GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Indications Point to Improvement in the Foreign Demand.

CROWD FIRM AND CONFIDENT

Offerings Are Light and Prices All Along the Line Hold Well After the Recent Bulge.

OMAHA, Dec. 17, 1907.

There are indications of an improved foreign demand and the crowd was firm and had confidence.

Offerings were very light, but some were inclined to the show side.

Prices all along the line held well after the late bulge.

The crowd started buying wheat at the opening on cables, commission houses sold and longs took advantage and sold on the bulge for profits. Prices were pushed very much higher and all offerings were well taken.

May wheat opened at 98½c and closed at $1.01¼.

Corn firmer and was well supported by a good demand. Selling by longs was liberal at the opening, but was checked by heavy scattered buying on resting orders. Country receipts are more liberal, but are not expected to hold long. May corn opened at 52¼c and closed at 54¼c.

There was heavy selling of old May oats by elevator interests at the start, but the crowd was bullish and very confident of their position and took all oats offered. May option opened at 52½c and closed at 53¼c.

Primary wheat receipts were 942,000 bu. and shipments were 295,000 bu., against receipts last year of 700,000 bu. and shipments of 304,000 bu.

Corn receipts were 670,000 bu. and shipments were 446,000 bu., against receipts last year of 755,000 bu. and shipments of 267,000 bu.

Clearances were 197,000 bushels of corn, 6,000 bushels of oats and wheat and flour equal to 457,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed unchanged on wheat and ¼d lower on corn.

Seaboard reported 176,000 bushels of wheat and 104,000 bushels of corn taken for export.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec....	91⅝	94¼	91⅝	94¼	92
May...	98½	1 01¼	98½	1 01¼	98⅝
July...	92½	95	92½	95	92
Corn—					
Dec....	53⅝	55¼	53⅝	55¼	51½
May...	52⅝	54¼	52⅝	54¼	52⅝
July...	51⅝	53¼	51⅝	53¼	51⅝
Oats—					
Dec....	48¼	48⅝	48¼	48⅝	49
May...	52½	53¼	52½	53¼	52⅝
May...	46½	47¼	46½	47¼	46½

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 94½@96c; No. 3 hard, 92@93½c; No. 4 hard, 92½c; No. 3 spring, 93@95½c; no grade, 84@90c.

CORN—No. 2, new, 54½@54¾c; No. 4, new, 48@48½c; no grade, 45@47½c; No. 3 yellow, 54½@55c; No. 3 white, new, 49½c.

OATS—No. 3 mixed, 47½@48c; No. 3 white, 48½c; No. 4 white, 47½@48¼c; standard, 48¾@49c.

RYE—No. 2, 73@76c; No. 3, 74@75c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	51	400	402
Minneapolis	446	...	...
Omaha	59	56	46
Duluth	211	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat for May delivery advanced more than 3c today on buying by shorts, which was based, to a large extent, on reports of wet weather in Argentina. May wheat gained during the day 2¾c. Corn was up 1½c. Oats were ⅛@⅜c higher. Provisions were 2½c to 7½@10c lower.

The sharp advance in wheat followed a weak opening. The Liverpool market failed to exhibit the strength of yesterday in the local market, and liberal receipts in the northwest also depressed prices. About the end of the first hour the market became strong, because of the receipt of a message from Argentina declaring that harvesting there is being delayed by the rain. Shorts became active bidders and prices advanced rapidly. The rise was accelerated by a report that Argentine cargoes at Liverpool had been marked up more than 3c. The market closed strong. May opened ⅛@⅜c lower at $1.00¾@1.01⅛, advanced to $1.06⅝@1.06¾ and closed at $1.05¾. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 467,000 bu. The world's visible supply, as shown by Bradstreet's, decreased 1,500,000 bu. Primary receipts were 942,000 bu., against 700,000 bu. on the same day last year. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 708 cars, against 209 cars last week and 402 cars a year ago.

The sharp advance in wheat brought out an urgent demand for corn, which caused a strong market in the last half of the session. Prices advanced nearly 2c from the low point of the day and the close was at the high point. The market early in the day displayed moderate weakness, because of easy cables and liberal local receipts. May opened ⅛@⅜c lower at 57¼@57⅝c and advanced to 59½c, where it closed. Local receipts were 400 cars, with twenty-one of contract grade.

Oats rallied along with wheat and corn, but the advance was less pronounced. May opened ⅛@¼c lower at 54c, sold off to 53⅝@53½c and then advanced to 54¾c, where it closed. Local receipts were 415 cars.

Provisions opened firm, because of a 20c advance in the price of live hogs, but later, when hogs declined, the market weakened. At the close May pork was off 7½c at $13.12½. Lard was down 7½@10c at $7.82½@7.85. Ribs were 2½c lower at $7.05.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 28 cars; corn, 228 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 31,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	95⅝	98½	95⅝	98½	96
May	1 00⅛@1 00⅛	1 06⅝@1 06¾	1 00⅛	1 05¾	1 00⅜
	1 02½	1 05¾	1 00⅛	1 05¾	1 00⅜
July	96½	99¼	96⅝	99@99¼	97
*Corn—					
Dec.	55⅝@57⅛	59¼	55⅝@57⅛	59¼	56⅝
May	57¼@57⅝	59¼	57¼	59¼	57⅝
July	56⅝	58⅝	56⅝@57½	58⅝	56⅝@57
*Oats—					
a May	54	54⅝	53⅝@54	54⅝	54¼@54⅝
b May	52	53¼	51⅞	53⅝	52¼
a July	47⅞	48⅝	47⅞	48⅝	48
b July	45⅝	46	45	46	45¼
Pork—					
Jan.	13 82½	13 82½	13 60	13 67½	13 75
May	13 20	11 30	13 00	13 12½	13 20
Lard—					
Jan.	7 85	7 85	7 72½	7 75	7 85
May	7 92½	7 92½	7 77½	7 85	7 82½
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 02½	8 02½	8 75	8 77½	8 80
May	7 12½	7 12½	7 00	7 05	7 07½

*No. 2. a Old. b New.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.50@4.60; winter straights, $4.30@4.45; spring patents, $6.30@6.50; spring straights, $4.60@4.85; bakers, $3.20@4.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.08@1.12; No. 3, 99c@$1.10; No. 2 red, 98½@99½c.

CORN—No. 2, 60½@61c; No. 2 yellow, 62@63½c.

OATS—No. 2, 50½c; No. 2 white, 49½@50½c.

RYE—No. 2, 77c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 68@95c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 northwestern, $1.12½. Prime timothy, $4.30@4.40. Clover, contract grades, $14.25.

PROVISIONS—Short ribs, sides (loose), $6.75@7.35. Pork, mess, per bbl., $12.12½@12.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.85. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.12½@7.25.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	42,700	36,100
Wheat, bu.	55,800	74,200
Corn, bu.	357,000	286,400
Oats, bu.	433,500	304,700
Rye, bu.	3,000	1,700
Barley, bu.	68,200	25,500

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 20@24½c; dairies, 17@25c. Eggs, firm; at mark, cases included, 24@25c; firsts, 25c; prime firsts, 26c; extras, 27c. Cheese, steady; 11@12c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—Higher; track, No. 2 red, cash, 99½c@$1.00; No. 3 hard, $1.00@1.03½; May, $1.04¾@1.04½c; July, 96½c.

CORN—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 57½@58c; No. 2 white, 61½c; May, 56½@56¾c; July, 56½c.

OATS—Firm; track, No. 2 cash, 50c; No. 2 white, 52½c; May, 51½c; July, 48½c.

RYE—Quiet, 67c.

FLOUR—Dull; red winter patents, $4.60@4.20; extra fancy and straight, $4.20@4.50; clears, $3.75@4.00.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, $1.00.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $11.00@17.50; prairie, $9.00@11.00.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—11½c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $13.00. Lard, lower; prime steam, $7.87½. Dry salt meats, lower; boxed extra shorts, $8.37½; clear ribs, $8.25; short clears, $8.75. Bacon, lower; boxed extra shorts, $9.25; clear ribs, $9.12½; short clears, $9.62½.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.50@4.10.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.90.

POULTRY—Dull; chickens, 7c; springs, 7c; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 7½c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 23½@28c.

EGGS—Higher, 22c case count.

Receipts and shipments of flour and grain were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	5,000	14,000
Wheat, bu.	46,000	93,000
Corn, bu.	64,000	48,000
Oats, bu.	46,000	41,000

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Features of Trading and Prices on Leading Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 43,417 bbls.; exports, 4,159 bbls. Market firm, and nominally higher; Minnesota patents, $5.20@6.60; winter straights, $4.45@4.65; Minnesota bakers, $4.50@5.00; winter extras, $3.75@4.10; winter patents, $4.80@5.20; winter low grades, $3.65@4.00. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $4.85@5.15; choice to fancy, $5.20@5.40. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $3.00 per 100 lbs.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.35@1.37; coarse, $1.30@1.33; kiln dried, $3.30@3.55.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 90c; f. o. b. New York.

WHEAT—Receipts, 85,000 bu.; exports, 48,152 bu. Spot market, strong; No. 2 red, $1.08¼, elevator; No. 2 red, $1.06¼, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.22, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.16¼, f. o. b. afloat. After a sharp opening drop, influenced by easier cables, wheat turned strong and advanced nearly 2c from the low point. The rise was on reports of rains in Argentina, heavy covering and support rumors. Last prices showed 2@2½c net advance. December closed at $1.04⅝; May, $1.09⅝@1.12, closed at $1.12; July, $1.04⅛@1.06⅝, closed at $1.06⅝.

CORN—Receipts, 4,300 bu.; exports, 85,586 bu. Spot market, firm; No. 2, 51c, nominal, elevator, and 60½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 white, nominal; No. 2 yellow, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing 1c net higher; December closed 71c; May closed 67¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 34,500 bu. Spot market, firm; mixed oats, 26 to 32 pounds, 55c; natural white, 26 to 32 pounds, 57½@60c; clipped white, 32 to 40 pounds, 59@65c.

HAY—Steady; good to choice, $1.05@1.10.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1907, 13@17c; 1906, 5@9c; Pacific coast, 1907, 16@18c; 1906, 4@6c.

HIDES—Quiet; Bogota, 16½@17c; Central American, 15½@18c.

PROVISIONS—Beef steady; family, $15.00; mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $25.00@27.00; packet, $12.25@12.50; extra India, $22.00@23.00; cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 8.75@10.50; pickled hams, $10.00@10.50. Lard, barrels steady, western prime, $8.30@8.40, nominal; refined, quiet; continent, $8.80; South America, $9.75; compound, 7.37½@7.62½. Pork, barely steady; family, $18.00@18.50; short clears, $15.50@16.75; mess, $14.50@15.25.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 2¾@6¼c; Japan, nominal.

BUTTER—Firm; imitation creamery, first, 20@22c.

CHEESE—Steady; state full cream, small colored and white, fine, 15¼c; large colored and white, 15½c; large, good to prime, 14½@15c; large, common to fair, 9½@11½c.

EGGS—Firm; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy selected white, 50c; good to choice, 43@48c; brown and mixed fancy, 46c; average best, 36@38c; western firsts, 23@23c; seconds, 28@31c.

POULTRY—Dressed weak; western chickens, 12@14c; turkeys, 12@17c; fowls, 9@12½c.

WEATHER IN THE GRAIN BELT

Colder, with Probably Snow Flurries and Then Fair.

OMAHA, Dec. 17, 1907.

Light snows are general this morning in the upper Mississippi alley, throughout the Missouri valley and west into the mountains. Generally cloudy weather prevails in all other sections and light snows continue in the eastern states. Temperatures are slightly lower in the upper Mississippi and upper Missouri valleys and are decidedly lower in the west and northwest. It is below zero in Wyoming and colder weather will extend over this vicinity tonight, with possibly snow flurries, followed Wednesday by fair and continued cold.

Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.
Minimum temperature....	26	9	32	12
Precipitation	.03	.00	.00	.T

Normal temperature for today, 27 degrees.

Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 7.71 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1906, 4.56 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1905, 2.37 inches.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecaster.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—Unchanged to 1c higher; May, $1.00; July, 91¼c; cash, No. 2 hard, 94@97c; No. 3, 91½@96½c; No. 2 red, 84c; No. 3, 90@93c.

CORN—Unchanged to ¼c higher; May, 55½c; July, 53¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 50½c; No. 3, 49¾@50¼c; No. 2 white, 50½@52c; No. 3, 50¼@50½c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 50½@52c; No. 3 mixed, 48½@49½c.

RYE—70@72c.

HAY—Weak; choice timothy, $11.50@12.00; choice prairie, $9.00@9.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 27½c; packing, 15c.

EGGS—Steady; extras, 26c; firsts, 24c.

Receipts and shipments of grain today were as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	69,000	47,000
Corn, bu.	85,000	40,000
Oats, bu.	18,000	2,000

Quotations at Kansas City are reported by Logan & Bryan, 2 Board of Trade, as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	97⅝	1 00	97⅝	1 00A
July	89⅝	91⅞	89⅝@⅞	91⅞
Corn—				
May	51⅝	53⅝@¾	51⅝	53⅝@¾
July	52¼	53⅝	52@¼	53⅝⅞B

A—Asked. B—Bid.

Available Supplies of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies of grain, as compared with previous account:

Wheat — United States, east of the Rockies: Increase, 1,066,000 bu. Canada, decrease, 47,000 bu. Total, United States and Canada, increase, 1,048,000 bu. Afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 2,700,000 bu. Total American and European supply, decrease, 1,652,000 bu.

Corn — United States and Canada, increase, 1,325,000 bu.

Oats—United States and Canada, increase, 225,000 bu.

The leading decreases and increases reported this week follow:

Decreases — Goderich, Ont., 400,000 bu.; Portland, Me., 439,000 bu.; Manitoba, 120,000 bu.

Increases—Port Huron, 97,000 bu.; Milwaukee, private elevators, 65,000 bu.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—May, $1.11⅛; July, $1.11⅛; No. 1 hard, $1.10; No. 1 northern, $1.08; No. 2 northern, $1.05¼@1.06; No. 3 northern, $1.01@1.03.

FLOUR—First patents, $5.10@5.60; second patents, $5.40@5.10; first clears, $4.30@4.40; second clears, $3.30@3.60.

FLAX—Fair demand, closing and to arrive, $1.11⅛.

BRAN—In bulk, $20.75@21.00.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 17. — CORN — New, higher; No. 3 yellow and No. 3, 53c; No. 4, 51c; no grade, 48½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 50@50½c; No. 4 white, 48½@49½c.

RYE—Quiet.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.35 for finished goods.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—Market higher. No. 1 northern, $1.09@1.10; No. 2 northern, $1.07@1.08; May, $1.05¼ bid.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 97c; sample, 65@96c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3 new, 56½@58c; old, 58½@60½c; May, 59½c bid.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red western, winter, steady, 7s 7½d; futures, steady; December, nominal; March, 7s 10d.

CORN—Spot, steady; prime mixed American, 5s 5d; futures, quiet; December, nominal; January, 5s 3½d.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.03⅛; No. 2 northern, $1.04⅛; December, $1.04⅛; May, $1.11⅛.

OATS—40½c.

Visible Supply of Wheat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The visible supply of wheat is officially corrected to read 46,402,000 bu., an increase of 2,581,000.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Scantiness of Money Supplies Contracts Speculative Activity.

RISE FOLLOWS EARLY DECLINE

Advance Due to Increase in Dividends by Two Railroads—Call Loan Rate Rises and Close is Lower and Irregular.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The scantiness of the money supplies kept the stock market dull and contracted the speculative activity materially, but the tone of the market showed some relief from the heaviness that has weighed upon it for several days past. Prices showed small resiliency, however, and the movement was drawing and heavy. Assistance toward restoring the mood of depression was accorded by the news of the declaration of extra dividends of 2 per cent on Lake Shore and Michigan Central stock, the two most prominent subsidiaries of the New York Central. Lake Shore's semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent has been the regular rate only for two previous half years, and the same is true of Michigan Central's 3 per cent, the rate on Lake Shore previous to that having been 8 per cent a year for three years, and on Michigan Central 4 per cent a year for eleven years. The surplus from these dividend profits over the sum required to pay interest on the collateral bonds issued by the New York Central accrues to the New York Central treasury, which holds most of the stock of the two companies. There has been conspicuous selling of New York Central for several days on an assumption that its dividend would be reduced or paid in scrip by decision of the directors this week. The action on the subsidiary stocks today shook this belief and led to buying to cover shorts by the bears. Other stocks in the list showed a similar condition of over extension of the short interest, following the recent active selling. This was true of American Sugar and to some extent of the copper shares.

The sustaining effect on prices in general developed only after a period of sharp recessions. The coalers were conspicuous in the decline, Reading leading. The weakness was attributed to reports of consultation among those interested in these properties to devise means to meet the requirements of the law for divestment of ownership of coal mines. Assertions accompanied these reports that difficulties were encountered in finding a feasible method of complying with the law, which seemed to threaten the necessity of suspension of business by some companies when the law becomes effective on May 1. The subsequent rally in the stocks pointed to a professional origin for much of the selling. The whole market, in fact, remained largely in professional hands and was narrow. Dividend prospects for individual stocks formed the staple of the discussion.

Money conditions were unchanged. The premium persisted on currency, call loan rates went higher than yesterday and discount rose in both London and Berlin. Fears of a severe money stringency over the year end in meeting the necessities of that period affected these markets, and New York's continued demand for gold aggravates the apprehension. New York's command of the exchanges is explained by foreign trade statement, which shows an excess value of exports over imports for the month of $93,655,731. Not only was there a decline of nearly $9,000,000 in value of imports compared with the previous November, but exports have risen in value $21,789,000, the agricultural exports furnishing some $15,000,000 of the increase. Additional understanding of the international exchange situation is afforded by the showing that in spite of November's $83,063,036 of gold imports, the eleven months of the calendar year show an excess of imports over exports of gold of only $44,626,482, compared with $108,135,880 in the eleven months of last year. New points of weakness developed in the late market and the closing was irregular.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $2,018,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Number of sales and quotations on stocks were as follows:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	163
Amalgamated Copper	53,100	41⅝	42¼	40
Am. C. & F.	800	29½	29¼	29
Am. C. & F. pfd	.....	.....	.....	95
Am. Cotton Oil	.....	.....	.....	37
Am. Cotton Oil pfd	.....	.....	.....	85
American Express	.....	.....	.....	180
Am. H. & L. pfd	.....	.....	.....	12
American Ice Securities	4,400	22⅝	19⅝	21⅛
Am. Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	7½
Am. Linseed Oil pfd	.....	.....	.....	30
Am. Locomotive	400	35	34⅝	34¼
Am. Locomotive pfd	.....	.....	.....	86½
Am. S. & R.	47,300	64⅞	61⅝	63⅛
Am. S. & R. pfd	.....	.....	.....	89⅛
Am. Sugar Refining	9,600	96⅛	94⅝	95½
Am. Tobacco pfd ctfs	.....	.....	.....	89½
Anaconda Mining Co.	3,600	27	25⅞	26½
Atchison	1,200	70	69⅝	69⅝
Atchison pfd	100	85	85	85
Atlantic Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	101½
Baltimore & Ohio	400	80½	79⅝	80
Bal. & Ohio pfd	300	78½	78	78
Brooklyn Rapid Tr.	4,600	38⅝	38¼	37⅝
Canadian Pacific	100	143¾	143¾	143
Central Leather	.....	.....	.....	16⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	.....	.....	.....	55⅝
Chicago Gt. W.	300	7⅛	7⅛	7¼
Chicago & N. W.	400	132½	132	132½
Chicago, M. & St. P.	6,700	161⅝	160¼	161
Chicago & T.	.....	.....	.....	30
Chicago T. & T. pfd	.....	.....	.....	30
C., C., C. & St. L.	100	95½	95½	95½
Colorado F. & I.	600	18⅝	18¼	18⅝
Colorado & So.	1,800	19½	19⅛	19⅛
Colo. & So. 1st pfd	500	48	48	48
Colo. & So. 2d pfd	300	37½	37	37½
Consolidated Gas	.....	.....	.....	148
Corn Products, rfg.	100	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
Corn Products pfd	.....	.....	.....	73
Delaware & Hudson	1,000	159½	158	158½
Del., L. & W.	.....	.....	.....	435
Denver & R. G.	1,000	19½	19	19⅛
D. & R. G. pfd	.....	.....	.....	60
Distillers' Securities	7,800	26⅝	25	25
Erie	.....	.....	.....	28⅝
Erie 1st pfd	200	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝
Erie 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	32⅝
General Electric	100	111⅝	111⅝	111
Illinois Central	100	142	142	142½
International Paper	100	9	9	9
Int. Paper pfd	400	55½	55	55
Int. Pump	.....	.....	.....	41
Int. Pump pfd	.....	.....	.....	101½
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	25
Iowa Central pfd	.....	.....	.....	41
Kansas City So.	.....	.....	.....	32
K. C. So. pfd	200	52	52	51⅝
Louisville & N.	700	89⅝	89	89
Mexican Central	600	14⅝	14⅝	14
Minn. & St. L.	200	25	25	25
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	500	171⅝	171	171
M., St. P. & S. S. M. pfd	200	116⅝	116⅝	116
Missouri Pacific	6,500	50	47⅝	47⅝
Missouri, K. & T.	900	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝
M., K. & T. pfd	200	57⅝	57⅝	57⅝
National Lead	.....	.....	.....	37
N. R. R. of M. pfd	.....	.....	.....	42
New York Central	38,100	94⅝	92⅝	93⅝
N. Y., O. & W.	.....	.....	.....	27⅝
Norfolk & W.	.....	.....	.....	73⅝
N. & W. pfd	.....	.....	.....	78
North American	.....	.....	.....	42⅝
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	24
Pennsylvania	35,300	111⅝	109⅝	110⅝
People's Gas	100	77⅝	77⅝	77⅝
P., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	117
Pressed Steel Car	700	18⅝	18⅛	18⅛
Pressed S. C. pfd	.....	.....	.....	73
Pullman Palace Car	100	142	142	142
Reading	184,200	50⅝	45⅝	46⅝
Reading 1st pfd	.....	.....	.....	74⅝
Reading 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	72
Republic Steel	700	15⅝	15⅛	15⅝
Republic Steel pfd	.....	.....	.....	96
Rock Island Co.	500	14⅝	14	14
Rock Island Co. pfd	600	23	23	22⅝
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	100	29	28	27⅝
St. Louis S. W.	.....	.....	.....	14
St. L. & S. W. pfd	.....	.....	.....	37⅝
Southern Pacific	6,000	72	71	71⅝
So. Pacific pfd	400	107⅝	107⅝	107⅝
So. Railway	400	32⅝	31⅝	32⅝
So. Railway pfd	1,000	26⅝	26	26
Texas & Pacific	200	19	19	19⅛
Toledo, St. L. & W.	.....	.....	.....	14
T., St. L. & W. pfd	500	34	33	33⅝
Union Pacific	41,800	114⅝	112⅝	113⅝
Union Pacific pfd	.....	.....	.....	79⅝
U. S. Express	100	89	89	89
U. S. Realty	100	40	40	39
U. S. Rubber	.....	.....	.....	18⅝
U. S. Rubber pfd	.....	.....	.....	31
U. S. Steel	31,800	25⅝	25	25⅝
U. S. Steel pfd	30,000	87	86	86⅝
Va.-Caro. Chemical	.....	.....	.....	51
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	.....	.....	.....	86
Wabash	200	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
Wabash pfd	700	18⅝	17⅝	18
Wells-Fargo Ex. offered	.....	.....	.....	200
Westinghouse Electric	300	41	41	40⅝
Western Union	300	68	68⅛	68⅛
Wheeling & L. E.	.....	.....	.....	4⅝
Wisconsin Central	.....	.....	.....	12⅝
Wis Central pfd	.....	.....	.....	37⅝
Central Leather	.....	.....	.....	14⅝
Central Leather pfd	.....	.....	.....	77⅝
Northern Pacific	11,100	114⅝	113⅝	113⅝
Southern Northern pfd	6,000	115⅝	113⅝	113⅝
Interborough Met.	.....	.....	.....	4⅝
Int. Met. pfd	200	7	17	16
Sloss-Sheffield Steel	.....	.....	.....	34

Total sales for the day, 514,800 shares.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Money was in good supply, but in moderate demand on the market today. Discounts were firmer on the reports of further gold engagements for America. On the Stock exchange speculation as well as investment buying was at a low ebb, due to indications of a monetary stringency at the year-end. Price movements were not many, but British shares after early elevation, closed steady. Argentine rails continued on the up grade. Americans were quiet, but firm, in spite of yesterday's setback in Wall street. In the foreign section prices went over partly Southern Pacific and Union Pacific leading. Prices sagged in the afternoon and with New York a moderate seller the market finished dull. Amalgamated Copper sold down to 46.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Trading on the Bourse today improved slightly and the market closed steady.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Trading on the Bourse today was most restricted. American shares were slightly lower.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—8 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE — Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8610@4.8615 for demand, and at $4.8056@4.8610 for sixty-day bills. Commercial bills, $4.8000@4.8035.

SILVER—Bar, 52½c; Mexican dollars, 42c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, heavy.

MONEY—On call, firm; 6 to 16 per cent; ruling rate, 12 per cent; closing bid, 6 per cent; offered at 6 per cent. Time loans, firm but dull; sixty days, 10 to 12 per cent; ninety days, 8 to 10 per cent; six months, 7 to 8 per cent.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104⅝	L. & N. unf. 4s	95
do coupon	105	Man. con. 4s	81⅝
U. S. 3s, reg.	109⅝	Mex. Central 4s	74⅝
do coupon	109⅝	Mex. Central inc.	14⅝
U. S. n. 4s, reg.	113	*Minn. & St. L. 4s	75
do coupon	113	M., K. & T. 4s	93⅝
Am. Tobacco 4s	80	*do 2s	66⅝
do 4s	93⅝	*N., R. & M. of M. 4s	75⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	97	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	89
do adj. 4s	91⅝	N. J. C. g. 5s	111
*Atlantic C. L. 4s	88	No. Pacific 4s	99
Bal. & Ohio 4s	95⅝	*do 3s	67
do 3½s	89⅝	N. & W. con. 4s	92
Central of Ga. 5s	86	O. S. L. rfdg. 4s	85⅝
Brk. R. T. cv. 4s	65	Penn. conv. 3½s	89⅝
*do 1st inc.	62	Reading gen. 4s	93
*do 2d inc.	43	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	102⅝
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	91	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	71⅝
C. R. I. & P. 4s	91	*St. L. & S. W. 4s	82
do col. 5s	73⅝	*Seaboard A. L. 4s	63
**CCC. & S. L. g. 4s	93	So. Pacific 4s	89⅝
Colo. Ind. 5s, ser. A	45	do 1st 4s ctfs	90⅝
Colo. Mid. 4s	58	So. Railway 5s	96
*Colo. & So. 4s	80⅝	do cv. 4s	83⅝
Cuba 5s	99⅝	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	93⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	91	Wabash 1s	104
Distillers' Sec. 5s	62	*do deb. B	45
Erie p. l. 4s	82	Western Md. 4s	82
do gen. 4s	74	W. & L. E. 4s	71
Hock. Val. 4½s	96	*Wis. Central 4s	78
Japan 4s	89	Atchison cv. 4s	85⅝
do 4½s ctfs.	86⅝	do cv. 5s	94
do 2d series	86⅝	Int. Met. 4½s	57

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Call loans, 8@12 per cent; time loans, 6½@10 per cent. Official closing on stocks and bonds:

Atchison adj. 4s	80	Allouez	14⅝
do 4s	93⅝	Amalgamated	42
Mex. Central 4s	71	Atlantic	8⅛
Atchison	69⅝	Bingham	6⅝
do pfd	99⅝	*Cal. & Hecla	545
*Boston & Albany	153	Centennial	23⅝
*Boston & Maine	145	Franklin	7
Boston Elevated	128	Granby	70
Fitchburg pfd	117	Isle Royale	16⅝
Mexican Central	15⅝	Mass. Mining	2⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	191	Michigan	11⅝
Pere Marquette	128	Mohawk	67⅝
Union Pacific	113⅝	Mont. C. & C.	1
Am. Agric. Chem.	12	Old Dominion	26
do pfd	78	Osceola	80
Am. Pneum. Tube	2	Parrot	14
Amer. Sugar	95⅝	Quincy	75
do pfd	126⅝	Shannon	9
Am. T. & T.	129