NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Wall Street Speculators Experience a Novelty in Business.

WAR RUMORS WERE FELT ON THE BOARD

Buyers Were Scared and in Many Cases Numerous Concessions Were Made in Their Favor in Order to Stimulate Operations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It looks as though we should have a choppy market for a time. A Chilian war scare in the early part of the week served as an excuse for raiding the list, and the fact that the raid was not wholly unsuccessful showed that the market was ready for some reaction. Otherwise such a scare would have been laughed at. Wars and rumors of war are the staple material upon which the European markets are worked, and our market is also worked considerably on wars from time to time, but they are domestic feuds—that is to say, freight rate wars. International hostilities as speculative material are a novelty to Wall street. The whole business means that after such a long rise and some reaction following the market is liable, within certain limits, to see-saw until it gets ready for another decided movement. If that movement be not upward then the ablest of operators and financiers are all at fault. Such a condition of the market as now exists is a sorting-out time.

Results of the War Scare.

Stocks of properties which are adversely affected by unfavorable conditions as the depressed state of the south or of the Pacific coast are working lower because of decreasing earnings, while the more fortunately situated properties held steady, or recover easily if temporarily sold down. They lead the rallies of the market as the others had to decline. The idea that things will be choppy for a while, while the earnings of the principal roads are temporarily cut down by the winter weather is suggested by the course of the market the last week. It rallied easily from the war charge of Monday, when war was declared against Chili in the morning and peace proclaimed in the afternoon, but when later a rapid movement was worked up in Lackawanna, apparently as means to strengthen the market. The general list failed to respond and certain prominent stocks fell off, showing that the advantage was being taken of the Lackawanno flurry to sell on and again yesterday after the bank statement appeared with the surplus reserve risen to the immense figure of $33,000,000.

Buyers Were Scarce.

The traders found buyers only at concessions for the stocks they sold to realize profits. These are pretty good indications that the recent strong buying power which sent prices up day after day is no longer exerted except to steady the market when raided. With the enormous accumulations of money it is wholly unlikely that there will be much decline on the average, while the market is shaping itself for the next favored movement.

Another paragraph in the letter is worth quoting: "The board believes that it is the duty of the directors ta assist so far as they can, not only the development of the intrinsic values represented by the shares, but also to assist the permanent values of the stock if possible, and should the earnings of the company justify a division of its profits among the stockholders in the future, the directors will present to the stockholders a proposal for classification of the stock into preferred and common for the purposes of such division, giving to every stockholder a portion of his holdings in preferred stock which shall at once be a safe investment, and leaving him still the majority of his holding in common stock which shall carry control of the property."

National Cordage stock has been strong at all times through the week, even when the market was most inclined to sell off, and the preferred stock continues its advance, which is said to be still many points below the level it will reach. Chicago Gas has been steady with an upward tendency. The forthcoming report it is said will show figures which will be a pleasant surprise to stockholders. It is understood it will cover operations of the company since its formation and show the marvelous growth which the city of Chicago has made in that time. The Chicago bear clique who used to raid this stock are as fearful of it now as of the hot end of a poker. They seem to have gone over to the distillers trust, upon which they have been operating in many ways, now thoroughly familiar to Wall street. It appears to be conceded that the recent bear movement against it was engineered by the principal directors of the corporation. There is no reason why an outsider should not sell for the fall as well as buy for the rise in any stock, but when the officers of a company occupying a position of trust to its stockholders engage in bear operations against its securities, the case is different. Out in the west, however, they seem to think it right and the distillers' trust has recently been put through the regular Chicago mill. The stock was broken down about 10 per cent. The word has since been passed that the insiders have about received their holdings again.

FOREIGN FINANCIAL REVIEW.

Money Was Superabundant During the Past Week in London.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Money was superabundant during the past week. There was no demand for discount, which was quoted at 1½ per cent for three months and 1 for short. The payment of £1,500,000 in treasury bills on Friday and the further £350,000 payable early this week and the influx of revenue payments will flood the market with cash for some time to come. There is no prospect of a drain of gold relieving the plethora. Some gold will go to Vienna, but there is no sign that it will be taken in any volume. Bank managers here state deposits on which they pay interest are had at a loss, money being unloanable on any terms. In spite of the ease of money a deadly activity prevails on the Stock exchange. During the past week there was no feature except stagnation in any department. Among the high class investment securities British funds gained a fraction while rupee paper lost 1/8 per cent in sympathy with the lower quotation of silver. In the department of foreign securities the chief incident was the fluctuation in Portuguese bonds owing to the crisis in Portugal's national finances. The cutting of interest on her foreign debts seems inevitable unless the government decides to sell several of the nation's colonial possessions of which, it is thought, Great Britain would be a ready buyer. During the week the price of Portuguese bonds touched 27⅛ per cent but afterwards recovered to 28⅛ per cent, and the decline for the week was only 1⅛ per cent. Chilian bonds declined three-fourths of 1 per cent on the week, Mexican, 1¼ per cent, Argentine, 2 per cent, and Brazilians 1 per cent. American railway securities were unsettled. There were sharp fluctuations. Speculators' rumors of coming war with Chili helped the downward tendency, but the reaction which followed had a deeper, more permanent source in the feeling that the rise in progress since the beginning of November has for a time reached its level, and until speculative spirit revives in Wall street the disposition here will be unsettled. The week's variations in prices of American railway securities include the following decreases: Norfolk & Western preferred, 3 per cent; Atchison, Louisville & Nashville and Erie ordinary 1¼ per cent; Wabash debentures and Union Pacific shares 1 per cent each; New York, Ontario & Western and Wabash preferred three-fourths of 1 percent each; Central Pacific shares, Denver & Rio Grande one-half of 1 per cent; Lake Shore, New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio first mortgage and Northern Pacific one-half of 1 per cent each; increases, Ohio & Mississippi one-half of 1 per cent.

Canada securities were dull. Grand Trunk consols lost 2 per cent on the week. The securities of the Mexican railway were considerably sold owing to decreased earnings, and seconds declined 2½ per cent on the week, firsts 2 per cent and ordinary one-half of 1 per cent. Among the miscellaneous securities the J. P. Coats (thread factory) stocks were freely offered, owing to an increase in the number of competing manufacturers, and fell 1⅜ per cent on the week. Alsopps dropped 2 per cent, Rio Tintos one-half of 1 per cent, and Bell's asbestos ¼ per cent, while Commercial Cable gained 1¼ per cent. Delegates of the Scotch oil companies continue to negotiate with the agent of the Standard Oil company with regard to the latter's demand that they reduce their output and prices, but with small prospect of any success unless the Scotch companies first submit to the Standard's terms. The prices of the Scotch companies' shares are falling rapidly.

Havana Market Review.

HAVANA, Jan. 23.—In the sugar market this week buyers kept aloof and only a small business was done, but toward the close there was a somewhat better demadd with sales at advancing prices.

Quotations—Molasses sugar, regular to good polarization, $2.37½@2.50 gold per quintal; centrifugal, 92 to 96 degrees polarization in hogsheads, bags and boxes, $2.93½@3.18¾ gold per quintal. Stocks in warehouses at Havana and Matanzas, 28 boxes, 204,500 bags, 502 hogsheads. Receipts from the 14th to the 20th inst., 20,000 barrels, 22 hogsheads. Exports during the same time, 116 boxes, 77,000 bags; of which 71,000 bags went to the United States.

BACON—$5.00 gold per cwt.

BUTTER—Superior American, $3.00 gold per quintal.

FLOUR—American, $7.00 gold per bbl.

JERKED BEEF—$8.25 gold per quintal.

HAMS—American sugar cured, $13.00 gold per quintal for northern and $17.00 for southern.

LARD—In kegs, $8.75 gold per quintal; in tins, $11.50.

POTATOES—American, $3.00 gold per bbl.

BEANS—White navy, $5.00 gold per quintal.

CHEWING TOBACCO—$20.00 gold per quintal.

LUMBER—Nominal.

SHOOKS—Quiet.

HOOPS—Quiet.

FREIGHTS—Moderate.

EXCHANGE—Quiet and weak.

SPANISH GOLD—$2.39½@2.40.

On the Paris Bourse.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—On the bourse during the past week business was dull, but prices generally were firm owing to the periodic investigation of dividend money. Three per cent rentes rose 5 centimes and Credit Foncier 2½, while Rio Tinto lost ¼ francs and Panama canal 1½ franc. The 500 franc shares of the Panama Canal company are now quoted at 22. Business houses are awaiting with anxiety the operation of the new tariff law. In spite of the reports of an agreement with Switzerland and the success of the negotiations with that republic appears to be beyond hope, the Swiss chambers of commerce unanimously oppose the acceptance of the French minimum. There is small chances of making an arrangement with Belgium, there being a retaliation bill before the Belgian Chamber of Representatives. There is some small chance for reaching an agreement with Spain. Reprisals against the French tariff are threatened all over the continent, exciting fears among French traders that protection has been carried too far.

On the Berlin Bourse.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—On the bourse during the week business was quiet, but prices were firm. Mine shares were weaker, while bank shares were rather stronger. The final quotations include the following: Prussian 4s, 106.75; Mexican 6s, 82.60; Deutsche bank, 159.25; Bochumer, 114; Harpeners, 145; short exchange on London, $20.37; long exchange on London, $20.25½; private discount, 1¾ per cent.

The Kaiser Bazar company of this city is undergoing liquidation. The main cause of the failure of the institution, which was similar to Whiteley's in London and the Bon Marche in Paris, is that Berlin is not a suitable place for such an establishment. The Deutscher Zandelstag has decided in favor of the holding of an international exhibition in Berlin in 1896. The report of the Zehandelung shows decreased profits for 1891, and is regarded as proof of a general depression in business.

On the Frankfort Bourse.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 24.—Business was dull on the bourse during the week, especially in foreign securities. Portugueso securities dropped five points during the week. Today's unofficial closing quotations include: Hungarian gold rentes, 93.35; Italian, 91.10; Austrian Credit, 265.12; Russian, 93.70; Spanish, 63.60.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Saturday's Fluctuations in Prices and the Causes Therefor.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—Wheat was higher today. The opening was ¾c up and ⅛c was gained. There was a recession to yesterday's closing price at one time, but the market strengthened again and closed with an advance of ⅝c. There were a number of more or less bullish items of news to affect the early trading. The chief one was the published statement that the German Reichstag had voted to reduce the duty on wheat until April 1. This was subsequently denied by a German exporting house in New York and assisted in the subsequent depression of prices.

The report that Minister Egan had been recalled from Chili was also a bullish feature. Bradstreet's reported the week's clearances from both coasts at 4,520,000 bu. and the available supply at 18,000,000 bu. more than at this time last year. Local statisticians figured that the visible supply would show a decrease of 1,000,000 bu. Some of the early private cables were higher and reported a better feeling abroad, and domestic markets nearly all showed an upward tendency at the start. The offerings of wheat were moderate and with good buying by many strong and influential operators, shorts soon became nervous and covered very freely. Pardridge was the central figure and his buying and selling was very influential in fixing values. As has been the case for several days his dealings were in the nature of a big scalp, as he bought only on breaks and sold on the bulges. He was a free buyer on the curb and his purchases had much to do with the bullish opening. Then he turned an aggressive seller and assisted in beating the value down. When his object had been gained, he turned again and covered at a substantial profit. May opened at 92¾c, sold at 92¼c, sagged off slowly to 91⅝c, recovered to 92c, went off again to 91⅜c during the last hour, but on a report that 100,000 bu. had been taken for export through Baltimore at about May prices, better late cousin cal cables and good buying by early short sellers, with Pardridge in the lead, there was a rally to 92¾c, a break on closing cables took the price to 91⅜c again, but the market again firmed up on covering by shorts, who feared to let their trades stand over on account of the strained Chilian situation, and the close was firm at 92¼c.

Corn was fairly active and firm, due partly to a reaction after the break of the past two days and partly to the heavy exports, which aggregated 3,981,000 bu for the week. The close shows an advance of ⅛c compared with yesterday, though at one time an advance of ⅝c was shown.

Oats were dull and easy and closed a shade lower.

Hog products were firm and higher; the receipts of hogs at the yards were less than expected and prices were from 5c to 10c higher; this gave products a strong send off. There were several recessions and rallies and the market closed with an advance of 12½c in pork, from 5c to 7½c in lard and 5c in ribs.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 125 cars; corn, 345 cars; oats, 320 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT-No. 2—				
January	$ 88	$ 88	$ 87¼	$ 87¾
May	92¾	92½	91⅜	92¼
CORN No. 2—				
January	37¾	37⅝	37⅜	37½
February	37¼	38	37⅛	38
May	40⅛	40⅜	40¼	40¼
OATS No. 2—				
January	29	29	28¾	28¾
May	30¾	30⅝	30⅜	30⅜
MESS PORK—				
January	11 57½	11 62½	11 52½	11 62½
May	11 87½	11 92½	11 82½	11 92½
LARD—				
January	6 37½	6 40	6 35	6 40
May	6 67½	6 70	6 65	6 70
SHORT RIBS—				
January	5 67½	5 72½	5 67½	5 70
May	5 93	6 00	5 93	5 97½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 87¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 82¼c; No. 2 red, 89½@90c.

CORN—The market ruled lower; No. 2, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2, 28¾@29c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 31¾@32½c; No. 3 white, 29½c.

RYE—No. 2, 83½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 63c; No. 3, f. o. b., 45@60c; No. 4, f. o. b., 38@52c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 96c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.23@1.26.

PORK—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.40; lard, per cwt., $6.42½@6.45; short ribs sides (loose), $5.70@5.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.62½@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $5.93@6.05.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.16.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

On the Produce exchange today: The butter market was easier; fancy creamery, 28½@29½c; fine western, 26@27c; ordinary, 20@24c; selected dairy, 24@28c; ordinary, 20@23c. Eggs, 23@24c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,275 packages; exports, 6,601 barrels, 4,539 sacks; market quiet, but unchanged; sales, 25,350 bbls.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, $2.80@2.95.

WHEAT—Receipts, 89,250 bu.; exports, 145,-212 bu.; sales, 1,040,000 bu. futures, 112,000 bu. spot. Spot market irregular, closing steady; No. 2 red, $1.02¾@1.02¾ in store and elevator, $1.04¼@1.04¾ afloat; $1.03¾@1.05¾ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99@99½c; ungraded red, 96¾c@$1.07¾; No. 1 northern, $1.04¼@1.06; No. 1 hard, $1.06¾@1.07¾; No. 2 northern, 99¼@99¾c. Options advanced ¼@⅝c on firmer cables and local coverings, declined ⅛c on late French cables, closed firm at unchanged prices to ½c up; No. 2 red, January closing, $1.02¾c; February, 99¾@99¾c, closing $1.02¾@1.02¾; March, $1.03⅝, closing $1.03⅝; April, $1.03¾@1.04, closing $1.03¾; June, $1.01⅜; July, 99¾c, closing 99¾c.

RYE—Dull and lower; western at 96@97½; sales, 7,000 bu.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 71@72c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; Canadian country made, 85c.

CORN—Receipts, 138,725 bu.; exports, 169,463 bu.; sales, 540,000 bu. of futures; 81,000 bu. spot; spot market irregular, dull, closing steady; No. 2, 46c, in elevator; 50@53½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 36@52c; No. 2 white, 52c; No. 3, 46@46½c; steamer mixed, 48@49½c. Options advanced ⅛@¼c, and closed firm on covering and large clearings; January, 49¼c; February, 49¼c, closing 49¼c; March, 49@49¼c, closing 49@49½c; May, 48½@48¾c, closing 48⅝; July, —c.

OATS—Receipts, 139,175 bu.; exports, 130,000 bu.; sales, 19,000 bu. of futures; 66,000 bu. of spot; spot market dull and weak; options dull; January, 35½c; February, 36c; May, 39¾ spot. No. 2 white, 38¾c; mixed western, 35½@37½c; white western, 37@42½c; No. 2 Chicago, 36½c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 75@$1.00.

HOPS—In moderate demand and firm; state, common to choice, 2@28c; Pacific coast, 20@27½c.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet and firm; fair refining, 3 3-16c; centrifugals, 91 test, 3 7-16@3⅝c; refined, quiet and steady; cut loaf, 5¼c; crushed, 5⅝5½c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, nominal; New Orleans, steady, quiet; common to fancy, 28@36c.

RICE—Dull and steady; domestic fair to extra, 5@7¼c.

PETROLEUM—United closed for February at 62c.

TALLOW—Very quiet; city ($2.30 for packs), 4¼c bid.

ROSIN—Dull and steady; strained, common to good, $1.35@1.40.

TURPENTINE—Quiet and steady at 34@35c.

EGGS—Easy and quiet; western, 24@24½c; receipts, 1,440 pkgs.

HIDES—Quiet, steady; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 to 75 lbs., 6@8c; to-day's selected, 50 to 60 lbs., @8c.

PORK—Quiet and steady; mess, $9.75@10.75; extra prime, $9.50.

CUT MEATS—Firm; pickled bellies, 6c bid; pickled shoulders, 4¾@5c bid; hams, 8¼@8¾c; middles, quiet; short clear, $5.35.

LARD—Higher, firm and quiet; western steam closed at $6.35; sales, 240 tierces; option sales, 2,750 tierces; January, $6.35; February, $6.73; March, $6.82, closing, $6.81; May, $6.96@6.98, closing, $6.97.

BUTTER—Quiet; firm; western dairy, 18@23c; western creamery, 21@22c; western factory, 15@23½c; Elgin, 32c.

CHEESE—Fairly active and firm; part skims, 5@10c.

PIG IRON—Moderately active; American, $15.75@17.75.

COPPER—Dull and weak; lake, $10.00@11.00.

LEAD—Quiet and easy; domestic, $4.15.

TIN—Dull and weak; straits, $19.2½.

Omaha Produce Markets.

EGGS—Fresh stock mostly 22c.

BUTTER—Fair to good, 10@17c; choice country, 19@21c.

POULTRY—Chickens, good stock, 6@8c, dull; turkeys, 11@12c; geese and ducks, 10@11c.

HAY—Per ton, $5.50@6.25.

FLOUR—Omaha Milling company's Reliance Patent, $2.60; Invincible Patent, $2.55; Lone Star superlative, $2.25; Snowflake, $1.90; Lance Family, $1.80; S. F. Gilman's Gold Medal, $2.55; Snow White, $2.35; Snowflake, $2.00; low grade, $1.60; Queen of the Pantry, $2.70.

GAME—Jack rabbits, $2.50 per doz.; small, 75@$1.00.

HIDES—No. 1 green salted hides, 4½@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½@3¾c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4¼@4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½@3¾c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@5½c. Tallow, No. 1, 3½@3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3¼c; grease, white A, 4@4¼c; grease, white, B, 3½@3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 16c; rough tallow, 1½@2½c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 23.—There was no edge to wheat today. It was exceedingly dull and trading was limited to a few small deals. May wheat opened at 88c, an advance of ⅛c over last night's close and declined at once to a range from 87⅝c and 87¾c and held within this to the close, with May at 87¾c bid, and January at 84¾c. The cash market was in about the usual active condition, and offerings were cleared up early. No. 1 northern sold between from 85c to 86½c. Receipts of wheat here were 215 cars, 36 at Duluth and Superior. January closing, 84¾c; May opened 88c; highest, 88c; lowest 87¾c, closing 87¾c. On track: No. 1 hard, 87c; No. 1 northern, 86c; No. 2 northern May, 82c to 84c.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Market was dull; No. 2 hard, 77@77½c; No. 2 red, 86c.

CORN—Lower but strong; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c; white, 35 to 36c.

OATS—Were firm; No. 2 mixed sold at 29@29½c; No. 2 white, 31c.

RYE—Was strong at the decline, none offering; 77c for No. 2.

FLAX SEED—84c on a basis of pure.

BRAN—Firm at 67c for sacked.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $8.00; prairie, $6.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, none.

Imports of Wool at London.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The imports of wool during the past week were as follows: New South Wales, 33,393 bales; Queensland, 16,528; Victoria, 27,166; South Australia, 2,973; West Australia, 213; New Zealand, 14,615; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 8,333. The arrivals for the next series of sales are: New South Wales, 97,197; Queensland, 73,463; Victoria, 98,477; South Australia, 32,938; West Australia, 2,515; Tasmania, 110; New Zealand, 32,575; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 20,412. Sixty-three thousand bales will be offered next week.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Quiet; May, 88¼c; No. 2 spring, cash, 86c; No. 1 northern, 91c.

CORN—Easy; No. 3, 37@37½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 3 white, 30½@31c.

BARLEY—Easy; No. 2, 55c; sample, 41@59c.

RYE—Easy; No. 1, 80c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Options opened steady, five points up to five points down; closed steady and unchanged to fifteen points up; sales, 14,250 bags, including: January, $12.05@13.00; February, $12.45@12.50; March, $12.20@12.30; May, $11.80@11.85; September, $11.70; spot Rio, quiet and firm; No. 7, $13.02½.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Quiet; holders offer moderately; California, 8s 1½d@8s 3d per cental.

CORN—Quiet but steady; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 7½d per cental.

BACON—Long clear, 45-lb 32s 6d per cwt.

LARD—Prime western, 38s 9d per cwt.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Unsettled; cash, 89½c.

CORN—Lower; cash, 36½c.

OATS—Lower; cash, 29½c.

PORK—New, $11.65.

LARD—Firm at $6.20.

WHISKY—$1.16.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, 95c.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 42½c.

OATS—Weaker; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

WHISKY—$1.16.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Influences That Control the Money Market and Their Financial Effect.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The stock market today presented no features of special interest and the most that can be said was that in spite of persistent attacks by the local bearish element, prices were well held and few changes of importance are seen. The most striking development of the day was the continued heavy gains shown by the bank statement, $8,050,000 in cash and $11,030,000 in deposits, and it is without question that the banks are now in a stronger position than in any of the previous years at the same season, excepting possibly 1885. The opening of the market was irregular at slight changes from last night's figures but the bears attacked the list immediately, paying special attention to Northern Pacific preferred, though Omaha reversed its movement of yesterday and dropped back 1 per cent. On the other hand a few material advances were made in some of the specialties. Distillers rising rapidly and Manhatten gaining 1 per cent. The pressure was abated after the first half hour but the offerings continued large and there were no full rallies until the publication of the bank statement, when the operations assumed large proportions and most of the list were brought up beyond the opening. In this movement New England, Omaha and the industrials were specially prominent, but in railroad stocks the late dealings showed a reactionary tendency. The market finally closed active and firm generally at insignificant changes for the day. Distillers 1¼ up per cent; at no other marked changes occurred. There was absolutely no feature in railroad bonds and on a business of $1,143,000 no change of importance took place, the whole list being held at the same level. Atchison incomes, St. Louis, Southwest firsts and Union Pacific firsts were active, but failed to score any gains.

Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and firm.

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

Atchison	41⅞	Northwestern	117⅜
Adams Express	148	do preferred	144½
Alton, T. H.	99	N. Y. Central	114⅜
do preferred	132	N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	20
American Express	116	do preferred	79½
B. C. R. & N.	40	Ohio Mississippi	22¾
Canada Pacific	80¼	do preferred	85
Canada Southern	60	Ontario & Western	19⅝
Central Pacific	34¼	Oregon Improvement	27⅜
Ches. & Ohio	26	Oregon Nav.	82⅜
do 1st preferred	62¾	Oregon Trans.	39¾
do 2nd preferred	35¾	Pacific Mail	37
Chicago & Alton	170	P. D. & E.	20⅝
C., B. & Q.	108¼	Pittsburg	150
C., C., C. & St. L.	71⅝	Pullman Palace	186
Del. Hudson	124⅝	Reading	40¾
Del. L. & W.	142⅜	Rock Island	101¼
D. & R. G. pfd.	46⅝	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	76
East Tennessee	7⅝	St. Paul	80
do 1st preferred	45	do preferred	122¼
do 2nd preferred	16⅝	St. P., Min. & Man.	113
Erie	21¾	St. Paul & Omaha	48¾
do preferred	73½	do preferred	112
Fort Wayne	153	Tenn. Coal & Iron	41⅛
Chi. & East Ill.	67⅝	Texas Pacific	12⅜
Hocking Valley	30¼	Tol., A. & Con. pfd.	80
Houston & Texas	8¼	Union Pacific	47⅛
Illinois Central	108⅝	U. S. Express	48
St. Paul & Duluth	45¼	Wabash, St. L. & P.	13¾
Kansas & Texas	19	do preferred	30⅝
Lake Erie & West	17⅝	Wells Fargo Express	140
do preferred	73¾	Western Union	82¼
Lake Shore	121¾	Am. Cotton Oil	33¾
Louisville & Nash.	77	Colorado Coa	67
Louisville & N. A.	54	Homestake	12
Memphis & Char.	26	Omaha pfd.	44
Michigan Central	104⅛	Quicksilver	4⅝
Mil. L. S. & W.	93¾	do preferred	20
do preferred	104	Rich. & W. P. Ter.	15¾
Minn. & St. L.	9	Wisconsin Central	18¾
do preferred	21	Great Northern pfd.	119
Missouri Pacific	62¾	Chicago Gas	76
Mobile & Ohio	37	Lead Trust	20
Nashville Chatt.	93	Sugar Trust	82¾
N. J. Central	155⅜	Southern Pacific	40¾
Norfolk & West pfd.	59⅜	Oregon S. L. & U. N.	50
Northern Pacific	23⅜	R. G. W.	37⅛
do preferred	60¼	R. G. W. dis.	69¾
U. P., Denver & G.	21⅝	Distillers	58¼

* ex div.

The total sales of stocks today were 177,000 shares, including: Atchison, 4,450; Chicago Gas, 4,350; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 6,477; Erie, 3,120; Louisville & Nashville, 3,350; Northwestern, 6,980; Northwestern preferred, 980; Northern Pacific, preferred, 13,450; New England, 11,550; Reading, 16,803; St. Paul, 4,400; St. Paul & Omaha, 9,410; Union Pacific, 9,4 0.

Financial Review.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The Post says: A very tame market opened today, accompanied by two developments, announced as particularly favorable. One of these was the correspondence between the president of the Missouri Pacific and the president of the Western Traffic association. The bank statement was the second point of possible encouragement. But neither of these contributions to good feeling had any perceptible effect. In some quarters the early market was weak—conspicuously, as usual, in Louisville and Northern Pacific preferred—but rallies came easily and the majority of the list moved little in either direction. So dull were the standard stocks that the attention of the board was chiefly concentrated on a single industrial specialty, which has become notorious for its quick gambling opportunities.

The accumulation of idle money in New York city is fast becoming phenomenal enough to puzzle the most ingenious theorist. Nevertheless the changes in the several recorded items of today's bank statement illustrate the fact which is at the bottom of the whole phenomenon. With all this superabundance of money, outstanding loans and discounts have actually expanded only $1,369,400. Here is a very unusual record. Its only explanation is that the interior banks find their opportunities for the profitable use of money so limited that they are crowding their deposits in New York, so that the New York banks are now finding themselves almost swamped with funds. If outside business were to revive, or even speculation on the Stock exchange, a fair share of this could be employed; as it is, most of the money lies wholly idle. This is a curious sequel to the predictions of a light money market which were current among not a few wiseacres scarcely six months ago.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy with no loans; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but steady at $4.84 for sixty day bills and $4.85¼ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.	116	Mutual Union 6s	106¼
U. S. 4s coup.	116	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	100½
U. S. 4½s reg.	102	North. Pacific 1sts	113¾
Pacific 6s of '95	109	North Pacific 2nds	43
La. stamped 4s	89¾	Northwestern Con.	140
Tenn. new set 6s	101	North. Debent. 5s	107
Tenn. new set 5s	97	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	85¾
Tenn. new set 3s	68½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	107
Canada So. 2nds	102¾	St. Paul Consols	126
Cen. Pacific 1sts	106¾	St. P., C. & Pac. 1sts	113
Den. & R. G. 1sts	116¾	Tex. P. L. & C. Tr. Rcts	83
Den. & R. G. 4s	87¾	Tex. P. R. & G. Tr. Rcts	31
Erie 2nds	106¾	Union Pacific 1sts	107
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	89¾	West Shore	102½
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	55¾		

London Stock Market.

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LONDON, Jan 23.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Business was quiet on the Stock exchange today, owing to the limited attendance of members. The market generally exhibited an irregular tendency. Funds, however, were firm. Consols advanced ⅛ per cent. Home railways were not much dealt in. Caledonian is materially lower. Changes in others are only fractional, though mostly against holders. Americans, though not particularly active, fluctuated to some extent and closed fairly strong. There was a rise of ⅛ per cent in Chicago, Milwaukee, Wabash preference, but the changes in the others were not important. Canadian lines were rejected but closed firm, especially Grand Trunk issues. Mexicans scarcely moved all day and close without change. Money was very little wanted. With the increased supply of floating capital, owing to the repayment of treasury bills, short loans were easily obtained at ½ per cent. In the discount market there were very few bills brought forward; of these, two or three months' were quoted at 1½ to 1⅝ per cent.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The following were the London stock quotations closing at 2 p. m.:

Consols money	95⅛	Illinois Central	111¾
Consols account	95⅞	Mexican ordinary	30⅜
N. Y., P. & O. 1sts	87¼	St. Paul common	82⅞
Can. Pacific	56¾	New York Central	118⅛
Erie	32¼	Pennsylvania	57⅜
Erie seconds	100¾	Reading	21⅞

BAR SILVER—42 9-16d.

Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today, £99,000.

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Bank clearings today, $139,510,884; balances, $1,102,630. For the week, clearings, $790,362,154; balances, $34,384,362.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—Bank clearings today, $15,447,240; balances, $1,745,714; rate for money, 2 per cent; exchange on New York, 100@15c discount. For the week, clearings, $85,969,276; balances, $10,355,459. For the same week last year, clearings, $88,317,316; balances, $9,667,045.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—Three per cent rentes, 95f, 45c for the account.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 23.—Bank clearings, $2,804,001; balances, $317,709; rate, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Bank clearings today, $12,130,566; balances, $1,564,09?; clearings for the week, $80,308,798; balances, $10,315,408; money, 4 per cent.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 23.—Clearings today $1,561,196.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 23.—Clearings, $1,903,357.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan 23.—New York exchange 10c premium. Money easy at 5@6 per cent. Bank clearings, $12,601,958; for the week, $88,-835,719. Sterling exchange steady and unchanged.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The exports of specie from the port of New York last week amounted to $653,905, of which $37,000 was gold and $616,905 silver. The imports of specie for the week amounted to $121,126, of which $119,-793 was gold and $1,330 silver.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—The following were the closing prices on stocks on the Boston stock market today:

Atchison & Topeka	42	Boston & Montana	35
Boston & Albany	203½	Calumet & Hecla	265
Boston & Maine	169½	Franklin	12½
C. B. & Q.	108¾	Huntington	11
Fitchburg R. R.	83½	Osceola	27
Flint & Pere M. pfd.	82	Santa Fe Copper	25
Mass. Central	10½	Tamarack	155
Mex. Cent. common	23¾	Antison Land Co.	28
N. Y. & N. England	45¾	Boston Land Co.	6¼
N. Y. & N. Eng. 1s	121¾	West End Land Co.	17⅛
Old Colony	162½	Bell Telephone	208
Rutland common	4	Lamson Store S.	17
Wis. Cen. common	18⅞	Water Power	4⅛
do preferred	43	C. M.	10
Allouez M. Co.	1⅜	B. & B. C.	50
Atlantic	10	Houston Thomson	14½

Denver Mining Stocks.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 23.—The following list is the closing quotations on the Mining exchange today. Sales 2,500.

Alleghany	7	Gold Rock	50
Amity	2¼	Ironclad	15⅜
Bataraz	15	John J	1
Bangkok Cora B	6	Justice	20
Big Six	5¼	Lexington	27⅜
Brownlow	4	Little Rule	110
Calliope	15	May Mazeppa	60
Claudia J	4½	Matchless	500
Century	90	Ore	75
Clay County	100	Park Consolidated	4
Diamond B	3¾	Pay Rock	1¾
Denver