COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Firm Feeling Provoked by Apprehension for Growing Grain.

ENGLISH CABLES HELPED THE OPENING

Weather is Generally Looked Upon as Very Trying for Wheat and Crop Damage Reports Numerous.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Reports of poor snow protection and apprehension of consequent damage created rather a firm feeling in wheat today, and an advance of ¼c was made in spite of the intense dullness that prevailed all through the session. Corn was weak and receded slightly, while oats advanced a fraction. Provisions were firm and closed higher.

Wheat had another dull day and the fluctuation was even narrower than yesterday, the extreme range being only ⅝c. There was an undercurrent of firmness, however, and while the news was rather scarce there was nothing very bearish, but on the contrary it was of a nature to help the price, if it was entitled to any influence at all. It opened firm and practically unchanged at from 65⅞c to 67¼c for May, and the trading was on a very limited scale then and for two hours thereafter, fluctuating between 66¾c and 67¼c, with the bulk of the business during that time at 66⅞c. The opening strength was due to the English cables, which were steady and firm, the first quotation quoting Liverpool a turn dearer; the northwestern deliveries of wheat were 150 cars smaller than a week ago and 70 cars lighter than a year ago, while the primary deliveries at western points were much lighter than a week ago, or even a year ago. In addition to this the weather is generally looked upon as very trying for wheat and crop damage reports are numerous. The speculators were very cautious, however, and there was little urgency in the selling. While the buying was not especially active, it was sufficient to absorb the floating lots, so that they failed to depress the market materially. Besides 100,000 bu. of wheat sold to go to Buffalo, which was one of the elements of the early strength, a round lot of northern was shipped near the close of the session, sold for immediate shipment, and that finally lifted an extremely sluggish market out of the rut and marked it firm at 67¼c, the highest part of the day's fluctuation.

Corn was almost lifeless and what little trading there was was within ⅛c margin. Liberal receipts for cash business created a weak opening, and May opened at 30¾c, sold at 30¼c and closed at that.

Oats were fairly active, there being good buying by both shippers and elevator men. May opened a shade higher, at from 21c to 21⅛c, and held steady under good support, closing weak at the price bid.

Provisions were strong at the opening, due to the small hog receipts, but offerings were so liberal that the advance was soon lost. Near the close some buying strated, as wheat showed firmness and prices wound up at the best figures of the day. Pork closed 5c higher, ribs, 2½c higher; lard unchanged.

Estimates for Friday: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 450 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	Hest.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
March.....	65¾	65⅞	64¾	65⅝
May.....	66⅞	67⅛	66⅝	67¼
June.....	67	67¼	66⅞	67⅛
July.....	67¼	67⅜	67	67⅛
Corn, No 2.				
March.....	28¾			28⅝
May.....	30¾	30⅜	30¼	30¼
July.....	31⅜	31⅜	31⅛	31¼
Sept.....	32½	32½	32⅜	32⅜
Oats, No 2.				
March.....	19¾	21	21	19¾
May.....	21	21⅛	20⅝	21⅛
July.....	21⅜	21⅜	21⅛	21¼
Sept.....	21	21⅜	21	21⅜
Pork, per bbl				
March.....	9 65	9 70	9 62½	9 70
May.....	9 80	9 85	9 77½	9 85
July.....	10 00	10 02½	9 95	10 02½
Lard, 100 lbs				
March.....	5 32½	5 32½	5 30	5 30
May.....	5 47½	5 47½	5 45	5 45
July.....	5 60	5 60	5 55	5 57½
Short Ribs—				
March.....	5 05	5 07½	5 02½	5 07½
May.....	5 20	5 22½	5 17½	5 22½
July.....	5 32½	5 32½	5 30	5 32½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.50@3.80; winter straights, $3.00@3.50; spring patents, $3.10@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 65⅝@66¾c; No. 3 spring, 64½@66¼c; No. 2 red, 65¾@65⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 28¾@28⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 20c; No. 2 white, 21@21¾c; No. 3 white, 20@21¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 35¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 26½@35c; No. 4, 26@31c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 89¼c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$3.50@3.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.70@9.75; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.20@5.32½; short ribs, sides, loose, $5.10@5.15; dry salted shoulders, boxed, 4¾@4¾c; short clear sides, boxed, 5¼@5¾c.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.87; granulated, $5.25; standard "A," $5.12.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 11@12c; chickens, 7@8½c; ducks, 10@12c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	30,000	90,000
Corn, bu	268,000	72,000
Oats, bu	321,000	235,000
Rye, bu	8,000	2,000
Barley, bu	51,000	19,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 14@21½c; dairy, 9@18c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 10@11c. Cheese, quiet; 8½@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,000 bbls.; exports, 23,000 bbls.; steadier, but quiet, as buyers are 10c below the market; low grade winter weak. Minnesota bakers, $2.80@3.30; spring low grades, $2.00@2.65; city mill patents, $4.30@4.55; city mill clears, $1.15@4.25; Minnesota patents, $3.60@3.75; winter patents, $3.90@4.00; winter grades, $2.30@2.65. Rye flour, steady. Buckwheat flour, firm; $1.25@1.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; 50½@40c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, coarse, 75c.

RYE—Dull; 40@44c.

BARLEY—Steady; western malting, 43@48c; feeding, 38@39c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 47@55c.

WHEAT—Exports, 126,300 bu.; spot, inactive; No. 1 hard, 78½@78¾c, f. o. b. afloat. Options were extremely dull all day, but generally stronger on bullish sentiment, backed up by firm cables, talk of unfavorable Argentine news, decreased wheat receipts west, fair clearances and general covering, closing ¼@¾c net higher; No. 2 red, March, 75¼@75¾c, closing, 75¾c; May, 73¼@73⅞c; closing, 73⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 6,800 bu.; exports, 18,900 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 38@38¼c. Options were dull and easier on good trading at Chicago and discouraged long selling, closing unchanged; May, 35¼@36 5-16c; closing 35¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 19,200 bu.; exports, 900 bu.; easy; No. 2, 26c. Options were quiet and easier with corn, closing unchanged to ⅛c lower; March closed at 25⅝c; May, 25¼c, closing at 25½c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $8.00@9.00.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 26@34c; 1895 crop, 30@36c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 24@34c; 1895 crop, 30@36c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 9c; California, 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20c; acid, 21@22c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.00@12.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $15.50@16.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled hams, 8¼@8¾c. Lard, dull; western steam closed $5.60 nominal; refined, lower. Pork, steady; mess, $10.25@10.50; short clear, $11.50@12.50.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 3⅜@3⅝c; country, 3¼@3½c, as to quality.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,915 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14@21½c; Elgins, 21½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,550 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11½@12c; western, 11¼@11½c; southern, 10@11c.

PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed at $1.24.

ROSIN—Dull; strained, common to good, $1.67½@1.70.

TURPENTINE—Steady; 29½@29¾c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,673 pkgs.; market steady; large, 6@10¾c; small, 6@10¾c; part skims, 3¾@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to choice, $1.65@1.67½.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 5¼@6c; Japan, 3¾@4c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@31c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $11.25@12.50; northern, $11.50@13.50. Copper, easy; brokers, $11; exchange, $11. Lead, easy; brokers, $3.05; exchange, $3.22½@3.30. Tin, quiet; straits, $13.35@13.45; plates, steady. Spelter, firm; domestic, $4.10@4.15.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet but steady; prime crude, 21c; off grades, 19½@20½c; butter grades, 28c; prime summer yellow, 29@29½c.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 5.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet; refined, firm; sales, 1,800 bags of Cuba centrifugal, at 4¼c, basis, 96 test, and 4,700 bags Cuba centrifugal, 4¼c; 1,000 bags Cuba molasses at 3¼c, basis, 89 test.

LONDON, March 5.—SUGAR—Cane, steady and unchanged; beet, dull; March, 12s 3d; April, 12s 4½d.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, March 5.—There was relatively more spot business doing with jobbers than with commission merchants, although a good number of buyers were with the latter. From salesmen on the road the orders for package goods were good, and the collective takings were large. The stoppage of 70 per cent of the mills that make blue goods by the recent storm is attracting greater attention, as the largest producer will not start for two months and others will not get in running order for two weeks. Printing cloths very dull at 2⅝@2 11-16c, nominal.

FALL RIVER—Mass., March 5.—Print cloths very dull; nominally at 2⅝@2¾c bid.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

Butter is not coming nearly so fast as was the case a short time ago. There is no scarcity, but at the same time there is no great surplus.

Game is commencing to arrive a little more freely, especially ducks. Prices have been very high, but dealers are of the opinion that a continuance of warm weather for any length of time would bring prices down somewhat.

The snow storm of a few days ago has evidently had the effect of cutting down the receipts by keeping the farmers at home. Quotations:

EGGS—Fresh stock, 8@8½c.

BUTTER—Common and old grades, 6@7c; fair to good stock, 8@9c; choice to fancy country, 12c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club house, 14lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, choice, 7½@8c; coarse and large, 5½@6c; ducks, choice, 10@11c; turkeys, choice, 12@13c; geese, 8c.

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Jack snipe, $1; golden plover, $1.25; small rabbits, $1; mallard ducks, $3.50; redheads, $3.50; canvasback ducks, $5.00@6.00; teal, blue wing, $1.75@2.00; teal, green wing, $1.50@1.75; mixed ducks, $1.50@1.75; Canada geese, $6.00@7.00; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $3.50; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.00@1.20; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

The market is well supplied with green vegetables from the south. Quotations:

NEW TURNIPS—Per dozen bunches, 75c.

CUCUMBERS—Per dozen, $2.25@2.50.

NEW BEETS—Per dozen bunches, 75c.

TOP ONIONS—Per dozen bunches, 20@25c.

HEAD LETTUCE—Per box, $1; per bbl., $3.50.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.25; per bbl., $3.50.

TOMATOES—Florida, per six-basket crate, $4.00@4.25.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30@35c; Colorado stock, 45c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 25@50c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., No. 1, 85c; No. 2, 50@75c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4½@5c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Hot house stock, per doz. bunches, 80@85c.

FRUITS.

The weather was against the sale of strawberries and the market is lower. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per qt., 25c.

APPLES—Choice to fancy Ben Davis, $3.00@3.25; choice wine saps and willow twigs, $3.25@$3.75.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $6.5 @7.00; boxes, $2.5).

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $5.00@5.50; per 65 to 70-lb. bbl., $6.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, fancy, $2.25@2.50; choice, $2.00@2.25; fancy navals, $3.00@3.25; choice, $2.50.

LEMONS—Messinas fancy, $3.50@4.00; choice, $3.00@3.50; Californias, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 20c; extra selects, 25c; Bunnell & Co.'s selects, 27c; New York counts, 25c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $4.75.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl., $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

DATES—New Persian, 60-lb boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c, standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 5@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½@4¾c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 4½@5c; hindquarters, steers, 6½@7c; cow rounds, 5c; cow plates, 2@2½c; boneless chucks, 4c; steer chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 2½c; beef tenderloins, 20c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; loin backs, 7c; cow backs, 5c; 75@c; cow loins, No. 3, 8½c; beef trimmings, 3½c; rump butts, 4¾c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 6c; racks, 10c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 3c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5¼c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 5½c; pork shoulders, 5c; pork shoulders, skinned, 5¼c; pork trimmings, 5¼c; tenderloins, 15c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1 each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c, dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 1@2½c; beeswax, prime, 22@23c; dark, 15@16c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 8@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	$20@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tip	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs.	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@2	60	50	50	50
Fair	3 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty)	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to beau'y)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Fisher	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion, (perfect head and feet)	1@ 2				
Otter	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)	50@ 2				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short stripes	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf, Mountain	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf, Prairie	65@90	60	40	30	10
Beaver, per skin	5@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits	3 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring	8@10	9	7		
Winter		7	6		
Fall			3		
Kits	2				

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Volume of Business Fell Off Heavily Over Wednesday.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The stock market today fell about 20,000 shares below Wednesday's record and business was about evenly divided between the railway shares and the industrials. In the first class Baltimore & Ohio, though not ranking first in point of activity, attracted the greatest attention, on account of exceptional weakness. The total of the transactions was also fairly large. Anticipation of radical treatment of the securities in any scheme of rehabilitation of the property, caused renewed extensive liquidation of the stock, resulting in an extreme decline of 4 per cent to 15½, the lowest point on record. The news of the work of the reorganization committee failed to exert any permanent rallying influence, and rumors were current of possibly as high as 20 per cent assessments on the stock. It should be added that the reports bore no official authority. In the industrials Tobacco held first place in the volume of trading and extent of fluctuations. The primary cause of the animation in this specialty was the varying gossip in relation to the contest between the company and the outside manufacturers. The rumors of a probable impending issue of new preferred stock also exerted influence. An early decline of ¾ per cent was followed by a rally of 1⅜ per cent, due ostensibly to the announcement of a rise of 1c per pound in the price of the company's standard brand of pipe tobacco. Subsequently a raid was made on this stock, which resulted in a slump of 2⅝ per cent. The final sale recorded a net loss of a point. Liquidat on by insiders was also believed to be discernible. London operated in a small way on both sides of the market. Comment is getting to be general over the fact that the apparent dealings in this market for foreign account recently have failed to be reflected in the exchange market, and the inference is drawn that the original source of the alleged foreign orders is in Wall street. The initial prices were irregular with the changes unimportant, but downward in tendency. The London cables reported lower prices at that center. The early course of the general list was erratic, but tending toward a lower level, and the volume of business was light. Subsequently improvement occurred, under the leadership of a covering movement in Burlington. The block rose 1⅝ per cent, partly on purchases by a speculative organization. Boston buying advanced General Electric 1 per cent.

The balance of the list was without feature, aside from a drop of 1½ per cent in Rubber, on sales attributed to powerful interests that have withdrawn from the board of directors. Later the loss was recovered, but renewed selling caused a net loss of ⅝ per cent. In the final hour a general selling movement started, in which declines of from 1 to 2 per cent from the best figures were scored. The market closed weak in tone at general net losses, extending in some instances to a point. The railway bond market was dull, but firm. The distribution of business was fairly good, and in some cases decided improvement was noted. Northern Pacific thirds were active and rose 2 per cent, but subsequently lost most of the gain. Dividend scrip extended jumped to 70, and reacted to 65. The net gains in the other issues ranged between 1 and 2¾ per cent, the last in Duluth and Iron Range firsts. The total sales were $1,402,000.

Government sales were active, and a slight improvement occurred in the price of the new 4s. The transactions footed up $311,500.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: There was stagnation in all the markets today. Speculation in American securities was fairly good, although there was no activity. Northern Pacific bonds were bought from Germany on rumors of the reorganization scheme going through successfully. The case of the money market was further improved by the release of another £1,000,000 of the Japanese indemnity funds, which have been locked up at the Bank of England. The money was used to pay debts due here for war material account. The consols and bullion in the bank of England decreased £128,000 this week, cash having gone into circulation, as usual, at the end of the month. Fifty-eight thousands pounds of gold net were imported, the details being: One hundred and thirty-two thousand pounds from Australia, £10,000 and £14,000 exported to Russia, £10,000 to Argentine and £50,000 to a destination unknown. This return completes the bank's half year, and indicates a probable dividend.

The Paris market was steady to firm, and the Berlin market idle.

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

Atchison	19⅜	N. Y. Central	97⅜
Adams Ex	148	N. Y. & N. E	40
Alton, T. H	57	Ontario & W	14¾
Am. Express	110	Oregon Imp	2
Baltimore & Ohio	15¾	Oregon Nav	12½
Canada Pacific	55¾	O. S. L. & U. N	6
Canada Southern	60⅝	Pacific Mail	27¾
Central Pacific	15⅞	P. D. & E	2¾
Ches. & Ohio	16¾	Pittsburg	160
Chicago & Alton	155	Pullman Palace	167
C. B. & Q	76⅝	Reading	12
Chicago Gas	70⅝	Rock Island	71
Consolidated Gas	155⅝	R. G. W. pfd	43
C., C., C. & St. L	36½	Rock Island	71⅞
Colo. Coal & Iron	3	St. Paul	77⅜
Cotton Oil Cert	16¾	do pfd	120¾
Delaware & Hud	127	St. P. & Omaha	41¾
Del., Lack. & W	161½	do pfd	124
D. & R. G. pfd	49¾	Southern Pacific	19¾
D. & C. F. Co	17⅜	Sugar Refinery	116⅝
Erie	15⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	30⅜
Erie pfd	27¾	Texas Pacific	8½
Fort Wayne	162	T. & O. Cert. pfd	65
G. Northern pfd	108	Union Pacific	7¾
C. & E. I. pfd	99	U. S. Express	42
Hocking Valley	15¾	W. St. L. P	9
Illinois Central	94½	W. St. L. & P. pfd	17⅜
St. P. & Duluth	26	Wells Fargo Ex	95
K. & T. pfd	20	W. stern Union	84¼
Lake Erie & West	20	Wheeling & L. E	7
do pfd	69	do pfd	27
Lake Shore	148	M. & St. L	20
Lead Trust	24	D. & R. G	13
Louisville & N	53¼	G. E	32⅜
L. & N. A	95	N. L	16
Manhattan Con	105¾	U. F. & I	30⅜
Memphis & C	15	do pfd	97
Michigan Cent	95	H. & T. C	1½
Missouri Pacific	24¾	T. St. L. & K. C	6
Mobile & Ohio	28	St. L. & K. C. pfd	19
Nashville Chat	83	S. R. R	9⅝
National Cordage	5¼	S. R. R. pfd	31
Nat. Cordage pfd	19¾	Am. Tob. Co	73¾
N. J. Central	107	do pfd	100
N. & W. pfd	7¾	Con. Tob. & C. Co	91
North Am. Co	5⅜	Com'l Cable Co	155
Northern Pacific	4¾	Am. Sug. r pfd	101¾
N. Pacific pfd	16¾	U. S. Cordage pfd	20
U. P. D. & G	6⅝	U. S. Leather pfd	60¾
Northwestern	103¾	U. S. Rubber	25
do pfd	143	do pfd	84

Total sales of stocks today were 184,371 shares, including: American Tobacco, 46,400; American Sugar, 14,700; Baltimore & Ohio, 14,800; General Electric, 7,600; Louisville & Nashville, 8,600; Missouri Pacific, 9,900; Rock Island, 4,300; St. Paul, 18,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 5.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 3@4 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; closed at 3½@4 per cent.

PRIME MERCHANTILE PAPER—4½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¾@4.88 for demand and $4.85½@4.87 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.86.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—68½@69c.

BAR SILVER—68¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; state bonds, firm; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new	117	C. P. 1sts of '95	100⅛
U. S. 4s coup, new	117	D. & R. G. 7s	113
U. S. 5s, reg	112¾	D. & R. G. 4s	80½
U. S. 5s, coup	112¾	Erie 2ds	75
U. S. 4s, reg	108	G. H. & S. A. 6s	102
U. S. 4s, coup	109⅛	G. H. & S. A. 7s	102
U. S. 2s, reg	97	H. & T. C. 5s	110
Pacific 6s of '95	102	do 6s	106
Ala., class A	108	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	80½
Ala., class B	108	do 2d 4s	61¾
Ala., class C	103⅜	Mutual Union 6s	113
Ala., Currency	101	N. Pacific 1sts	118
La. New Con. 4s	98¾	No. Pacific 1sts	117⅛
Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	111¾
N. C. 6s	122	N. W. Consols	138¾
N. C. 4s	102	N. Y. C. & H. R. 5s	111⅛
S. C. nonfund	4	R. G. West. 1sts	76
Tenn. new set 3s	86	St. P. Consols 7s	128
Tenn. new set 5s	111	do C. & P. W. 5s	113⅛
Tenn. old 6s	66	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	70¾
Va. Centuries	61¼	St. L. & S. F. G. 6	107
do deferred	6	Texas Pac. 1sts	80½
Atchison 4s	79⅜	do 2ds	23¾
Atchison 2d A	27	U. P. 1sts of '96	102⅛
Canada So. 2ds	104¼	West Shore 4s	110½
L. & N. unified 4s	79⅜	N. Pac. 3ds	81
O. R. & N. 1sts	111	Southern 5s	95

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March. 5.—Call loans, 6@8 per cent; time loans, 5@7 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F	16⅛	W. Elec. pfd	51½
Am. Sugar	119⅜	Wis. Central	3⅞
Am. Sugar pfd	101⅜	Edison Elec. Ills	139
Bay State Gas	10	Gen. Elec. pfd	82
Boston & Albany	213	Atchison 2ds	26⅞
Boston & Maine	169	Atchison 4s	79
C. B. & Q	76⅝	New England 6s	112¾
Fitchburg	93½	Gen. Electric 5s	90¾
Gen. Electric	33	Allouez Mining Co	50
Illinois Steel	63	Atlantic	19
Mexican Central	11⅜	Boston & Montana	77¾
N. Y. & N. E	80	Butte & Boston	2¼
Old Colony	176	Calumet & Hecla	305
Ore. Short Line	6¼	Franklin	14
Rubber	23	Kearsarge	11¾
Santa Fe	5	Osceola	27¾
Union Pacific	7¾	Quincy	130
West End	68	Tamarack	108
West End pfd	89½	Wolverine	7¾

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March. 5.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	12	Gould & Curry	29
Alpha Con	11	Hale & Norcross	123
Andes	24	Justice	7
Belcher	18	Mexican	52
Best & Belcher	66	Mount Diablo	15
Bodie Con	18	Occidental Con	87
Bullion	11	Ophir	120
Bulwer Con	17	Overman	13
Caledonia	6	Potosi	42
Challenge Con	28	Savage	32
Chollar	47	Scorpion	2
Confidence	80	Sierra Nevada	61
Con. Cal. & Va	165	Union Con	51
Con. Imperial	1	Utah Con	9
Crown Point	32	Yellow Jacket	33

Silver bars, 68¼c; Mexican dollars, 55½@56c sight drafts, par; telegraphic, par.

New York Mining Quotations.

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

Bulwer	15	Ontario	1200
Chollar	50	Ophir	115
Crown Point	25	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va	150	Quicksilver	150
Deadwood	85	Quicksilver pfd	1550
Gould & Curry	30	Sierra Nevada	30
Hale & Norcros	125	Standard Con	190
Homestake	2200	Union Con	45
Iron Silver	20	Yellow Jacket	30
Mexican	50		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March. 5.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	109 5-16	Mexican ordinary	20⅜
Consols, acc't	109	St. Paul com	80¼
Can. Pacific	57¼	N. Y. Central	100⅝
Erie	16⅜	Pennsylvania	45⅛
Erie 2ds	76	Reading	6⅜
Ill. Central	99	Mex. Cen. new 4s	74⅛

BAR SILVER—31⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—2@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is ⅞ per cent.

Foreign Bank Statement.

LONDON, March 5.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued today, shows the following changes, as compared with the previous account: Total reserve, decrease, £614,000; circulation, increase, £455,000; bullion, decrease, £751,564; other securities, increase, £895,000; other deposits, decrease, £391,000; public deposits, increase, £998,000; notes, receipts, received, decrease, £680,000; government securities, £588,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 62.38 per cent, is now 61.83 per cent.

PARIS, March 5.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France, issued today, shows the following changes, as compared with the previous account: Notes in circulation, increase, 55,250,000f; treasury accounts current, decrease, 32,100,000f; gold in hand, decrease, 2,000,000f; bills discounted, decrease, 212,525,000f; silver in hand, decrease, 200,000f.

Foreign Financial Affairs.

BERLIN, March 5.—Exchange