COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Threatening Political Situation is Dominating the Markets.

LIQUIDATION BY LONGS CONTINUES

Declines Are Noted in Both May and July Wheat, as Well as in the Other Grains and Provisions.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Liquidation of long property continued on the Board of Trade today, the threatening political situation dominating all other influences. Covering of short contracts near the close caused rallies throughout, but left declines in July wheat of ½@⅝c, ¼c in May corn, ¼@⅜c in oats and 2½@17c in provisions, the latter in May pork. Clique brokers accepted all the May wheat offered and held it at $1.04.

Wheat opened weak and lower on the extremely heavy shipments from Argentine, that country contributing 2,360,000 bu. during the week, compared with one-tenth of that amount in the same week last year. Liverpool cables showed declines in that market averaging ⅞d, part of which was quickly recovered. From 82⅝@82½c at the start, July fell to 82c, and held steady at that figure for some time, rallying occasionally to 82⅝c, only to be pounded down again. Chicago receipts were 117 cars, against 19 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 370 cars, compared with 438 last year. As the session progressed the market became still heavier, July finally tumbling to 81¼c. War talk undoubtedly had much to do with the decline, which was accompanied by heavy liquidation. Professionals covered from 82c down, but the offerings more than held them in check. The cablegram stating that the potato crop in the United Kingdom was the smallest since 1894 had little or no effect. Sales of thirty boat loads at the seaboard and the Modern Miller report alleging serious damage to the growing plant in California, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas during the recent cold wave started a buying movement near the close, which rallied prices a full cent. May sold between $1.03 and $1.04, closing at $1.04. July opened ¼c lower at 82¼@82½c, sold off to 81¼c and closed at 82⅛@82¼c, sellers.

Corn shared in the general weakness, but although lower prices prevailed, there was a sufficient number of shorts willing to take profits to hinder full sympathy with the weakness in wheat. The receipts were only 132 cars, against 150 estimated, and only 125 was the number of cars predicted for tomorrow. The Atlantic port clearances for the day were 715,000 bu., about half from Newport News. The recovery in wheat near the end had a beneficial effect. May opened ⅛c lower at 28⅝@28½c, sold at 28¼@28⅜c, and rallied to 28½c at the close.

Oats suffered a decline of ¼@¾c for May delivery, and ¼@¼c for July, on moderate trading. Longs were the chief sellers. The weakness in wheat and corn had a good deal to do with the heaviness that prevailed. No export business was done. Exports from Atlantic cities were 189,000 bu. The local receipts were 199 cars. May opened at from 25¼c to 25⅜c, declined to 25c and closed worth 25¼c.

Provisions were weak, and selling of pork more especially was urgent for a long time. The steadier feeling in the grain markets near the end of the session had a somewhat reassuring effect, and caused the recovery of some of the early decline. May pork showed a loss of 27½c a bbl. at one time, and of 17½c at the end. Lard and ribs were relatively less weak. The former lost for the day 2½@5c, and the latter 2½@5c for May, with July leaving off at Thursday's price.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 170 cars; corn, 125 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs, 36,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close	Yest'y
*Wheat-					
May...	1 03	1 04	1 03	1 04	1 04
July...	82⅛@⅝	82½	81¼	82⅛@¼	82⅝@¾
Sept...	75⅛@⅞	76⅛	75¼	75⅞	.....
*Corn-					
May...	28⅝@¾	28⅝@¾	28⅛@⅜	28⅛	28⅝
July...	29⅛	29⅛@¼	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛@⅜
Sept...	30⅞@31	30⅞@31	30⅝@¾	30⅝@⅞	31
*Oats—					
May...	25¼	25⅜	25	25¼	25⅜@¾
July...	22⅛	23	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛@23
Pork—					
May...	9 55	9 57½	9 35	9 45	9 62½
July...	9 57½	9 65	9 40	9 52½	9 67½
Lard—					
May...	5 00	5 00	4 95	4 97½	5 00
July...	5 05	5 07½	5 02½	5 02½	5 07½
Sh'rt Ribs—					
May...	4 97½	5 00	4 97½	5 00	5 00
July...	5 05	5 07½	5 00	5 05	5 05

*No. 2.

*Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.90@5.00; straights, $4.20@4.50; spring patents, $4.70@5.10; straights, $4.40@4.60; bakers, $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 90@93c; No. 3 spring, 89@94c; No. 2 red, $1.00½.

CORN—No. 2, 28@28¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 25½@26c; No. 2 white, 29¼@30c; No. 3 white, 27¼@29c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.17@1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.87½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $9.45@9.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.92½@4.95. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), $4.82½@5.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@4.87½; short clear sides (boxed), $5.25@5.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	60,000	42,000
Wheat, bu	55,000	193,000
Corn, bu	251,000	98,000
Oats, bu	201,000	236,000
Rye, bu	5,000	1,000
Barley, bu	70,000	36,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 13@18½c; dairies, 10½@16c. Cheese, quiet at 8@8½c. Eggs, fresh, 9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,816 bbls.; exports, 36,308 bbls.; quiet but firm; city mill patents, $5.85@6.10; city mill clears, $5.60@5.75; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; Minnesota patents, $5.10@5.40; winter patents, $4.85@5.25; winter extras, $3.90@4.10; Minnesota bakers, $4.35@4.55; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull, $2.95@3.25. Buckwheat flour, nominal, $1.30@1.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet, 45c.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 57½@58c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 58½c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 41½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 53@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 71,225 bu.; exports, 51,605 bu. Spot, weak; No. 2 red, f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options suffered another bad break today, based on further liquidation, enormous Argentine shipments, rumored Philadelphia bank failures and unsettled political situation. Opening weak at ¼@¾c decline, it sold off all day, pressure being mostly in near months, which closed 1½@1¾c lower, against ⅝@¾c decline in late deliveries. Export trade at all ports was heavy. No. 2 red, March, closed at $1.06½; May, 97⅞@98⅛c, closed at 98c.

CORN—Receipts, 80,925 bu.; exports, 66,574 bu. Spot, weak; No. 2, 33½c. Options weakened by further May liquidation, small clearances and the drop in wheat, closing ¼@¾c lower; May, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 78,000 bu.; exports, 39,333 bu. Spot, weaker; No. 2, 26½c; No. 2 white, 32c. Options dull and lower with corn, closing at ⅛c net decline; May closed at 26c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 70@85c; middlings, 80c; rye feed, 82½@85c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 30@35c; good to choice, 50@70c.

HOPS—Steadier; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 17@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; California, 21@25 lbs., 17½@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@23½c.

WOOL—Quiet; Texas, 12@15c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.25@11.75; beef hams, $23.00; packet, $10.25@11.00. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 5.62½@6.50; pickled shoulders, 4.37½@4.50; pickled hams, 7.50@7.75. Lard, easier; western steam'd $5.30@5.35, nominal; refined, easy. Pork, mess, $9.50@9.75; short clear, $10.50@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, steady; city, 3 11-16@3¾c; country, 3⅝@3¾c, as to quality.

OILS—Cottonseed, prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 15@16c; prime summer yellow, 22@22½c; off summer yellow, 21½@22c. Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, quiet, 27½@33c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4½@6¼c; Japan, 6½@⅞c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@33c.

METALS—The local market showed less stability today, several departments easing off under lack of support and liberal offerings. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants very dull, with $6.70 bid and $6.80 asked; lake copper, very quiet, with $11.87½ bid and $12 asked; tin, easier, with $14.25 bid and $14.35 asked; spelter, steady, with $4.25 bid and $4.35 asked; lead, easier, with $3.72½ bid and $3.77½ asked. According to the firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters in the west, the closing quotation on lead is $3.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,429 pkgs.; market quiet; western creamery, 15½@18c; factory, 12@14½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,944 pkgs.; market quiet; September, 7½c; October, 7@7½c; light skims, 5½@6½c; part skims, 4@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,979 pkgs.; market quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 10½@10¾c; western, 10½c; southern, 10@10½c.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 25.—WOOL PRODUCTS—Quiet. Texas, standard mess, $22.50. Lard, refined Liverpool, 23.62½@23.75; tierces, 23.25@23.37½. Rosined molds, very dull, shortbows, $5.00; stave, $5.37½; bacon sides, $6.25. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to fair, 6⅞@8¼c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3⅝@4⅝c.

FLOUR—Dull; extra fancy, $4.80@4.70; patents, $4.95@5.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—72c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $10.00@10.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 37@37½; white and yellow, 37½@38c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 31½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 3c; ducks, 7c.

GAME—Mallards, $3.00@3.25; teal, $1.25@1.50; brants, $2.00@2.00; Canadian geese, $4.50@6.00; mixed ducks, $1.25@1.50.

PIGEONS—Live, $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $6; midland, $5; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 50c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.00@1.10.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., ½@½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c.

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $4.00@4.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $7.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Nebraska, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.50; choice, $2.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $2.75; choice, $2.50; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 10c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@25c per box; California, 10-lb box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.0; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6¼c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7½c; rounds, No. 2, 6¾c; rounds, No. 3, 6¼c; trimmings, 4¼c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 11c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass, per side, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 9½c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 7½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6¼c; rump butts, boneless, 5¾c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7½c; loins, No. 1, 13½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, Chicago style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 8c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs 9c per lb.; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 9c; saddles, 9c; legs, 9c; lambs legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5¼c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6½c; long, 8c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5¾c; Boston butts, 5¼c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; heads cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 4c; pigs tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, per set, 3c; per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs, feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 green salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; 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.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3@3¼c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—FLOUR—Slow and easier; patents, $4.70@4.80; straights, $4.30@4.45; clear, $3.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing strong, however, and 1c below yesterday for July, with May steady. Spot, lower; No. 2 red, cash, 96c; track, 97c; March, 96½c; May, 98⅜@98⅞c; July, 76⅞c; September, 73⅝c bid; No. 2 hard, cash, 91c asked.

CORN—Futures strong in sympathy with wheat, but closed the same, a shade lower than yesterday. Spot, lower; No. 2, cash, 26½c; March, 26½c; May, 26½c bid; July, 27⅝c bid; September, 28¾c bid.

OATS—Futures closed firm, but fractions lower. Spot, lower; No. 2, cash, 25½c; track, 26¼@25½c; March, 25½c; May, 25¾c bid; July, 23⅝c; September, 21c bid; No. 2 white, 29c.

RYE—Steady at 48¾@49c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at $1.14.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.90.

CORNMEAL—$1.50@1.55.

BRAN—East track, sacked, 57c.

HAY—Choice timothy, scarce and firm; prairie and low grades of timothy, quiet; prairie, $5.50@8.50; timothy, $8.00@9.25.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Lower at 8½c.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5¼@6c.

METALS—Lead, easy at $3.55 sellers. Spelter, nominal at $4.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $9.50. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.80; choice, $4.82½. Boxed meats, heavier; shoulders, $5.25@5.37½; extra short clear, $5.62½; ribs, $5.75; shorts, $5.87½. Dry salt meats, shoulders, $4.62½@4.75; extra short clear, $5.12½; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 36,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 96,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 25.—FLOUR—Quiet; western superfine, $3.20@3.40; western extra, $3.35@4.00; western family, $4.20@4.50; winter wheat patents, $4.75@5.00; spring patents, $5.20@5.40; spring wheat straights, $5.00@5.15; receipts, 5,537 bbls.; exports, 28,492 bbls.

WHEAT—No. 2 spot and month, 96⅝@97c; May, 97⅝@98c; receipts, 16,303 bu.; exports, none; southern wheat, by sample, 94@98c; southern wheat, on grade, 95½@97½c.

CORN—Easy; spot and month, 32⅝@32⅞c; May, 33½@33¾c; steamer mixed, 32½@32¾c; receipts, 97,955 bu.; exports, 107,143 bu.; southern white corn, 33½@34½c.

OATS—Steady for white and easier for mixed; No. 2 white, 33@36c; No. 2 mixed, 25¾@31¾c; receipts, 24,082 bu.; exports, 115,506 bu.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 nearby, 55½c; No. 2 western, 56½c; receipts, 6,093 bu.; exports, none.

HAY—Dull; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Good demand and rates appear to be easy; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3¼d. May Cork for orders, per quarter, 5s 10½d, March; 3s 4½@3s 6d, April.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 19@20c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 9@9½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 9¼@10c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 25.—WHEAT—Market about 1c lower and rather dull; No. 1 hard, 87@87½c; No. 2, 86c; No. 3, 84@85c; No. 1 red, 93@94c; No. 2, 92@93c; No. 3, 89@90c; No. 3 spring, 86@87c; No. 3, 83@85c.

CORN—Market ¼@½c lower and active; No. 2 mixed, 25½@25¾c.

OATS—Market active and steady; No. 2 white, 27½@28c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 45½c.

HAY—Market firm and unchanged.

BUTTER—Market firm; creamery, 15@18½c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Market firm; fresh, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 19,200 bu.; corn, 38,300 bu.; oats, 10,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 31,800 bu.; corn, 41,600 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, March 25.—FLOUR—Easy; fancy, $4.35@4.55; family, $3.70@4.00.

WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2, 96c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 54c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, easy at $4.85; bulk meats, steady at $5.10; bacon, steady at $5.90.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.20.

BUTTER—Steady; Elgin creamery, 20½c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10@12c.

SUGAR—Easy; hard refining, $4.10@5.85.

EGGS—Dull at 8½c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 25.—WHEAT—Spot, dull; No. 1 red, northern, spring, 7s 11½d; No. 2 red, western, 7s 9½d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American, new, 3s 6d; future were quiet; March, 3s 3¾d; May, 3s 2¾d; July, 3s 3d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull at 9s 9d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull at £4@£4 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fair western, 51s 3d; prime mess, medium western, 48s 3d. Hams, short cut, steady at 52s. Bacon, firm at 30s; short ribs, dull at 30s 6d; long clear middles, light, steady at 29s; long clear middles, heavy, steady at 28s 6d; short clear backs, steady at 28s 6d; clear bellies, steady at 32s. Shoulders, square, steady at 24s. Lard, prime western, steady at 27s. Tallow, prime city, firm at 29s 6d.

CHEESE—American, white and colored, finest, unchanged.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, steady at 17s 3d. Turpentine spirits, steady at 23s. Rosin, common, steady at 4s 2d.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Receipts today: Wheat, 117 cars; corn, 132 cars; oats, 219 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 170 cars; corn, 120 cars; oats, 165 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 25.—Receipts: Wheat, 229 cars.

DULUTH, March 25.—Receipts: Wheat, 71 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, March 25.—WHEAT—Active; No. 2 cash and May, 95½c.

CORN—Active and lower; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 26c.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 2 cash, 50c.

CLOVERSEED—Lower and active; prime cash, March and April, $2.85.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 20c; fancy western prints, 21c.

EGGS—Steady; western, 10½c.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady; New York fancy full cream, 8½@9¼c; New York prime, 7½@8c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, March 25.—CORN—Market dull and lower; No. 2, 28½c.

OATS—Market inactive and lower; No. 2 white, 27½c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, March 25.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 92½c; No. 2 red cash and May, 94½c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.35¾; May, $1.44½.

BARLEY—Steady; December, $1.11¼; May, $1.15½.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices the Lowest Since Cuban Issue Became Prominent.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Today's closing prices were the lowest in most cases since the Cuban question became a dominant factor in the situation. Twenty active shares averaged lower than at any time this year, and government new 4s, coupon, were down to 118¾ bid. This was on the assumption that new issues were possible if expenditures for war purposes continued long. Before the battleship Maine was blown up they were quoted above 128. It was freely predicted that the Maine report would be extremely unfavorable. The market opened with quotations slightly blow yesterday's final figures. The bears were determined to bring about a substantially lower level and hammered many of the leading stocks vigorously in an endeavor to precipitate liquidation. The local transportation shares and Sugar were the most vulnerable points of attack, and the extreme weakness in those specialties was soon communicated elsewhere. Numerous stop loss orders were executed, and the market for a time took on an animated appearance, with transactions ranging between 1 and 3 points during the first half hour's operations. Purchases for London account and an effort on the part of some traders to rally prices gave a steadier tone, which was accompanied by extreme stagnation. As the day progressed the market dipped frequently, but there was an absence of featured in the general speculation until the final hour, when extensive liquidation set in, which depressed the bulk of the high priced specialties to the lowest figures of the day. The efforts of the bears to depress prices were aided by indications published that there would be an attack on the list in late trading. Washington houses were sellers, and it was inferred that they might have some intimation of the nature of the Maine report. The local speculatics were conspicuously weak. Third Avenue loading 1½ per cent. There was a published story that a scrip dividend of 100 per cent was in contemplation in order to increase the company's stock capitalization sufficiently to permit the lawful issue of new bonds in payment for recently acquired lines. Metropolitan Street Railway lost 4¼. Manhattan 12¾ and Consolidated 4 and 5%. Sugar was down 3¾, partly on fear of the proximity of increased competition in the trade. The steady decline in this stock tended to cover recent reports that inside support had been withdrawn from the market. The break in Northern Pacific preferred of 1¼, accompanied as it was by weakness in Canadian Pacifics, was taken to indicate something unfavorable as forthcoming in regard to the rate war. New York Central and the Grangers showed little resistance to attacks. There was a further engagement for import of a moderate amount of gold, making the total of the present movement, including that from Australia, nearly $5,000,000. The foreign exchange market exhibited heaviness today and some concessions were noticed in rates, posted figures in one instance being lowered 5c. This incident is regarded in a measure as presaging a further influx of gold. Quotations for railway mortgages continued to sag on light offerings, which for the most part consisted of usually active speculative liens. The total transactions in railway and government bonds displayed extreme weakness, the new 4s, coupon, and registered, and old 4s, coupon, yielding 1 per cent in the bid price; the old 4s, registered, suffered to the extent of ½ and the 5s, coupon, and registered lost ¼ each.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets opened flat today on the London Times' cables concerning the Chinese concessions to Russia, improved later on M. Hanoteaux's assurance to the Paris Figaro that the relations of France with all nations are cordial, and finally closed flat again. The nervous feeling is increasing as the settlement approaches. Americans, after a partial rally, closed flat. There was a further fall in South American government and railroad stocks on forced exchange. There was a spurt in Spanish 4s, which finally closed only a fraction above the lowest. Spanish exchange on London was demoralized and quite nominal.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	10⅛	Hawaii C. C.	29
do pfd	27	St. P. & Du	75
Baltimore & Ohio	15⅛	do pfd	145
Canada Pacific	79	St. P. M. & M.	124
Canada Southern	44⅛	So. Pacific	13
Central Pacific	11⅛	So. Railway	7⅛
Ches. & Ohio	17½	do pfd	24⅛
Chicago & Alton	152	Texas & Pacific	8⅛
C., B. & Q.	80⅛	Union Pacific pfd.	47⅛
C. & E. I.	51	U. P. D. & G.	6⅛
C. C. C. & St. L.	25⅛	Wabash	6⅛
do pfd	82	do pfd	14⅛
Del. & Hudson	106	Wheel. & L. E.	1⅛
Del. L. & W.	145	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	9⅛
Den. & Rio G	10⅛	Adams Ex.	100
do pfd	42⅛	American Ex.	123
Erie (new)	14⅛	United States Ex.	42
Erie 1st pfd	31⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.	115
Ft. Wayne	166	Am. Cot. Oil	15⅛
Great Northern pfd	143	A. Cot. Oil pfd	65
Hocking Valley	15⅛	Am. Spirits	6⅛
Illinois Central	97	Am. Spirits pfd	15⅛
Lake Erie & W.	12⅛	Am. Tobacco	92
do pfd	65	do pfd	112⅛
Lake Shore	180	People's Gas	87
Louisville & Nash.	47⅛	Consol. Gas	168
Manhattan L.	92⅛	Con. Cable Co.	165
Met. St. Ry.	127	Col. F. & Iron	16⅛
Michigan Central	104	do pfd	80
Minn. & St. L.	24	Gen. Electric	30⅛
do 1st pfd	80	Illinois Steel	45
Mo. Pacific	23	La Clede Gas	37⅛
Mobile & Ohio	26	Lead	26⅛
Mo. K. & T.	10⅛	do pfd	102
Mo. K. & T. pfd	29⅛	Nat. Lin. Oil	25⅛
Chi., Ind. & L.	6⅛	Oregon Imp. Co.	25
do pfd	22	Pacific Mail	22⅛
N. J. Central	87⅛	Pullman Pal.	166
N. Y. Central	105⅛	Silver Certificates	55⅛
N. Y. C. & St. L.	4⅛	Sugar Rope & T.	34
do 1st pfd	63	Sugar	109⅛
do 2d pfd	27	do pfd	103⅛
Norfolk & Western	11⅛	T. C. & Iron	17⅛
No. Amer. Co.	5⅛	U. S. Leather	8⅛
N. W. Pacific	26	do pfd	54⅛
do pfd	58⅛	U. S. Rubber	15⅛
Ontario & W.	13⅛	do pfd	63
Ore. R. & Nav.	41	Western Union	83⅛
Ore. Short Line	27	Northwestern	113⅛
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	172
Reading	15⅛	Rio Grande West	23
Rock Island	80⅛	do pfd	54
S. L. & S. F.	9⅛	Chicago Great W.	9⅛
do 1st pfd	52	St. L. & S. W.	4
St. Paul	86⅛	do pfd	8⅛
do pfd	143	Reading 1st pfd	36⅛

Total sales of stocks today, 546,000 shares, including: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 32,427; Louisville & Nashville, 6,135; Manhattan, 20,575; Metropolitan, 15,030; Missouri Pacific, 3,600; New Jersey Central, 3,645; New York Central, 8,012; Northern Pacific, 4,150; Northern Pacific, preferred, 18,185; Rock Island, 3,285; St. Paul, 37,000; Union Pacific, preferred, 11,490; Tobacco, 11,180; People's Gas, 9,465; Sugar, 81,800; Western Union, 4,978.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 25.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 4½@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅛	W. Elec.	21⅛
American Sugar	109⅛	W. Elec. pfd	50
Am. Sugar pfd	102⅛	Boston L.	54
Bay State Gas	1⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill.	160
Bell Telephone	239	Atchison pfd	23⅛
Boston & Albany	217⅛	Atchison 4s	86
Boston & Maine	160	Allouez Mining Co	1⅛
C., B. & Q.	80⅛	Atlantic	28
Fitchburg	132	Bingham Mountain	190
General Electric	30⅛	Butte & Boston	20
Illinois Steel	45	Calumet & Hecla	505
Mexican Central	5	Centennial	11
N. Y. & N. E.	89	Franklin	11⅛
Old Colony	189	Osceola	140
O. S. L.	27⅛	Quincy	104
Rubber	14⅛	Tamarack	139
Union Pacific	16⅛	Wolverines	15⅛
West End	77⅛	Parrott	21⅛

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, March 25.—The clearings for the day were $797,450.11; balances, $88,958.34. The clearings for 1897 were $585,340.55, and the balances, $103,468.34. The increase in clearings, $208,109.56.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Clearings, $12,618,000; balances, $1,627,000; New York exchange, 30c discount; sterling posted, $4.82@4.85; actual, $4.81½@4.83¾; sixty days, $4.81@4.82½. Stocks, dull and lower on war news; Biscuit, common, 21; Biscuit preferred, 75⅛; Diamond Match, 129⅛; Strawboard, 22.

NEW ORLEANS, March 25.—Clearings, $1,296,842; New York exchange, bank par; commercial, $1 per $1,000 discount.

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—Clearings, $2,980,184; balances, $633,676; money, 6@8 per cent; New York exchange, 40c discount bid, 25c discount asked.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Clearings, $166,773,087; balances, $7,444,838.

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