COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Spurt in the Wheat Market Comes Just Before the Close of Trading.

LEAVES OFF A FOURTH TO EIGHTH BETTER

Corn Follows Example of Wheat and Finishes Strong After Weak Opening—Ribs a Shade Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Wheat was lifeless and heavy today until within thirty minutes of the close, when a sudden revival of the export demand changed the course of the market and May wheat left off ¼@⅜c higher. Corn acted in unison with wheat and closed ⅜c higher after early weakness. Oats rose ⅛c. Pork closed 5c lower, lard unchanged and ribs a shade higher.

The general surroundings of the wheat market were unchanged at the commencement. Cables were lifeless, the weather was not a disturbing factor and Argentine shipments to Europe for the week were about as anticipated. Under those circumstances wheat opened a shade lower at from 73c to 73⅛@73¼c, and for an hour or so gave very little indication of getting far from those figures. Chicago received ninety-five cars, against seventy-five cars a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 402 cars, compared with 257 for the corresponding day last year. The Argentine shipments of wheat for the week were 1,296,000 bu., against 1,466,000 bu. the year before.

Some bearishness was imparted to the market by estimates of a large increase in northwest stocks during the week. Receipts of wheat at western primary markets amounted to 652,000 bu., whereas only 417,000 bu. were received for the same day last year. Atlantic port clearances were equal to 682,000 bu. The drought was reported broken in California and the bears took an inning on that information. After backing and filling between 72⅞c and 73¼c for May wheat until the last hour of the session the market became weak and looked for awhile as if it was going to break up into little pieces, when rumors of considerable export business having been done commenced to be circulated. Soon it became known that 100,000 bu. of wheat held in New York by a Chicago firm had been sold for export and that 200,000 bu. of Kansas wheat had been shipped or is to be shipped by way of the gulf ports. New York wired also that late London cables bid 6d more for wheat than the price at which they accepted the offers of yesterday. That changed the whole complexion of the market, and from being listless and inclined to go lower it became very strong and quite active. May wheat moved up in a few minutes from 72⅝c to 73⅝c and before the end it brought 73¾c, with the latest trading at 73⅝@73¾c.

Lack of outside speculation, free country offerings and liberal receipts depressed corn early. The market was very heavy and during the middle hour of the session hardly a trade was made. The sudden upward whirl in wheat, however, caused a rally in corn, and during the last fifteen minutes of the session the market gave a wonderful exhibition of bullish spirit, considering the dullness of its previous aspect. Receipts, 614 cars. May opened irregular at from 35⅞c to 36⅛@36⅛c, declined to 35⅝c, then rose to 36⅜c at the close.

The oats market was influenced almost entirely by the leading grains. There was some covering by shorts, but outside of this there was very little demand. Receipts, 442 cars. May began a shade lower at 27⅜@27⅝c, weakened to 27⅛@27⅜c, then improved to 28c sellers at the close.

There was a fair provision trade, with pork rather easy on commission house selling. Shipments were moderate—2,600,000 lbs. of meats and 1,070,000 lbs. of lard. May opened 2c lower at $9.62½, rose to $9.67½, sold off to $9.57½ and closed at $9.60. The range in lard and ribs was narrow.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 48 cars; corn, 360 cars; oats, 235 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'dy
*Wheat.					
May	73⅜	73⅝	72⅞	73⅝@¾	73¼
July	71⅝@⅝	71⅞	70⅞	71⅜	71⅛@⅜
*Corn.					
May	35⅞@⅛	36⅜	35⅝	36⅜	36
July	36⅛@⅜	36⅜@⅝	36⅛	36⅜@⅝	36⅛
Sept	37⅝	37⅝@⅞	36⅞	37⅝@⅞	37⅛
*Oats.					
May	27⅝	28	27⅝@¾	28	27⅝
July	25⅝	26	25⅝@¾	25⅞-26	25⅝
Pork.					
May	9 62½	9 67½	9 57½	9 60	9 65
*Lard.					
May	5 45	5 47½	5 42½	5 45	5 45
July	5 57½	5 60	5 55	5 57½	5 57½
Sept	5 70	5 70	5 67½	5 70	5 70
*Ribs.					
May	4 85	4 87½	4 85	4 85	4 85
July	4 97½	5 00	4 97½	4 97½	4 97½
Sept	5 10	5 12½	5 10	5 10	5 07½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Moderate demand and steady; winter patents, $3.80@3.90; straights, $3.40@3.60; clears, $3.30@3.40; spring specials, $4.20; patents, $3.40@3.70; hard straights, $3.00@3.20; bakers, $2.30@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 68@71½c; No. 3 spring, 65@70c; No. 2 red, 72½@73½c.

CORN—No. 2, 34½@34¾c; No. 2 yellow, 34½@35½c.

OATS—No. 2, 27½c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 55¾@56c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@52c.

SEED—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.15½; northwest, $1.19½; prime timothy seed, $2.47½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.45@9.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.30@5.32½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.55@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.32½; short clear sides (boxed), $4.90@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.20. The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	19,000	10,000
Wheat, bu	79,000	38,000
Corn, bu	475,000	265,000
Oats, bu	273,000	195,000
Rye, bu	11,000	7,000
Barley, bu	32,000	14,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was dull and easy; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 11½@17c. Eggs, weak and lower; fresh, 20@23c. Cheese, firm; creams, 9¾@11c. Dressed poultry, fair demand; turkeys, 9½@11c; ducks, 8½@9c; chickens, 9@9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,591 bbls.; exports, 26,432 bbls.; again dull and steadily held; winter straights, $3.60@3.70; Minnesota bakers, $3.10@3.25; winter extras, $2.50@2.85; winter low grades, $2.40@2.65.

CORNMEAL—Steady.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 67c f. o. b. afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 81,600 bu.; exports, 256,118 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 85⅝c f. o. b. afloat, to arrive. Options had an easy opening and the most of the day were thoroughly featureless, although fairly steady on foreign buying and export rumors. In the afternoon bears hammered the prices off until caught by a late rise in corn and disturbing Manila news, when hasty covering ensued, the market closing strong at ⅜@1⅛c net advance; March, 83⅜@84½c; closed, 84½c.

CORN—Receipts, 117,000 bu.; exports, 141,544 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 45⅝c f. o. b. afloat, for old and 44⅝c for new. Options at first were easy on crop news and larger country offerings, but getting oversold later, turned strong and active; closed ⅜c net higher; May, 40⅝@41c; closed, 41c.

OATS—Receipts, 115,200 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 35c; No. 2 white, 37c. Options steady.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1898 crop, 17@18c; Pacific coast, 1898 crop, 18@19c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady; prime crude, 20@21c; prime yellow, 25@26c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@7c; Japan, 5¾@5⅞c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@37c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet; prime crude, 20@20½c; prime yellow, 25c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,347 pkgs.; market firm; western creamery, 16@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,706 pkgs.; market steady; large white, 10½c; small white, 11@11¼c; large colored, 10½c; small colored, 11@11¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,082 pkgs.; market strong and higher; western, 33c; southern, 31@33c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants unchanged at $9.25; lake copper, unchanged at $17.75 bid and $18.00 asked; tin, firm at $24.00; lead, quiet at $4.35 bid and $4.40 asked; spelter, unchanged at $6.50. The brokers' price for lead is $4.20 and for copper $18.00.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 8,930 bbls.; exports, 168 bbls.

WHEAT—Easy; spot and month, 76@76¼c; March, 67¼@76½c; steamer, No. 2 red, 67¾@70c; receipts, 14,320 bu.; exports, none; southern wheat by sample, 70@77c; southern on grade, 73½@76½c.

CORN—Steady; spot and month, 37⅝@38c; March, 38@38¼c; steamer mixed, 36⅛@36⅜c; receipts, 200,156 bu.; exports, none; southern white and yellow corn, 37@39¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, western, 37@37½c; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c; receipts, 15,572 bu.; exports, none.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 22@23c; fancy ladle, 15@18c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 11@15c; rolls, 12@13c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 32@33c.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Products.

EGGS—Receipts increasing; market uncertain and demand light; fresh stock, 25c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 6½@7c; dressed, 8@8½c; old roosters, live, 4c; dressed, 5c; spring chickens, live, 6½@7c; dressed, 8@8½c; ducks, live, 7½c; dressed, 9c; geese, live, 7½c; dressed, 9c; turkeys, live, 7@8c; dressed, 10@11c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@8½c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.50; medlums, per can, 20c; Standard, per can, 25c; Extra Select, per can, 30c; New York Counts, per can, 35c.

FRESH WATER FISH—White fish, 8c; lake trout, 9c; small trout, green, 10c; yellow pike, 7c; pickerel, winter caught, 5c; silver herring, 4c; perch, scaled and dressed, 6c; perch, skinned and dressed, 7c; northern crappie, 10c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, very scarce, 15c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 8c; Columbia river salmon, 10c; halibut, 11c; No. 1 smelts, 10c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 10c; extra large mackerel, 30c each.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.00; Gentons, $3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $4.50@4.65; western boxed apples, $1.60@1.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $8.50@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $6.00@6.25; large, $7.00; per crate, $2.25.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $4.50.

SPINACH—None in market.

LETTUCE — Home grown, per doz. bunches, 45c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 30c.

CELERY—California, good stock, 25c; choice, 35c; fancy, 50c, extra large, 75c; Michigan, choice stock, 25@30c.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 2¼@2½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 75c.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.35@1.40.

POTATOES — Choice, sacked, 55@60c; poorer stock, 40@45c; Minnesota Burbanks, 65@70c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.00@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; Messina, fancy, $4.25@4.50.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3.00; seedlings, $2.35@2.50.

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.40@1.50.

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 11@12c; standards, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½c; chestnuts, 8@9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $3.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12@12½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7¼c; No. 2 green hides, 6¼c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¼c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1¾@2½c.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@75c; muskrat, 3@10c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 27@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@60c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

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, 46@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.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Dull and nominally unchanged.

WHEAT—Options strong and fractions higher; spot dull; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 73½c; track, 74½c; February, 74⅜c; May, 76⅝@76¾c bid; July, 70⅝c; No. 2 hard, 67@68c.

CORN—Fractions higher; spot, nominally weak; No. 2, cash, 33c; track, 33½@34c; February, 32½c; May, 34½c; July, 35c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2, cash, 28½c; track, 29c; February, 28½c; May, 28¾c asked; July, 24⅝c; No. 2 white, 30½c.

RYE—Firm at 57½c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, lower at $1.08. Prime timothy seed, $2.30.

CORNMEAL—$1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Scarce and firm; sacked, east track, 60@61c.

HAY—Quiet, steady to easy; timothy, $7.00@9.00; prairie, $7.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 19@23c; dairy, 14@17½c.

EGGS—Higher at 32c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 7½c; turkeys, 8@8½c; geese, 5@5½c; ducks, 7½@8c.

METALS—Lead, lower at $4.20. Spelter, strong and higher at $6.10@6.15.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, old, $8.75; new, $9.62½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.10; choice, $5.20. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $3.87½; extra shorts, $4.50; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.87½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders $4.50; extra shorts, $5.12½; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 17,000 bu.; corn, 64,000 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 54,000 bu.; corn, 38,000 bu.; oats, 40,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 hard, 65@66½c; No. 3, 63@65c; No. 2 red, 73@74c; No. 3, 68@71c; No. 2 spring, 64@66c; No. 3, 61@64c.

CORN—Weak; No. 2 mixed, 32½c; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3, 32½c.

OATS—Weak; No. 2 white, 29½@30½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 56c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $7.00@7.50; choice prairie, $6.75@7.00.

BUTTER—Steady; separator, 16@21c; dairy, 11c.

EGGS—Higher; fresh, 20½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 63,000 bu.; corn, 10,400 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 69,600 bu.; corn, 5,200 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, 75c.

CORN—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 mixed, 28⅜@29½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 65c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, active at $5.10. Bulk meats, $4.75. Bacon, quiet at $4.60.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

BUTTER—Dull.

SUGAR—Steady.

EGGS—Firm at 26c.

CHEESE—Strong.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 25 cars.

ANKSAS CITY, Feb. 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 100 cars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 56; corn, 360; oats, 235.

Receipts at primary markets: Wheat, 651,684 bushels; corn, 836,879 bushels.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Higher and firm; No. 2 cash, 74⅝c; May, 75¼c.

CORN—Active for May; No. 2 mixed, 34½c; May, 36½c.

OATS—Dull and higher; No. 2 mixed, 29c.

RYE—Dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 57c.

CLOVERSEED—Lower and active; prime cash, old, $3.47½; new, $3.82½.

Milwaukee Wheat Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Quiet; No. 1 northern, 72½@73c; No. 2 northern, 71@72c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 50c; sample, 43½@49c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 24.—CORN—Firm; new No. 3, 32c.

OATS—Inactive; No. 2 white, 29@29½c.

WHISKY—Firm on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Steady; February, 71½c; May, 71⅝c; July, 71¾c; on track, No. 1 hard, 72½c; No. 1 northern, 71¾c; No. 2, 69½c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 24.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 23c.

EGGS—Firm and 6c higher; fresh western, 35c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 72½c; February, 72¼c; May, 74⅝c; July, 75¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 70⅝c; No. 2 northern, 66⅝c.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, standard mess, $9.50@9.75. Lard, refined tierce, $4.90@4.37½; pure tierce, $5.00. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.50; sides, $5.37½. Bacon, clear rib sides, $5.12½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Steady; Rio, ordinary to fair, 6⅝@7⅝c.

RICE—Quiet; ordinary to good, 3@4¾c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $3.55@3.75; patents, $4.05@4.20.

CORNMEAL—$1.95.

BRAN—70@75½c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $13.00@13.50.

CORN—No. 2 white, sacked, 42@42½c; No. 2 mixed, 43½c; No. 2 yellow, 44@44½c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 34c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—WHEAT—Market steady, ¼d lower; March, 5s 7¾d; May, 5s 8d; July, 5s 7¾d.

CORN—Market steady; February, 3s 4½d; March, 3s 3½d; May, 3s 3¾d; July, 3s 3¾d.

Receipts of wheat for the last three days, 318,000 centals, including 249,000 centals of American. Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 286,000 centals.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, long clear middles, light, steady, 27s 6d; short clear backs, 28s. Shoulders, square, easy, 24s. Lard, prime western, 27s 9d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 14d.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Favorable for Bulls. Industrials and Specialties Prominent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Stock quotations today were decidedly irregular and the movement in some respects was a counterpart of yesterday.

Prices opened favorably for the bulls in a number of stocks, the industrials and the specialties being prominent. Subsequently values moved alternately down and up and leaving the net changes mixed, with losses averaging a point in prominent railways, accompanied by some sensational advance s among the specialties. The dispatch from the American naval commander in the far east requesting the presence of a battleship for political reasons was considered possible of an unfavorable interpretation, but the rout of a body of Filipinos by the American army in a measure offset the advices.

London, after some firmness, was a seller on balances. The international shares were generally fractionally higher in the early dealings, while the advance in Burlington, Tobacco and the steel stocks gave an early appearance to strength. The smart recoveries from yesterday's close failed to hold in the case of the railways. Realizings in St. Paul, its favorable showing for the third week in February left it below yesterday and Burlington lost its early advance and declined further, ending with a loss of ¼ per cent on the reported abandonment of a general refunding plan. There was considerable professional selling, as well as some realizing, and stop loss orders were reached. Traders were induced to sell on the idea that there would be another substantial decrease in the bank reserves tomorrow. The market displayed feverishness as the contending interests succeeded in either lifting or depressing prices, and then dealings contracted with a somewhat professional appearance to the afternoon's transactions. Rumors started during proof of 6 points on the rumor that a large operator was still short and refused to cover and the circulation of stories as to the company's earning power. Subsequently the price ran off and closed at a net gain of 1½ per cent. There was no explanation of the excellent showing among the local specialties, the extreme rise in the case of Third Avenue being ¼ per cent, Consolidated Gas 1½ per cent. Brooklyn Union Gas 8½ and 2 per cent in Metropolitan. The advance in the gas stocks was in expectation of early passage of the law allowing the convenient manufacture of gas in contiguous territory which would permit the disposal of valuable New York real estate. The rise in Third Avenue was said to be on the discovery of an unsuspected short interest existing.

The highly favorable condition reported in the iron and steel industries and intimations that the relations of the leading interests would be closer led to an extreme advance of 5½ per cent in American Steel, with which Federal Steel sympathized to the extent of 3⅜ per cent, its extreme rise. American Tin and New York Air Brake rose 3 per cent at a jump. Sugar was somewhat weak at one time on the continuance of dividend rumors and International Paper shares receded on realizing following the declaration of dividends of 1½ per cent on the preferred and 1 on the common. The selling of the active list began with heavy realizing in Burlington and Sugar.

The feature of today's bond trading was the active inquiry for San Antonio & Aransas Pass 4s, which improved 4 per cent. The general market was very irregular, weakness and strength developing in many issues. Total sales, $5,000,000. Government bonds were unchanged in bid prices.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: "Business here was small today, owing to the heavy settlement. The tone was good in the early hours, but was depressed later by a rumor of the death of the ameer of Afghanistan, which affected consols and Indian issues, although it was much doubted. Americans opened off, then rallied slightly above parity and maintained a firm tone on professional and continental buying till New York prices became weak, whereupon the market became wild, went flat and closed at only fractional recovery. Three hard spots were Central Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Ontario & Western. There were dealings in Central Pacific 4s at 16⅝, in the 3½s at 91½, in Southern Pacific 4s at 88, in Southern Pacific 1s at 88½. Tintos were 40, Utahs 9½, Anacondas 9¼@9⅝ and Bostons 2⅞. Money was dearer on settlement demands and the payment of railroad dividends. Treasury bills were alloted for twelve months at 2¾."

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	23⅝	do pfd	72½
Atchison pfd	64⅝	do 2nd pfd	46½
Baltimore & Ohio	22½	St. L. & S. W.	7⅝
Canada Pacific	104	do pfd	19⅝
Canada Southern	50½	St. Paul	73⅝
Central Pacific	15⅝	do pfd	160½
Ches. & Ohio	24⅝	St. P. & Om.	93¼
Chi. & Alton	157½	do pfd	170
C., B. & Q.	102½	So. Pacific	37⅝
Chi. & E. I.	67	So. Railway	12⅝
do pfd	121	do pfd	49⅞
Chicago G. W.	10⅝	Texas & Pacific	23½
Chi., Ind. & L.	4	Union Pacific	48
do pfd	43½	do pfd	89½
Chicago & N. W.	148½	**U. P., D. & G.	12⅝
do pfd	179	Wabash	6½
C., C., C. & St. L.	89⅝	do pfd	22½
do pfd	101	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅝
**Del. L. & W.	166½	do pfd	33
Del. L. & W. pfd	160½	Adams Express	116
Den. & Rio G.	22	American Express	110
do pfd	74½	United States	53½
Erie (new)	14⅝	Wells Fargo	125
do 1st pfd	39⅝	A. Cot. Oil	8⅝
Fort Wayne	159	do pfd	92½
Ill. Cent. pfd	134½	Amer. Spirits	12⅝
*Hocking Valley	6	do pfd	35⅝
Illinois Central	116⅝	Amer. Tobacco	136⅝
Lake Erie & W.	18	do pfd	141
do pfd	87⅝	Cons. Gas	178⅝
Lake Shore	200½	Com. Cable Co.	186
Louis. & Nash.	66	Col. F. & I.	34
Manhattan L.	94	do pfd	96½
Met. St. Ry.	193	Gen. Electric	138
**Mich. Cent.	95	Hawaii Com. Co.	72
Minn. & St. L.	6⅝	Brooklyn Transit	95
do 1st pfd	99	Inter. Paper	19
Missouri Pacific	39⅝	do pfd	88
Mobile & Ohio	28	Laclede Gas	74
Missouri, K. & T.	14⅝	Lead	36½
do pfd	29⅝	do pfd	112½
N. Y. Central	116	Nat. Lin. Oil	5
N. Y. Chicago	137	do pfd	25
N. Y., C. & St. L.	14⅝	People's Gas	114⅝
do 1st pfd	65	Pullman Palace	166½
do 2nd pfd	23	Silver Certificates	59½
Nor. & West.	18	Standard R. & T.	10½
No. Amer. Co.	5⅝	Sugar	134⅝
No. Pacific	53	do pfd	114½
do pfd	79⅝	T. C. & Iron	45⅞
Ontario & W.	24½	U. S. Leather	6⅞
Ore. R. & Nav.	45	do pfd	71½
Ore. Short Line	42	U. S. Rubber	53⅝
Pac. Coast, 1st pfd	59	do pfd	117
do 2nd pfd	30	West. Union	94½
Pittsburg	180	Federal Steel	51⅝
Reading	22⅝	do pfd	83⅝
do 1st pfd	64	Ore. Nav. pfd	6
R. G. W.	20	Pacific Coast	45½
do pfd	74	Colorado Southern	7½
Rock Island	119	do 1st pfd	54½
St. L. & S. F.	12⅝	do 2nd pfd	21

*First assessment paid. **Offered. ***Second assessment paid.

The total sales of stock today were 891,100 shares, including: Atchison, 16,720; Atchison preferred, 54,820; Baltimore & Ohio, 4,000; Central Pacific, 8,160; Burlington, 8,220; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 3,100; Louisville & Nashville, 8,345; Metropolitan, 8,695; Reading, 42,070; Missouri Pacific, 4,050; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 3,062; Jersey Central, 6,335; New York Central, 6,400; Northern Pacific, 9,630; Ontario & Western, 23,250; Rock Island, 14,820; Union Pacific, 16,520; Union Pacific preferred, 10,820; St. Paul, 39,920; Southern Pacific, 4,850; Southern Pacific preferred, 5,060; Texas & Pacific, 7,060; Paper, 3,300; Tobacco, 69,120; Steel, 47,700; Steel preferred, 5,840; People's Gas, 4,490; Consolidated Gas, 22,600; Brooklyn Transit, 12,950; Pacific Mail, 5,650; Sugar, 42,950; Tennessee Coal & Iron, 11,070; Leather preferred, 4,030; Rubber, 6,720.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—International securities were in good demand on the bourse today. Canadian Pacifics were strong and Americans were dull. Deutsch bank securities were well sought after, owing to the publication of the fact that the syndicate organized for the sale of 200,000,000 marks of the new loan had been dissolved and that the profits would be distributed forthwith.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Business was quiet on the bourse today. Rio Tintos, De Beers and Kaffirs were firm at the opening, but declined, owing to the absence of business. International securities closed weaker and Brazilians were weak on the decline in the rate of exchange. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, decrease, 22,975,000 francs; treasury accounts current, decrease, $22,875,000 francs; gold in hand, increase, 1,525,000 francs; bills discounted, increase, 300,000 francs; silver in hand, decrease, 1,975,000 francs.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 2½@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2¾@3½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, at $4.86½@4.86⅝ for demand and at $4.84@4.84⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.83⅛.

SILVER CERTIFICATES — Nominally 58½@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; 5s, 106⅝; new 4s, reg., 127⅝; new 4s, coupon, 137⅛; 4s, 112⅝; 4s, coupon, 112⅝; 2s, 99; 5s, reg., 111⅝; coupon, 111⅝.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. new 3s	107	N. J. C. 5s	118
U. S. new 4s, reg	128⅛	N. C. 6s	130
U. S. do coup	128⅛	N. C. 4s	104
U. S. 4s, reg	112⅝	No. Pacific 1sts	115
U. S. 4s, coupon	113⅝	No. Pacific 3s	68⅝
U. S. 2s, reg	99	No. Pacific 4s	103
U. S. 5s, reg	112⅝	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107
U. S. 5s, coup	112⅝	N. & W. 5s	136
District 3.65s	118	N. W. Consols	143
Ala., class A	107	N. W. Deb. 5s	122
Ala., class B	107	Ore. N. 1sts	110
Ala., class C	100	Ore. N. 4s	102½
Ala., Currency	100	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	128⅝
Atchison 4s	102	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	111
Do. adj. 4s	83⅝	Reading 4s	69⅝
Canada So. 2ds	112	R. G. W. 1sts	94⅛
C. & A. 4s a. s.	90⅛	St. L. & I. M. con. 5s	111⅝
Chi. Terms. 4s	96	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	123⅝
*C. & O. 5s	118	St. P. Consols	165
*C. B. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	121⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	St. P. C. & P. 5s	121
East Tenn. 1sts	100⅝	So. Ry. 5s	105⅝
Erie Gen. 4s	73	S. R. & T. 6s	88
F. W. & D. 1sts, t. r.	84⅛	Tenn. new set 3s	66
Gen. Elec. 5s	114⅝	T. P. L. G. 1sts	113⅝
G. H. & S. A. 6s	109	T. P. Rg. 2ds	52⅝
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	110	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	88
H. & T. Cent. 5s	109	Wab. 1st 5s	115
H. & T. C. con. 6s	110	Wab. 2ds	96⅛
Iowa C. 1sts	109	W. Shore 4s	112
La. New Con. 4s	109	Va. Centuries	85
L. & N. Uni. 4s	95⅝	Va. deferred	7
Mo., Pac. con. 6s	105	Wis. Cent. 1sts	69⅝
M. K. & T. 2ds	68⅝	U. P. 4s	104⅛
M. K. & T. 4s	95	Colorado South'n 4s	87⅝
N. Y. C. 1sts	117½		

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & St. Fe	23½	do pfd	72½
Amer. Sugar	134⅞	do 2nd pfd	46½
do pfd	114½	St. L. & S. W.	7⅝
Bay State Gas	3	do pfd	19⅝
Bell Telephone	300	St. Paul	159⅝
Boston & Albany	247	do pfd	160½
Boston & Maine	173	St. P. & Om.	93¼
Boston L.	88	do pfd	170
C., B. & Q.	141½	So. Pacific	37⅝
Fitchburg	111	So. Railway	12⅝
Gen. Electric	112½	do pfd	49⅞
Mexican Central	6⅝	Texas & Pacific	23½
Old Colony	201	Union Pacific	48
Rev. Short Lins	44	do pfd	89½
Rubber	53½	**U. P., D. & G.	12⅝
Union Pacific	48	Wabash	6½
West End	93	do pfd	22½
do pfd	111	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅝
Westingh. Elec.	51⅝	do pfd	33
		Adams Express	116
		Am. Express	110
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