COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Favorable Crop News and Lower Cables Depress Wheat Market.

SLIGHT RALLY ON FRENCH REPORT

Session Dull, with Put and Call Transactions Eliminated—Corn, Oats and Provisions Close Lower.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—The wheat market was depressed today by lower cables and favorable crop news, but toward the end rallied somewhat on report of frost damage to French crop. May closing rather easy, ⅝c under yesterday. Corn and oats closed each ⅛c lower. Provisions, weakened by realizing, closed 2½@12½c lower.

The scanty array of news today served its daily purpose of emphasizing the fact that the supply of wheat is away over the demand at present. The session was dull, with put and call transactions eliminated as per the Board of Trade edict of yesterday, while a steady stream of wheat going out weakened prices save toward the close. At the opening, with Liverpool lower, crop reports favorable and the Argentine with an alleged exportable surplus of 72,000,000 bu., May at 65½@65⅝c, showed a lazy over night of ¼@⅜c. A little buying early advanced the market to 65⅝@65¾c. From that the price gradually sank, with occasional fits of steadiness, to 64⅞c for May. Near the end of the session a private cablegram brought confirmation of a report of damage to the French crop by frost. Shorts covered and there was some good buying on the report, which influenced an advance of May to 65½c, at which it closed, rather easy in tone. The seaboard reported 22 loads taken for export and 35,000 bu. was sold from here. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 300,000 bu. Primary receipts were 369,000 bu., compared with 612,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 282 cars, against 411 last week and 350 a year ago. Local receipts were 35 cars, none of which graded contract.

The corn market had its usual supply of supporting news at command today—wet weather, small offerings and steady cables—but the influence of a weak wheat market was just strong enough to hold the price down. The market was not a large one, nor was business active. The shipping demand from the east was particularly poor. Receipts here were 338 cars. May sold from 37⅝c to 33¼c, reacting from the bottom with the advance in wheat and closing steady, May ⅛c under yesterday at 33½c.

The oats market was sluggish, for, although the demand was poor, the wheat decline failed to depress it to any extent. Local receipts were 171 cars. May ranged from 24c to 23⅞c and closed ⅛c depressed at 23⅞@24c.

The significant feature of the provisions market was the dullness of trade. The volume of business was much smaller than it has been recently and holders were disturbed by the fact. At the opening the market was firm, with prices up a trifle on hog receipts, which were not as large as estimated, and better prices at the yards, but the early strength soon ebbed away under the steady liquidation. May pork sold from $10.97½ to $10.80 and closed 10@12½c under yesterday at $10.82½; May lard, from $6.05 to $5.97½, closing 5c lower at $5.97½, and May ribs, from $5.82½ to $5.72½, with the close 2½@3c down at $5.75.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 30 cars, corn, 275 cars; oats, 190 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Jan.	61½	62¼	61½	62¼	63½@⅝
May	65½@⅝	65⅝@¾	64⅞	65½	67⅛
July	66⅛@½	66⅜@½	65½	66⅜	66½@⅝
*Corn—					
Jan.	31	31⅛	31	31⅛	31¼
May	33⅝@¾	33⅝	33¼	33½	33⅝
July	34⅛@⅜	34⅜	33⅞@34	34@⅛	34¼
*Oats—					
Jan.	22½	22½	22½	22½	22½
May	24	24	23⅞	23⅞@24	24⅛⅛
Pork—					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	10 60	10 70
May	10 95	10 97½	10 80	10 82½	10 97½
Lard—					
Jan.	5 90	5 90	5 80	5 80	5 85
May	6 05	6 05	5 95	5 97½	6 02½
Ribs—					
Jan.	5 70	5 70	5 65	5 65	5 70
May	5 82½	5 82½	5 72½	5 75	5 10

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.30@3.20; clears, $2.90@3.10; spring specials, $3.80@3.90; patents, $3.30@3.50; straights, $2.65@3.00; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 59½@62c; No. 2 red, 65@66c.

CORN—No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 yellow, 31¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 23¼@23⅜c; No. 2 white, 25⅞c; No. 3 white, 25@26c.

RYE—No. 2, 52@54c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@40c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.50. Prime timothy, $2.60. Clover, contract grade, $8.35@8.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.27@10.62½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.72½@5.85. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.50@5.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@5.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.55@6.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis $1 high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.18.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls	44,000	32,000
Wheat, bu	56,000	21,000
Corn, bu	25,000	257,000
Oats, bu	211,000	192,000
Rye, bu	3,000	5,000
Barley, bu	45,000	27,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14@24½c; dairies, 18@22c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 16@17c. Cheese, firm, 12@12¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,859 bbls.; exports, 5,777 bbls.; dull and lower on practically all grades, following the break in wheat. Winter patents, $3.50@3.75; Minnesota patents, $3.70@3.80; winter straights, $3.30@3.40; winter extras, $2.55@2.85; Minnesota bakers, $2.75@3.00; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, weak; fair to good, $3.15@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.50. Buckwheat flour, weak at $2.00@2.15.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 80c; city, 78c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.30.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 60½c, f. o. b. afloat; state, 59@59c; c. i. f., New York, car lots.

BARLEY—Easy; malting, 50@53c; feeding, 43½@47½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 60,220 bu.; exports, 92,650 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 73⅝c, f. o. b., afloat, prompt; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 76⅝c, f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 78⅝c, f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 2 red, 71½c, elevator. Options opened weak and lower, influenced by disappointing cables. A severe break in northwest markets caused a further unloading and a decline. In the last hour prices rallied a little on covering, closing firm at ⅝@⅞c net decline, but ⅛c up from bottom. March, 72¾c, closed at 72¾c; May, 71 3-16@71⅛c, closed at 71⅛c; July, 71⅜@71⅝c, closed at 71⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 72,150 bu.; exports, 50 bu. Spot market, steady; No. 2, 40½c, f. o. b., afloat, and 40¾c, elevator. Option market opened steady on wet weather news, but quickly yielded to heaviness in wheat, which brought on unloading. The market finally rallied on covering and closed steady, ⅛c net decline. May close dat 39⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 40,500 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 29½c; No. 3, 29c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c; track mixed western, 29½@31c; track white, 31½@35c. Options, quiet but steady.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 72½@80c; good to choice, 80@87½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@14c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@14c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 23@23½c; acid, 22@23½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.00@12.50; mess, $10.50; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; Indian mess, $21.00@23.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $5.12½@7.00; pickled shoulders, $5.75@6.00; pickled hams, $8.50@9.25. Lard, easy; western steam closed at $6.25; January, $6.30, nominal; refined, easy; continent, $6.50; South America, $6.55. Pork, firm; mess, $11.00; short clear, $11.50@12.50; family, $12.25@12.75. Tallow, steady; city, 5⅝c; country, 5⅝@5⅝c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6½c; Japan, 4¾@5c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, dull; cotton by steam, 23c, nominal; grain by steam, 2½d.

MOLASSES—Higher; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 44@55c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand picked, 4¾@5c.

METALS—The feature of the day was a sharp advance in tin on improved cables and a renewal of buying. Advices from primary points were very encouraging, thereby adding to the strength of that metal. The other markets were quiet. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron dull; copper, very dull at $16.75; tin, firm with $27.30 bid and $28.00 asked; lead, steady with $4.30 bid and $4.35 asked; spelter, steady with $4.45 bid and $4.55 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.45 and for copper $16.50.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light; fresh stock, weak at 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 11c; ducks, 9c; geese, 9c; spring chickens, 7½@8c; hens, 6@6½c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6@6½c; spring chickens, 7@7½c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks, 6½@7c; geese, 6½@7c; turkeys, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair 16½c; choice, 18@19c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60@1.75; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Upland, choice, $6.50; midland, choice, $6; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $6.50; No. 3 corn, 27c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13; shorts, per ton, $14.

VEGETABLES.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $5.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Illinois, $3; Jerseys, $3; large bbls., Kansas, $3.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 5c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 75c; red, 85@90c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 15@25c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; Canadian, 1½c.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $3.75@4.00; fancy, $4.25@4.50.

GRAPES—Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per bbl. $7; Jerseys, $6.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3; California navels, per box, $3.00@3.75; California seedlings, per box, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.75; choice California, $3.50; Messina, $4.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, $1; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10; imported figs, per lb., 13c.

DATES—60-lb. boxes, 5½@6c per lb.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8c; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, 9½c; No. 2 salted hides, 8½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3¾c; rough, 2c; white grease, 2¾@3¼c; yellow and brown grease, 2½@3c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 66½c; track, 69@70c; January, 66½c; May, 67⅞c; July, 65½c; No. 2 hard, 63@64c. Receipts, 4,761 bu.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 32¼@32½c; January, 31c; May, 32½c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 24¼c; track, 24½c; January, 24½c; May, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 26½c.

RYE—Firm at 52½c.

FLOUR—Dull and barely steady; patents, $3.40@3.50; extra fancy, $3.10@3.15; clear, $2.75@2.80.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.35. Flaxseed, steady at $1.48.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Scarce and firm; sacked, east track, 67@67½c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $7.00@12.00; prairie, $5.00@8.50.

METALS—Lead, steady at $4.42½@4.65. Spelter, firm at $4.35.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 7½c; turkeys, 7½c; ducks, 7½c; geese, 5@6½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

COTTONTIES—$1.23½.

BAGGING—5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt boxed meats, extra shorts, $5.87½; clear ribs, 36; clear sides, $6.12½. Bacon, extra shorts, $6.37½; clear ribs, $6.50; clear sides, $6.62½. Pork, steady; lobbins, old, $10.25; new, $11.87½. Lard, lower; prime steam, $5.62½; choice, $5.65.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 40,000 bu.; oats, 38,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bu.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 35,000 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—BUTTER—Firm and ic higher; fancy prints, 25c; fancy western creamery, 25c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 19c; fresh western, 18c; fresh southern, 18c.

CHEESE—Firm but quiet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—BUTTER—Receipts, 2,895 packages; steady; June creamery, 20@23½c; western, 21@25c; factory, 17@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,318 packages; firm; fall made fancy large, 12¾@13c; large late made, 11¾@12c; small late made, 12@12¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,675 packages; steady; western, 20c, loss off; western, ungraded, at mark, 14@18c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 19@24½c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 16@17c.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@25c; dairy, 16@20c.

EGGS—Steady at 15c.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18. — BUTTER — Creamery, 20@23c; dairy, 18c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh Missouri and Kansas stocks, firsts, 13c, cases returned; storage, 8@9c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—May, 62c; cash, No. 2 hard, 61½c; No. 3, 56@61c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 65@69c; receipts, 20 cars.

CORN—May, 30½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 29½@29¾c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3, 30c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $6.50@7.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 18,200 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 3,900 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, 61¾c; May, 62⅝@62¾c; July, 64@64¼c. On track: No. 1 hard, 63¾c; No. 1 northern, 62¼c; No. 2 northern, 60c.

FLOUR—10c lower; first patents, $3.20@3.30; second patents, $3.00@3.10; first clear, $2.00@2.10.

BRAN—Unchanged.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—Half cent lower; No. 1 northern, 63½@64½c; No. 2 northern, 61@62½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 55½@56c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 45½c; sample, 35@42½c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 25½@25¾c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—Active, firm; No. 2 cash, 67¾c; May, 70c bid.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 24½c.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2 cash, 55c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull, higher; prime cash, old, $4.90 bid; January, new, $5.77½.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 18.—CORN—Futures, January, steady, 3s 5½d; February, quiet, 3s 5¾d; March, quiet, 3s 5¾d.

WHEAT—Spot, dull. Futures, quiet; March and May, 5s 7½d.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 18.—CORN—Higher; new No. 3, 31@31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 24@24½c.

WHISKY—Firm on the basis of $1.23½ for finished goods.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 18.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 65¾c; No. 1 northern cash, 62¾c; May, 64¾c; July, 66c; No. 2 northern, 59¾c; No. 3 spring, 56¼c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

London Strength on South African Hopes is Reflected.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Stock market conditions showed no marked change from those prevailing for some time past and general lassitude was the characteristic. One or two railroad stocks reflected a fair demand, notably the Norfolk & Western issues and Union Pacifics. The Baltimore & Ohio stocks were also bought in moderate volume. Yesterday's movement in Leather, from which speculators hoped the market would receive an impulse, dwindled away and profit taking depressed the price. Sugar was advanced in a desultory manner during the early part of the day, but in the afternoon broke over 5 points from the top level and unsettled the whole market. Covering by the bears in Sugar and the late demand for Union Pacific stiffened the market again and served to retrieve a part of the declines, making the close firm and the net changes mixed. There was a very markedly absorption of new and reorganization bonds, which served as a background to the strength of the whole market for securities. The unfavorable was Sugar, adding firm and, in spite of the very light demand, there was no pressure to sell stocks.

The further reduction in the Bank of England's private rate of discount and the weekly return of the bank served to confirm confidence in the money outlook. The strength in London on South Africa score and on the hopes engendered by the meager news from South Africa causes some reflected strength in the New York stock market. Reserves continue to accumulate in the New York banks, both by reason of the refuse of funds from the interior, the deficit of internal revenue collections with the banks and extraordinary government disbursements by the subtreasury on account of pensions. The stock market demand for money on call continuing very light, funds are pressing here and more for employment in time loans, which are quoted as low as 4½ per cent on all railroad stock collateral. Extraordinary loans are even reported at 4 per cent and mercantile paper of a high grade is coming into additional demand at 5 per cent.

Today's strong undertone in stocks was emphasized by the good reports received during the day of railroad earnings for the second week in January. The hardening tendency of sterling exchange is viewed with tranquility because the Bank of England has withdrawn its concessions on gold exports, thus raising the gold export point for exchange considerably above that at which gold has recently gone out.

The improved demand for bonds is a natural result from the cheapened rates for money and the pressure of capital for productive employment. Business was fairly well distributed and advanced quite uniformly. Total sales, par value, $1,253,000. United States 3s and old 4s advanced ⅛ and new 4s, coupon, declined ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The news that General Buller had crossed the Tugela in force caused a confident opening at the Stock exchange here today, but the failure of the public to respond to the encouraging tidings caused prices to stick after midday. The action of the Bank of England directors in reducing the minimum discount rate from 5 to 4½ per cent helped consols, but in some quarters it was looked upon as paving the way for a fresh government loan. Americans opened at an advance, but there was no buying and prices sagged on New York supplies of stock. The Argentine Republic took gold amounting to £19,000. The strength of the Bank of England's weekly return is due to the seasonable inflow of money from the provinces. Money and bills were again weak. Discount houses have reduced deposit rates ½ to 2½ per cent, calls to 2¾, with notices. Foreign exchange rates today were: Paris, 25.20; Berlin, 20.49½. Silver was firm at a lower level.

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

Atchison	19⅝	Texas & Pacific	15¼
do pfd	69⅝	Union Pacific	47¾
Baltimore & O.	58⅝	do pfd	75
Canadian Pac.	93½	Wabash	7
Canada So.	48	do pfd	20
Ches. & Ohio	20¼	Wheel. & L. E.	9½
Chicago G. W.	7½	do pfd	27
C., B. & Q.	121	Wis. Central	18
Chi., Ind. & L.	16	Adams Ex.	114
do pfd	45	American Ex.	145
Chi. & E. Ill.	85	U. S. Ex.	46
Chicago & N. W.	161½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	122
C., R. I. & P.	106	Amer. Cot. Oil	13¼
C. C. C. & St. L.	69⅝	do pfd	90
Colorado So.	5⅝	Amer. Malting	5¼
do 1st pfd	43	do pfd	26½
do 2d pfd	15	Amer. S. & R.	37⅝
Del. & Hudson	115	do pfd	88
Del. L. & W.	174	Amer. Spirits	2
Denver & R. G.	17¾	do pfd	17
do pfd	69¼	Amer. Steel H.	41½
Erie	19	do pfd	75
do 1st pfd	32⅝	Amer. S. & W.	46⅝
Gt. Nor. pfd	164	do pfd	89
Hocking Coal	14½	Amer. Tin Plate	81½
Hocking Valley	31¼	Amer. Tobacco	99⅝
Illinois Central	113¼	do pfd	33
Iowa Central	13¼	Anac. Min. Co.	48
do pfd	35	Brooklyn R. T.	69⅝
K. C., P. & G.	3¼	Colo. Fuel & I.	43⅝
Lake Erie & W.	22	Con. Tobacco	32½
do pfd	83¼	do pfd	84
Lake Shore	194	Federal Steel	50⅝
L. & N.	76½	do pfd	73
Manhattan L.	92¼	Gen. Electric	132
Met. St. Ry.	154	Glucose Sugar	49½
Mex. Central	10⅞	do pfd	97
Minn. & St. L.	58	Inter. Paper	23¼
do pfd	90	do pfd	65¾
Missouri Pac.	40	Laclede Gas	75
Mobile & Ohio	40	National Biscuit	37¾
Mis., K. & T.	10	do pfd	90⅝
do pfd	32	National Lead	26⅝
N. J. Central	115	do pfd	104¾
N. Y. Central	134	National Steel	41
Norfolk & W.	25¼	do pfd	92
do pfd	63	N. Y. Air Brake	130
No. Pacific	51¾	No. American	13¾
do pfd	74	Pacific Coast	51½
Ontario & W.	21⅝	do 1st pfd	83
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 2d pfd	64¼
do pfd	75	Pacific Mail	43⅝
Pennsylvania	125⅞	People's Gas	102
Reading	17⅝	Pressed S. Car	58
do 1st pfd	50	do pfd	87¾
do 2d pfd	26¼	Pullman P. Car	188
Rio G. W.	34	Standard R. & T.	9
do pfd	81	Sugar	117½
St. L. & S. F.	9⅝	do pfd	113½
do 1st pfd	67	Tenn. Coal & I.	83
do 2d pfd	32¼	U. S. Leather	17¾
St. L. Southw.	10½	do pfd	75
do pfd	26	U. S. Rubber	40¾
St. Paul	117½	do pfd	101
do pfd	165	Western Union	86¾
St. P. & Omaha	116	Republic I. & S.	20¼
So. Pacific	37⅞	do pfd	64¾
So. Railway	11¾	P. C. C. & St. L.	78
do pfd	54⅝		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—MONEY—On call steady at 3½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87⅝@4.87¾ for demand and $4.84@4.84¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.85 and 4.88; commercial bills, $4.83½.

SILVER—Bar, 69⅞c; Mexican dollars, 48½.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; 2s reg., 102½; 3s reg., 109⅞; coup., 110¾; new 4s reg., 133; coupon, 134; old 4s reg., and coupon, 114⅝; 5s reg., 112; coup., 113¼.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	102½	N. Y. C. 1s	109¾
do 3s, reg.	109⅞	N. J. C. gen. 5s	118½
do coupon	110⅝	No. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg.	133	do 4s	106
do coupon	134⅛	Nor. Pac. 1s	110
do old 4s, reg.	114⅝	No. Pacific 3s	68
do coupon	114⅝	do 4s	103¾
do 5s, reg.	113	Or. R. & N. 1st	110
do coupon	113¼	N. & W. con. 4s	94¾
D. of C. 3-65s	120	do gen. 6s	130¼
Atchison gen. 4s	99¾	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
do adj. 4s	80¾	do 4s	101¾
Canada So. 2s	107½	Ore. S. L. 6s	129⅝
Ches. & O. 4½s	97	do consol 5s	112
do 5s	115½	Reading gen. 4s	81¼
C. & N. con. 7s	140	Rio G. W. 1s	95¼
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	110
Chicago Ter. 4s	94	St. L. & S.F.g. 6s	119
D. & R. G. 1s	102	St. Paul consols	196
D. & R. G. 4s	96¾	St. P. C. & P. 1s	118¼
E. T. V. & G. 1s	101¼	do 5s	119
Erie gen. 4s	69⅝	So. Railway 5s	107
F. W. & D. C. 1s	72	S. R. & T. 6s	81
Gen. Electric 5s	117	Tenn. n. s. 3s	94½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	108	Texas & Pac. 1s	112
do 2s	100	do 2s	54
H. & T. C. 5s	110	Union Pacific 4s	104
do con. 6s	110	Wabash 1s	114¼
Ia. Central 1s	110	do 2s	101
K. C., P. & G. 1s	68⅝	West Shore 4s	112½
La. new s. f. 4s	106½	Wis. Central 1s	89⅞
L. & N. uni. 4s	97½	Va. Centuries	85
M., K. & T. 2s	63½	do deferred	5
do 4s	89¼	So. Pacific 4s	82½
Colo. So. 4s	85		

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Call loans, 5@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing quotations of stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	19⅞	Wis. Central	18
do pfd	69⅝	Dom. Coal	11½
Amer. Sugar	115¾	do pfd	115
do pfd	117	Atchison 4s	99
Bell Telephone	329	Allouez Mining	6
Boston & Alb'y	240	Allouez Min. Co.	3
Boston Elevated	95½	Atlantic	24½
C., B. & Q.	121¼	Boston & Mont.	255
Fitchburg pfd	119	Butte & Boston	46
Gen. Electric	132½	Calumet & Hec.	730
do pfd	137	Centennial	16
Federal Steel	50¼	Franklin	14
do pfd	72½	Humboldt	1
Mex. Central	10⅞	Osceola	67
Mich. Telephone	100	Parrot	39¾
Old Colony	203	Quincy	141
Old Dominion	17½	Santa Fe Cop.	5¼
Rubber	41	Tamarack	171
Union Pacific	47½	Winona	4
Union Land	3	Wolverines	38¼
West End	93	Utah Mining	27
Westingh. Elec.	49¼		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	101⅝	N. Y. Central	137¾
Consols, acct	101⅝	Pennsylvania	66
Canadian Pac.	95¼	Reading	30¼
Erie	12¼	No. Pacific pfd	77¼
do 1st pfd	34¼	Atchison	29⅝
Illinois Central	115¼	Louisville	81
Union Pac. pfd	76⅝	Grand Trunk	7⅝
St. P. common	120⅝	Anaconda	8¼

BAR SILVER—Steady, 27¼d per ounce.

MONEY—2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3⅝@3¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 3 9-16@3⅝ per cent.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, increase, £1,282,000; circulation, decrease, £106,000; bullion, increase, £1,178,547; other securities, decrease, £2,240,000; other deposits, decrease, £1,710,000; public deposits, decrease, £655,000; notes reserve, increase, £1,367,000; government securities unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 42.56 per cent, last week it was 29.47 per cent. Rate of discount, 4½ per cent. Bar silver closed steadier at 27 5-16d per ounce. Gold premiums are quoted: Buenos Ayres, 129.20; Madrid, 28.15; Lisbon, 43.50; Rome, 7.22½. Gold premiums at Lisbon have advanced to 44. Prices for American securities advanced at the opening and remained generally firm throughout the session. The better feeling was due to more favorable advices from South Africa. At the close the tone was firm. Spanish 4s closed at 67. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £19,000.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Business on the bourse today was strong, owing to the better London rate. International securities were largely purchased. Rio Tintos hardened on the better price for copper. Kaffirs advanced sharply on London buying and the cheerful war news, and closed steady, although the best prices were not maintained. Three per cent rentes, 100f 75c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 23c for checks. Spanish 4s, 68.87.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increase, 45,000,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 2,400,000 marks; other securities, decrease, 110,180,000 marks; notes in circulation, decrease, 111,240,000 marks. Business on the bourse is better, owing to the favorable bank return and concessions on gold exports, thus raising the gold export point for exchange considerably above that at which gold has recently gone out.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Choiar	18	Ontario	25
Crown Point	7	Ophir	62
Con. Cal. & Va.	135	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	18	do pfd	750
Hale & Norcross	35	Sierra Nevada	36
Homestake	5000	Standard	255
Iron Silver	55	Union Con.	22
Mexican	26	Yellow Jacket	18

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Clearings, $167,610,385; balances, $7,503,989.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Clearings, $21,559,980; balances, $1,983,693.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—Clearings, $5,418,545; balances, $555,552. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 50c premium bid, 75c premium asked.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Clearings, $22,909,077; balances, $1,512,428. Posted exchange, $4.84@4.88. New York exchange, 40c premium.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—Clearings, $3,321,740; balances, $560,207.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Futures closed steady; January, $7.43; February, $7.39; March, $7.40; April, $7.41; May, $7.43; June, $7.43; July, $7.44; August, $7.42; September, $6.88; October, $6.73; November, $6.68; December, $6.68. Spot cotton closed quiet and steady, 1-16c advance; middling uplands, 7⅞c; middling gulf, 8c; sales, 149 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Sales, 11,600 bales; ordinary, 6¼c; good ordinary, 6¾c; low middling, 7½c; middling, 7⅞c; good middling, 7 11-16c; middling fair, 8c; receipts, 4,997 bales; stock, 408,588 bales. Futures, steady; January, $7.21 bid; February, $7.23@7.24; March, $7.24@7.25; April, $7.24@7.26; May, $7.26@7.27; June, $7.28@7.29; July, $7.29@7.31; August, $7.13@7.15; September, $6.74@6.76; October, $6.13.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Quiet and unchanged; sales, none; middling, 7 7-16c; receipts, 2,635 bales; shipments, 2,728 bales; stock, 88,654 bales.

GALVESTON, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Steady at 7 5-16c.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand and prices 1-16d higher; American middling fair, 4 13-16d; good middling, 4⅝d; middling, 4 3-16d; good ordinary, 4 7-32d; ordinary, 4 1-32d; low