COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Large Visible Increase Lops Off Most of an Early Advance.

WHEAT CLOSES THREE-EIGHTHS HIGHER

Corn and Oats Each Leave Off with a Small Gain, but Provisions Suffer from Yellow Fever Fears.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Wheat made a great show of strength for about two hours today, but slumped and closed with a modest advance of ⅜c for the December option. It showed a 2¼c advance at one time. Foreign crop shortages caused the early advance and a large visible supply increase was responsible in the main for the subsequent decline. Corn and oats kept in line with wheat, corn advancing ¼c and oats ½c. Provisions had another big injection of yellow fever virus, but suffered only slight declines in consequence.

The opening in wheat was very strong. December, which closed Monday afternoon at 94⅝@94¾c, opened at from 95½c to 95⅝c, and during the next half hour it fluctuated between the starting quotations and 94⅞c. It started up again from the latter point and rose with the same aggressive persistency that has so frequently characterized it in the last three months. December getting up to 96⅝@96¾c about 11:30 a. m. Apparently the reluctance of Liverpool to follow yesterday's decline here—that market opening only ¼d to ½d lower—caused the opening strength and later Liverpool advices showing that market to have risen 1d were certainly responsible for the second rally. The real reasons for the early strength, however, were some very bad French and Italian crop reports and some statistics from the Washington Agricultural bureau showing that Europe would have to import 205,500,000 bushels of wheat from North America this season, all of which, with the exception of about 25,000,000, must come from the United States, a larger total than has ever been called for in one season before. The French minister of agriculture reported the wheat crop of that country $3,750,000 bushels short of last year's, while the Italian crop was said to show a loss of 55,000,000 kilograms. Locusts were also said to be playing havoc with the Argentine crop. Chicago receipts were 377 cars, only one car of them contract, and 158,000 bushels were inspected out of store. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 1,691 cars, compared with 1,474 the corresponding day of last year. The Atlantic port clearances for that day were equal in wheat and flour to 761,000 bushels. Bradstreet's reported the world's stocks increased 5,700,000 bushels, 1,900,000 of which increase was east of the Rockies in the United States and Canada and 3,900,000 bushels of it in and afloat for Europe. Previous to the receipt of Bradstreet's statement the closing quotations of the foreign markets had been received, showing considerable changes from the early tone. They showed Paris wheat 1 cent per bushel lower for the near deliveries and 1¼c lower for November and February, and Antwerp 1⅜c lower. Liverpool also, although ½d higher for the futures, was from ½d to 1d lower for spot, except spot No. 1 northern spring, which was unchanged. The weakness in the closing cables caused a reaction to 96⅝c, and when the large visible increase was made known a further decline to 94½c ensued. The market closed at 94½@94⅝c for December.

A good speculative business was done in corn at an advance over yesterday's closing prices. The strength was due to sympathy with wheat and the dry, hot weather. Shorts covered liberally. The comparative weakness of wheat late in the day caused a relaxation in the demand and a reaction ensued during which most of the advance was lost. Receipts were 1,094 cars. The visible supply increased east of the Rockies 2,579,000 bushels. Country offerings were light and the shipping demand is likely to be improved. Showers and cooler weather were promised for Wednesday. December ranged from 32¾c to 32c, closing at 32⅛c asked, an advance of ¼c.

Business in oats was quiet and unimportant. The market was strong early with corn and a fair cash demand, but nearly all the advance was lost when other grains reacted. Receipts were 386 cars. The visible supply increased 330,000 bushels. December ranged from 21¼@21⅜c to 21⅛@21⅛c, closing at 21⅛c, or ⅛c above yesterday's closing price.

It was a yellow fever market in provisions again. The market started strong with corn, but fear of the possibility of the fever becoming more general caused a general selling movement and a sharp decline from the opening prices. The principal selling was said to be for Cudahy's. There was a moderate trading in inside figures and prices rallied slightly from the bottom. At the close December pork was 7½c lower at $8.25, December lard 5c lower at $4.50 and December ribs 5c lower at $4.80.

Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat, 230 cars; corn, 810 cars; oats, 310 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
*Wheat—					
Sept....	95⅝	96⅝	94⅞	94⅞	95⅝
Dec....	95⅛@⅝	96⅝@¾	94⅛	94⅛@⅜	94⅝@¾
May....	95⅝¾	96	94	94¼	94
*Corn—					
Sept....	30⅝	30¾	29⅝	30	29⅝
Dec....	32¼@¼	32⅜	32	32⅛	31⅝
May....	35⅞	36	35¼	35¼@⅜	35⅝⅝
*Oats—					
Sept....	19¾	19¾	19⅝@¾	19⅝@¾	19¾
Dec....	21⅛@¼	21¼@¾	21⅛	21⅛	21
May....	24	24¾	23⅞	24	23⅞
Pork—					
Oct....	8 15	8 25	8 15	8 17½	8 27½
Dec....	8 45	8 45	8 20	8 25	8 32½
Lard—					
Oct....	4 45	4 45	4 42½	4 24½	4 50
Dec....	4 60	4 62½	4 50	4 50	4 55
Sh'ribs					
Sept....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	5 32½
Oct....	5 32½	5 32½	5 17½	5 20	5 32½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; straights, $4.70@4.90; spring specials, $6.15; spring patents, $5.20@5.60; straights, $4.70@5.10; bakers, $4.10@4.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 94@94½c; No. 3 spring, 91@94c; No. 2 red, 95½@96½c.

CORN—No. 2, 30c.

OATS—No. 2, 19¾@20c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 21@22½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 32@44c; No. 4, 29@35c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.07@1.08.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.20@8.25; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.42½; short ribs, sides (loose), $5.10@5.40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@5.75; short clear sides (boxed), $5.62½@5.75.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.90; granulated, $5.27.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	12,000	6,000
Wheat, bu.	174,000	91,000
Corn, bu.	879,000	659,000
Oats, bu.	447,000	726,000
Rye, bu.	9,000	.....
Barley, bu.	63,000	37,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 12@17½c; dairies, 9@16c. Cheese, easy at 8@9c. Eggs, fresh, 12½c. Live poultry, firm; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 9@9½c; chickens, spring, 9½c; ducks, 7@7½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 30,315 bbls.; exports, 5,861 bbls.; dull and fairly steady without important change; Minnesota patents, $5.50@5.80; Minnesota bakers, $4.50@4.75; winter straights, $4.90@5.05. Rye flour, quiet; fancy, $3.40@3.75.

CORN-MEAL—Quiet.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 52¾c.

BARLEY—Steady at 32½c.

BARLEY—MALT—Nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 154,850 bu.; exports, 385,589 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, $1.03. Options opened strong and advanced on bullish cables, gone al local covering and foreign buying; weakened under the increase in Bradstreet's and closed rather weak at ⅜@⅝c net advance, but 1½c under the highest point. No. 2 red, 98c; September, $1.01⅝@1.02¼; closed, $1.01⅞; October, $1.00@1.00¼; closed, $1; December, 98½@$1.00; closed, 98½c.

CORN—Receipts, 275,500 bu.; exports, 188,581 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 35¾c. Options opened firm on covering, higher cables and bullish crop news, but weakened with the later break in wheat and closed only ¼c higher; September, 35⅝@36c; closed, 35¾c; December, 37¼@37⅝c; closed, 37⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 48,400 bu.; exports, 204,841 bu. Spot, strong; No. 2, 22c. Options inactive and steady, closing unchanged; September closed at 22c; December closed at 26c.

HAY—Steady; prime, 40@45c; good to choice, 60@75c.

HOPS—Quiet; 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 12@15c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 15@16c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 19c, nominal; Texas dry, 24 to 50 lbs., 12½@13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 17c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 14,318 pkgs.; western creamery, 12@18c; Elgins, 18c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 8,277 pkgs.; large, white, 8⅝c; small, white, 9½c; large, colored, 9¼c; small, colored, 9½c; part skims, 6½@7c; full skims, 3½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 15,893 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 17@18c; western, 16c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra mess, $8.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $7.50@8.50; pickled shoulders, $5.25; pickled hams, $8.50@8.75. Lard, dull; western steam, $4.85@4.90; refined, easier; compound, $4.87½@5.12½. Pork, quiet.

TALLOW—Dull.

OILS—Petroleum, steady; United closed 50c bid; Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 85c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.50. Turpentine, easy at 30@32½c. Cottonseed oil, rather easier with lard; prime summer yellow, 27@27½c; butter grades, 21@22c; prime summer white, 29@30c; prime winter yellow, 25½@26c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5⅝c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 25@31c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants, firm; $7.00@7.25. Lake copper, quiet; $11.15@11.25. Tin, dull; $13.60@13.90. Spelter, quiet; $4.25@4.30. Lead, weak; exchange, $4.25@4.30; brokers, strong, $4.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, weak at 13c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7½@8c; choice to fancy, 10@12c; separator creamery, 18c; gathered creamery, 14@15c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; cocks, 3@4c; spring chickens, per lb., 6½@7c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6@8c.

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

HAY—Upland, $6; midland, $5.50; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best, only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sales 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.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., 25@50c.

TOMATOES—Per half bu. basket, 40@50c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@60c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

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

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1c.

WATERMELONS—Crated, per doz., $1.15@1.30.

POTATOES—Home grown, 60@65c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., $1.65@2.00.

NATIVE PLUMS—Per basket, 20@35c.

PEARS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

GRAPES—California, $1.25@1.50.

SOUTHERN PEACHES—Per ½ bu., 50@60c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Per case, Crawfords, 80c; clings, 70@75c.

PEARS—Bartlett, per case, $2.00; Utah Bartletts, $1.75@1.80; Bueres Hardy, $1.40@1.50.

HOME GROWN GRAPES—Per basket, 12c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per case, $1.00@1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $7.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $4.25@4.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $4.50; choice California, $4.00@4.25.

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; Tarragona, per lb., 10c; English walnuts per lb, fancy, soft shell, 12@13c; 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, 12c; 3 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 12@15c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.25; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6c; good hindquarters, 9c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 6½c; good forequarters, heifers, 5c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8c; good cows, 6c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½@5c; cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulders, 5c; rounds, 5c; steer chucks, 5c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 3½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 7c; cow rounds off, 8½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each 5c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 13c; loins, 7c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 6c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 6c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads (cleaned), 2½c; snouts, 2½c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 1½c; pigs' tails, 2c; plucks, each 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each 2c; tongues, each 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each 2c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 8½c; sheep, 7½c; market racks (dong), 9c; hotel racks (short), 12c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 10@12c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 9@10c; dry salted hides 8@10c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green pelts, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14.—FLOUR—Dull; patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $4.05@4.15; clears, $4.25@4.50; medium, $3.50@3.70; low grades, $3.00@3.25.

WHEAT—Higher with September, 1¼c; December, ⅜c, and May, 1⅛c under yesterday's close. December opened ⅜c higher, advanced 1⅞c more, declined 1⅝c and closed depressed with buyers ⅜c above the bottom. Spot higher; No. 2 red cash elevator, 98c; on track, 98@99c; No. 2 red cash, 94c; September, 97½c; December, 97½c bid.

CORN—Futures opened strong and ¼c higher, became unsettled and weak on decline in wheat and yellow fever scare, closing with prices ¼c below the top and ¼c above yesterday. No. 2 cash, 28½c asked; September, 28c; December, 29⅝c asked; May, 32½c bid.

OATS—Strong with higher prices bid, due to the advance in wheat and corn. Spot firm. No. 2 cash in elevator, 20c; on track, 20½c; No. 2 white, 22½@23c; September, 20c bid; December, 21¼c bid; May, 23¾@23⅞c.

RYE—Steady, 49c.

CORNMEAL—Strong, $1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked, east track, 50c; f. o. b. this side, $5.75; at mills, 52@53c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $4.25@4.65; timothy, $7.00@10.00.

BUTTER—Higher; creamery, 14½@19c; dairy, 8½@15c.

EGGS—Firm, 10½c.

POULTRY—Chickens, firm; old hens, 6½c; spring, 9c; ducks, springs, 6c; geese, springs, 6c; turkeys, springs, 7@8c.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.21.

COTTONTIES—6¾.

BAGGING—6¼@7c.

METALS—Lead, dull, $4.15 asked. Spelter, nominal, $4.02½@4.05.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess jobbing, new, $8.50; old, $8. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.25; choice, $4.32½. Bacon (boxed lots) extra short clear and ribs, $6.62½; shorts, $4.75; dry salt meats (boxed) shoulders, $5.50. Extra short clear and ribs, $6.12½; shorts, $6.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 113,000 bu.; corn, 151,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 124,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 14.—WHEAT—1@2c higher; fairly active; No. 1 hard, 88½@89c; No. 2, 85½@88½c; No. 3, 83½@87c; No. 2 red, 94@95½c; No. 3 red, 89@92c; No. 4, 87@90c; No. 2 spring, 82@83c; No. 3, 80c.

CORN—Fractionally higher; No. 2 mixed, 26¼@26½c.

OATS—Fairly active and steady; No. 2 white, 20@20½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 44½c.

HAY—Active; steady; choice timothy, $7.50; choice prairie, $5.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 15@17½c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Steady; 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 196,800 bu.; corn, 27,900 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 183,000 bu.; corn, 18,200 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 14.—FLOUR—Unchanged; receipts, 8,706 bbls.; exports, 6,895 bbls.

WHEAT—Steamer, No. 2 red, 84⅝@84¾c; receipts, 193,879 bu.; exports, 181,853 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 84@91c; southern wheat, on grade, 86@91c.

CORN—Firm; spot, 36@36¼c; October, 36¼@36½c; December, new or old, 36c bid; steamer mixed, 44@4½c; receipts, 159,442 bu.; exports, 159,884 bu.; southern white corn, 38c; southern yellow, 36c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 24½@25c; No. 2 mixed western, 22c; receipts, 78,587 bu.; exports, 30,040 bu.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 53½@54c; receipts, 8,847 bu.; exports, 25,200 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.25@13.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Firmly held.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Unchanged.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 14.—FLOUR—Easy.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2, 86c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 red, 36c; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 21@21½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 50c.

PIPK MEATS—Quiet at $6. Bacon, firmer at $6 60. Lard, easy at $4.37½.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.21.

BUTTER—Quiet.

SUGAR—Steady.

EGGS—Dull at 10½c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Sept. 14.—CORN—Firm and higher; No. 2 29½c.

OATS—Firm and higher; No. 2 white, 22½@22c.

WHISKY—Market firm; basis for finished goods, $1.21.

Receipts (Corn, 74,900 bu.; oats, 48,550 bu.; rye and whisky, none; wheat, 1,200 bu. Shipments: Corn, 19,750 bu.; oats, 12,100 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 665 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 14.—PROVISIONS—Bacon, short ribs, 33s. Cheese, American finest white, dull at 45s; American finest colored, dull at 45s.

WHEAT—No. 2 red winter, dull, 7s 11½d.

CORN—American mixed, spot, new, quiet, 3s 3½d; September, steady, 3s 3d; October, steady, 3s 3½d; No. 1, steady, 3s 4½d; American mixed, spot, old, steady, 3s 4d.

FLOUR—St. Louis, fancy winter, steady, 10s 3d.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 17c; western prints, 17c.

EGGS—Firm; western, 10@11c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

Detroit Grain Market.

DETROIT, Sept. 14.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 94¾c; No. 2 red, 95½c; December, 98c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 31¾c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 22c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—WHEAT—Weak; December, $1.59¾; May, $1.57¾.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Advance in Spite of Rumors of a Strong Bear Combination.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Today's operations have resulted in another substantial advance in the level of prices on the Stock exchange. There was some talk during the morning of the existence of a powerful bear pool which was prepared for extensive operations for a decline. The supposed prestige of this combination, coupled with the fact that London prices came lower this morning, apparently because of doubts raised by yesterday's reaction here, led to the early success of the bear contingent. The arguments they used were the same as yesterday, the likelihood of an entanglement over the Cuban question, the danger of yellow fever, and in addition the damage done by storm on the Gulf of Mexico. The latter showed its effect on Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, St. Paul and Burlington were driven below par and all the grangers declined an average of about ½ per cent, while Louisville, Southern preferred and Kansas & Texas preferred were off nearly a point. The whole list receded a fraction. Later came denials from Washington on authority quite as weighty as the first assertion that no warlike measures were projected on the Cuban question. The first reports of heavy damage by the gulf storm were also denied. At the same time the marked weakness in the exchange market came to notice, actual rates for both long and short sterling and for cables receding from ⅜ to ¼ per cent. London was also buying quite freely of favorite stocks. The official reports of wheat shortage in France and Italy added to the assurance of continued heavy exports of grain to be paid for. The advance in cotton at Liverpool tended to the same end. These indications of a prospective increase in the balance of trade in our favor led to expressions by foreign bankers that a heavy gold import movement was certain to result and was likely soon to commence. The evidence of the exchange market on this point was strengthened by the hardening tendency of the money market, call loans commanding as high as 3 per cent and only a few exceptional loans being made below 2 per cent. Money continued also to move very freely to the interior. As the general news bearing on the stock market took a continued favorable the prospect of gold imports proves an available means to turn the tide in favor of the bulls. At the same time it was reported from Washington that the differences between the government and the syndicate organized to purchase the Union Pacific had been arranged and that approval would be given at the cabinet meeting in the afternoon. It was on this account that Union Pacific became so prominent in the afternoon rise. Its extreme advance being 3¼ per cent and its net gain 2¾ per cent. Northwestern and Omaha were also notably strong and led to a buying movement, as on former occasions, in all of the Vanderbilt stocks. St. Paul also recovered from the early depression, advancing 1¾ per cent. Northern Pacific preferred rose 2 points. The market reacted to some extent before the close, and this, coupled with the early declines, makes the net gains considerably smaller than the extreme advances. Among the industrials General Electric, Sugar and the local gas stocks were all notably strong. Net gains of over 1 point were made by Consolidated Gas, Edison Electric of New York and Erie Telephone. Omaha's net advance was 2 per cent and Sugar the same. Cotton Oil, Sugar preferred, Canada Southern, Chicago Great Western, Delaware & Hudson, Erie first preferred, General Electric, New York Central, New York, Chicago & St. Louis second preferred, Northern Pacific preferred, Northwestern, Pennsylvania, Tobacco, St. Paul and St. Joseph & Grand Island first preferred showed net gains of a point or over.

The price of bonds fell off at the opening, but the market became strong later. Total sales, par value, $1,909,000. United States old 4s, registered, sold at 112.

The Evening Post's London financial cable-gram says: "In the stock markets today Americans opened steady, then became dull under the lower lead, but later received an advance from the London buying. Grand Trunk of Canada stock continues to advance. Venezuelan bonds have fallen heavily on the default in the remittances for services of debt. There are no particulars yet regarding the tenders for Indian treasury bills, except that twelve months bills at 97 5s 3d receive a percentage. With a view possibly of assisting speculation in silver, the rumor is revived that the Indian mints will reopen. This is not generally credited. The Paris bourse was quiet and dull and the Berlin market was dull and featureless."

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

Atchison	15⅝	W. Elec.	24⅞
do pfd	34⅛	W. Elec. pfd.	84¼
Baltimore & Ohio	18	Ed. Elec. Ill.	155
Canada Pacific	76¾	Gen. Elec. pfd.	85
Canada Southern	50¾	Atchison pfd	34⅛
Central Pacific	1	Atchison As	16⅞
Ches. & Ohio	25⅝	Gen. Elec. As	100
Chicago & Alton	162	Allouez Mining Co	1
C., B. & Q.	100¼	Atlantic	25
C. & E. I.	59¼	Boston & Montana	148¾
C., C., C. & St. L.	43	Butte & Boston	26¾
do pfd	85	Calumet & Hecla	445
Del. & Hudson	119⅛	Centennial	17⅛
Del. L. & W.	158½	Franklin	17½
Den. & Rio G.	11	Kearsarge	21⅛
do pfd	49¼	Osceola	40
Erie (new)	17¾	Tamarack	223
Erie 1st pfd	43¾	Wolverine	16
Ft. Wayne	170		
Great Northern pfd	114		
Hocking Valley	6¼		
Illinois Central	108⅝		
Lake Erie & W.	19¾		
do pfd	77		
Lake Shore	177		
Louisville & Nash.	61⅝		
Manhattan L.	111¼		
Met. Traction	121⅛		
Michigan Central	91⅝		
Minn. & St. L.	27		
do 1st pfd	87¾		
Mo. Pacific	38¾		
Mobile & Ohio	28		
Mo. K. & T.	16¾		
do pfd	40¾		
New Alb. & Chi.	11¾		
do pfd	35⅛		
N. J. Central	97⅝		
N. Y. Central	113¾		
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	16½		
do 1st pfd	80½		
do 2d pfd	40½		
Norfolk & Western	15¾		
No. Amer. Co.	5¾		
No. Pacific	20⅝		
do pfd	55⅝		
Ontario & W.	17⅛		
Ore. R. & Nav.	37½		
Ore. Short Line	22		
Pittsburg	169		
Reading	17⅝		
Rock Island	95½		
St. Louis & S. F.	5¾		
do pfd	13		
St. Paul	101¼		
do pfd	145⅛		
St. P. & Om.	86⅛		
do pfd	145		
St. L. M. & M.	122		
So. Pacific	21½		
So. Railway	11⅛		
do pfd	37		
Texas & Pacific	13¾		
Union Pacific	23⅝		
U. P. D. & G.	7⅛		
Wabash	8⅛		
do pfd	22⅝		
Wheel. & L. E.	3¼		
do pfd	17½		
Adams Ex.	155		
American Ex.	116		
United States Ex.	41⅛		
Wells Fargo Ex.	109		
A. Cot. Oil	24¼		
do pfd	78		
Am'n Spirits	14¼		
do pfd	33¼		
Am. Tobacco	92		
do pfd	113		
Chicago Gas	101⅝		
Cons. Gas	174		
Cons. Cable Co.	175		
Col. F. & Iron	27½		
do pfd	80		
Gen. Electric	39		
Illinois Steel	48		
La Clede Gas	43½		
Lead	41½		
do pfd	107½		
Nat. Lin. Oil	7		
Pacific Mail	37¼		
Pullman Pal.	182¾		
Silver Certificates	55⅛		
Stand. Rope & T.	7¼		
Sugar	156½		
do pfd	121		
T. C. & Iron	33¾		
U. S. Leather	9⅛		
do pfd	70¼		
U. S. Rubber	18½		
do pfd	68		
Western Union	90		
Chi. Gt. Western	11		
Northwestern	129¾		
do pfd	164		

Total sales of stocks today were 484,00 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 8,550; Canada Southern, 12,200; Chesapeake & Ohio, 10,695; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 20,070; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 3,300; Louisville & Nashville, 11,480; Manhattan, 8,355; Metropolitan Traction, 4,898; Missouri Pacific, 9,855; Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 3,500; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 14,400; New York Central, 11,300; Northern Pacific, 5,115; Northern Pacific preferred, 23,028; Northwestern Terminal, 14,540; Reading, 9,130; Rock Island, 12,625; St. Paul, 52,155; Omaha, 13,400; Wabash preferred, 3,140; Wabash & Lake Erie, 9,512; American Sugar preferred, 7,650; American Tobacco preferred, 13,635; Chicago Gas, 7,080; Consolidated Gas, 5,870; General Electric, 16,640; Laclede Gas, 5,400; Lead, 4,750; Pacific Mail, 4,200; Sugar, 21,500; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,300; Western Union, 6,840; Chicago Great eWstern, 6,520.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—Call loans, 2@2½ per cent; time loans, 3@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining stocks:

A. T. & S. F.	15⅝	W. Elec.	24⅞
American Sugar	135⅛	W. Elec. pfd.	84¼
Bay State Gas	5⅝	Ed. Elec. Ill.	155
Bell Telephone	283½	Gen. Elec. pfd.	85
Boston & Albany	217	Atchison pfd	34⅛
Boston & Maine	161¼	Atchison As	16⅞
C. B. & Q.	101½	Gen. Elec. As	100
Fitchburg	95	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric	39	Atlantic	25
Illinois Steel	48	Boston & Montana	148¾
Mexican Central	7⅛	Butte & Boston	26¾
N. Y. & N. E.	80	Calumet & Hecla	445
Old Colony	185	Centennial	17⅛
O. S. L.	22	Franklin	17½
Rubber	18⅝	Kearsarge	21⅛
San Diego	13	Osceola	40
Union Pacific	22⅝	Tamarack	223
West End	93	Wolverine	16
West End pfd	102		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	14	Julia	4
Alpha Con	23	Justic	12
Andes	25	Kentucky Con	8
Belcher	45	Mexican	66
Best & Belcher	88	Occidental Con	245
Bullion	13	Ophir	115
Caledonia	55	Overman	19
Challenge Con	59	Potosi	48
Chollar	74	Savage	62
Confidence	145	Scorpion	5
Con. Cal. & Va	175	Sierra Nevada	115
Con. Imperial	3	Silver Hill	2
Crown Point	43	Union Con	65
Exchequer	5	Utah Con	23
Gould & Curry	74	Yellow Jacket	53
Hale & Norcross	120	Standard	185

Silver bars, 58⅝c; Mexican dollars, 44@44½c. Drafts, sight, 5c; telegraph, 7½c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific	78¼	N. Y. Central	115
Erie	18¾	Pennsylvania	53⅝
Erie 1sts pfd	44½	Reading	14¾
Ill. Central	112	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69
Mexican ordinary	20¾	Atchison	16⅛
St. Paul common	104¼	L. & N.	49⅞

BAR SILVER—Steady, 26¼d per ounce.

MONEY—⅝@1 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 per cent; for three months' bills 2 per cent.

Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 190.50; Lisbon, 46⅝; Rome, 105.27.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The market for American securities varied but little all day. The bears tested the market early on sales, but withdrew, finding very little long stocks. The close was strong and the demand moderate.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm at 1⅛@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent and closed at 1⅛@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3⅝@4½ per cent.

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