloat; No. 1 northern, 64⅝c delivered; No. 1 hard, 67⅝c delivered. Options opened lower under heavy arrivals in the northwest, but immediately turned strong on expectations of a big reduction in world's stocks and large seaboard clearances. In the afternoon traders took profits, being induced to sell by dull late cables and prospects of still larger interior receipts, the market closing easy at ⅛c net decline; No. 2 red, February, closed at 56c; March, 56⅝@56⅞c, closed at 56⅝c; May, 57 9-16@58c, closed at 57⅞c; July, 58⅛@58⅛c, closed at 58⅛c; August closed at 58⅛c; September closed at 58⅝c; December closed at 61⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 4,600 bu.; exports, 7,200 bu.; sales, 250,000 bu. futures and 1,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2, 48⅛c in elevator; steamer 47⅝c mixed, 47⅝c; No. 3, 47⅝c. Options opened dull and easy; advanced with wheat, but finally reacted under prospects of large receipts before the roads break up; closed ⅛c lower; February closed at 48⅛c; May, 48⅝@48¾c, closed at 48⅝c; July, 48⅝@49⅛c, closed at 48⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 66,200 bu.; exports, 100 bu.; sales, 90,000 bu. futures and 118,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 33⅛@34c; No. 2 delivered, 33c; No. 2, 32c; No. 2 white, 37½@37⅝c; No. 3 white, 36½c; track, white western and state, 33@42c. Options ruled quiet and steady at first, but subsequently reacted with corn, closing unchanged to ⅛c lower; February closed at 33½c; March closed at 33¼c; May, 33⅛@33¼c, closed at 33⅛c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 45@50c; good to choice, 65@70c.

HOPS—Steady; state common to choice, old, 8@9c; new, 6@11c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; new, 8@11c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted, New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 7@7½c.

LEATHER—Quiet; sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 14@17c.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef hams, strong at $17. Cut meats, steady. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $6.75; February closed at $6.82½ nominal; May, $6.90 asked; refined, steady. Pork, quiet.

BUTTER—Steady; western, 17@19c; western factory, 8@12c; Elgins, 25c; imitation creamery, 10@18c; state dairy, 16@23c; state creamery, 15@19c.

CHEESE—Firm; large, 9@11½c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 3@3½c; full skims, 1½@2½c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 28c; ice house, 12@23c; western fresh, 27c; southern, 25½@26½c; receipts, 2,756 pkgs.

TALLOW—Dull; city (42 per pkg.), 4¼c; country, 4½c.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 31@31½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅝@6⅝c; Japan, 4¼@4⅝c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 33@38c.

ORANGES—Dull; Floridas, $2.00@4.50; others, $3.25@5.00.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.37½@1.42½.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed at $1.05¼; bbl; Washington, bbls., $6.90@7.10; bulk, $4.50; refined New York, $5.95; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6; Philadelphia and Baltimore, bulk, $4.65.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; Scotch, $19.00@26.00; American, $9.00@12.50. Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $9.75; exchange price, $9.65@9.70. Lead, quiet; broker's price, $3.02½; exchange price, $3.10. Tin, steady; Straits, $13.20@13.40; plates, weak. Spelter, dull; domestic, $3.10. Sales on 'change, 105 tons June tin, $13.50; 38 tons March, $13.30; 10 tons February, $13.30; 10 tons February lead, $3.10.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull; business included 100 bbls. off crude at 21½c; closing, 21@21½c; off crude, 24@24½c.

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, 20@22c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 6@6½c; choice large, 6½@7c; choice small, 7@8c; turkeys, fair to good, 8@9½c; choice heavy, 8½@9c; choice, small, 10@10½c; 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; 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, $3.00@3.25; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; jack rabbits, $1.25@1.50; squirrels, 60c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 110 lbs., are quoted at 6@6½c; large and coarse, 5@6c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A, 12c; 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; 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, $1.00@1.10; per bbl., $2.75@3.00.

CABBAGE—On orders, 2c.

CELERY—Per doz., 50@60c; California, 90c@$1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, $2.50; Kansas, $2.00@2.25.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

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

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 6@7c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $3.

RUTABAGAS—Per lb., 75c.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $3.50@4.00.

PIE PLANT—Per doz., 50c.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nelis, none.

APPLES—Choice stock, $4.50@4.75.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. blls., 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—Messinas, sizes 300 to 360, choice, $3.25; fancy, $3.50@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OSYTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 26c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.50.

NEW FIGS—Extra fancy, 16c; fancy, 14c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 3c.

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

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz., $12; 1½by, 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., 8c; No. 3 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5c; 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, 5@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 8@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, 3¾@4½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, brown, 2½@3c; 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, $6.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, $18.00@20.00; 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, $20; 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, $50; No. 1 medium, $30; No. 1 small, $20; 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 kits, 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, $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, $2; 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.

BRADSTREET ON VISIBLE GRAIN.

Both Wheat and Corn Show a Large Decrease for the Week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Special cable and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet, 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: United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, wheat, decrease, 2,163,000 bu.; corn, decrease, 322,000 bu.; oats, decrease, 235,000 bu. United States and Canada, west of the Rocky mountains, wheat, decrease, 597,000 bu. Afloat for and in Europe, wheat, decrease, 129,000 bu. Northwest interior elevator stocks, decrease, 756,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—COFFEE—Options unchanged to 10 points advance on foreign orders and Hamburg advance; ruled dull; closed quiet, 5@15 points advance; sales, 11,250 bags, including: March, $14.85; May, $14.70; September, $14.50@14.80; December, $14.65. Spot coffee, Rio, steadier; No. 8, $16.25; mild, quiet and steady; Cordova, 18.75@19.50; sales, 10,000 bags No. 8 Rio, spot, at 11.37½; 1,000 bags Rio, Nos. 7 and 8, per Leviina, at 11.67½; 500 bags Maracaibo and 700 bags Bucarum, p. t. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 256,936 bags; New York stock today, 231,558 bags; United States stock, 250,570 bags; afloat for the United States, 210,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 460,570 bags, against 473,752 bags last year.

SANTOS, Feb. 19.—Firm; good average Santos, $16.20; receipts, two days, 11,000 bags; stock, 248,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Feb. 19.—Market dull; prices ⅛@¼ pfg advance; sales, 7,000 bags.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 19.—Strong; No. 7 Rio, $16.35; receipts, two days, 5,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 2,000 bags; stock, 180,000 bags.

HAVRE, Feb. 19.—Coffee opened steady, unchanged; unchanged at 3 p. m.; closed steady at ¼f net advance; sales, 11,000 bags.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; sales 22,519 bags centrifugal, 96 test, at 3c; exship; refined, moderately active, unchanged to 1-16c higher; No. 6, 3 7-16@3⅜c; No. 7, 3 5-16@3⅜c; No. 8, 3 3-16@3⅜c; No. 9, 3⅛@3 5-16c; No. 10, 3 1-16@3⅛c; No. 11, 3@3 1-16c; No. 12, 2 15-16@3c; No. 13, 2 11-16@2⅞c; off A, 3⅝@3¾c; mould A, 4 1-16@4¼c; standard A, 3 11-16@3¾c; confectioners' A, 3 11-16@3¾c; cut loaf, 4 7-16@4⅝c; crushed, 4 7-16@4⅝c; powdered, 4 1-16@4¼c; granulated, 3 9-16@3¾c; cubes, 4 1-16@4¼c.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; centrifugal Java, 11s; Muscovado, fair refining 9s.

Foreign Financial Affairs.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 46 pfg.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Three per cent rentes, 103f 40c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 22c for checks.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The amount of bullion going into the Bank of England on balance today is 47,000. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 255; Madrid, 300; Lisbon, 23.25½; St. Petersburg, 50; Athens, 77; Rome, 104.80; Vienna, 103.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Some Firmness and Considerable Trading Marked the Day's Business.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The stock market showed remarkable firmness today. At the opening there was a loss of about ¼ per cent in most of the active list, but a good buying movement was quickly developed under the influence which a brisk advance recorded, led by New Jersey Central and other coal stocks, and in which Northwestern also participated largely, the improvement ranging up to 1⅝ per cent. The higher range of values induced sales to realize profit, and as a result New Jersey Central and Sugar broke 1¼ per cent and the rest of the list from ¼ to 1 per cent. The temper of the speculation underwent a marked change about 1 o'clock and the market put on a good tone under purchasing of moderate volume. The buying continued to the close, which was quite firm, and the final sales showed gains in a majority of the active list, a number of the specialties, however, being materially lower. The publication of the Belmont-Morgan new bond syndicate was issued just before the close of business on the Stock exchange, but not in time to have any effect on the closing market, if it was at all calculated to have any influence on the current speculation. The more important advances of the day are: Minneapolis & St. Louis, 1½ per cent; Lake Erie & Western preferred, 1⅜ per cent, and the arangers from ¼ to ⅝ per cent, except Burlington, which is unchanged from yesterday's final price. In the list of declines are Sugar, Norfolk & Western preferred and Leather preferred, a fraction over 1 per cent; American Tobacco, ⅞ per cent; St. Paul, Minneapolis & Milwaukee, 3¼ per cent, and American Cable, 2¼ per cent. National Starch lists preferred made a break of 10 per cent on the liquidation of a small block of the stock. Foreigners were not in the market here to any extent today. Speculation in the bond market today was quiet and of an uninteresting character. The total sales were 104,000. Keokuk & Des Moines sold at 96¼, against 101½ on January 16. The other important changes are: Advances, Oregon Improvement consol 5s, 2 per cent. Declines, Northern Pacific 3rds, 3 per cent; St. Paul & L. D. 2ds, 2 per cent.

The Evening Post's London cable says: "The new American loan was at 3½ per cent premium today. Money was scarce today on preparations for applications for the loan. The applications will surely be astonishingly large. The stock markets were quiet and dull today, awaiting the American loan. The talk of possible resignations of the government also unfavorably affected things. American securities were dull, closing at the worst. Eries were again flat. Except for rupees, silver stocks were easier on continental sales. The idea of an international monetary conference weighed lightly with high financial quarters here and is regarded only as a method for rigging silver securities."

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

Atchison.....	3⅞	Northwestern.....	90¼
Adams Express.....	145	N. Y. W. pfd.....	156
Alton, T. H	35⅝	N. Y. Central.....	99¼
Am. Express.....	110	N. Y. & N. E.....	30¼
Baltimore & Ohio.	6⅝	Ontario & W.....	16
Canada Pacific....	48⅝	Oregon Imp.....	9⅛
Canada Southern..	58⅝	Oregon Nav.....	18
Central Pacific....	12⅝	O. S. L. & U. N....	4⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅝	Pacific Mail.....	22
*Chicago Alton....	145	P. D. & E.....	2¼
C., B. & Q.....	89⅝	*Pittsburg.....	154
Chicago Gas.....	72⅞	Pullman Palace..	159
Consolidated Gas.	72⅞	Reading.....	9¾
C. C. C. & St. L..	36	Rock Island.....	70⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron..	5	R. G. W. pfd.....	43
Cotton Oil Cert...	18⅝	Rock Island.....	61⅞
Delaware & Hud..	124⅛	St. Paul.....	55⅛
Del., Lack. & W...	150	do pfd.....	117
D. & R. G. pfd....	35	St. P. & Omaha...	30
D. & C. F. Co.....	9⅝	do pfd.....	100
Erie.....	8⅝	Southern Pacific..	17⅛
do pfd.....	18⅝	Sugar Refinery....	92⅛
Fort Wayne.....	156	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	14⅛
G. Northern pfd...	100	Texas Pacific.....	8⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	90	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	70⅛
Hocking Valley...	19	Union Pacific.....	9⅛
Illinois Central...	96	U. S. Express.....	42
St. P. & Duluth ..	20	W. St. L. & P.....	5⅛
K. & T. pfd.....	22	do pfd.....	12⅛
Lake Erie & West	15⅛	Wells Fargo Ex...	102
do pfd.....	60⅛	Western Union...	87⅝
Lake Shore.....	130⅛	Wheeling & L. E..	8⅞
Lead Trust.....	27⅞	do pfd.....	35¼
Louisville & N....	52⅛	M. & St. L.....	26⅛
L. & N. A.....	90	D. & R. G.....	11⅛
Manhattan Con....	106⅛	G. E.....	28⅝
*Memphis & C....	10	N. L.....	19
Michigan Cent....	93	C. F. & I.....	24
Missouri Pacific...	20⅛	do pfd.....	60
Mobile & Ohio.....	2⅛	H. & T. C.....	2⅛
*Nashville Chat...	64	T. A. A. & N. M...	1
National Cordage.	4⅛	T. St. L. & K. C...	1
do pfd.....	6⅛	do pfd.....	10
N. J. Central.....	85⅝	S. F. R. E.....	10
N. & W. pfd.....	11	do pfd.....	31⅛
North Am. Co....	3⅛	Am. Tob. Co.....	89⅝
Northern Pacific..	2⅛	do pfd.....	105⅛
Norfolk & W. pfd..	15⅛	St. P., M. & M	105
U. P., D. & G...	3		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 123,482 shares, including: American Tobacco, 5,500; American Sugar, 29,100; Burlington, 5,100; Chicago Gas, 8,000; Distilling and Cattlefeeding, 3,500; Erie, 4,700; Missouri Pacific, 3,600; New Jersey Central, 8,100; Northwestern, 8,400; St. Paul, 4,800.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull but steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¼ @4.88½ for demand and at $4.87@4.87¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.87½@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.86¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61@63c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong and ⅛@⅜ per cent higher for 5s and 4s. State bonds, dull. Railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on government were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg.....	115⅛	D. & R. G. 4s.....	80⅛
U. S. 5s, coup.....	115¼	Erie 2ds.....	58
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111	*G. H. & S. A. 6s..	92⅛
U. S. 4s, coup.....	111⅜	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
*U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105⅛
*Pacific 6s of '95..	100	do 6s.....	101⅛
Ala. Class A.....	104⅛	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	79⅛
Ala. Class B.....	105	do 2d 4s.....	45
Ala. Class C.....	95	*Mutual Union 6s.	111⅛
Ala. Currency.....	95	N. J. C. L. 7s.....	114⅛
La. New Con. 4s..	92⅞	No. Pac. 1sts.....	112⅝
*Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	85
N. C. 6s.....	125	N. W. Consols.....	138
N. C. 4s.....	100	O. S. L. 1st 5s.....	108⅛
S. C. consfunded...	1⅛	R. G. West. 1sts...	68
Tenn. new set 6s.	84⅝	St. P. Consols 7s..	126
*Tenn. new set 5s	100	do C. & P. W. 5s.	109⅛
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	77
Va. Centuries.....	58⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	103
do deferred.....	6⅛	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	84⅝
Atchison 4s.....	64⅝	do 2ds.....	23
do 2d A.....	17⅛	U. P. 1sts of '96...	103⅛
Canada So. 2ds....	105⅛	West Shore 4s.....	104
C. P. 1sts of '95..	100⅛	So. R. R.....	86⅛
*D. & R. G. 7s....	114⅜		

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—Call loans, 3@4½ per cent; time loans, 3½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4	Wis. Central.....	3⅛
Am. Sugar.....	92	Edison Elec.....	123
Am. Sugar pfd....	91⅜	Gen. Elec. pfd....	61
Bay State Gas.....	8⅝	Atchison 2ds.....	15⅛
Bell Telephone....	192	Atchison 4s.....	64⅛
Boston & Albany..	207⅛	New England 6s...	107⅛
Boston & Maine...	163⅛	Gen. Electric 5s...	87⅛
C. B. & Q.....	70⅜	Wis. Cent. 1sts...	45
Fitchburg.....	83⅛	Allouez Mining Co	25
Gen. Electric.....	29⅛	Atlantic.....	25
Mexican Central..	7	Boston & Montana	25⅛
N. Y. & N. E.....	30⅛	Butte & Boston...	9⅝
Old Colony.....	170	Calumet & Hecla..	292
Ore. Short Line....	4⅛	Centennial.....	19
Rubber.....	42⅛	Franklin.....	15
Union Pacific.....	9	Kearsarge.....	8⅛
West End.....	60⅛	Quincy.....	101
do pfd.....	86⅛	Tamarack.....	145
Westingh. Elec....	30⅛	Wolverine.....	3
W. Elec. pfd.....	48⅛		

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	32	Hale & Norcross..	98
Alpha Con.....	5	Julia.....	1
Andes.....	23	Justice.....	6
Belcher.....	38	Mexican.....	72
Best & Belcher....	77	Mono.....	20
Bodie Con.....	85	Mount Diablo.....	10
Bullion.....	7	Occidental Con....	5
Bulwer Con.....	12	Ophir.....	145
Caledonia.....	6	Overman.....	12
Choiiar.....	51	Potosi.....	48
Confidence.....	95	Savage.....	40
Con. Cal & Va....	250	Sierra Nevada....	60
Con. Imperial.....	1	Silver Hill.....	3
Crown Point.....	40	Silver King	10
Exchequer.....	2	Union Con.....	43
Gould & Curry.....	43	Yellow Jacket.....	44

Silver bars, 60⅝@60½c. Mexican dollars, 48½@49c. Drafts, sight, 5c; telegraphic, par.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....		Ontario.....	800
Choiar.....	50	Ontario Silver....	135
Crown Point.....	30	Plymouth.....	25
Con. Cal. & Va....	230	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	40	do pfd.....	1300
Gould & Curry....	40	Sierra Nevada....	65
Hale & Norcross...	75	Standard.....	250
Homestake.....	1700	Union Con.....	37
Mexican.....	70	Yellow Jacket.....	40

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—4 p