COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

All Reports Conspire Against Wheat's Ambition to Rise.

CORN AND OATS ADVANCED AT CLOSING

Trade in the Latter is Small and Mostly Local—Provisions Hold Firm on Light Hog Receipts.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Cables, wires and statistics were against higher wheat prices today and May closed ¾c under Friday. Corn and oats closed a shade higher and provisions 2½@5c to 7½c up.

Wheat the greater part of the session was dull. May opened ⅜@⅝c lower at 75¼c to 75⅛c under the influence of lower cables. Heavy northwestern receipts accumulated since Friday and a bearish set of world's statistics. A recovery to 75½c took place during the forenoon on buying by a prominent operator and some purchases by scalpers. The market was sustained at this recovery by a visible decrease of 1,023,000 bu. and talk of export sales for a time, but outside support was lacking and exporters reported only two loads taken, and May later dragged to 75 @75⅛c and closed heavy ¾c lower at 75⅛c. Reports of receipts included arrivals since Friday. Primary receipts aggregated 1,135,000 bu., compared with 697,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 524 cars, against 536 last week and 667 a year ago. Local receipts were ninety-three cars, nine of contract grade. World's shipments were 5,213,000 bu., against 7,317,000 bu. the previous week and 4,938,000 bu. a year ago. The amount on ocean passage showed an increase of 4,410,000 bu. according to Board of Trade figures. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were 975,000 bu. since Friday.

Corn was quiet, but remarkably firm, in view of the wheat weakness. The crowd was generally bullish on the small contract stocks and good cash demand for No. 3. Receipts were 882 cars since Friday. Offerings were rather free at the opening, but were helped up by commission houses with a readiness that later caused a disturbance among shorts who covered early sales. May sold between 39c and 39⅛@39⅜c and closed a shade higher at 39⅛@39¼c.

There was only a small local trade in oats, but the market sold firm more from lack of selling pressure than from any demand. The firmness with which some alleged long lines are held still influenced the market. Receipts were 551 cars. May sold between 25¼c and 25⅜@25¼c and closed a shade up at 25¼@25⅜c.

Provisions were firm on a light run of hogs. May pork sold between $14.60 and $14.10 and closed 7½c higher at $14.00; May lard between $7.50 and $7.37½, closing 7½c up at $7.52½, and May ribs between $7.60 and $7.05, with the close 2½@5c improved at $7.00@7.02½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 32 cars; corn, 415 cars; oats, 220 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Fri'y.
*Wheat					
Feb.	73	73	72⅞	72⅞@⅞	73½
Mar.	73⅞	73⅞	73⅞	73⅞	74⅝
May	75⅛@¼	75⅛	75@75⅛	75¼	76
*Corn—					
Feb.	37	37⅛	37	37⅛	36⅞@37
Mar.	37⅜	38⅛	37⅞	38	37⅞
May	39@39⅛	39⅛@⅜	39	39⅛@⅛	39⅛
*Oats—					
Feb.	24½	24½	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
May	25⅛@¼	25⅜@½	25⅛	25⅛@⅜	25½
Pork—					
Feb.	13 82½	13 82½	13 80	13 80	13 75
May	14 00	14 10	14 00	14 00	13 92½
Lard—					
Feb.	.....	.....	.....	7 42½	7 35
Mar.	.....	.....	.....	7 45	7 40
May	7 50	7 57½	7 50	7 52½	7 45
Ribs—					
Feb.	.....	.....	.....	6 90	6 82½
May	7 02½	7 05	7 00	7 02½	6 97½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $3.60@3.80; straights, $3.20@3.55; clears, $2.70@3.30; spring specials, $4.20@4.30; patents, $3.60@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.40; bakers, $2.20@2.60.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 64½@71½c; No. 2 red, 74½@75½c.

CORN—No. 2, 37⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 37⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 25@25¼c; No. 2 white, 25⅝@26½c; No. 3 white, 26¼@28½c.

RYE—No. 2, 59@52c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 57@68c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1, $1.70; No. 1 northwestern, $1.70@1.70½. Prime timothy, $4.45. Clover, contract grade, $11.25@11.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $13.80@13.85. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.42@7.45. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.90@7.15. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.30@7.40.

WHISKY—On basis of high wines, per gal., $1.27.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	47,000	41,000
Wheat, bu.	105,000	101,000
Corn, bu.	694,000	402,000
Oats, bu.	614,000	271,000
Rye, bu.	130,000	6,000
Barley, bu.	92,000	27,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was inactive; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 11½@18c. Cheese, dull at 10¼@11¾c. Eggs, dull; fresh, 18c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,317 bbls.; exports, 18,700 bbls.; inactive and rather weak, closing lower to sell; winter patents, $3.65@4.00; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.25; winter extras, $2.50@2.85; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.25; winter low grades, $2.40@2.60. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.80@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.15@3.60. Buckwheat flour, $2.17 @2.20.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 62@62½c, c. i. f., New York.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 96c; city, 91c; Brandywine, $2.40@2.45.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 60¼c, f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 56@57c, c. i. f.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 38@39c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 60@61c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY MALT—Western, 65@72c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 16,000 bu.; exports, 343,000 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2 red, 79⅝@79¾c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 85¾c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 89⅞c, f. o. b. afloat. Options showed dullness and depression pretty much all day, burdened by bearish weekly statistics, lower cables, short cables and improved weather conditions west; closed weak at ⅝c net decline; March, 79 3-16@79 5-16c, closed 79⅛c; May, 79⅝@80¼c, closed 79⅞c; July, 79 7-16@79¾c; closed 79⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 481,500 bu.; exports, 150,532 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 47c, elevator, and 46¾c f. o. b. afloat. The option market most of the day was steady to firm on a liberal decrease on passage, fears of smaller receipts, reports of clearances and scant offerings; closed steady and partly ¼c net higher; March closed at 45¾c; May, 44⅝@44¾c, closed 44⅝c; July, 43⅞@44⅛c, closed 44c.

OATS—Receipts, 50,000 bu.; exports, 30,000 bu.; export quiet; No. 2, 30¼c; No. 3, 29½c; No. 2 white, 32½@32¾c; No. 3 white, 31½c; track, mixed, western, 29½@31¼c; track, white, 31@33c. Options were dull but steady.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 16@21c; 1899, 11@15c; old olds, 2@6c; Pacific coast, 1900 crop, 16@19c; 1899, 10@14c; old olds, 2@6c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18½@19c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas, dry, 24 to 34 lbs., 15c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 24@25c; acid, 23½@24½c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 24@26c; Texas, 15@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $11.00@12.00; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $11.00@12.00; packet, $10.00@10.50; city extra, India mess, $14.00@16.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $7.62½@8.75; pickled shoulders, $6.75@6.00; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, firm; western steamed, $8.00; refined, firm; continent, $7.90; South America, $8.60; compound, $5.50@5.62½. Pork, dull; family, $15.00@15.75; short clear, $13.75@16.50; mess, $13.25@14.50.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 8¾@6¼c. Japan, 4¾@4¾c.

TALLOW—Weak; city, 5c; country, 5¼@5¾c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8,658 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 16@21c; factory, 11@14½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 921 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large, fail made, 11¼@11½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,574 pkgs.; firm; western, at mark, 20@20½c; southern, at mark, 19@20c.

METALS—Rumor had it in local metal circles today that Bessemer pig iron at Pittsburg had advanced from $12.50 to $13.00 in the valley, but this was denied by reliable sources here receiving direct information from Pittsburg and the figure remains at $12.75. The local iron market was dull and featureless at $9.50@10.50 for pig iron warrants, northern foundry $15.00 @16.50, southern foundry $14.50@15.75 and soft southern $13.50@15.00. Without any stimulating demand tin advanced about 30 points in sympathy with a rise in London of £1 10s to £122 17s 6d. It ruled quiet, however, all day and closed quiet but firm at $28.30. Copper was without important new feature and was nominally quoted at $17.00 for Lake Superior and $16.62½ for casting and electrolytic. Lead and spelter ruled dull and unchanged, with trading slow on the basis of $4.37½ and $4.00@4.05, respectively.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Conditions of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light; good stock, 16c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; spring chickens, 5½@6c; roosters, 3@4c; ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 6½@7c; turkeys, 6@7c.

FRESH DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 7c; roosters, 5@6c; ducks, 7½@8c; geese, 8@8½c; spring chickens, per lb., 7c; turkeys, 9c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, per doz., $3.00@3.50; teal, $1.50@1.75; mixed, $1.50@1.75; jackrabbits, $1.25@1.50; cottontails, 75c@$1.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@11½c; choice, 12@14c; separator, 22c.

FRESH OYSTERS — First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 38c; extra selects, 32c; standards, 28c; medium, 20c. Second grade, slack filled, New York counts, per can, 30c; extra selects, 26c; standards 20c; bulk standards, per gal., $1.25.

FROZEN FRESH FISH—Black bass, 10c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 11c; bullheads, 10c; blue fins, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod, 9c; croppie, 10c; discess, 8c; halibut, 11c; herring, 4@6c; haddock, 9c; mackerel, 20c; perch, 5@7c; pickerel, 7c; pike, 9c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 14c; sunfish, 5c; smelts, 10c; trout, 10c; whitefish, 8c.

POTTONS—Live, per doz., 90c.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Price quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers association: Choice upland, $8; No. 1 upland, $7.50; medium, $7; coarse, $6.50. Rye straw, $5.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, 9 cars.

OATS—No. 3 white, 26c.

CORN—No. 3, 32c.

BRAN—$14.50.

VEGETABLES.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 50c.

TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 40c.

BEETS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 40@45c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 35c.

BEANS—Wax, per 1-2 bu. basket, $1; string, 90.

POTATOES—Per bu., 50@60c; Idaho, per bu., 80c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 1¾c.

TOMATOES — California, per 4-basket crate, $2.

ONIONS—Native, per bu., $1; Colorado yellow, per lb., 2c.

CELERY—California, as to size, 45@75c; Kalamazoo, 25@35c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $3.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Malaga, per keg, $6.50@9.00.

APPLES—Per bbl., $2.50; eastern, $3.25@3.50; California Bellflowers, per box, $1.50.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, $10 per bbl.; Jerseys, per bbl., $9; per crate, $3.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES — California seedlings, $2.25 @2.50; navels, $2.75@3.25; Mexicans, $2.50; Floridas, $3.25.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@2.50.

FIGS—California, new cartons, 80c; layers, 75c; imported, per lb., 13@15c.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, 5ars, 5c per lb.; Halloween, 5½c per lb.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

NUTS—English walnuts, per lb., 13c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb., 18@20c; Brazils, per lb., 9@9½c; roasted, 6½@7½c; Brazils, 13c; pecans, 10@12c.

HONEY—Colorado, 24-section case, $3.75.

SAUERKRAUT—Per bbl., $5; per half-bbl., $3.

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St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—WHEAT—No. 2 red cash, elevator, 72½c; track, 73¾c; May, 73½ @73⅝c; July, 72⅝c; No. 2 hard, 70½@71c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 cash, 37c; track, 37½@ 37¾c; May, 37⅝@38c; July, 38¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 25¾c; track, 26¼@26½c; May, 25⅞c; No. 2 white, 28½c.

RYE—Lower at 51c.

FLOUR—Quiet and steady; patents, $3.55 @3.75; extra fancy and straights, $3.20@3.40; clear, $2.70@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, firm; average, $4.35@ 4.70, with prime worth more. Flax, $1.68 bid.

CORNMEAL—Steady at 2.05.

BRAN—Scarce and firm; sacked, east track, 65c.

HAY—Weak; timothy, $9.00@12.50; prairie, $7.00@10.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.27.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.25.

BAGGING—7¾@7¾c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; jobbing, $14.50. Lard, higher at $7.25. Dry salt meats (boxed), firm; extra shorts, $7.12½; clear ribs, $7.25; clear sides, $7.37½. Bacon (boxed), firmer; extra shorts, $7.87½; clear ribs, $8.12½; clear sides, $8.25.

METALS—Lead, unchanged, $4.17½@4.20. Spelter, dull, $3.80.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 7½@8c; turkeys, 5@6c; young, 7c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@22c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Higher at 16½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 21,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 374,000 bu.; oats, 167,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 50,000 bu.; corn, 60,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 1 California, 6s 4d; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s 3½d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 4d. Futures, quiet; March, 6s 4⅜d; May, 6s 4½d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 10d; American mixed, old, 3s 11½d. Futures, dull; February, 3s 9⅝d; March, 3s 9¾d; May, 3s 9½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 5s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), steady at £5 15s.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 8d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess western, dull at 68s 3d. Lard, American refined, quiet at 33s. Hams, short cut, dull at 44s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, dull at 40s. Short ribs, dull at 41s. Shoulders, square, quiet at 36s. Short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., dull at 37s 9d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 4.—WHEAT—May, 67¼c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68@68½c; No. 3, 67@68c; No. 2 red, 70@71c; No. 3, 67@69c.

CORN—May, 36¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 35c; No. 2 white, 36½c; No. 3, 36¼c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 27@27½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50@11.00; choice prairie, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@20c; dairy, fancy, 17c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 16c doz.; loss off, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, ½c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 231,200 bu.; corn, 158,400 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 85,000 bu.; corn, 40,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Grain Ashore and Afloat.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, February 2, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

Wheat, 59,767,000 bu., a decrease of 1,024,000 bu.; corn, 14,825,000 bu., an increase of 688,000 bu.; oats, 9,929,000 bu., a decrease of 225,000 bu.; rye, 1,195,000 bu., a decrease of 19,000 bu.; barley, 1,874,000 bu., a decrease of 68,000 bu.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 22½c; fancy western prints, 25c; fancy nearby, 23c.

EGGS—Nominally lower; fresh nearby, western and southwestern, 21c; fresh southern, 20c.

CHEESE—Dull and weak; New York full creams, fancy small, 11¾c; New York full creams, fair to choice, 10½@11½c.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 4.—WHEAT—Dull; cash, 78½c; May, 80c; July, 80½c.

CORN—Quiet and firm; cash, 38½c; May, 39½c.

OATS—Steady; cash, 26c; May, 26½c.

CLOVERSEED—Firm; 1899 prime, $6.75; cash, $7.45; March, $7.50.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 4.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 1 northern, 75½@76c; No. 2 northern, 72½@73c.

RYE—Lower; No. 1, 52½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 60c; sample, 40@56½c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 4.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 northern, 72¾c; No. 2 northern, 69¾@69¾c; No. 1 northern to arrive, 73¾c; May, 76¼c.

CORN—36½c.

OATS—26@26¼c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 4.—WHEAT—May, 74⅝@74⅞c; July, 75½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 76c; No. 1 northern, 74¾c; No. 2 northern, 71¼@72¼c.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Feb. 4.—BUTTER—Firm at 21c; no offerings; output for the week, 10,520 tubs.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—COFFEE—Spot, barely steady; No. 7 invoice, 7c, nominal; mild, dull; Cordova, 8@12½c. Futures opened steady, with prices 10 points lower under general selling, led by room bears and foreign interests. The weak European markets and spot market, with glut of supplies the world over, were depressing influences. Speculation was retarded by absence of cables from Brazil, which markets were closed on account of church holiday. Sentiment as a whole was bearishly inclined under favorable prospects for continued heavy receipts and for a record-breaking new crop. The market closed steady, with prices 5@15 points lower. Total sales were 20,000 bags, including March, 5.40@5.45c; May, 5.55@5.60c, July, 5.65c; September, 5.70 @5.75c; November, 5.80c; December, 5.95c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Southern Pacific Deal Dominates Affairs on Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The stock market was under the influence of the news of the purchase of control of the Southern Pacific by a syndicate in the interests of the Union Pacific. Notwithstanding the plain corroboration by the tape on Friday of the rumors of the "deal" the speculators were not without doubts and the official admission after the market had closed on Friday found the street in a state of unpreparedness, for while rumors of deals have been thick for many weeks past this particular one had not been formulated, even in the formation of the tipsters.

The natural consequence was a large and excited demand for stocks at the opening today. As a result of the accumulation of buying orders in commission offices since last Friday there were wide openings in various stocks under the excited bidding of competing brokers. They bought 12,500 shares of Union Pacific upon the fall of the hammer at the simultaneous price of 88⅞@89¾, compared with 87¾ on Friday night. The opening price in Southern Pacific was the highest, that stock selling at both 47½ and 47 on the transfer of 3,000 shares. The demand came from London and the opening price here was considerably below the parity of that established in London this morning. Opinion in Wall street did not conclude that the sale of the road is for the benefit of the stock which remains on the market, as it constitutes a minority of the road presumably to be used for the best interests of the Union Pacific. The professional speculators took an active part in the market with the advantage offered of the large outside demand for stocks attracted by the Southern Pacific deal.

In their manipulation to advance prices one operator made a demonstrative bid for 30,000 shares of Union Pacific at 90. It was quickly supplied in a single block and as a consequence Union Pacific ruled below that for the rest of the day.

The completion of the Southern Pacific transaction caused additional credence to rumors of other similar transactions. It is highly probable also that the likelihood of further transactions is increased by the fruition of this plan. The large demand for Atchison and for Rock Island was attracted by this probability. The movement in these two stocks was, on the whole, the most conspicuous of the day. The rise in Atchison reached 2½ and in Rock Island 2¾ on the very large dealings. The movement in Louisville apparently was based on the fact that it has had no considerable rise since its dividend has been increased.

The reduction of the Bank of England stocks gave color to recent rumors that it is to pass to the control of some larger road. The common stock advanced 1¼, the preferred 3½ and the preferred "B" 8⅝. The rise in the railroad, which was very general in sympathy with the movements, invited heavy realizing and the bull speculators turned their attention to other quarters of the list to sustain the market. The most conspicuous part of this operation was shown in local tractions. Brooklyn Transit and Manhattan rising ⅞ each and Metropolitan and Z½. There was a period of activity and strength in the steel stocks which lifted them from 1 to 3¾. Rumors that threatened conflict in the steel trade had been averted by agreement helped the movement. The whole market was inclined to run off in the last hour dealings on realizing and the close was easy. Although the speculation for the rise was very confident counter considerations were not entirely lost sight of. The fact that a considerable business in stocks predicted extensive consolidations, the possibility of coupling for discussion of hostile legislation, the prices paid for the roads absorbed and the possibility of damage to roads not included leading to rivalries and reprisals were all discussed, although they received small credence. The inroads upon the money market shown by last week's enormous loan expansion, as the result of another heavy financial operation, gives some weight to execution of future developments in the money market. Sterling exchange continued to advance, notwithstanding earlier market rates in London and the probability of gold exports this week.

The bond market was strong and slightly more active than on Friday. Total sales, par value, $7,310,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	23⅞	Wabash	13⅞
do pfd	49¼	do pfd	28⅞
Baltimore & O	115⅞	W. & L. E.	12⅞
Can. Pacific	89	do 2d pfd	22⅞
Can. Southern	58⅞	Wis. Central	17⅞
Ches. & Ohio	40½	Third Avenue	120
Chicago G. W.	29½	B. & O. pfd	86⅞
C., B. & Q.	146⅞	National Tube	64½
Chicago I. & L.	22½	do pfd	99½
do pfd	67	Adams Express	155
Chicago & E. I.	94½	Am. Express	179
Chicago & N. W.	173	U. S. Express	54
C., R. I. & P.	127½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	137
C., C. C. & St. L.	76½	Am. Cot. Oil	30⅞
Colo. Southern	17½	do pfd	88½
do 1st pfd	40	Am. Malting	7⅞
do 2d pfd	16½	do pfd	24⅞
Del. & Hudson	151¼	Amer. S. & R.	30⅞
Del. L. & W.	195	do pfd	93
Den. & Rio G.	33½	Amer. Spirits	15
do pfd	81⅞	do pfd	17
Erie	28⅞	Amer. S. H.	29⅞
do 1st pfd	63⅞	do pfd	74
Gt. Nor. pfd	192	Amer. S. & W.	46⅞
Hocking Coal	11½	do pfd	93⅞
Hocking Valley	44⅞	Am. Tin Plate	35⅞
Illinois Central	128⅞	do pfd	89
Iowa Central	26½	Am. Tobacco	115⅞
do pfd	59½	do pfd	140
L. E. & W.	42	Ana. Min. Co.	43½
do pfd	111	Am. Cap. Tr.	87⅞
Lake Shore	220	Colo. F. & I.	36⅞
Louis. & Nash.	92⅞	Con. Tobacco	45
Manhattan L.	129⅞	do pfd	95⅞
Met. St. Ry.	165	Federal Steel	46⅞
Mex. Central	16	do pfd	79⅞
Minn. & St. L.	69⅞	Gen. Electric	191
do pfd	106	Glucose Sugar	99½
Mo. Pacific	93⅞	do pfd	96
Mobile & Ohio	70½	Int'n'l Paper	25½
M., K. & T.	20½	do pfd	69
do pfd	41½	Laclede Gas	73
N. J. Central	152	Nat. Biscuit	84½
N. Y. Central	144⅞	do pfd	93
Nor. & West.	43⅞	National Lead	18⅞
do pfd	81½	do pfd	89⅞
No. Pacific	81⅞	National Steel	44½
Northwestern	87⅞	do pfd	90
Ontario & W.	22⅞	N. Y. Air Brake	158
O. R. & N.	42⅞	No. American	20⅞
do pfd	76	Pacific Coast	55½
Pennsylvania	117⅞	do 1st pfd	87
Reading	23½	do 2d pfd	67½
do 1st pfd	47	Pacific Mail	31½
do 2d pfd	42	People's Gas	103
Rio G. W.	19	Pressed S. C.	37⅞
do pfd	92	do pfd	73⅞
St. L. & S. F.	32	Pullman P. C.	199
do 1st pfd	84½	Stand. R. & T.	33
do 2d pfd	69	Sugar	120⅞
St. L. S. W.	23⅞	do pfd	119
do pfd	52	Tenn. C. & I.	41½
St. Paul	132	U. S. Leather	13
do pfd	180	do pfd	74⅞
St. P. & Omaha	123	U. S. Rubber	19⅞
So. Pacific	46⅞	do pfd	59⅞
So. Railway	29⅞	Western Union	83⅞
do pfd	71½	Amal. Copper	90⅞
Tex. & Pacific	25⅞	Republic I. & S.	15
Union Pacific	89⅞	do pfd	82
do pfd	85½	P. C. C. & St. L.	61⅞

*Ex-dividend.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—MONEY—On call, steady at 1¾@2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent.

STERLING—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84¼ for demand and at $4.82¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.89; commercial bills, $4.80¾@4.81½.

SILVER—Certificates, 62@63c; bar, 61½c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Governments, steady; state, inactive; railroad, firm.

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	100⅞	N. Y. C. 1s	107⅞
do coupon	102⅞	N. J. C. gen. 5s	137⅞
do 3s, reg	108	No. Pacific 3s	75⅞
do coupon	110	do 4s	105⅞
do new 4s, reg	137	N. Y. C. & S. L. 4s	108⅞
do coupon	137⅞	N. & W. c. 4s	101
do old 4s, reg	112½	Ore. Nav. 1s	109
do coupon	112½	do 4s	103⅞
do 5s, reg	111⅞	O. S. L. 6s	127
do coupon	110	do consol 5s	116½
D. of C. 3s, 658	123	Reading gen. 4s	97
Atch. gen. 4s	103⅞	R. G. W. 1s	59⅞
do adj. 4s	93⅞	St L. & I M c. 5s	112⅞
Can. So. 2s	110	St L & S F g. 6s	123
C. & O. 4½s	106⅞	St. Paul cons.	185
do 5s	121½	St. P., C. & P. 1s	118½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	139½	do 5s	119⅞
do S. F. deb. 5s	113	So. Pacific 4s	89½
Chicago Ter. 4s	98⅞	So. Railway 5s	115⅞
Colo. So. 4s	87⅞	S. R. & T. 6s	63
D. & R. G. 4s	102⅞	*T. & P. 1s	117
Erie gen. 4s	84½	do 2s	96
E. W. & D. C. 1s	81⅞	Union Pacific 4s	106⅞
Gen. Electric 5s	156⅞	Wabash 1s	119⅞
Ia. Central 1s	116	do 2s	109⅞
L. & N. unf. 4s	101	West Shore 4s	114
M., K. & T. 2s	79	Wis. Central 1s	89⅞
do 4s	97½	Va. Centuries	95

*Offered.

Bank Clearings.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $4,558,550; money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25@30c premium.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $22,390,854; balances, $1,465,529; posted exchange, $4.85½ @4.89½; New York exchange, 5c discount.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $7,028,626; balances, $1,342,521; money, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, par bid, 10c premium asked.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $13,025,937; balances, $2,202,064.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $2,547,362; balances, $480,071.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $125,909,115; balances, $10,278,253.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Clearings, $18,848,303; balances, $1,889,969.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F.	53½	West End	93⅞
do pfd	89½	Westingh. Elec.	59⅞
Amer. Sugar	131⅞	Atchison 4s	102
do pfd	119	N. E. G. & C. 5s	87
Am. Telephone	161	do 4s	90
Boston & Al.	25	Bing. Min. Co.	17⅞
Boston & Me.	194	do copper	9⅞
C., B. & Q.	146	Atlantic	25⅞
Dominion Coal	34⅞	Boston & Mont.	318
do pfd	106⅞	Butte & Boston	80
Federal Steel	46⅞	Calu. & Hecla	850
do pfd	79	Centennial	23
Fitchburg pfd	141	Franklin	7½
Gen. Elec. pfd	159	Humboldt	25
Gd. Elev. III.	200	Osceola	53
Mex. Central	16	Parrot	47
N. E. G. & C.	11⅞	Quincy	166
Old Colony	208	Santa Fe Cop.	6⅞
Old Dominion	21⅞	Tamarack	327⅞
Rubber	15⅞	Utah Mining	72⅞
Tex. Pacific	7⅞	Winona	5⅞
Union Land	2½	Wolverines	49

*Asked.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The following are quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con.	20	Little Chief	15
Alice	45	Ontario	900
Breece	20	Ophir	60
Brunswick con.	58	Phoenix	9
Comstock Tun.	4	Potosi	6
Con. Cal. & Va.	150	Savage	12
Deadwood Terra	52	Sierra Nevada	15
Horn Silver	110	Small Hopes	65
Iron Silver	60	Standard	416
Leadville Con.	6		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	97⅞	Erie	29⅞
do account	97	do 1st pfd	65⅞
Atchison	23⅞	Pennsylvania	57½
Can. Pacific	91½	Reading	23
St. Paul	156	No. Pacific pfd	80½
Illinois Central	130½	Grand Trunk	7⅞
Louisville	93½	Anaconda	8⅞
Union Pacific pfd	86⅞	Rand Mines	3⅞
N. Y. Central	146½		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 28 3-16d per ounce.

MONEY—3¼@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4 per cent and for three-months' bills 3⅞@4 per cent.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Money was in moderate demand today and was more plentiful. Discounts were easy in expectation that the reduction of the Bank of England rate will enable the flotation of the forthcoming loan to be made easily. Business on the Stock exchange was inactive, but the feeling was tolerably cheerful. One small failure was announced. Consols hardened. Home rails were irregular. Among foreigners the feature was the sharp rise in the Chinese railroad loan, on the announcement that the coupon of February 1 was being paid. Americans were the best section. They opened irregular, but subsequently hardened. The feature was the sharp advance in Union Pacific, in sympathy with New York. Atchison and Louisville were in special favor. Grand Trunks strengthened on good traffic returns. Kaffirs opened good on announcement of General Kitchener's movements, but reacted. American eagles are quoted in the open market at 76s 4d. Bar silver closed firm at 28¼d per ounce. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance was £71,000.

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