COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Rises a Cent After a Very Weak Opening.

OTHER MARKETS TAKE A SIMILAR TURN

Strong Cash Wheat Demand in the Northwest and Confirmation of the Russian Crop Shortage the Leading Factors.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—All the grain and provision markets turned very pretty flapjacks today, starting weak and closing strong, and in the case of wheat with a very substantial advance. The strength of the cash wheat situation in the northwest and confirmatory reports on the Russian crop shortage were factors in a 1 cent gain in wheat. Corn advanced ⅝c and oats ¼c. Provisions closed unchanged to 2½c higher.

Wheat took its opening tone from Liverpool. Before the opening here that market showed a 1½d decline, which was reflected in the first trades in December, which ranged from 90½c to 90⅝c, or ⅝@¾c below yesterday's closing prices. But the market immediately commenced to recover, and in about an hour and a half from the opening December had risen to 92½c. There was nothing particular in the news to cause the sudden change in the sentiment. A reaction appeared to be due in the natural order of things, and when some investment orders appeared on the market shorts started to cover. The very narrowness of trading probably prevented a further advance. The only really bearish feature was the receipt of 853 cars of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth, against 588 a week ago and 640 the corresponding day of 1896. Even that was only bearish on the surface. The cash prices at those places today were from 2c to 2½c a bushel over December, so that the receipts there now represent probably the bulk of the entire movement from the farms of the northwest, to the exclusion of any accumulations at interior country houses. The Chicago receipts were 341 cars of wheat, of which only 33 were contract. The total receipts of winter wheat at Kansas City, St. Louis and Detroit were only 176,695 bu. The business done at New York yesterday for export was reported to have largely exceeded what was made known of it the day before, the total being reported today at 485,000 bu. Acceptances were reported of some of last night's cabled offers to the United Kingdom. A reaction followed the advance to 92½c, when closing continental cables were received showing declines of 15 centimes at Paris and 12½c to 25c at Antwerp. Longs also took advantage of the advance to unload a good deal of their holdings and the result was that December dropped back to 90⅞c. Then the market turned for the last time. The cash strength at Minneapolis brought the selling to a sudden halt and prices commenced to climb at once, not stopping until December touched the high point of the day, 92⅛c, which was shortly before the close. Confirmatory reports from the United States consul at Odessa concerning the Russian crop shortage also helped in the late strength. December closed at 92½c.

Corn started easier with wheat and on larger receipts than expected. The market soon recovered its tone and closed strong and ⅝c higher than yesterday. It was largely a scalping market and the fluctuations of wheat had more influence than anything else. Shorts were the best buyers. Country offerings were reported larger. The cash demand was poor. Receipts were posted at 659 cars. December ranged from 30⅝c to 31⅛c, closing at 31⅛c.

Oats were quiet but firm. The feature was the large cash business, 750,000 bu. being reported sold here for shipment, and this was the principal cause of the strength, though to a certain extent wheat and corn assisted. Receipts were 396 cars. December ranged between 21c and 20½c and closed at 20⅝c, an advance of ⅛c.

Provisions were almost as low as oats. The market ruled easy around the opening, because of heavy hog receipts and consequent decline in yard prices. A complete recovery ensued later in sympathy with the advance in the grain markets and the closing was at the best prices of the day. At the close July pork was 2½c higher at $8.40; December lard unchanged at $4.65 and December ribs 2½c higher at $4.95.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 215 cars; corn, 485 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
*Wheat-					
Sept...	91¼	93	91¼	93	92
Dec....	90⅝@¾	92½	90⅝	92½	91⅝@¾
May...	89⅝-90	91⅝	89⅝	91⅝	90⅝
*Corn-					
Sept..	28¾	29⅛	28¾	29⅛	29
Dec....	30⅝@⅞	31⅛	30⅝	31⅛	30¾
May...	33¾@⅞	34⅛	33⅝	34⅛	33⅞-34
*Oats-					
Sept....	19½	19¾	19½	19¾	19¼
Dec....	20⅝	21	20⅝	20⅞	20⅝
May...	23¼	23⅜	23⅛@¼	23⅜	23⅜
Pork—					
Oct....	8 17½	8 52½	8 17½	8 32½	8 30
Dec....	8 25	8 40	8 25	8 40	8 37½
Jan....	9 27½	9 37½	9 27½	9 37½	.....
Lard—					
Oct....	4 55	4 60	4 55	4 60	4 60
Dec....	4 62½	4 67½	4 60	4 67½	4 67½
Jan....	4 77½	4 82½	4 75	4 82½	.....
Sh'rtRibs					
Oct....	5 10	5 12½	5 07½	5 12½	5 17½
Dec....	4 87½	4 95	4 87½	4 95	4 92½
Jan....	4 87½	4 92½	4 87½	4 92½	.....

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Barely steady; winter patents, $5.00@5.10; straits, $4.70@4.85; spring specials, $6; spring patents, $5.10@5.40; straights, $4.70@4.90; bakers', $3.90@4.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 92½@93¼c; No. 3 spring, 85@88c; No. 2 red, 93⅝@94½.

CORN—No. 2, 29¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 20½c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22¼@22½c; No. 3 white, 22@22c.

RYE—No. 2, 37½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42c; No. 3, 34@43c; No. 4, 29@33c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.02@1.06. Prime timothy, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.35@8.40. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.60. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.00@5.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5½@5¾c; short clear sides (boxed), 5¾@5⅞c.

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

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

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	15,000	7,000
Wheat, bu	357,000	43,000
Corn, bu	992,000	60,000
Oats, bu	220,000	30,000
Rye, bu	20,000	.....
Barley, bu	154,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@19½c; dairies, 10@15c. Cheese, steady, 5¾@6c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,498 bbls.; exports, 7,659 bbls.; steady and moderately active for choice brands; winter straights, $4.75@4.90; Minnesota patents, $5.25@5.60. Rye flour, steady.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 48@53c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 70c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 western, 50c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 37½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 179,200 bu.; exports, 209,811 bu.; spot, firm. Options opened weaker under bearish cables, but recovered and ruled firm all day on heavy covering, higher western markets, export demand and lighter spring wheat receipts, closing ½@¾c net higher; No. 2 red September, 91⅞@93⅝c, closed, 93⅝c; December, 94 5-16@95 11-16c, closed, 95½c.

CORN—Receipts, 320,270 bu.; exports, 14,350 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 36¼c. Options opened weak with wheat, but recovered on active demand from shorts, closing ⅝c net higher; September closed 34½c; December, 35 11-16@36¼c; closed, 36¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 189,000 bu.; exports, 265,015 bu.; spot, stronger; No. 2, 24⅝c. Options dull but steady with corn, closing at ⅛c net advance; September closed at 24⅝c; December closed, 25⅝c.

HIDES—Firm.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, $4.00@4.50; good to choice, $5.00@7.50.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 12@15c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 12@15c.

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

HUTTER—Receipts, 6,155 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 13@20½c; Elgins, 20½c; factory, 9@12½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 10,507 pkgs.; steady; large white, 9½c; small white, 9½c; large colored, 9½c; small colored, 9½c; part skims, 6½@7c; full skims, 2½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,044 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 16½@19c; western, 17@17½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.50; shoulders, $4.25; shoulders, hams, $8.37½@8.50. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.95; refined, steady. Pork, firmer; new mess, $9.75@9.80. Tallow, dull.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Pennsylvania crude, nominally 85c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.45@1.50. Turpentine, steady at 30¾@31½c. Cottonseed, declined under selling and absence of demand except for unimportant lots; exportsm understood to be close to the market; prime summer yellow, 25½@26c; off summer yellow, 25@25½c; prime summer white, 28½@29c; prime winter yellow, 22½@23c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6¼c; Japan, 4¾@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@31c.

METALS—Pig iron, warrants, easier; $7 bid and $7.05 asked. Lake copper, dull at $11.25. Tin, easy; $13.00 bid and $13.70 asked. Spelter, quiet; $4.30 bid and $4.35 asked. Lead, exchange, firm at $4.32½@4.35; brokers, strong at $4.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, weak at 12@12½c.

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

VEAL—Choice fat, 90 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7c; cocks, 3@4c; spring chickens, per lb., 8@8½c; ducks, 6@7c; turkeys, 6@8c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4; 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., 2½@2¾c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., 25@75c.

TOMATOES—Per half bu. basket, 35@40c.

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., $1.25@1.50.

POTATOES—Home grown, 60@65c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., $1.65@2.00.

NATIVE PLUMS—Per basket, 20@35c.

GRAPES—California, $1.25@1.50.

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

PEARS—Bartlett, per case, $2.25; Utah Bartletts, $1.75@1.80; Buerre Hardy, $1.60@1.75.

HOME GROWN GRAPES—Per basket, 12½@15c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per case, $1.00@1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $4.25@4.50.

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@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, 12@14c.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.35; 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, 6¼c; fair cows, 5¾c; common cows, 5¼c; cow forequarters, 4½@5c; cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 6c; sirloin butts, 8c; shoulder clods, 6c; rump butts, 8c; 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, 8c; steer rounds, 8c; cow rounds, 7c; rumps, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 9c; 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., 75c; ox tails, each 3c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 11c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, 7c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage, 7c; butts, 6c; shoulders, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 6c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 1½c; pigs' tails, 2c; plucks, each 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 20c; stomachs, each 3c; 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 (dressed), 7c; 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, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 9@10c; part-cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins) each 15c; dry shearlings (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.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 22.—FLOUR—Steady; patents, $4.00@5.00; straights, $4.60@4.70; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher; closing with September 93⅛c, December 94½c and May 1½c above yesterday; the leading option, December, opened ⅜@½c higher on lower cables, advanced 2c on heavy buying, but fell back ⅞c, recovered and advanced 1⅝@1¾c, closing with sellers at the top; spot, higher. No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 96⅝@96⅞c; on track, 96@97½c; No. 2 hard, cash, 87@88c; September, 97⅝c; December, 97⅝@97¾c; May, 96⅝c asked.

CORN—Opened with futures ⅛c lower, but advanced soon with wheat, closing with buyers ⅝c above the bottom and ¾c above yesterday; spot, firm. No. 2 cash, 27½c; December, 28⅝c bid; May, 31½c bid.

OATS—Strong, with higher bids, but not much for sale; spot, about steady; No. 2 cash, in elevator, 19⅝c bid; on track, 20c; No. 2 red, 22@22½c; September, 20c bid; December, 20⅝c; May, 23⅝@23½c.

RYE—Lower; 44@46c on track.

CORN MEAL—Steady at $1.60.

BRAN—Dull and lower; east track, sacked, 48c; track, this side, 49c.

FLAXSEED—Lower at $1.01⅝.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.70.

HAY—Steady; prairie, $6.50@7.00; timothy, $7.00@10.00.

BUTTER—Strong; creamery, 16@21½c; dairy, 11@17c.

EGGS—Firm at 12c.

POULTRY—Chickens, old hens, 7½c; springs, 8@9c; ducks, springs, 6c; geese, springs, 6c; turkeys, springs, 10c.

WHISKY—$1.21.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—6½@7c.

METALS—Lead, firm at $4.17½@4.20. Spelter, dull at $4.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.50. Lard, steady; prime steam, $4.62; choice, $4.50. Bacon (boxed), lots, extra short clear and ribs, $6.37½; shorts, $6.50. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $5.37½; extra short clear and ribs, $5.87½; shorts, $6.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls. wheat, 46,000 bu.; corn, 136,000 bu.; oats, 48,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 29,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 22.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; pork, old, 8½c. Lard, refined tierces, 4¾c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 5¾c; sides, 5⅝c. Bacon, clear rib sides, 6¾c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 8½c.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, 19.25@11.25.

FLOUR—Steady; extra fancy, $4.60@4.75; patents, $5.10@5.20.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet at 62½@65c.

HAY—Easier; prime, $10.00@11.50; choice, $12.00@13.00.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 sacked white, 38c; mixed, 38½@38c; yellow, 40c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 26c.

RICE—Firm; ordinary to good, 4@4½c.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.21.

BUTTER—Firm.

SUGAR—Firm.

EGGS—Firm at 12c.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 22.—WHEAT—About steady; No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 2, 83½@85c; No. 3, 80@83c; No. 4, 80@81c; No. 2 red, 88@92c; one car mixed, 87c; No. 3, 86@87c; No. 4, 80@81c; No. 2 spring, 81@82c; No. 3 spring, 80@82c.

CORN—Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24½@24¾c.

OATS—About steady; fairly active; No. 2 white, 19½@21c; fancy, 22c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 44½c.

HAY—Active and firm; choice timothy, $7.00; choice prairie, $6.00.

BUTTER—Strong on light receipts and heavy demand; creamery, 17½@19c; dairy, 12@15c.

EGGS—Firm; 11c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 66,000 bu.; corn, 24,700 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 224,000 bu.; corn, 24,700 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 22.—PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, dull; 36s. Lard, prime western, steady; 24s 3d.

TURPENTINE—Spirits, firm; 23s.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm, 3s 1d; old, 3s 2½d; September, 2s 5¾d; October, steady, 3s 1½d; November, steady, 3s 2½d.

WHEAT—Spot, quiet; futures, quiet, unchanged to ½@¾d lower; September, 7s 11d; October, 7s 7½d; December, 7s 5d.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, Sept. 22.—WHEAT—Higher, firm; No. 2 cash and September, 95½c bid; December, 95½c.

CORN—Dull, higher; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 20c.

RYE—Dull, lower; No. 2 cash, 47½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active, lower; prime cash, 37½c.

OIL—Unchanged.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 22.—FLOUR—Weak.

WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, 92c.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 31@31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 20½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 47c.

BULK MEATS—Quiet and steady at $4.70@4.75. Lard, steady at $4.50.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; fancy western creamery, 21c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 18c; fresh western, 13c.

CHEESE—Steady.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 22.—FLOUR—Easier; western superfine, $2.00@2.50; western extra, $2.75@4.50; western family, $4.75@5.10; winter wheat patents, $5.20@5.50; spring patents, $5.50@5.75; spring wheat, straights, $4.25@4.40; receipts, 15,770 bbls.; exports, none; sales, 150 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot, 93½@93¾c; December, 90½@90⅝c; steamer, No. 2 red, 89@89½c; receipts, 72,731 bu.; exports, 140,677 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 90@92½c; southern, on grade, 89@96c.

CORN—Firm; spot, 32⅝@32¾c; December, new or old, 31½c bid; steamer mixed, 31⅛@32c; receipts, 37,418 bu.; exports, 61,000 bu.; southern white corn, 27@27½c; southern yellow, 28@28½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 24@25½c; receipts, 65,362 bu.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 32½@33c; receipts, 1,327 bu.

HAY—Steady; good to choice timothy, $15.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Unchanged.

PRODUCE—Butter and eggs, unchanged. Cheese, steady, unchanged.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Sept. 22.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, 28½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 22½@23c.

WHISKY—Firm; $1.21.

Receipts, Corn, 33,250 bu.; oats, 25,350 bu.; rye and whisky, none; wheat, 600 bu. Shipments: Corn, 23,100 bu; oats, 29,350 bu; whisky, 665 bbls.; wheat, none.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—WHEAT—Firm; December, $1.02½; May, $1.02.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Shows a Strong Recovery from the Previous Day's Reaction.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The result of today's transactions on the Stock exchange resulted in the recovery of the greater part of the losses sustained in yesterday's sharp reaction, many stocks closing tonight higher than Monday night. During the early part of the day the market was extremely irregular and uncertain in tone, a number of specialties continuing to show marked weakness even after the railroad list had recovered from its reactionary tendency. But by the second hour of trading the bears had practically abandoned their efforts to work a reaction, and the whole market was tending strongly upward. The manifest disposition of London operators and of commission house customers to buy stocks at a decline here afforded a support to the market that discouraged the bears. The nervousness over the hardening of the rates for money also largely subsided as the shifting of loans developed more accurately the true level of the money market. The rates for call money continued to run as high as 4 per cent, but as fast as rates were marked up to 4 per cent, there was abundant supply offered at as low as 2 per cent. This was not regarded as indicating a strong condition of the market. The higher rate was not felt to be justified by the condition of the market, and the failure of the exchange market to respond with any marked weakness to the 4 per cent asking rate, went to confirm the prevailing view. There was a marked reaction at one time during the day, due to the sharp profit-taking in Rock Island on the announcement of the declaration of a 1 per cent quarterly dividend. The recent sharp rise in Rock Island was accompanied by some irrepressible rumors that the dividend rate would be increased to 2 per cent. Some of the sellers of the stock professed disappointment that the rate was made only 4 per cent, and the bears used this as material for a drive against the market. But the strong recovery in Consolidated Gas and Brooklyn Union, the former rising 11 points and the latter 2¾, contributed to steady the market. The reports of an engagement of gold for import were vague and not definitely confirmed until the close of the market, but the rumors current served to rally the whole market strongly and bring prices to the best of the day at the close, the net gains in all of the active stocks ranging from 1 to 2 points. Foreign bankers are generally agreed that there is no profit in the importation of gold at the ruling rates of exchange here and of gold abroad, and the banking house which has engaged the gold for import intimate that they have been unable to do so owing to some special advantage secured, though it was affirmed that it was made in the regular course of exchange business. The engagement is not considered as indicating that a further movement of gold hither immediately follows without a further decline in the exchange market. The most marked of the gains during the day were: Consolidated Gas, 8⅝; Brooklyn Union Gas, 5¾; Sugar, 4⅛; Sugar preferred, 2¼; Brooklyn Transit, 2⅝; New Jersey Central, 3⅝, and Northwestern, Omaha and Susquehanna & Western preferred, 2¼ each.

The bond market showed some falling off in activity, but prices were strong except in the standard Ropse issues. Of these the 6s lost 6 points and the incomes 1½. The total sales were $2,800,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cable gram says: "The stock markets were generally dull today in anticipation of a rise in the bank rate tomorrow. Americans, however, showed marked strength, the close of the news of the withdrawal of gold from the Bank of England for shipment to New York, and prices closed strong and at the best. There were more signs of English and continental buying than since the upward movement commenced. Foreign stocks were dull, notably Spanish. The Paris bourse was dull early on the Spanish affairs, but closed better. The Berlin market was steadier."

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

Atchison	15⅝	do pfd	12
do pfd	33⅝	St. Paul	100¾
Baltimore & Ohio	19	do pfd	144¾
Canada Pacific	74	St. P. M. & M.	135
Canada Southern	59¾	do pfd	80½
Central Pacific	14⅝	St. P. M. & M.	122½
Ches. & Ohio	25⅝	So. Pacific	20½
Chicago & Alton	164	So. Railway	11⅞
C. B. & Q	100⅝	do pfd	35⅝
C. & E. I.	58¾	Texas & Pacific	13⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	38⅝	Union Pacific	23¾
do pfd	83⅝	U. P. D. & G	10
Del. & Hudson	129	Wabash	8¼
Del. L. & W.	160⅝	do pfd	22⅝
Den. & Rio G.	14⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	2⅝
do pfd	49¾	do pfd	13¾
Erie (new)	17⅝	Adams Ex.	156
Erie 1st pfd	43	American Ex.	117
Ft. Wayne	171	United States Ex.	44
Green Bay Northern pfd	139	Wells Fargo Ex.	108
Hocking Valley	6	A. Col. Oil	2¾
Illinois Central	106⅝	do pfd	75
Lake Erie & W.	27	Am'n Spirits	13¾
do pfd	77¾	do pfd	32¾
Lake Shore	126	Am. Tobacco	89⅝
Louisville & Nash.	61¾	do pfd	112½
Manhattan L.	107	Chicago Gas	106½
Met. Traction	159	Cons. Gas	230
Michigan Central	107¾	Com. Cable Co.	180
Minn. & St. L	27⅝	Col. F. & Iron	26⅝
do 1st pfd	80	do pfd	80
Mo. Pacific	36	Gen. Electric	38
Mobile & Ohio	26	Illinois Steel	45
Mo. K. & T.	15⅝	La Clede Gas	41¾
do pfd	39⅝	Lead	39⅞
Chicago, Ind. & L.	10⅝	do pfd	106
do pfd	31⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	10⅝
N. J. Central	99¾	Pacific Mail	35¾
N. Y. Central	112½	Pullman Pal.	180¾
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	16¾	Silver Certificates	58⅝
do 1st pfd	80	Stand. Rope & T.	5¾
do 2d pfd	40	Sugar	148
Norfolk & Western	14	do pfd	117⅝
No. Amer. Co.	5⅝	T. C. & Iron	32⅝
No. Pacific	20¾	U. S. Leather	8⅞
do pfd	57⅝	do pfd	68
Ontario & W.	18⅝	U. S. Rubber	18
Ore. R. & Nav.	29	do pfd	67¼
Ore. Short Line	19¾	Western Union	92¾
Pittsburg	159	Chi. Gt. Western	18⅝
Pacific Mail	35¾	Northwestern	128¾
Rock Island	95	do pfd	165¾
St. Louis & S. F.	5⅝		

Total sales of stocks today were 624,600 shares, including: Atchison, 3,950; Atchison preferred, 16,350; Chesapeake & Ohio, 7,900; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 46,020; Louisville & Nashville, 15,930; Manhattan, 8,600; Missouri Pacific, 11,820; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 6,880; New Jersey Central, 4,930; New York Central, 9,703; Northern Pacific, 5,900; Northern Pacific preferred, 22,350; Ontario & Western, 8,465; Reading, 3,350; Rock Island, 25,670; St. Paul, 54,350; Omaha, 5,912; Southern railway, 3,200; Southern railway preferred, 4,430; Union Pacific, 5,660; Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, 9,160; Wabash preferred, 8,250; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 2,200; American Tobacco, 10,730; Bay State Gas, 11,620; Chicago Gas, 20,920; Consolidated Gas, 5,260; General Electric, 3,350; Laclede Gas, 6,880; Lead, 4,392; Pacific Mail, 9,850; Pullman Palace, 2,000; Tennessee Coal & Iron, 3,350; United States Leather preferred, 3,500; Western Union, 10,330; Chicago Great Western, 18,720.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Sept. 22.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	13¼	W. Elec. pfd	55
American Sugar	147⅝	Wis. Cent	2⅞
Am. Sugar pfd	117	Ed. Elec. Ill.	156
Bay State Gas	3¼	Gen. Elec. pfd	84
Bell Telephone	208½	Atchison pfd	33⅝
Boston & Albany	219	Atchison 4s	59⅝
C. B. & Q	100	Gen. Elec. 5s	90½
Fitchburg	94¾	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric	47¾	Atlantic	25⅛
Illinois Steel	46	Boston & Montana	149½
Mexican Central	6⅛	Butte & Boston	28¾
N. Y. & N. E.	80	Calumet & Hecla	470
Old Colony	183	Centennial	21⅝
S. B. L.	50⅝	Franklin	22⅝
Rubber	17⅛	Keweenaw	2¾
San Diego	14	Osceola	40
Union Pacific	23¾	Quincy	120
West End	90	Tamarack	140
W. Elec.	25½	Wolverine	17⅝

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	13	Julia	3
Andes	16	Justice	16
Belcher	30	Kentucky Con	6
Best & Belcher	69	Mexican	52
Bullion	19	Occidental Con	265
Bulwer Con	8	Ophir	98
Calaveras	58	Overman	13
Challenge Con	43	Potosi	33
Chollar	54	Savage	30
Confidence	109	Scorpion	5
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Sierra Nevada	105
Con. Imperial	3	Union Con	52
Crown Point	32	Utah Con	21
Exchequer	5	Yellow Jacket	35
Gould & Curry	63	Standard	185
Hale & Norcross	150		

Silver bars, 58⅝c; Mexican dollars, 46@46¼c; drafts, sight, 5c; drafts, telegraph, 7½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	55	Ontario	250
Crown Point	130	Ophir	98
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Plymouth	13
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver	300
Gould & Curry	58	Quicksilver pf d	1000
Hale & Norcross	153	Sierra Nevada	100
Homestake	2900	Standard	170
Iron Silver	166	Union Con	52
Mexican	50	Yellow Jacket	37

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—MONEY ON CALL—Strong at 2@4 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84⅝ for demand and at $4.82½@4.82 for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.82½@4.83 and $4.85@4.86. Commercial bills, $4.81⅞.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—58½@59½c.

BAR SILVER—58½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—46½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	125	N. J. C. 5s	113⅝
U. S. new 4s coup	125	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. 4s, reg	111	N. C. 4s	103
U. S. 4s, coup	113½	No. Pacific 1sts	120⅝
U. S. 2s, reg	98	No. Pacific 3s	59¾
U. S. 5s, reg	114½	No. Pacific 4s	91⅝
U. S. 5s, coup	114½	N. Y. & St. L. 4s	106¼
District 3.65s	109	N. & W. 6s	123
Ala., class A	107	N. W. Consols	142⅝
Ala., class B	106	N. W. Deb. 5s	116
Ala., class C	98	Ore. Nav. 1sts	112
Ala. Currency	100	Ore. Nav. 4s	91
Atchison 4s	88	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	117
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