COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Traders Are Mostly Bullish and Prices Advance Materially.

BAD CROP REPORTS AND CASH BUSINESS

Wheat Closes a Cent and a Half Higher and Other Grains About a Quarter Cent—Provisions Up a Little.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Wheat was again very feverish and unsettled today. The majority of traders were on the bull side, however, and whooped things up to such good effect that the market closed about 1½c higher. Bad crop reports, war news and cash business were features marking sudden and violent fluctuations. All other markets borrowed more or less strength from wheat, corn and oats advancing about ¼c each and provisions 2½@5c.

In wheat, firm foreign markets helped to start trading at an advance. Shorts were the best buyers, but there was a big line of long wheat for sale at around the opening price, which was dealt out with a liberal hand for half an hour, and the effect of it was to force the price down 1c per bushel from the best figure of the early trading. When that scalping line was out of the way the bulls came into the market with a rush, but found so little for sale that the price soon recovered the most of its previous decline. Liverpool showed no change in quotations at the opening and rose ½d later. New York reported buying orders there from the continent this morning, the first for a long time. Receipts were nine cars. English consols were unchanged, which indicated the unshaken feeling in the United Kingdom that the war in Europe would be confined to the present combatants. That and the comparative heaviness of the new receipts, 325 cars against 342 last year, were the bearish factors in the early news. May opened at from 74⅛c to 74¼c against yesterday's close of 73⅝c. It declined to 73⅛c under the hammering it received, then recovered to 73⅞c. A report that Kansas had issued an estimate of the condition for the state, making the condition 80, was the cause of a strong spurt afterward, which put up the price from around 73⅞c for May to 74½c, but when it was found this was on a parity with the government report, the advantage was lost. May wheat was at times difficult to trade in. Speculation is now over into July, such little speculation as there is. The market became very strong near the close and was making its best prices for the day about fifteen minutes from the close. Shorts covered liberally on the remarkable strength of outside markets, notably St. Louis, and on the tone of the war news, May finally selling up to 75⅛c and closing strong at from 74⅞c to 75c; July closed at 74⅜c bid.

Corn was firm in the main on a moderate business, but had some intervals of weakness. The predictions of rain today and tomorrow made offerings scarce. The market became quite strong near the close in sympathy with wheat. Exports were liberal, 820,000 bu. May opened unchanged at 24⅜c and sold between 24¼@24⅞c, closing at 24⅝c bid.

Oats was firm all day, wet weather causing most of the strength, although wheat and corn were also influential. Shorts were free buyers and a good general business was transacted. Exports were 127,000 bu. May opened a shade higher at 17¼c, sold between 17⅛@17⅝c, closing at 17½c bid.

Provisions were fairly firm, but dull. Buying orders were in excess of offerings all day, but not sufficiently so to put spirit in trading. The market was influenced by the strength of grain. Price fluctuations were very narrow. At the close May pork was 5c higher at $8.52½, May lard 2½c higher at $4.15 and May ribs a shade higher at $4.70@4.72½.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 2 cars; corn, 245 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 13,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'dy.
*Wheat—					
April...	74¼@⅜	75¼	73⅞	74⅞-75	73¾
May...	74⅛@¼	75⅛	73⅞	74⅞-75	73⅞
July...	73@¼	74⅜	72⅝	74⅜	72⅞
Sept...	70⅝@¾	71⅞	69⅝	71	69⅝
Corn—					
April...	24⅜	24¾	24¼	24⅝	24⅜
May...	24⅜	24⅞	24¼	24⅝	24⅜
July...	25⅜	26	25½@⅝	25⅞-26	25⅞
Sept...	27	27⅜	26⅞	27¼	26⅞@7
*Oats—					
May...	17¼	17⅝	17⅛@¼	17½	17⅛@¼
July...	18⅜	18⅞@¾	18⅜	18⅞	18⅜
Sept...	19	19¼	19	19¼	19
Pork—					
May...	8 47½	8 55	8 47½	8 52½	8 47½
July...	8 55	8 65	8 55	8 62½	8 57½
Lard—					
May...	4 12½	4 15	4 12½	4 15	4 12½
July...	4 22½	4 25	4 22½	4 25	4 22½
Sept...	4 32½	4 35	4 32½	4 35	4 32½
Sh't Ribs—					
May...	4 70	4 72½	4 70	4 72½	4 70
July...	4 75	4 77½	4 75	4 77½	4 75
Sept...	4 80	4 82½	4 80	4 82½	4 80

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Strong; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; bakers, $2.00@2.90; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring specials, $4.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74⅞@76c; No. 3 spring, 70@70¾c; No. 2 red, 90¾@94c.

CORN—No. 2, 24⅝@24¾c; No. 2 yellow, 24⅝@24⅞c.

OATS—No. 2, 17⅝c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22c, f. o. b.; No. 3 white, 20@22½c.

RYE—No. 2, 35¼c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 30c; No. 4, f. o. b., 28c.

FLAXSEED—76¾@79c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.50@8.55. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.15. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.65@4.85. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.25@5.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.87½@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.15; granulated, $4.76.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	9,000
Wheat, bu	8,000	13,000
Corn, bu	88,000	14,000
Oats, bu	201,000	347,000
Rye, bu	......	......
Barley, bu	14,000	204,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12@15c; dairy, 9@14c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 8@8¼c. Cheese, firm; 9@9½c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 9c; chickens, 7c; ducks, 9@10c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,992 bbls.; exports, 3,518 bbls.; market firm and held higher, shutting out buyers. Rye flour, firm.

CORN MEAL—Dull.

RYE—Strong; No. 2 western, 39½@40c.

BARLEY—Firmer at 28@28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 14,800 bu.; exports, 15,319 bu. Spot, firmer, with fair demand; No. 2 red, nominal; No. 1 hard winter, 81c. Options opened strong on bad crop news and covering, was hammered down by the bears, but recovered and was strong later on export business, bullish Kansas crop report and war news; closing at 1¼@1⅝c net advance; No. 2 red, April, closed at 83c; May, 80@81⅝c, closed at 81½c.

CORN—Receipts, 147,200 bu.; exports, 61,364 bu. Spot, firmer; No. 2, 30⅝c. Options opened steady and advanced later on wet weather and advance in wheat; April closed at 30½c; May, 29⅞@30c, closed at 30c.

OATS—Receipts, 31,600 bu.; exports, 60,536 bu. Spot, quiet and steady; No. 2, 23c. Options dull, but firmer on export demand; closed at ⅛@½c higher; May closed at 22½c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 70@75c.

HOPS—Steady; state, 1895 crop, 2½@6c; 1896 crop, 5@10½c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@6c; 1896 crop, 7@12c.

HIDES—Firm; Buenos Ayres, 18@19c; California, 16c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@21c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 10,043 pkgs.; steady; state and western, 13@17c; Elgins, 17c; factory, 8@11½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,152 pkgs.; quiet; state, large, 9@12c; state, small, 9@12¼c; part skims, 4@8¼c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,270 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 9⅝@10c; western, 9⅝@10c; southern, 8⅝@9c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.25@10.00; extra mess, $7.25@8.00; beef hams, $3.50@10.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.75; pickled shoulders, $4.75@5.00; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, quiet and steady; western steam, $4.37½; refined, dull. Pork, firm; family, $9.75@10.50. Tallow, weak; city, 3¼@3⅝c; country, 3⅝@3½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¼@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, poor to choice, 23@33c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed at 84c bid; Pennsylvania crude, steady; May, 87¼c bid; sales, none. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.65. Turpentine, steady at 30c. Cottonseed, prime summer yellow, 23¾@24c; off summer yellow, 23⅝c; butter grades, 27@28c; prime white, 26@27c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $10.00@11.00; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, easy; brokers, $11.25; exchange, nominal. Tin, easy; straits, $13.10@13.25; plates, dull. Spelter, easy; domestic, $4.10@4.20. Lead, weak; exchange, $3.25@3.30; brokers, $3.12½.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—WHEAT—Market slightly higher, but slow; No. 2 hard, 81¼@82½c; No. 3, 76@80c; No. 4, 72@75c; No. 2 red, 98c; No. 3, 95c; No. 4, 90@95c; No. 2 spring, 81@83c; No. 3, 77c.

CORN—Market about active; mixed, 21⅝@22½c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 21c.

RYE—No. 2, 32c.

HAY—Market weak; choice timothy, $9.50; choice prairie, $6.50@7.00.

BUTTER—Market lower on heavy supply; creamery, 13@16c; dairy, 9@12c.

EGGS—Market steady; strictly fresh, 7¼@7⅜c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

T. Sullivan, who has been in the produce commission business in South Omaha, yesterday succeeded to the business of Whitney & Co. of Omaha and will continue the same. Quotations:

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7@8c; choice to fancy roll, 11@12c; separator creamery, 16c; gathered creamery, 14c.

GAME—Everything out of season.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 8@8½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7½@8c; cocks, 3@5c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@80c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; lowland, $3.00; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50@60c.

GREEN PEAS—Per 20-lb. box, $2.00.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.50.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $3.50@4.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 15c.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, $1.00; per basket, 75c.

TOMATOES—Per 7-basket crate, $5.00.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. crate, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Illinois, 50-lb. boxes, $1.25@1.50.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.25.

OLD VEGETABLES—Beets, carrots, parsnips, per bbl., $1.50.

RADISHES—Per doz., 30c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 30c.

WAX BEANS—Bu. boxes, $3.75.

STRING BEANS—Per bu. box, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per doz., 15@20c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $3.50; new southern, 70-lb. sacks, $3.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.75; seed, $1.25@1.50.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.25@1.50.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.00@1.10.

CABBAGE—California, 2½c per lb.

CELERY—Per doz., large, California, No. 1, 90c; No. 2, 45c.

POTATOES—New Californias, 3½c per lb.; new southern, per bbl., $5.50@6.00; old native stock, per bu., 25@30c; early Ohio seed potatoes, Red river valley, 45@50c; Minnesota early Ohio, 40@45c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per 24-qt. cases, $5.00; Louisiana, 24 pints, $2.75@3.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.00.

APPLES—Fancy, large, $2.25; choice, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—California navels, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedlings, $2.25@2.65; Mediterranean sweets, fancy, $3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $2.50@2.75; choice, $3.00@3.25; choice California, $2.75; fancy, $3.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 13c; 5 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 13@14c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@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.

BONES—In carlots, 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.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—FLOUR—Nominally unchanged; patents, $4.65@4.80; extra fancy, $4.20@4.45; fancy, $3.85@3.95; choice, $3.20@3.50.

WHEAT—The opening of the speculative market was higher, but there was little snap to the trading and the undertone was weak. War news of importance was scarce, local receipts were moderate, but receipts in the northwest were fairly heavy. Crop news was conflicting and there was a fair speculative demand, but the market was very irregular. Throughout the greater part of the day the fluctuations were frequent and wild, the market steadily advancing. At the close, which was excited at about the highest point of the day, prices had made the following advances over yesterday: May, 3¼c; July, 2c; August, 2⅛c, and September, 2c. Cash wheat again broke the record, No. 2 red winter selling at $1.03 per bu. This is the highest price reached since 1890. One car was sold at that figure by C. T. Taylor & Co., to the Eggers Milling company. The news of the sale helped materially to bolster the market; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1 bid; track, $1.02@1.03; May, 99c bid; July, 77¼c asked; September, 77⅝c.

CORN—Futures quiet, but strong, and fractionally higher; receipts were heavy, and there was a good cash demand, but holders were asking higher prices; No. 2 cash, 22¼c bid; May, 21½c bid; July, 23⅞c bid; September, 25⅜@25½c.

OATS—Futures, dull; demand, slow, and prices a shade under yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 19c bid; May, 19@19⅛c; July, 19¼c bid.

RYE—Held at 34c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—$1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Firmer; sacked, east track, worth nominally, 51@52c.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 74c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.60.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $4.00@6.50; timothy, $8.00@12.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 13@18½c; dairy, 8@15c.

EGGS—Strong at 8c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

METALS—Lead, dull at $3.07½@3.12½. Spelter, firm at $3.95.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.15@8.75. Lard, steady; prime steam, $4; choice, $4.07½. Bacon (boxed) shoulder, $5.25; extra short clear, $5.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.62½. Dry salt meats (boxed) shoulders and extra short clear, $5; ribs, $5.12½; shorts, $5.25.

POULTRY—Chickens, quiet; hens, 6c; springs, 17@20c; turkeys, easy, 6½@7½c; ducks, quiet, 7c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,600 bu.; corn 44,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 57,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—WHEAT—Futures, dull; April, nominal; May, 6s 2d, ¼d higher; June, not quoted; July, 6s 2d, ¼d lower.

CORN—Spot, quiet; futures, quiet; April, 2s 7¾d; May, 2s 7⅝d, unchanged; June, not quoted; July, 2s 10d, ¼d higher.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £5@£5 5s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, 56s 3d; prime mess, 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; prime mess, medium western, 45s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 43s 6d; short ribs, 24 to 30 lbs., 27s; long clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs., 28s. Shoulders, square, 10 to 14 lbs., 26s 4d. Bacon, short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 27s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, 45 to 50 lbs., 27s. Lard, spot, 21s 9d.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, 56s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, 18s 6d.

LINSEED OIL—15s.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 2½d.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—With the close of the week the volume of new business affected foots up a large amount, that was increased largely by forwardings on account of prior purchases. The tone of the market shows increased steadiness and is reflected by agents having advanced the price of Pepperell and Androscoggin wide sheetings and Lucania cotton flannels each ⅛c per yard. Woolen goods of all descriptions are steady and good deliveries. Printing cloths, dull, but steady at 2 9-16c.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—COTTON—Spot, quiet; middling, 7 7-16c; middling uplands, 7 7-16c; middling gulf, 7 11-16c. Sales, 684 bales. Futures quiet; sales, 79,500 bales; January, $6.88; February, $6.92; April, $7.07; May, $7.07; June, $7.12; July, $7.16; August, $7.18; September, $6.96; October and November, $6.81; December, $6.85.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—COTTON—Firm; middlings, 7⅛c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 23.—CORN—Steady; new No. 2, 24½c.

OATS—Firm, irregular; No. 2 white, 20@21c.

WHISKY—Market steady at $1.19.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 59,860 bus.; oats, 46,050 bus.; rye, 1,800 bus.; whisky and wheat, none.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 5,700 bus.; oats, 21,850 bus.; rye, 600 bus.; whisky, 225 bbls.; wheat, 600 bus.

London Stock Market Dull.

LONDON, April 23.—The stock market opened easier and remained so throughout the day on inactivity of operators. The tone was dull, with generally light demand.

WAR MAKES PRICES GO UP

Conflict Between Greece and Turkey Causes Wheat to Boom.

PRICE RISES SIX CENTS AND STAYS THERE

Large Share of the Grain Needed in Europe Must Come from This Country—Falling Off in Failures.

NEW YORK, April 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

If either Turkey or Greece had been wholly buried in the sea, markets might have been effected less than by the outbreak of war in Europe. Like fire in the heart of a crowded city it raised the question whether a general conflagration may spring out of it. To this possibility and not to the direct influence of either Turkey or Greece upon the world's money or produce markets was due the excitement in grain and stocks. As the unknown is magnified, American markets were much more fidgety than European, where the possibilities have been discussed and partly discounted for months. The uncertainty remains and will affect the movement of money and staples until it disappears, creating a larger demand for American products at higher prices, causing speculative selling at times, but also more continuous buying by foreign investors and not improbably influencing the attitude of foreign powers on questions important to this country.

Wheat rose 6 cents from Thursday to Monday and has retained most of the rise. Since Russia and the Danubian states will be likely to ship wheat scantily, especial needs and much higher prices may be possible there, a large share of the requirements of western Europe may be drawn from this country, and the chance of a war between the great powers has the more influence because supplies are not large. While western receipts do not yet increase and in three weeks have been but 5,641,001 bushels, against 5,533,119 last year, Atlantic exports begin to gain slightly, amounting to 1,190,229 bushels, flour included, against 1,095,761 last year, and for three weeks have been 3,598,170 bushels, against 3,543,079 last year. But the great increase in corn, on which the price has scarcely advanced, though Atlantic exports were 4,189,196 bushels for the week and for three weeks 10,251,251 bushels, against 12,129,502 last year. Already the exports for the crop year have been 33,000,000 bushels larger than Atlantic exports of wheat and flour, and may soon exceed the total exports of wheat and flour from both coasts. Cotton has been affected scarcely at all though government estimates that the flooded districts yielded nearly 500,000 bales, an increased acreage in other sections is generally reported.

The past week, like others of late, has witnessed the starting of operations by several iron works, especially in black sheets for tinning, and yet prices of pig iron and unfinished products are lower, demand not yet equaling the supply. Bessemer pig has sold as low as $9.05 at Pittsburg and grey forge at $5.50 in Birmingham. Steel billets fell to $14.25 at Pittsburg, and angles to 1 cent, but wire rods cannot be secured fast enough at $21.75. Nails are strong, and a few more structural orders are pending. Eastern works also have orders for 15,000 tons of steel rails. Complaint and proof that the demand for the products is deficient blinds many to the fact that the actual work in progress largely on the heavy orders for beams, billets, rails and sheet bars taken when the pools broke up, is of greater volume than for a long time. Large sales of copper are reported at 18½, with production of 18,000 tons in March. When the end of the stipulated curtailment has been reached by some cotton mills, and since the auction sales, some bleached goods have been slightly advanced, but actual buying does not increase, and print cloths do not improve.

Sales of wool have been largely of foreign, reports being swelled by arrivals of quantities sold some time ago, and imports at Boston for the week were 32,000 bales. For the three chief cities sales were 24,260,100 pounds in three weeks, 20,271,300 pounds being foreign, against 15,906,100 pounds in 1892, including 7,574,600 pounds foreign. But manufacturers are doing scarcely anything and orders for goods improve very little, though for somewhat better grades of goods.

Failures for the week have been 218, in the United States, against 238 last year, and twenty-one in Canada, against forty-four last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corersponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 519,512,512	......	9.9
Chicago	81,735,737	......	7.9
Boston	69,309,454	......	16.4
Philadelphia	67,212,248	......	21.8
St. Louis	26,665,633	16.6	......
San Francisco	14,153,633	15.5	......
Baltimore	12,552,271	......	2.2
Pittsburg	16,979,200	......	3.9
Cincinnati	11,778,900	......	......
Kansas City	10,888,735	......	4.9
New Orleans	6,805,259	......	26.6
Buffalo	3,527,099	......	12.2
Milwaukee	4,224,888	......	6.2
Detroit	5,142,597	......	2.6
Louisville	6,112,869	4.0	......
Minneapolis	7,093,864	46.6	......
OMAHA	3,982,492	......	10.7
Providence	5,971,700	......	8.1
Cleveland	5,492,758	......	8.5
Houston	4,978,199	50.1	......
St. Paul	2,912,609	......	23.4
Denver	2,643,067	11.7	......
Indianapolis	4,235,971	......	1.8
Columbus, O.	3,851,300	......	16.7
Hartford	1,967,005	......	15.5
Richmond	2,147,322	100.0	......
Washington	1,934,450	6.0	......
Dallas	2,201,576	......	......
St. Joseph	1,144,728	......	7.3
Peoria	1,322,316	......	12.0
Memphis	1,458,035	......	19.8
Portland, Ore.	831,821	2.7	......
Rochester	1,561,534	9.0	......
New Haven	1,318,967	......	7.0
Savannah	1,967,209	18.9	......
Springfield, Mass.	1,202,434	......	5.0
Worcester	1,357,124	4.0	......
Portland, Me.	975,675	......	9.2
Atlanta	1,305,479	......	25.0
Fort Worth	1,289,742	1.8	......
Waco	527,783	......	40.6
Syracuse	939,874	......	8.1
Des Moines	959,572	......	14.3
Grand Rapids	760,781	......	1.1
Seattle	572,665	......	5.1
Lowell	578,761	......	6.9
Wilmington, Del.	666,730	......	16.8
Norfolk	960,393	14.2	......
Sioux City	462,968	8.8	......
Los Angeles	984,361	......	18.7
Tacoma	415,538	......	18.3
Spokane	589,582	16.5	......
Jacksonville	221,615	27.3	......
Lincoln	293,098	15.0	......
New Bedford	453,659	21.6	......
Wichita	458,293	......	5.8
Birmingham	355,543	......	26.0
Topeka	458,399	9.4	......
Lexington, Ky.	321,399	16.5	......
Binghampton	316,100	......	7.6
Bay City, Mich.	153,916	......	37.9
Fall River	614,914	......	14.3
Akron, O.	229,524	......	4.0
Springfield, O.	153,165	......	......
Canton, O.	183,800	......	4.1
Sioux Falls	26,543	......	42.5
Fremont, Neb.	52,544	......	......
Hastings, Neb.	65,659	30.0	......
Chattanooga	211,000	......	8.7
Fargo	116,658	......	15.3
Nashville	942,425	......	......
Galveston	3,509,500	......	1.4
Salt Lake	1,414,812	12.8	......
Scranton	854,633	......	10.5
Augusta	677,902	......	......
Dayton	594,455	......	5.2
Knoxville	478,045	21.9	......
Kalamazoo	232,508	......	22.1
Rockford	206,286	......	24.2
Davenport	566,582	......	......
Toledo	1,311,024	......	1.2
Totals	$ 934,219,719	......	7.9
Exclusive of New York	414,707,208	......	5.5
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 9,359,845	......	0.6
Toronto	5,260,652	......	8.7
Halifax	987,613	......	11.3
Hamilton	593,946	......	4.8
Winnipeg	842,051	......	2.8
St. Johns	456,599	......	......
Totals	$ 16,948,107	......	5.5

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Changes During the Week Have Been of an Encouraging Nature.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

The change in conditions underlying general trade, while slight this week, has been in the direction of improvement. The depression in iron and steel continues and Bessemer pig and steel billets have reacted another 25 cents a ton.

The outlook favors an increase in labor disturbances to resist midsummer wage reduction. The bituminous coal mining industry is worse than the anthracite, with rumors of strikes, which promise to have an unfavorable influence on other than the iron and steel industries. Trade in wool is quieter. There is less life in the wholesale dry goods trade and little relief has been experienced, notwithstanding the large auction sales of cotton goods last week, buyers continuing to supply immediate needs only.

The tendency toward more settled weather has stimulated retail demand, more particularly at the northwest, notably for dry goods, hardware and millinery. The general tendency of the Mississippi flood to subside has created a better feeling, but not even the recent agricultural department census records all the damage done. Country roadways have begun to improve, which benefits interior merchants.

The only large cities reporting an increase in the movement of merchandise are St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Kansas City, where the distribution of dry goods, shoes, hardware and building materials has been more conspicuous. At almost all other large centers there has been no material gain in industrial or commercial lines.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from St. Johns, N. B., this week, amount to 1,634,657 bushels, against 5,344,000 bushels last week, 1,128,000 bushels in the third week of April, 1896, 2,411,000 bushels in the like week of 1895, 2,727,000 bushels in 1894 and as compared with 2,597,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn amount to 4,769,315 bushels this week, against 2,329,000 bushels last week, less than 1,600,000 bushels in the week of 1896, less than half as many in the corresponding week of 1895 and as compared with 1,642,000 bushels in the third week of April, 1894.

There are 216 business failures throughout the United States for the week, compared with 155 last week, 240 in the third week of April, 1896; 223 in the corresponding period of 1895, 201 in 1894, and with 196 in the like week of April, 1893. There are twenty-two business failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week, compared with thirty-nine last week, thirty-seven in the week a year ago, and twenty-two two years ago.

REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

War in Europe Effects Transactions in Wall Street.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say:

Saturday and Monday last were signalized by heavy selling and considerable declines on the part of the foreign houses and by bearish manifestations by the local traders. The declaration of war between Turkey and Greece was the cause, and it was assumed that when the London and continental markets reopened on Tuesday after the Easter vacation they would be in more or less panicky conditions and that American stocks would be thrown on New York in large quantities. The results, however, were a great disappointment to the bears. Both London and the continent took the news of war calmly and apparently concluded that the disturbance would be limited to the original combatants or soon ended. Speculators in London who had sold our stocks on the opposite theory of course made haste to cover their short contracts, and the local bear contingent also purchased with haste resulting in the marked recovery in prices during Tuesday and Wednesday. The exhaustion of the short interest in international stocks caused a slackening in the movement toward the end of the day, which was in a measure compensated for by manipulation directed against the bears, the anthracite stocks, Jersey Central in particular gaining considerable ground.

On Thursday, however, London's demand for Americans to cover shorts fell off entirely, and the market there devoted itself to a rise in the Kaffir mining shares. The absence of further foreign support, with the circulation of rumors that the area of disturbance in the continent was spreading, had of course an effect on this market and prices yielded toward the end of the week, there being also more or less renewed activity on the part of the bear traders.

The proceedings throughout were purely professional, and it would seem that large interests generally hold aloof from the trading until a more equitable set of conditions appear.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Tobacco Alone Is Dealt in to Any Considerable Extent.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Undeviating dullness marked the dealings in stocks today from start to finish. The total shares sold fell several thousand under 100,000, and dealers and brokers found their occupation practically gone. Tobacco was the only stock dealt in to the extent of 10,000 shares, and that was a selling movement. In the railway list, outside the coalers, the only stock which varied its price to the extent of a point was Burlington, and its net change was only ½ per cent. Such a market offered no inducement, except to the strictly professional element, and to them only for a very quick turn on an almost infinitely small margin. The whole market continued to be dominated by the war situation in Europe, and the opening adhered closely to the level already established for the day's trading in London. The indisposition to trade in stocks seemed to be based on the expectation that the Turks were sure to win success ultimately, and that Greece's success served only to delay the ending of the war, which would come in the intervention of the powers in the event of Turkish success. There was a slight activity shown shortly after midday when a rumor was circulated that the Turks had captured the town of Larissa. The falsity of this report was quickly ascertained and the momentary activity came to an end. In spite of the inanition of the market, it is probable that the bears are very chary of making any wholesale onslaught on or of putting out new lines. The indications point also to a large decrease in the existing short interest in the last few days, the loan rate for most stocks being much reduced, except where manipulated, being much reduced, except where manipulated, as in the case of the coalers. The movement upward of New Jersey Central and Delaware & Hudson is attributed to the bidding up of the loan rate by inside interests and the driving of the shorts to cover. The features of the narrow market were all found in the specialties, where the activity was due in each case to a special cause. In Tobacco the decline was due to the reports from the west of the hostility of labor organizations to the company's product. In American Spirits, it was occasioned by an unfavorable interpretation of the failure of the controlling interest to have a quorum at the annual meeting, and the consequent lack of a report on business and condition of the company. In others the activity was wholly caused by manipulative tactics. Leather preferred showed a recovery from its recent depression on covering of shorts. The net result of the day's trading was a general gain of a fraction. The Spirits preferred was a loser by 1½ per cent, after erratic fluctuations, and the 6 per cent bonds of the company broke 4 points and recovered 1½ per cent. Tobacco lost a point net on the day. The closing was weak.

The bond market displayed a fair degree of activity, with values generally firm. Government securities lacked feature, but were generally well held on dealings of $10,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "This was a blank day on the stock markets, it being a Jewish holiday, and the tone was rather dull on Greek successes. At the approach of the settlement which will begin in mines tomorrow, Kaffirs reacted, closing at the lowest of the day. In spite of the recent rally some heavy differences on Kaffirs are to be met. Brazils were flat on account of the fall in exchange. For the week ended yesterday about £800,000 of gold has been shipped to Japan. French exchange fell today to the unusually low figure of 25f 10½c. Careful inquiry fails to discover any exceptional causes in operation, but doubtless the high prices of bar gold here assists the movement. There seems to be as yet no actual French demand for gold. The Paris and Berlin markets have been dull, but closed heavier."

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

Atchison	10¼	Ontario & W.	13¾
Adams Ex.	150	Oregon Nav.	10
Alton, T. H.	56	O. S. L. & U. N.	16
Am. Express	112	Pacific Mail	26
Baltimore & Ohio	13	Peoria, Dec. & E.	½
Canada Pacific	48¼	Pittsburg	160
Canada Southern	47¼	Pullman Palace	158½
Central Pacific	7¾	Reading	18¾
Ches. & Ohio	16⅜	R. G. W.	12½
Chicago & Alton	164	do pfd	30
C. B. & Q.	71⅛	Rock Island	62⅜
Chicago Gas	81⅛	St. Paul	71¾
Consolidated Gas	162½	do pfd	130½
C., C., C. & St. L.	28	St. Paul & Omaha	57
Colo. Coal & Iron	⅜	St. P. & O. pfd	139
Cotton Oil Cert	10½	Southern Pacific	14¾
Delaware & Hud.	105¼	Sugar Refinery	112½
Del., Lack. & W.	150	Tenn. Coal & Iron	20¾
D. & R. G. pfd	37½	Texas Pacific	8
Erie	12¼	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	50
Erie pfd	28	Union Pacific	5½
Fort Wayne	164	U. S. Express	40
G. Northern pfd	162	W. St. L. & Pac.	4½
C. & E. I. pfd	118	W. St. L. & P. pfd	12
Illinois Central	95	Wells Fargo Ex.	101
St. P. & Duluth	23½	Western Union	79½
K. & T. pfd	92	Wheeling & L. E.	¾
Lake Erie & West	14¾	W. & L. E. pfd	2⅜
do pfd	165	Minn. & St. Louis	16½
Lake Shore	163	Den. & R. G.	9¼
Lead Trust	22¼	Gen. Electric	30¾
Louisville & N.	43	Nat'l Linseed	10
L. & N. A.	¼	Col. Fuel & I.	17½
Manhattan Con.	84⅛	do pfd	87
Memphis & C.	15	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5½
Michigan Central	95	do pfd	18½
Mo. Pacific	15¼	Southern	7⅝
Mobile & Ohio	18½	Southern pfd	25¾
Nashville Chat.	63	Tobacco	68⅜
N. J. Central	81¼	Tobacco pfd	102
N. & W. pfd	23	Rubber	14½
North Am. Co.	3⅜	Rubber pfd	63½
Northern Pacific	12	Am. T. & C. Co.	87½
N. Pacific pfd	34¼	C. C. Co.	100
U. P., D. & G.	1	Am. Sugar pfd	102¼
Northwestern	103¾	Leather	5¾
do pfd	154	Cotton Oil pfd	55¼
N. Y. Central	98⅜	Am. Spirits	14½
N. Y. & N. E.	37	do pfd	27½

The total sales of stocks were 89,549 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 4,600; Burlington, 8,800; Chicago Gas, 4,700; Reading, 2,400; St. Paul, 6,800; Western Union, 3,500; New Jersey Central, 4,100.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 23.—Call loans, 2½@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10	W. Elec. pfd	50
American Sugar	112⅜	Ed. Elec. Ill.	147
Am. Sugar pfd	103	Gen. Elec. pfd	71
Bay State Gas	4½	Atchison pfd	19
Bell Telephone	220½	Atchison 4s	79½
Boston & Albany	212½	New England 6s	113
Boston & Maine	162	[illegible]	119½
C. B. & Q.	71⅛	Allouez Mining Co.	90
Fitchburg	92	Atlantic	20
General Electric	30¾	Boston & Montana	114
Illinois Steel	32	Butte & Boston	15½
Mexican Central	7¾	Calumet & Hecla	360
Old Colony	170	Centennial	4¾
Ore. Short Line	15	Franklin	10
Rubber	14	Kearsarge	13¾
San Diego	10	Osceola	28½
Union Pacific	5⅝	Quincy	107
West End	70⅜	Tamarack	110½
West End pfd	92¾	Wolverine	8½
West. Elec.	22⅜	[illegible]	

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	6	Hale & Norcross	86
Alpha Con.	7	Julia	4
Andes	23	Justice	3
Belcher	39	Kentucky Con.	5
Best & Belcher	66	Mexican	46
Bullion	9	Occidental Con.	25
Caledonia	12	Ophir	105
Challenge Con.	35	Overman	8
Chollar	105	Potosi	57
Confidence	115	Savage	20
Con. Cal. & Va.	170	Scorpion	4
Con. Imperial	1	Sierra Nevada	51
Con. New York	2	Silver Hill	1
Crown Point	13	Union Con.	26
Exchequer	3	Utah Con.	5
Gould & Curry	31	Yellow Jacket	28

Silver bars, 61 13-16c; Mexican dollars, 49½@50c; drafts, sight, 17½c; drafts, telegraph, 20c.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills, $4.85@4.85¼ for demand, and $4.86½@4.86¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87@4.87½ and $4.88½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.85¾.

BAR SILVER—61⅞c per ounce.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—48⅝c bid; 49⅝c asked.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	123¾	D. & R. G. 7s	112½
U. S. new coup.	124¾	do 4s	87⅜
U. S. 5s, reg.	112⅜	Erie 2ds	63⅛
U. S. 5s, coup.	114⅜	G. H. & S. A. 6s	104½
U. S. 4s, reg.	111⅝	do 7s	95⅝
U. S. 4s, coup.	112½	H. & T. C. 5s	110
U. S. 2s, reg.	96½	do 6s	100
Pacific 6s of '95	104	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	84
Ala., class A	106	do 2d 4s	56⅝
Ala., class B	104	Mutual Union 6s	112
Ala., class C	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	112
Ala. Currency	100	No. Pacific 1sts	116¼
La. New Con. 4s	95½	do 2ds	83
Missouri 6s	100	N. W. Consols	143
N. C. 6s	127	do S. F. Deb. 5s	114½
N. C. 4s	102	R. G. West. 1sts	72⅛
S. C. nonfund	¼	St. P. Consols 7s	132
Tenn. new set 6s	79	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	115⅜
Tenn. new set 5s	105	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5	70
Va. Centuries	64	St. L. & S. F. Gen 6	110½
do deferred	4	Texas Pac. 1sts	88⅜
Atchison 4s	79⅜	Texas Pac. 2ds	18⅛
Atchison 2d A	42⅜	U. P. 1sts of '96	102
Canada So. 2nds	105	West Shore 4s	108⅜
C. P. 1sts of '95	102⅜	L. & N. unified 4s	79⅛

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 23.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	111⅞	St. Paul common	73⅜
Consols, acc't	112	N. Y. Central	101
Can. Pacific	59	Pennsylvania	54⅜
Erie	12⅜	Reading	9⅜
Erie 2nds	23	Mex. Cen. new 4s	70
Ill. Central	94	Atchison	10⅜
Mexican ordinary	20⅛	L. & N.	43⅜

BAR SILVER—28 5-16d per ounce.

MONEY—1½@1¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 1 5-16 per cent.

GOVERNMENT CROP BULLETIN.

Weekly Resume of the Climatic Conditions of the Country.

The week ending 8 a. m., April 19, was slightly warmer than usual in the lower lake region, New England and over the eastern portions of the Carolinas. It was also warmer than usual throughout the Rocky mountain and plateau regions, and on the Pacific coast, the week being decidedly warm over the interior portions of California, and in Oregon and Washington, where the average daily temperature excess ranged from 9 degrees to 12 degrees, being greatest in northern Oregon, where the week is reported as unprecedentedly warm for the season. Along the California coast and over the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, the average daily temperature for the week was from 1 degree to 2 degrees above the normal. In southern New England and the lower lake region the week averaged from 3 degrees to 6 degrees per day warmer than usual, the excess in the Carolinas being very slight.

Throughout the central valleys and gulf states and over the greater portion of the upper lake region, the week was cooler than usual, the average daily temperature deficiency generally ranging from 3 degrees to 6 degrees throughout the districts named, being greatest over the central portions of Illinois and Indiana, and on the central gulf coast.

The 18th and 19th were exceptionally cold for the season over the northern portion of the upper lake region, while the period from the 14th to the 18th was unusually warm on the north Pacific, the 17th and 18th being unusually warm over northern and middle Rocky mountain slopes. The maximum temperatures at stations in Washington and northern Oregon and in eastern Colorado were the highest that have occurred during the second decade of April since the establishment of weather bureau stations.

The line of freezing temperature for the week extends from western Montana southward through the plateau region to northern New Mexico, thence northeastward through Kansas, northern Missouri, the central portions of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and from western New York to the southern coast of Maine. On the 19th the temperature fell to 4 degrees at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., being 13 degrees below the previous minimum record for the middle decade of April.

There was more than the usual amount of precipitation over the upper lake region and northern New England, including portions of eastern New York and northern New Jersey. There was also more than the usual precipitation in eastern and southern Florida and over portions of eastern Arkansas, western Tennessee and southern Texas. Portions of Arkansas and Tennessee received from one to nearly two inches of rain, extreme southern Florida and eastern Wisconsin over two inches and portions of the middle Atlantic states and New England slightly over one inch. In all other sections the week averaged drier than usual. Except moderate showers along the coasts of Oregon, Washington and northern California there was practically no rain west of the eastern Rocky mountain slope, and there was an almost entire absence of rain over the greater part of Kansas and over a considerable portion of the South Atlantic states.

Throughout the central valleys, lake region and gulf states the week ending April 19 has not been favorable, being too cold, with excessive moisture in most sections.

In the Carolinas, eastern Tennessee, southern Virginia, and generally throughout New England the conditions have been favorable, and throughout the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states the week has been exceptionally favorable, both for farm work and the growth of vegetation.

But little corn has been planted during the week, owing to unfavorable temperature conditions. No corn has yet been planted north of the Ohio river and but little has been planted in Kentucky. On the Atlantic coast practically no corn has been planted north of Maryland and but little in that state, but considerable progress has been made in Virginia, while in the Carolinas much of the early planted is up, planting being about completed in South Carolina. Westward of the Mississippi no corn has been planted north of Missouri and Kansas, and plowing for planting has just begun in Nebraska. In the southern states corn has been unfavorably affected by low temperature and needs warmer weather.

No improvement in the condition of winter wheat is reported from Wisconsin and Illinois, and in the last named much will be plowed up. Some further improvement is reported from Nebraska, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, but in Nebraska, as in Illinois and Missouri, much has been, or will be, plowed up for other crops. In Kentucky and Tennessee the crop is in fine condition, and reports from the southern and Atlantic states are generally favorable.

Spring wheat seeding has continued over the southern portion of the spring wheat region, and some seeding has been done in the uplands of the Dakotas and Minnesota, in which states the soil is too wet and seeding is much delayed. Good progress has been made in Iowa, and seeding is about completed in Nebraska.

Some oats have been sown in South Dakota and Michigan, and seeding is well advanced in Nebraska. Farther south, and throughout the Atlantic coast states, greater progress has been made, the bulk of the crop having been sown. Some rotting is reported from Ohio and Illinois, but the reports generally are favorable, the outlook in the southern states being very promising.

Some cotton has been planted in Oklahoma, southeastern Missouri and in Tennessee. In the Carolinas and gulf states planting has been pushed rapidly under favorable conditions. About half the crop has been planted in Arkansas, and planting is nearly completed over the central and southern portions of Mississippi. Chopping is active in Florida, and considerable cotton has been laid by in Georgia. In northern Texas planting and growth of cotton have been retarded by cool weather.

The outlook for an ample supply of tobacco plants continues favorable, the tobacco beds in Kentucky having experienced improvement during the week.

South Dakota Crop Report.

HURON, S. D., April 23.—Weekly crop bulletin No. 1 of the South Dakota section of the climate and crop service of the United States weather bureau for week ending April 19, 1897:

The winter of 1896-97 set in early, the latter part of October being unusually cold and November's temperature being considerably below the normal. While the extremes of cold were not as great as in some former years, there was continuous winter of more or less severity until after the middle of March. The early snows caught considerable of the abundant corn crop of 1896 ungarnered in the central and northern counties, and although some was gathered during open days of winter, there is no doubt that much of it remained in the fields until the disappearance of the snow, which was during the third decade of March. For the same reason considerable small grain remained in the stack all winter in localities. It appears that this came through in good condition more or less generally, but much of the remaining corn was spoiled or was in such condition, when gathered that immediate consumption as feed for stock was imperative.

Through the winter the snows were frequent and the weather cold enough to prevent thawing. The result was that when thawing weather came the water from the accumulated snow filled the streams, lake beds and sloughs, and flooded more or less the flat and the low lands. These conditions were greatly augmented the last days of March by rains over the eastern and rains or snows over the western portion of the state, and rains in April. Lowlands were flooded, living creeks and rivers flooded the bottom lands adjacent thereto and "dry runs" became full and more with rushing waters. The rivers in the eastern portion of the state were higher than known in many years and considerable damage was done to bridges, buildings and hay stacks by the flood.

The month of March averaged unusually cold, with more than the average amount of precipitation, and was extremely cold much of the first half. The remainder of the month the temperature was more seasonable, but the ground was too wet for work.

By April 5 very little seeding had been done and that only on higher ground having good drainage.

During the week ending April 12 the temperature was about normal, with light rains and considerable cloudy weather. Low lands continued either submerged or too wet to work, but higher ground had been drying slowly and permitted some seeding and plowing in the central, southern and southwestern counties. The first half of the week ending today was showery, but the remainder fair, with fresh to brisk and high drying winds, putting most of the high land in tillable condition. Much low land continues too wet to work, but on higher ground seeding of wheat, oats and barley is quite general. Some early gardening has been done, also, in the southern counties.

The soil generally is so moist that with seasonable temperature seed will germinate and grow rapidly. The ground has not been so thoroughly saturated with moisture since the spring of 1881 and in this particular the promise of a fruitful season has never been more flattering. The buds of trees are beginning to swell in the southern and central counties and grass is starting nicely.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—WHEAT—Weaker; May, $1.34¾; December, $1.32⅝.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Arrivals of Cattle Unusually Heavy for a Friday Run.

BUSINESS BRISK AND PRICES STEADY

Buyers Go After the Cattle Early and Soon Clear the Pens—Hogs Lose a Little, Closing Lower.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 23.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
April 23	2,014	6,230	2,259	16
April 22	2,129	5,084	5,630	2
April 21	1,483	3,468	1,579	56
April 20	2,893	7,303	1,969	48
April 19	1,469	2,393	2,025	5
April 17	1,642	3,111	4,378	8
April 16	1,592	4,383	4,626	5
April 15	1,975	6,334	2,565	14
April 14	3,220	4,873	3,433	2
April 13	2,263	3,609	2,542	1
April 12	2,168	1,298	1,558	....
April 10	1,306	2,724	2,802	....
April 9	2,413	2,810	989	....

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	5	1	..	..
Mo. Pacific Ry.	2	3	..	..
Union Pacific System	22	33	6	2
C. & N. W. Ry.	2	1	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	10	16	3	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	3	2	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	3	6	..	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	29	23	..	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	1	3	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., E.	1	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., W.	..	3	..	..
Total receipts	78	92	9	2

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	....	2	....
The G. H. Hammond Co.	299	1,256	....
Swift and Company	334	2,349	449
The Cudahy Packing Co.	667	2,228	257
R. Becker and Degan	96	....	....
W. I. Stephens	53	....	....
Hill & Lewis Co.	72	....	....
Benton & Underwood	234	....	....
Huston & Co.	43	....	....
Krebbs & Co.	87	....	....
Livingston & Son	60	....	....
Hammond, K. C.	....	373	....
Hotchkiss	....	....	36
Other buyers	100	....	....
Left over	....	....	1,259
Totals	2,045	6,208	2,001

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were unusually large for a Friday, there being seventy-eight loads reported in, a gain over a week ago of 425 head.

The market as a whole was not very productive of new or interesting features, values on all kinds of cattle being about steady.

While there were quite a good many cornfed beeves in the yards there was nothing choice or fancy to put a high top on the market. Still the most of the cattle were good, such as are selling at $4.30@4.50. The prices paid were the same as prevailed yesterday and the market could hardly be quoted otherwise than steady. The cattle were all sold in good season and the yards cleared.

Less than half as many cows and heifers were on sale today as yesterday. Still the market was not particularly active and it was some time before a clearance was effected. As was the case with beef steers the cow stuff sold at about steady prices.

Stockers and feeders were in liberal supply, but the demand was good and the market firm. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	599	$3 50	6	1083	$4 25	17	1245	$4 35
1	870	3 50	20	990	4 25	22	1140	4 35
1	970	3 75	18	1378	4 25	18	1233	4 35
1	1180	3 85	2	1080	4 25	7	1157	4 35
4	1190	3 90	3	1270	4 25	7	1240	4 35
22	1368	3 90	4	1195	4 25	41	1351	4 40
6	855	3 90	30	1175	4 25	15	1154	4 40
35	813	3 90	23	990	4 25	18	1163	4 40
7	950	4 00	21	1017	4 30	1	1500	4 40
6	1071	4 05	8	1337	4 30	15	1208	4 40
49	1094	4 05	5	1058	4 30	4	1172	4 40
4	1332	4 10	17	1044	4 30	19	1175	4 40
11	1119	4 15	12	1157	4 30	3	1133	4 45
21	1096	4 15	1	1240	4 30	20	1036	4 45
20	1116	4 15	16	1150	4 30	16	1143	4 50
14	1095	4 20	17	1020	4 30	10	1504	4 50
3	960	4 20	18	1196	4 30	22	1244	4 50
25	1034	4 20	2	1320	4 30	18	1412	4 55
34	1160	4 20	12	1058	4 35	11	1350	4 70

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1000	1 60	2	945	3 00	1	1170	3 30
1	960	2 00	2	985	3 00	1	1220	3 40
1	770	2 25	1	950	3 00	21	782	3 40
1	1030	2 35	6	960	3 00	1	1470	3 40
1	810	2 35	2	1195	3 10	1	1140	3 40
1	790	2 35	1	1090	3 10	2	1210	3 40
1	890	2 40	3	1193	3 10	3	1006	3 45
1	930	2 50	1	730	3 10	1	1210	3 50
1	950	2 50	6	1190	3 15	3	1186	3 50
2	975	2 50	1	1350	3 15	1	1040	3 60
5	992	2 60	36	989	3 20	2	1205	3 60
1	910	2 60	2	1210	3 20	1	1189	3 60
1	800	2 75	1	1230	3 25	2	1265	3 60
1	710	2 75	1	1240	3 25	6	816	3 60
15	900	2 75	1	1140	3 25	2	910	3 60
1	1080	2 75	2	1120	3 25	2	1300	3 65
3	1066	2 75	8	1067	3 25	1	1260	3 65
2	1055	2 80	1	1080	3 25	5	1004	3 65
1	1580	2 90	10	804	3 25	4	1130	3 65
2	895	2 90	18	1101	3 25	18	941	3 65
1	1250	2 90	4	1205	3 25	6	1010	3 65
1	1060	3 00	1	1200	3 25	4	1017	3 70
1	1100	3 00	8	1100	3 30	18	813	3 75
1	1050	3 00	7	981	3 30	5	806	3 90

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	445	2 50	2	440	3 30	12	576	3 80
1	600	3 00	2	690	3 35	4	957	3 80
4	827	3 15	7	497	3 40	32	596	3 85
1	820	3 15	3	856	3 50	9	983	3 85
1	430	3 25	1	390	3 50	2	1015	3 90
1	400	3 25	1	820	3 50	5	812	3 90
1	620	3 25	2	715	3 60	4	965	3 95
1	560	3 25	2	875	3 65	1	510	4 15
1	670	3 25	2	625	3 75			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1460	1 85	1	1200	2 90	2	1025	3 20
2	1125	2 60	1	1420	3 00	2	1235	3 20
1	850	2 40	1	1650	3 00	1	1560	3 20
1	1500	2 40	3	1960	3 00	1	1690	3 25
1	930	2 50	1	1350	3 00	1	1440	3 25
1	1320	2 55	1	1800	3 00	2	1475	3 25
1	860	2 65	15	1617	3 00	1	1540	3 30
1	1420	2 75	1	1570	3 10	1	820	3 30
1	1170	2 75	1	1780	3 10	1	1090	3 30
1	1460	2 75	1	1650	3 15	1	1720	3 35
1	1350	2 80	1	1560	3 15	1	1120	3 40
1	1630	2 80	1	1420	3 15	1	1340	3 40
4	1420	2 85	1	1430	3 20	1	1400	3 65
1	1710	2 90	1	1820	3 20			

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1160	3 00	1	1030	3 40	1	1570	3 75
1	1120	3 00	13	1290	3 60			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	280	4 65	1	90	5 25	2	280	5 50
1	340	4 70	1	130	5 25	1	300	5 50
2	295	4 75	1	190	5 25	1	210	5 50
1	700	3 00	12	864	4 15	1	1000	4 35
1	200	5 00						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	700	3 00	1	1100	4 10	11	978	4 30
1	830	3 25	1	850	4 15	20	631	4 35
1	540	3 35	3	536	4 15	27	667	4 35
1	770	3 50	12	364	4 15	28	771	4 35
1	430	3 50	3	893	4 15	1	1000	4 35
4	835	3 50	6	961	4 15	12	1154	4 40
1	820	3 50	11	994	4 20	3	616	4 40
2	1020	3 75	4	790	4 25	18	701	4 40
1	530	3 85	2	800	4 25	14	589	4 50
1	570	4 00	4	632	4 25	3	453	4 50
1	580	4 00	153	886	4 25	26	820	4 55
1	880	4 00	4	870	4 25	36	765	4 55
1	580	4 00	10	1067	4 25	20	649	4 55
2	825	4 00	17	840	4 25	1	420	4 60
1	580	4 00	21	1009	4 30	27	586	4 70
6	961	4 10	2	890	4 30			

HOGS—Yesterday they put on a shaving, and today took it off. The hogs sold all the way from steady to 5c lower, that is at $3.80, $3.82½ and $3.85, principally, while yesterday over half of all the hogs brought $3.85.

Today's easing off in values puts the market back about where it was on Wednesday. The hogs sold today 5c lower than a week ago, 5@10c lower than a month ago, but 55c higher than a year ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
47	262	80	$3 80	57	264	80	$3 82½
29	281	80	3 80	62	281	160	3 82½
49	270	...	3 80	67	259	80	3 82½
64	298	120	3 80	66	241	80	3 82½
22	287	...	3 80	83	243	80	3 82½
63	315	80	3 80	60	305	...	3 82½
49	300	...	3 80	69	263	40	3 82½
60	277	...	3 80	67	282	80	3 82½
69	283	...	3 80	56	352	...	3 82½
57	310	...	3 80	41	300	...	3 82½
67	307	40	3 80	13	304	80	3 82½
75	261	...	3 80	56	267	80	3 82½
59	318	...	3 80	61	268	40	3 82½
49	262	...	3 80	69	266	40	3 82½
48	308	80	3 80	21	260	80	3 82½
57	317	...	3 80	76	269	120	3 85
66	298	...	3 80	67	250	80	3 85
61	310	40	3 80	62	267	80	3 85
29	311	...	3 80	74	255	160	3 85
61	256	...	3 80	58	233	...	3 85
75	264	...	3 80	65	236	...	3 85
61	278	40	3 80	64	250	...	3 85
40	310	40	3 80	63	291	80	3 85
49	276	40	3 80	60	245	...	3 85
42	257	...	3 82½	58	265	...	3 85
77	259	...	3 82½	57	295	...	3 85
76	274	80	3 82½	68	285	...	3 85
63	269	...	3 82½	74	241	...	3 85
67	259	...	3 82½	84	240	80	3 85
73	266	40	3 82½	61	253	40	3 85
53	289	240	3 82½	71	232	...	3 85
58	244	80	3 82½	67	246	...	3 85
66	278	...	3 82½	64	283	...	3 85
57	261	80	3 82½	61	258	160	3 85
70	275	80	3 82½	78	226	...	3 85
75	277	100	3 82½	60	285	80	3 85
65	255	...	3 82½	65	252	80	3 85
71	286	160	3 82½	63	291	80	3 85
56	290	...	3 82½	45	280	...	3 85
67	281	40	3 82½	71	249	80	3 85
56	279	100	3 82½	64	254	...	3 85
58	288	...	3 82½	69	225	80	3 85
62	266	...	3 82½	58	256	40	3 85
65	254	...	3 82½	69	233	160	3 85
48	202	...	3 82½	64	266	80	3 85
58	265	80	3 82½	76	242	...	3 85
65	284	...	3 82½	78	235	40	3 85
72	265	80	3 82½	95	218	80	3 90

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	530	...	3 50	1	200	80	3 85
9	274	40	3 80	7	152	...	3 85
1	280	...	3 85	1	350	80	3 85

SHEEP—There were plenty of sheep here, but the market was slow and weak. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
1	cull	80	$2 50
29	culls	92	2 90
1	buck	180	3 00
1	buck	190	3 00
104	feeders	91	3 90
188	ewes	88	4 05
218	Wyoming mixed	10	4 30
48	western wethers	110	4 35

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Scarce and Lower—Hogs Vary—Sheep Are Weak.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Receipts of cattle were small, but sufficient for the limited demand and sales were mostly at lower prices. The bulk of the beef cattle sold at from $4.35 to $5, with limited sales at from $5.10 to $5.35, and a carload of fancy heifers brought $5.50. The stocker and feeder trade was active at the highest prices of the year for the best feeders, $4.85 being bid in one instance. Canning stuff was rather dull, and a few poor cows sold at from $1.60 to $1.75, but very many went below $2.

Light hogs were stronger and largely 5c per 100-lbs. higher, while heavy weights averaged 5c lower. The bulk of the hogs brought from $4 to $4.07½, the best heavy selling at $4.10 and prime at $4.17½, the market closed badly, especially for heavy hogs.

The sheep market developed some weakness. Sales were made at from $3.25 to $3.50 for inferior lambs and the best Colorado flocks brought $5.75, the bulk of the good lambs fetching from $5 to $5.25. Sheep sold at from $2.90 to $5.25 for common to prime lots, but hardly any sales occurred above $5.05. Prime lambs sold slowly at $5.65.

Receipts: Cattle, 2,400 head; hogs, 1,800 head; sheep, 7,700 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000 head; best grades steady, others weak; Texas steers, $3.25@4.65; Texas cows, $2.50@3.90; native steers, $3.50@5.00; native cows and heifers, $2.10@4.10; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.70; bulls, $2.35@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 13,000 head; market opened weak, closed steady; bulk of sales, $3.75@3.85; heavies, $3.75@3.90; packers, $3.62½@3.85; mixed, $3.75@3.90; lights, $3.65@3.80; Yorkers, $3.75@3.80; pigs, $3.00@3.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000 head; market steady; lambs, $3.25@5.50; muttons, $2.25@4.85.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head; market generally strong; fancy export steers, $5.00@5.25; fair to choice native shipping steers, $4.50@5.00; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.50@4.35; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.70; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50. Texas and Indian steers, $2.40@4.30; cows and heifers, $2.00@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; market steady to strong; light, $3.85@3.95; mixed, $3.70@3.95; heavy, $3.60@4.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 8,000 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.50@4.90; lambs, $4.50@5.25; Texas sheep, $3.00@4.50; spring lambs, $5.00@8.00.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, April 23.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,241 head; firm for good steers; stags and oxen, $3.85@4.80; bulls, $3.00@4.80. Cables quote American steers, 10½@11½c; sheep, 10½@12½c; refrigerator beef, 9@9½c; exports, 199 beeves.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,528 head; good stock in fair demand and firm; north grades slow and weak; unshorn sheep, $5.00@5.25; clipped sheep, $4.75@4.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,427 head; market weak at $4.25@4.50.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for April 23:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,014	6,230	2,259
Chicago	2,400	1,800	7,700
Kansas City	5,000	13,000	2,000
St. Louis	1,500	6,000	8,000
Totals	10,914	27,030	19,959

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Retail Clothiers Report an Unusually Large Easter Business.

BOSTON, April 23.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: The market is dull; the only sale of washed fleece was 5,000 lbs. of Michigan X. Prices are firmly held, however, in spite of the small sales of domestic wool. Liberal deliveries of foreign wools continue. The most notable sale was in the line of the newly arrived Cape wool, to cost 28@40c clean for clothing and combing. Australian, Montevideo and Argentine wools have also been taken freely at the old rates. The mills are all busy. The largest wool scouring plant in New England is running 116 hours a week, night and day. Last week was the best Easter week that the retail clothiers have known for years. The sales for the week are 4,347,000 lbs. domestic and 4,010,000 lbs. foreign, against 1,795,000 lbs. domestic and 7,352,000 lbs. foreign last week and 1,180,000 lbs. domestic and 635,000 lbs. foreign for the same week last year.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, 5 to 10 points lower in sympathy with European markets. The range was extremely light, with foreign trades lower. Local buying later steadied the market. Receipts were liberal; deliveries in the United States were light. Closed firm, with prices 5 points higher to 5 points lower; sales, 7,500 bags, including: May, $7.05@7.10. Spot, Rio, weak; No. 7, invoice, $7.50; No. 7, jobbing, $8; Cordova, $12.75@14.60; sales, 2,000 bags Rio, No. 7, spot, at $7.50. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 12,251 bags, including 10,735 bags from New York; New York stock today, 334,842 bags; United States stock, 399,816 bags; afloat for the United States, 291,500 bags; total visible for the United States, 691,316 bags, against 372,694 bags last year.

HAVRE, April 23.—COFFEE—Closed quiet; ½@¾c net lower; sales, 22,000 bags.

SANTOS, April 23.—COFFEE—Santos, quiet; good average Santos, 9,900 reis; receipts, two days, 11,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 23.—COFFEE—Declined ¾@1 pfg; sales, 36,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 23.—COFFEE—Flat; No. 7, Rio, 8,450 reis; exchange, 7 25-32d; receipts, 3,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 10,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 7,000 bags; stock, 292,000 bags.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	100	Ontario	700
Crown Point	10	Ophir	90
Con. Cal. & Va.	155	Plymouth	20
Deadwood	155	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	30	Quicksilver pfd.	1000
Hale & Norcross	80	Sierra Nevada	45
Homestake	2900	Standard	165
Iron Silver	35	Union Con.	20
Mexican	40	Yellow Jacket	20

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, April 23.—WHEAT—Higher and firm; No. 2 cash, 94¼c; May, 95¼c.

CORN—Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24½c.

OATS—Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, 18c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 37c bid.

CLOVER SEED—Steady; prime, cash and April, $4.40.

OIL—Unchanged.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, April 23.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Evaporated apples, firm; other fruits, quiet and unchanged; evaporated apples, choice, 3¾@4¾c; fancy, 4½@4¾c.

CALIFORNIA NUTS—Quiet to about steady; walnuts, 6½@7½c; paper shelled almonds, 12@13c; soft shelled, 9c.

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—WOOL—Quiet and a shade lower; combing, 17c; light fine, 9½c; heavy fine, 7@9c; medium, 13@15½c; tub washed, 17@24½c.

NEW YORK, April 23.—WOOL—Firm; fleece, 16@21c; pulled, 15@20c.

Sugar Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—SUGAR—Raw, nominal; fair refining, centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅜c. Sales late yesterday, 3,200 bags centrifugal, 96 test, 3½c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5⅛c; powdered, 4⅞c; granulated, 4⅜c.

Minneapolis Wheat Quotations.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—WHEAT—Firm; May, 74⅝c; July, 74½@75c; September, 68½c; No. 1 hard, 78⅛c; No. 1 northern, 76⅛c.

Oil City Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., April 23.—No bids for certificate oil. Credit balances unchanged. Runs, 98,428 bbls.; shipments, 82,459 bbls.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, April 23.—Clearings, $13,922,101; balances, $1,892,285.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Clearings, $83,124,024; balances, $6,458,253.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Clearings, $3,621,571; balances, $820,248. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 50c premium bid; 75c premium asked.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Clearings, $12,196,922. New York exchange, 40c premium. Foreign exchange, barely steady; demand, $4.88¼; sixty days, $4.86¾.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, April 23.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 38 pfg.

PARIS, April 22.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 50c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 10½c for checks.

LONDON, April 23.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 202; at Lisbon, 49.50; at Rome, 105.97. Spanish 4s, 60.12½. Gold bullion to the amount of £121,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England today for shipment to Japan.

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