

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Enormous World's Shipments Knocks Off Price of Wheat.

FINE WEATHER IS ALSO AN INFLUENCE

Condition Sets In Near the Close on Reports of Severe Damage to the Crops in California.

CHICAGO. April 11.—Wheat today sold off the market, largely on the weather and enormous world's shipments. Closing prices, however, showed a decline of but \$4.60c, sensational crop damage reports from California relieving the pressure late in the day. The president's message was not a factor, the contents not being generally known until trading for the day was practically at an end. Corn, oats, and provisions were all easier and left off at small declines from Saturday's final prices.

The opening tone in wheat was distinctly weak. July, starting at from \$14.60c, compared with Saturday's closing price of \$14.63c. Several influences brought about the decline. Advice from Washington were of a more specific character, and a general statement had been done of late on belief that impending hostilities would bring higher prices, this fact was responsible for more or less unloading. The weather west was very favorable for farming operations, and early crop reports were bearish. The government crop report was expected to show a continuation of 8% per cent increase this year, but uncertainty in regard to this and the fact that the foreign markets were still closed, but the influence to restrict the trade all day. Small numbers of imports were apparently overlooked. Minneapolis and Durfee reported 271 cars against 257 last week and 662 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 53 cars, an addition of 100. Receipts were large. Besides receipts of 41 cars of this grade from regular sources 21 cars and 14,000 bu. were received from mixing houses and elevators. Total receipts of 1,400 carloads of about 48,000 bu. The world's shipments were enormous, amounting to 155,000 bu. Liquidation, which started at the opening, was kept up throughout the day, so sometime the price finally dropped to \$14.50c. This was below "put" price, and a slight rally was caused by buying of holders of this particular. July, 14,000 bu. This show of strength lasted but a short time. The visible, which was expected to show a decrease of about 1,000,000 bu., put a few several times but had no effect. The decrease amounted to but \$1.00c. The market quickly sold off again on this announcement, and the lowest prices of the day were recorded. July, going down to \$14.30c. The market then turned somewhat on covering by shorts, but did not rally much until after the noon hour, when the great strength of the San Francisco market was reflected in the exports east to the wheat condition in California put a different complexion on things and caused the bears buying of the day, and real importers, mean to buy. The market was so far off, a hot northern prevailing with an advance of 4¢-10¢. San Francisco, April 11.—The last hand of the market showed a good deal of firmness. The July price finally advanced to \$14.30c and closed at that figure.

On the way were favorable. Fine weather and the break in the wheat, started general selling, a break of the resulting. The market soon became dull, with narrow fluctuations, until it was clear, when the rally in that market brought buyers in. The market and prices rallied to the best point of the day. May, ranged from 29¢-30¢ to 29¢-30¢ and closed lower at 29¢-29¢.

Business in provisions was light and mostly of a scrapping nature. Lower, but still on the grain decline, and the more prominent feature. Weather was the main factor responsible for an opening decline and the still lower prices which followed. The market improved with the late recoveries in the grain, and the steady, though not rapid, fall of the grain market.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 106,000; corn, 300 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat. 5/9.
Wheat	1.00	1.00	0.95	1.00	1.00
Wheat	84	84	83	83	84
Sept.	77.60	77.70	76.90	77.70	77.70
Dec.	77.60	77.70	76.90	77.70	77.70
May	29.60	29.60	29.40	29.60	29.60
July	30.90	30.90	30.60	30.90	30.90
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