COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

May Wheat Jumped to Eighty Cents Per Bushel Yesterday.

LARGELY THE WORK OF THE CLIQUE

Oats Were Weak from Start to Finish and Closed After an Active Day's Business Below the Price Ruling Saturday Afternoon.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 27.—May wheat jumped to 80c a bushel today, a 2-cent advance over Saturday's high mark, and closed at 79¾c. The advance of 1c Saturday scared the shorts and they started in at the opening to cover part of their line. The market was wild, and closing quotations ranged from 78⅛c to 78¾c. The heavy buying sent the market to 79½c with a rush. Then the clique came in by selling some of its holdings and the price dropped to the opening figure. The shorts then began to buy again and the market went up to 80c, the clique aiding in the advance by taking back part of their original offerings.

The traders became nervous, and from this point until the close the market see-sawed between 79⅛c and 79⅞c, closing nearer the top. July wheat was firm, but closed without material change in its value.

Corn opened firm but closed very weak at ⅛c under Saturday's latest quotations. Oats were weak from start to finish and closed after an active day's business at ⅜c below the prices ruling on Saturday afternoon. Provisions were dull but firm. The visible supply of wheat unexpectedly decreased 812,000 bu. compared with an increase of 154,000 bu. the corresponding week last year, but the figures had no appreciable effect upon the market.

The interest in May dominates the market to the exclusion of everything else. The clique brokers were being closely watched, and although they must have disposed of considerable quantities of May wheat on the hard spots, the traders could see that there must be heavy buying orders in the market from shorts which enabled realizing to be done without breaking the prices. Kaufman of St. Louis was one of the heavy shorts who "faced the music" today.

The whole trade was restless. Outside shorts were very anxious. Straddlers at St. Louis, Duluth and Chicago all had trades outstanding that were getting very uneasy. This forced considerable buying for May aside from the question of what the big northwestern shorts may have covered. It is claimed in some quarters that the ball clique houses in wheat have of late been heading their energies to holding the market within bounds. A break would be quite disastrous to them. An advance at this time would bring out more wheat from other centers to Chicago. This might prove disastrous. When May got a twist of 1c over Saturday to 78c the move was first charged to the clique.

Later, according to these theorists, it was the best opinion that shorts were largely responsible and that the clique did as much as possible to hold the market together. This morning they had the same task on hand in an aggravated form.

Pardridge says of wheat: "The clique poses as a target in the grain trade of the country. While not having the broadsides of a barn, this target is of sufficient size to be mighty ziddly before dinner I. Probably the capital of the clique is opposed by equally large amounts and the tactics arrayed against it are as shrewd as their own. The contract stocks of wheat have lately increased about 400,000 bu. weekly. There yet remains nine weeks to fill sales of May wheat. We think the least the clique can expect to receive in that time will be 500,000 bu. a week, which would raise the total contract stocks by June 1 to over 15,500,000 bu. Car lots of No. 2 wheat are selling 3c under the May price and only thirty-four days to May 1. By looking at the daily out inspection of wheat, none of the car lots of No. 2 red or No. 2 white are found, but the shipments all consist of grades selling from 8c to 15c less. A fair price for No. 2 red in this market today would be 67c, and No. 2 spring 65c. Either New York must advance from 75c to 85c and Toledo and Detroit from 69c to 78c, or Chicago must sooner or later fall into line and we shall not incline to the bull side until values all around are adjusted in their usual positions."

The wheat pit took the attention of operators today to such an extent that other pits were neglected. The feature in corn and oats was the secreting desire of country longs to get out of their holdings.

Tonight, compared with Saturday night, pork is up 10c and lard 7½c. Ribs are about unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	SAT'Y.
Wheat No 2.					
March	76	77	75⅛	76¾	75
May	78⅛@⅛	80	77½	79¾	78
July	73⅛	73¾	73	73	72⅞
Corn No. 2—					
March	40⅛	40⅝@⅞	40⅛	40⅛	40⅝
May	42¾	42⅞@⅞	41⅞	41⅞	42⅛
July	43¼	43⅝	42⅝	42⅝	43⅛@⅜
Oats No 2.—					
March	.....	.....	.....	.....	30⅝
May	31⅛	31⅛@⅜	30⅝	30⅛@⅜	31⅝
June	31⅜	31⅜@⅝	30⅞	30⅞	31⅝
July	30⅞	31	30⅞	32⅛	.....
Mess Pork.					
May	17 67½	17 82½	17 67½	17 72½	17 65
July	17 70	17 72½	17 62½	17 62½	17 65
Lard—					
May	11 40	11 40	11 40	11 40	11 32½
July	11 02½	11 12½	11 00	11 00	11 00
Sept	11 05	11 22½	11 05	11 10	11 05
Short Ribs.					
May	10 07½	10 10	10 07½	10 07½	10 10
July	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Moderately active; prices unchanged; winter patents, $3.70@4.20; winter straights, $3.30@3.35; spring patents, $3.85@4.10; spring straight, $2.60@3.10; bakers', $2.10@2.30.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 76½c; No. 3 spring, f. o. b., 56@61c; No. 2 red, 76½c.

CORN—No. 2, 40½c; No. 3 cash, 38c; No. 2 yellow, 40½c; No. 3 yellow, 38½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 35@35½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 30@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b. 42@51c; No. 4, f. o. b., 35@44c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.19¼.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.38@4.40.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $17.55@17.57½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $11.27½@11.32½; short ribs sides (loose), $10.05@10.07½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.37½@9.50; short clear sides (boxed), $10.50@10.55.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5⅝@5¾c; granulated, 5⅛c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	10,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	109,000	33,000
Corn, bu	168,000	111,000
Oats, bu	235,000	201,000
Rye, bu	1,000	3,000
Barley, bu	28,000	32,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 22@30c; dairy, 22@28c. Eggs, easier; strictly fresh, 14½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 40,300 pkgs; exports, 2,000 bbls., 12,000 sacks; sales, 7,600 pkgs.; market dull, steady; buyers holding off; winter wheat, low grades, $2.10@2.55; winter wheat fair to fancy, $2.55@3.65; winter wheat patents, $3.85@4.25; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3.50; Minnesota straights, $3.60@4.00; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.90.

CORN MEAL—Steady, dull; yellow western, $2.65@2.75.

RYE—Steady, quiet; western, 59@63c.

BARLEY—Firm, dull; western, 60@80c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull, steady; western, 65@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 10,800 bu.; exports, 216,000 bu.; sales, 2,820,000 bu futures, 144,000 bu. spot. Spot market fairly active, stronger; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 76½c; afloat, 76½c; f. o. b., 75⅞@77½c; No. 1 northern, 81½@82c; No. 1 hard, 85½@86c; No. 2 northern, 80½@80½c. Options active; opened firm at ⅛@⅜c advance, fluctuated considerably and finally closed steady at ⅛@⅜c advance; No. 2 red, May, 76 5-16@76 13-16, closing at 76⅝c; June, 77⅛@77⅜c, closing at 77⅜c; July, 77⅞@78⅛c, closing at 77⅞c; August, 78⅛@78⅜c, closing at 78⅛c; December, 82⅝@82⅞c, closing at 82⅝c.

Stocks of grain in store and afloat March 25: Wheat, 9,095,073; corn, 452,681; oats, 586,561; rye, 97,372; barley, 128,727; malt, 88,462; peas, 4,398 bu.

CORN—Receipts, 40,800 bu; exports, 18,180 bu.; sales, 195,000 bu. futures, 9,000 bu. spot. Spots weaker, inactive; No. 2, 51½@51¾c in elevator, 52⅛@52½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 52@54c; steamer mixed, 50½c; No. 3, 49½@50c. Options were moderately active, opening ⅛@⅜c down with the west, advanced ⅛c on overcased visible and light receipts, declined ⅛@⅜c with the west, closed weak at ⅛@⅜c decline; April, 49⅞@50⅛c, closing at 49⅞c; May, 48⅞@49⅜c, closing at 48⅞c; June, 48⅞@49c, closing at 48½c; July, 48⅞@49⅛c, closing at 49c.

OATS—Receipts, 151,200 bu.; exports, 21,611 bu.; sales, 504,000 bu. futures, 71,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, weaker. Options lower, weak; May, 30⅝@30⅞c, closing at 30c; June, 30⅝@30⅞c, closing at 30c; July, 30⅝@30⅞c, closing at 30c; spot No. 2 white, 42½@42½c; No. 2 Chicago, 39½@39½c; No. 3, 37½c; No. 3 white, 41c; mixed western, 37⅝@40c; white western, 41⅝@49c.

HAY—Active, firm; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 80c@$1.00.

HOPS—Quiet, steady; state, common to choice, 18@21½c; Pacific coast, 18@21½c.

HIDES—Dull, easy.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, quiet, steady; middles, dull and steady. Lard, quiet and firmer; western steam closed at $11.60; sales, none; options sales, none. March, closed at $11.55; May closed at $11.60; July closed at $11.25; September, closed at $11.30. Pork, fair demand, steady.

BUTTER—Strong demand; western dairy, 18@23c; Elgin, 33c.

CHEESE—Quiet, steady.

EGGS—Heavy receipts, closed steady; receipts, 18,063 pkgs; western, fresh, 15½@15¾c.

TALLOW—Quiet, easier; city ($2 for pkgs.) 5½.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull, weak; crude, 44@45c; yellow, 52c.

PETROLEUM—The market opened strong but subsequently broke under free offerings. At the close a somewhat steadier tone prevailed. Pennsylvania oils, spot sales, none; April options, sales 95,000 bbls. Opening price, 68⅝c; highest, 68⅝c; lowest, 67c and closing at 77⅛c. Lima oil, sales none, 20½c bid. Total sales, 95,000 bbls.

ROSIN—Dull, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.42½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet, lower at 34@34½c.

RICE—Firm, fairly active; domestic, fair to choice, 3@5¾c.

MOLASSES—New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, fair demand, firm, 30@38c.

SUGAR—Raw, firmer, more active; fair refining, 3 1-16c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3 9-16c; sales, 3,500 bags molasses sugar, 89 test at 2 27-32c, c. i. f.; refined sugar 1 1-16c higher and active; off A, 4 7-16@4 11-16c; mold, 5 1-16c; standard A, 4⅜@4 15-16c; confectioners A, 4⅜@4 13-16c; cut loaf, 5 5-16@5½c; crushed, 5 5-16@5½c; powdered, 5@5 1-16c; granulated, 4⅞@5 1-16c; cube cubes, 5@5 2-16c.

PIG IRON—Moderately active, steady; American, $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Quiet; lake, $11.65.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $4.15.

TIN—Quiet; straits $20.85 bid, and $20.90 asked; plates, moderate demand, steady; domestic, $4.27½.

Omaha Grain

The following prices are based upon delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 72c bid; No. 3 spring, 58c bid; No. 2 hard, 61c bid; No. 3 hard, 58c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 32½c bid; No. 3 white, 32c bid.

CORN—No. 2, cash or April, 37 bid; No. 3 cash or April, 36½c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c bid.

Omaha Produce Market.

There was no change in prices and the market was practically featureless.

APPLES—Choice shipping stock is quoted at $4.50.

BANANAS—Per bunch, including crates and packing, $2.00@2.75.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.45.

BUTTER—Extra choice country roll, 20@22c; fair to good country roll, 18@20c; packing stock, 16@17c.

CALIFORNIA CARBAGE—Per lb., 3c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, $3.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz. $2.

EGGS—The majority of the sales were reported at 13½c and it was very hard work to get any more.

GAME—Commission houses that make a specialty of game are discouraging the shipment of ducks, as the market is oversupplied and prices very low. Mixed ducks, 75c@$1.00; teal, $1; red heads, $2; mallards, $2.50; geese, $3.00@5.00, according to size.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $3.50.

HAY—The market on good upland hay was $5.50.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 4c; No. 2 green, 3c; No. 1 green, salted, 4½c; No. 2 green, salted, 3½c; No. 1 green, salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal, calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 1 dry flint, 7½c; No. 2 dry flint, 5½c. No. 1 dry salted, 6c.

HONEY—Choice to fancy white clover, 18@19c; fair to good, 16@18c.

LEMONS—Choice, $3.50; fancy, $4.

NEW VEGETABLES—Lettuce, 40c; radishes and parsley, 45c per doz.; green onions, 35c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per bbl., $4; Spanish, per crate, $2.

ORANGES—Florida fancy, per box, $3.50; russetts, $3.25; Mexican oranges, single boxes, $3.25; 5 to 10-box lots, $3; California mountain oranges, $2.50; Washington navels, $4; Newcastle California seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $2.75; Riverside seedlings, $2.75.

OYSTERS—Per can, 16@38c.

POTATOES—Colorado, $1.20@1.25; choice native stock, 85@90c.

POULTRY—The market was about steady, though not quite so strong as it was a few days ago. Choice hens, 9@10c; live; young roosters, 8@9c; old roosters, 5@6c; geese and ducks, dressed, 11@12c; dressed turkeys, 12@14c.

STRAWBERRIES—Per quart, 25@30c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $5.

TANGERINES—In half boxes, $2.75@3.00.

VEAL—Choice and small fat veals, 7@9c; large and thin, 3@6c.

PRODUCE POINTERS.

W. B. Bemis of the firm of Clark & Co., has returned from a business trip to Wisconsin.

Business Changes.

The following are reported at Dun's Mercantile agency:

Alliance, Neb., N. D. Smith & Co., drugs, sold out to R. Abbott.

Eustis, Neb., J. M. Methven & Co., implements, succeeded by Methven & Gibbetts.

Fairfield, Neb., Robinson & Clark, restaurant and bakery, succeeded by H. M. Goldsmith.

North Platte, Neb., Taylor & Potter, groceries gave chattel mortgages for $3,267.

North Platte, Neb., Herman Otten, boots and shoes, gave real estate mortgage for $5,100, and chattel mortgage for $7,100.

North Platte, Neb., Casey & Rebhausen, groceries, gave chattel mortgage for $1,400.

Red Cloud, Neb., C. F. Evans, second hand goods, burned out.

Red Cloud, Neb., Oscar Patmore, flour and feed, burned out.

Red Cloud, Neb., James Patterson, agricultural implements, burned out.

Wilsonville, Neb., Parker & Weaner, implements, etc., succeeded by E. W. Parker.

Sac City Ia., Martin Bicker, general store, selling out.

Walker, Ia., Laughlin & Hassell, groceries, boots and shoes, assigned.

Salina, Kan., M. Henning & Son, groceries, creditors in possession.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 27.—FLOUR—Firmer, not quotably changed.

WHEAT—Opened excited, higher; this condition continuing through the day, with but slight reaction, the close being ½@1¼c above Saturday's close; No. 2 red, cash, 64¼c; April, 64⅝c; May, 66⅝c.

CORN—Unsettled, closing weak, ¼c off. No. 2 mixed, cash, 36½c; May 37⅞c.

OATS—Weak, ⅛c lower. No. 2 cash, 30½c; May, 31½c.

PROVISIONS—Very dull. Pork, mess, $18.25; new, $18.50. Lard, $11.87½. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $9; bacon packed shoulders, $10.25; longs and ribs, $11.00@11.12½; shorts, $11.25; hams, sugar cured, 13½@14½c.

BUTTER—Firm; unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 273,000 bu.; oats, 54,000 bu.; rye, 8,000 bu.; barley, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat 7,000 bu.; corn, 145,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; barley, 1,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 27.—WHEAT—Dull and steady; No. 2 hard, 63@65c; No. 2 red, nominally, 68c.

CORN—In demand and ¼@½c higher; No. 2 white, 36c.

OATS—Slow and rather weak; No. 2 mixed, 28½@29c.

BUTTER—More active; creamery, 25@29c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—Firmer at 14c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 16,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 27.—Quiet; good middling, 8 13-16c; middling, 8 7-16c; low middling, 8⅛c; May ordinary, 7 13-16c; net receipts, 2,702 bales; gross receipts, 3,161 bales; sales, 4,400 bales; stock, 289,520 bales.

Futures steady; sales, 106,000 bales. March, $8.12@8.13; April, $8.12@8.13; May, $8.22@8.23; June, $8.29@8.30; July, $8.34@8.35; August, $8.35@8.36; September, $8.20@8.22; October and November, $8.16@8.17; December, $8.18@8.20.

English Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, March 27.—The Mark Lane Express says: English wheat sells at from 22s to 23s per quarter in western and northwestern markets. In London prices are 28s 1d. Foreign wheat is little changed. Both California and ordinary red wheat is more saleable in London than in Antwerp. Russia is now sending to Great Britain 100,000 quarters weekly. India is likely to send as much after Easter.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 27.—WHEAT—Dull; demand moderate; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 11½@6s per cental; No. 2 red winter, 5s 5½@5s 6½d.

CORN—Firm; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 2¾d per cental.

BACON—Long and short clear 55 lbs., 50s per cwt.; long clear, 45 lbs., 50s.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Options opened dull, unchanged to 5 points decline, closed steady, 5 to 15 points down; sales, 18,250 bags, including: March $16.85; April, $16.50; May, $16.40@16.45; August, $16.25; September, $16.10@16.20; December, $15.90. Spot Rio, dull, nominal; No. 7, $17.50.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 27.—WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 red, 68c.

CORN—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 42@42½c.

OATS—In moderate demand; No. 2 mixed, 34½@34¾c.

WHISKY—In light demand; $1.17.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 27.—WHEAT—Strong, advanced; No. 2 red, March, 73⅞@73⅞c.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 mixed, March, 48⅝c.

OATS—Car lots lower; futures dull and unchanged.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 27.—WHEAT—Strong, higher; No. 2 red, spot and May, 73½c.

CORN—Dull; mixed spot and March 47½c.

OATS—Quiet, steady; No. 2 white western, 41c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 27.—Market fair today. Cash market strong. No. 1 northern, 67c; No. 2 northern, 66c. Receipts, 250 cars. Wheat, close: March, 65c; May, 65⅝c; July, 67⅞c. On track: No. 1 hard, 68c; No. 1 northern, 66½c; No. 2 northern, 63@64c.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 27.—WHEAT—Steady; July, 67⅞c; No. 2 spring, 66c.

CORN—Dull; No. 3, 39½c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 3, 33½c.

BARLEY—63c.

RYE—54c.

PROVISIONS—Quiet. Pork, May, $17.55.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 27.—WHEAT—Dull, easier; No. 2 cash and March, 70c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash and May, 42c.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 33½c.

London Oil Market.

LONDON, March 27.—CALCUTTA LINSEED—Spot, 43s 6d per quarter; spot, April and June, new crop, 38s 9d per quarter.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—28s 3d per cwt.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Business in dry goods opened with a less active demand.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation Quite Strong in Certain Parts of the List.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The stock market was irregular in its course throughout the day. At intervals speculation was strong in certain parts of the list while positively weak in others and the market closed with a number of stocks higher and others below the final quotations of Saturday. The bears were not active in their efforts to depress prices, the case in money, the fact that only $500,000 in gold will be shipped to Europe tomorrow and the talk of a probable advance in freight and passenger rates by the western railroads, operating against them throughout the day.

The general market advanced from ¼ to 1¼ per cent, but subsequently Missouri Pacific and Lackawanna were attacked. The former sold down 2½ per cent to 50⅞ and the latter 1¾ per cent to 44⅞. Simultaneously there was a drop of 4¼ per cent in United States Rubber to 54½ and 1¼ per cent in Manhattan to 107¾. The other usually active shares yielded 1¼ to 1½ per cent under sales to realize profits and also for the short account. The volume of business, however, was small and the selling of far less importance of late.

During the last hour Manhattan suddenly shot up to 171 on rumors that the company would be granted the privileges asked by the Rapid Transit commission, which meets tomorrow.

There was good buying of Sugar, National Cordage, National Lead, American Cotton Oil, Chicago Gas, Consolidated Gas and Northern Pacific, all of which improved 1 to 1¾ per cent. Chicago Gas led with a rise to 88¾; western railway shares and the coalers recovered ¼ to ⅞ per cent, and the market left off in tone with most of the industrials at or near the opening. The transactions aggregated 229,378 shares, of which 190,783 were listed and 38,595 unlisted.

The Post says: Saturday's bank statement, when analyzed in detail, proves that the half dozen large banks which ordinarily control the movement of money into and out of New York City were this time caught napping, their own books did indeed show in advance a considerable outflow of currency to other cities, but what they naturally failed to show and what had really become the feature of the market was the net receipt of legal tenders, in amounts varying from $50,000 to $500,000 by almost all of the smaller banks in the city. The moral effect of this showing on the money market was considerable. In addition, the rumors of Saturday that the large gold export orders for next Tuesday will be canceled proved true here. Only $500,000 in gold was withdrawn today. To account for this sudden change of purpose, various rumors of a more or less sensational character were set in motion. Of these it is only necessary to say that so long as an American loan is talked about in London just so long will the gold shippers proceed with more than usual caution. It is not in the least probable that the secretary of the treasury, as the Wall street story declares, has been unveiling his purpose to the gold exporting bankers. But the bankers will naturally have their suspicion and the recent considerable fall in British consols—due solely to expectation of an American loan—shows how decided an effect even a surmise may have on the markets.

Of course it is plain that if a $500,000,000 London loan were actually negotiated exchange would be sharply influenced. But the whole matter must still be left to conjecture.

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

Atchison	20⅝	Pacific Cotbath	10⅝
Adams Express	155	do preferred	42⅝
Alton, T. H.	30	U. P., Den. & Gulf	11⅝
do preferred	120	Northwestern	112
American Express	111	do preferred	140⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	93⅝	N. Y. Central	106⅝
Canada Pacific	83⅝	N. Y. & N. E.	17⅝
Canada Southern	54⅝	Ontario & Western	17⅝
Central Pacific	27⅝	Oregon Imp.	18
Ches. & Ohio	24⅝	Oregon Nav.	18
Chicago Alton	141	O. S. L. & U. N.	19
C. B. & Q.	95⅝	Pacific Mail	34⅝
Chicago & N.W.	109⅝	Pullman Palace	174⅝
Consolidated Gas	130⅝	Pittsburg	155
C. C. C. & St. L.	49⅝	Pullman Palace	195
Cotton Oil Cert	49⅝	Reading	24⅝
Del. Hudson	129	Richmond T'rmin'l	9⅝
D. L. & W.	145	Rock Island	78
D. & H. G. pf'd	138	Rio Grande W.	21
D. & C. F. Co	35⅝	do preferred	60
East Tenn.	4⅝	St. Paul	85⅝
Erie	21⅝	do preferred	126⅝
do preferred	46	St. Paul & Omaha	54
Fort Wayne	152	do preferred	118
Gt. Northern pf'd	118	Southern Pacific	23⅝
C. & E. I. pf'd	101	Sugar Refinery	102⅝
Hocking Valley	28	Tenn. Coal & Iron	28⅝
Illinois Central	99⅝	Texas Pacific	9⅝
St. Paul & Duluth	42	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd	77
Kan. & Tex pf'd	24	Union Pacific	57⅝
Lake Erie & West	22⅝	U. S. Express	63
do preferred	77⅝	W. St. L. & P.	10⅝
Lake Shore	127⅝	do preferred	22
Lead Trust	41⅝	Wells Fargo Exp.	146
Louis. & Nash.	74⅝	Western Union	93⅝
Louis. & New Alb'y	22⅝	Wheeling & L. E.	17⅝
Manhattan Con.	170	do preferred	65⅝
Memphis & Ch's'n	40	Minn & St. L.	15
Michigan Central	103	D. & R. G.	15⅝
Missouri Pacific	51	General Electric	136
Mobile & Ohio	32	National Linseed	36
Nashville Chatt.	85	C. Fuel & Iron	67
National Cordage	63⅝	do preferred	104
do preferred	168⅝	Iron & Tex. Cen.	6
N. J. Central	113⅝	Tol. A. A. & N. M.	28⅝
Norfolk & W. pf'd	52		
North American Co	11		

The total sales of stocks today were ..... shares, including: Atchison, 6,000; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 6,300; Chicago Gas, 6,900; Cotton Oil, 4,200; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 12,200; Distilling, 11,800; Erie, 6,200; General Electric, 4,200; Manhattan, 4,000; Missouri Pacific, 12,200; National Lead, 4,800; National Cordage, 9,800; New England, 10,900; Northern Pacific preferred, 8,600; Reading, 18,900; Rock Island, 4,600; St. Paul, 10,900; Sugar, 25,600; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,600; Union Pacific, 3,200.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 27.—MONEY ON CALL—3@4 per cent, last loan, 3 per cent; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.87¾@4.88 for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds neglected.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.	112½	N. C. 6s	.....
U. S. 4s coup.	113⅝	N. C. 4s	.....
U. S. 4½s reg.	109⅝	St. L. & S. F. G'n. M.	103
Pacific 6s of '95	105	St. Paul Con.	127⅝
Louisiana s fd 4s	94⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	117
Missouri 6s	101	T. P. L. & G. Tr Rcts	78
Tenn new set 6s	101⅝	T. P. R. G. Tr Rcts	25⅝
Tenn. new set 5s	101	Union Pacific 1sts	105⅝
Tenn. new set 3s	76	West Shore	101
Canada So. 2ds	101⅝	R. G. W. 1s	76⅝
Cen. Pacific 1sts	106⅝	Atch. G. & P.	82⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	118⅝	Atch. 2⅝, class A	84
D. & R. G. 4s	87	G. H. & S. A. 5s	101
Erie 2d s	97	do 2d 5s	105
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	81⅝	H. & T. C. 5s	105⅝
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	45⅝	N. Carolina 6s	124
Mutual Union 6s	103	N. Carolina 4s	98
N. J. C. Int. Cert	111	S. C. Brown con	100
N. Pac 1sts	106⅝	Tenn. old 6s	62
N. Pac. 2sts	114	Virginia 6s	50
N. W. Consols	134⅝	do ex. mat coup	85
N. W. Deben 5s	110⅝	Va. Con. 2d series	51

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., March 27.—Call loans, 5½@6½ per cent; time loans, 5⅝@6½ per cent. The following are the closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	33⅝	Westingh. Elec	33⅝
American Sugar	103	Westing. Elec. pf'd.	47
Am. Sugar pf'd	106	Wis. Cent'l Co.	21⅝
Bay State Gas	15⅝	Atchison 2ds	83⅝
Bell Telephone	207	Atchison 4s	81⅝
Boston & Albany	218	New England 6s	111
Boston & Maine	173	General Elec. 5s	97⅝
Boston & Maine p'fd	145	Wis. Central 1s	87
C., B. & Q.	95⅝	Allouez M. C.	⅛
Fitchburg pf'd	91	Atlantic	9
Gen. Electric	106	Boston & Mont.	33
Ill. Steel	69	Butte & Boston	19⅝
Mex. Central	5⅞	Calumet & Hecla	315
N. Y. & N. Eng.	39⅝	Centennial	7⅝
Old Colony	195	Franklin	13
Ore. Short Line	30⅝	Kearsarge	10
Rubber	57	Osceola	31
San Diego	14	Quincy	130
Union Pacific	57⅝	Santa Fe Copper	5
West End	47⅝	Tamarack	164
West End pf'd	88		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point	20	Plymouth	85
Con. Cal. & Va.	200	Standard	130
Deadwood	180	Union Con.	70
Gould & Curry	50	Yellow Jacket	50
Hale & Norcross	90	Iron Silver	55
Homestake	1100	Quick Silver	200
Mexican	125	do preferred	1000
Ontario	1300	Bulwer	15
Ophir	145		

St. Louis Mining Stocks.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 27.—More activity, but at a sacrifice in prices, were the features in the local mining market. Five hundred thousand shares of Leo were reported to have been sold at 4c per share; 50 shares of Granite Mountain sold at $5.75, and 20 American Nettie sold at 35c, a decline of 2½c per share from last sales; 500 shares of Silver Bell were wanted at 10c, but sellers were shy.

Quotations on other stocks were:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams	$.90	$1.00	S. Hopes	$.75	$.90
Am. Nettie	.35	.38	Granite M.	5.75	5.75
*Bimetallic	.75	.....	Leo	.4	.6
Elizabeth	.05½	.05½			

*Offered.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 27.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Aits	15	Hale & Norcross	32
Belcher	85	Mexican	125
Best & Belcher	130	Mono	25
Bodie Consolidated	27	Ophir	150
Bulwer	26	Potosi	155
Commonwealth	35	Savage	65
Challenge	60	Sierra Nevada	85
Con. Cal. & Va.	210	Union Con.	75
Crown Point	55	Utah	8
Gould & Curry	40	Yellow Jacket	95

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, March 27.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Attention of the Stock exchange was largely occupied in the settlement arrangements, little new business being attempted, as after the settlement the board will be closed for Easter holiday, the houses being closed Saturday. The tone on the whole was firm. The improvement in the American department continues. Most descriptions show a further upward movement. Consols were steady. Carrying over rates were generally light though in some directions harder than a fortnight since. Atchison bonds are ⅜ per cent higher, Wabash preference ¾ per cent, Chicago & Milwaukee, Denver preference and Atlantic first mortgage ½ per cent, and all others ⅛ to ¼ per cent. Canadian lines were quiet. Canadian Pacific improved ⅛ per cent and Grand Trunk issues ⅛ to ¼ per cent. Money was in good demand. For short loans 2 per cent and upwards was freely paid as advances in the open market. Three months bank paper was at 1⅞ to 1¾ per cent.

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 27.—Clearings, $1,749,952.

PARIS, March 27.—Three per cent rentes, 97f 57c for the account.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Clearings, $74,796,674; balances, $4,338,182.

OMAHA, March 27.—Clearings, $1,197,635; same day last week, $6,045,653.

LONDON, March 27.—Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England today, £50,000.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 27.—Clearings, $2,079,145; balances, $422,116. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 27.—Clearings, $9,287,121; balances, $1,551,521. Money, 4½@5 per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., March 27.—Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, par; clearings, $7,479,350.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 27.—New York exchange selling at $1.50. Clearings, $395,740; balances, $174,446.

BERLIN, March 27.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 4,480,000 marks.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 27.—Clearings, $992,258. New York exchange, commercial, 75c per $1,000; bank, $1.50 premium.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 27.—Clearings, $3,991,116; balances, $626,032. Money, quiet at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 85c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., March 27.—Clearings, $14,140,275; balances, $1,942,208. Money, 6 per cent. Exchange on New York, par to 15c discount.

NEW YORK, March 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows today: Chicago, 30c premium, St. Louis, 85