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Wheat Has Shown More Activity and Greater Strength.

ENGLISH CABLES WERE STRONGER

Activity Reported in the Flour Business Was Also Regarded as Quite a Strong Factor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Wheat has shown more activity today and decidedly more strength, and before noon the price had advanced about \$5c from the close last night.

There were a good many things which contributed to the market's strength, and English cables were stronger, and there was rapidly approaching a crisis, and that war might soon follow. The receipts, too, were somewhat smaller than expected, and the cash demand for wheat which has been so much of a feature during the past few days, shows no sign of abatement. Corn, corn flour, etc., were much encouraged.

San Francisco, for wheat to go to Australia, the purchases for the last few days had aggregated fully \$50,000, but Australia has usually been an exporter of wheat, and the fact that she was a buyer helped to strengthen the market. New York was a good buyer all day and reported liberal clearances, and others on the buying side, while there was a little general selling. The activity reported in the flour market was also quite strong.

It was said that the Minneapolis sales for the past two days have exceeded the whole wheat market for 1,000 bushels, and these conditions the short inter-

est became rather nervous, and there was a good buying on that account, and also at noon was 25c. May, sold early at from 69c to 69c, split, and up gradually to from 69c to 69c, split, and up gradually to 69c to 69c, split, and up gradually to 69c to 69c, with 55c sellers at noon.

The market continued to gain strength during the closing hour, and May sold up to 69c to 69c, a fraction. December was sold to 5c.

Corn was stronger mainly in sympathy with the activity in wheat, but the interior deliveries are hardly coming up to expectations. There was not much selling pressure, and some buyers were seen, and May sold at from 28c to 28c, split, and at noon was 28c. December had sold at from 28c to 28c. The market got much stronger during the hour, and May sold largely by this bulge in wheat. May sold up to 28c to 28c, and December to 28c.

Estimates for tomorrow: Wheat, 25c; corn, 28c; oats, 17c; hogs, 35c, 000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles. Open. High. Low. Close.

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