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Wheat Firmed Up Yesterday and Closed a Fraction Higher.

SHORTS WERE READY TO BUY LONGS OUT

Corn Was Quiet but Fluctuations Were Confined to a Narrow Range—Provisions Opened Rather Weak but Soon Advanced.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Liberal export clearances and Bradstreet's report of decrease in wheat stocks east of the Rockies, on the Pacific slope, in Europe and afloat firmed up wheat today and May closed ⅜c higher. May corn closed unchanged, May oats ⅛c higher and provisions show little change.

Wheat, although opening about ¼c lower than it closed yesterday, was much firmer subsequently than had been expected. The government report had apparently been discounted yesterday, and although rather bearishly construed, the shorts were ready and willing to buy all the wheat the longs were disposed to sell on account of it, although Pardridge was a seller. The comparative strength of the opening was in spite of receipts at Minneapolis numbering 725 cars, against 554 cars on the corresponding day of last year, and lower foreign markets. Another bearish feature of the statistical news was shipments from all exporting countries outside of the United States and Canada last week of wheat and flour to the amount of 5,712,000 bu. An advance under such circumstances was rather a surprise to the trade, but the opening purchases were made at the lowest prices of the day, May selling at from 59c to 59⅛c; very little of it, however, at 59c. It improved until, at about 12 o'clock, it had gone up to 59⅝c. Export clearances from New York amounted to 113,000 bu. of wheat and 70,000 bbls. of flour. The prices got a further slight hoist and the bulls had additional reassurance when Bradstreet's reported a decrease in wheat stocks east of the Rockies of 314,000 bu., a decrease on the Pacific slope of 975,000 bu. and a decrease in Europe and afloat of 456,000 bu. Cables also improved in tone as the session progressed. The market closed firm at 59⅝c for May.

The corn market was quiet, but fluctuations were confined to a narrow range. The receipts were 386 cars, against 400 estimated, and only 200 cars are expected on tomorrow. The withdrawals from store were 95,000 bu. New York reports some inquiry for export and six boat loads placed today. The Iowa state report called the total production in that state this year 80,867,000 bu., or about 6,000,000 bu. less than the government estimate. The price of May was 49⅝c at the opening and 49⅞c bid at the close, with 50c paid for a little during the day.

The market for oats showed very little activity. The firmer feeling still existed, influenced by a like situation in corn. May started at 32⅝c, sold at 32¾c and closed at 32⅝c.

The provision market opened rather weak in consequence of the slight drop in wheat at the start, but soon firmed up again when the wheat market gave it the encouragement of advancing prices. In the end, compared with yesterday's closing prices, pork shows no change, lard is 2½c higher and ribs 5c higher for January and 2½c for May.

Freights: Corn to Buffalo at 3c to unload and 3½c to store until spring.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	54⅞	55⅛	54⅜	55
May.....	59⅝@59⅞	59⅝	59	59⅝
July.....	59⅞	60¼	59⅝	60¼
Corn No. 2				
Dec.....	46¾	47	46¾	46⅞
Jan.....	47¼	47⅜	47¼	47⅜
May.....	49⅝	50	49⅝	49⅞
Oats No. 2				
Dec.....	29⅛	29¼	29⅛	29¼
May.....	32⅝	32¾	32⅝	32⅝@¾
Pork per bbl				
Jan.....	11 75	11 77½	11 70	11 77½
May.....	12 05	12 12½	12 05	12 12½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan.....	6 80	6 82½	6 80	6 82½
May.....	7 02½	7 07½	7 02½	7 07½
Short Ribs—				
Jan.....	5 80	5 87½	5 80	5 87½
May.....	6 05	6 10	6 05	6 10

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 55½@61½c; No. 3 spring, 51c; No. 2 red, 55⅝@5½c.

CORN—No. 2, 46⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 29⅝c; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 3 white, 32c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 52@53c; No. 3, 46@53c; No. 4, 41@49c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.52.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.75@11.87½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.77½@6.80. Short ribs, sid., loose, $5.80@5.90. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $5.12½@5.25; short clear sides, boxed, $6.25@6.37½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.23.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	10,000	70,000
Wheat, bu.....	54,000	4,000
Corn, bu.....	364,000	364,000
Oats, bu.....	235,000	80,000
Rye, bu.....	12,000	15,000
Barley, bu.....	69,000	142,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was weak; creamery, 13@23c; dairy, 12@20c. Eggs, steady; 22@22½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—FLOUR—Receipts, 48,700 bbls.; exports, 70,000 bbls.; sales, 7,200 pkgs.; market dull at not much change of consequence and little business owing to high freight rates. Buyers will not pay the prices asked; city mill patents, $4.00@4.15; winter patents, $2.85@3.15; city mill clears, $3.35; winter straights, $2.35@2.75; Minneapolis patents, $3.65@3.70; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minneapolis bakers, $2.00@3.60; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; spring low grades, $1.75@1.80; spring extras, $1.85@2.35. Southern flour, dull; common, fair to extra, $1.80@2.40. Rye flour, superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.80@3.00. Buckwheat flour, dull, $1.90.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 55@60c.

CORN MEAL—Yellow western, $1.18@1.20; Brandywine, $3.00@2.05.

RYE—Car lots, 54@56c; boat loads, 56@58c.

BARLEY—Western, 63@64c.

BARLEY MALT—Western, 70@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 53,400 bu.; exports, 113,100 bu.; sales, 3,505,000 bu. futures, and 48,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 60⅛@60⅝c; afloat, 61⅜@62c; f. o. b., 62⅝c; No. 1 northern, 69⅝c delivered; No. 1 hard, 71⅝c. Options opened weak under the bearish government report and lower cables; rallied on good exports, and later advanced sharply on a big decrease in Bradstreet's visible and liberal covering by shorts; closed at ⅛@⅝c net advance; No. 2 red, January, 60⅝c; February, 61⅜c; March, 62⅛c; May, 63½c; June, 63⅝c; July, 64⅛c; December, 66½c.

CORN—Receipts, 225,000 bu.; exports, 5,100 bu.; sales, 310,000 bu. futures, and 70,000 bu. spot. Spot market easy; No. 2, 56½c in elevator, 57½c afloat; steamer mixed, 51c; No. 3, 48⅝c. Options opened quiet and steady and advanced on rain in the corn belt and lighter receipts, but finally reacted on lack of local support, and closed unchanged to ⅛c decline. Close: January, 53⅛c; February, 53½c; May, 53⅝c; December, 54½c.

OATS—Receipts, 25,500 bu.; exports, 13,000 bu.; sales, 150,000 bu. futures, 49,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2, 34⅝c; No. 2 delivered, 34⅝c; No. 3, 33¾c; No. 2 white, 38⅝@39c; No. 3 white, 38c; track, white, 37½@41c. Options dull all day, closing at unchanged prices.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 60@75½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; new, 6@12½c; coast, 3½@7c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45@65-lbs., 4½@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20@21-lbs., 11c; Texas, dry, 25@50-lbs., 6½@7c.

LEATHER—Easy; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 14½@18c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 18@33c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull. Cut meats, weak; shoulders, 5c. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $7.15; sales, 350 tierces, at $7.15; city, at 6¾@6¾c; December closed $7.15 nominal; January, $7.20 nominal; refined, steady; continent, $7.60; South American, $8; compound, 5¼c. Pork, quiet.

BUTTER—Weak; western dairy, 10½@16c; western creamery, 18@20c; western factory, 10@16c; Elgins, 24c; state creamery, 18@23c.

EGGS—Quiet; cases, $2.00@4.00; receipts, 7,198 pkgs.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅝c; country, 4⅝c, as to quality.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed at 85⅝c; Washington bbls., $8; refined, New York, $5.45 nominal; Philadelphia, $5.40 nominal.

ROSIN—Strained, common to good, $1.30@1.37½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet and steady; 27⅝@28c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6¼c; Japan, 4½@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@31c.

ORANGES—Weak; fancy, boxes, $1.75; others, 75c@$1.62.

PIG IRON—Dull; Scotch, $19.00@20.00.

TIN—Steady; Straits, $13.75; plates, market dull; sales on 'change, 30 tons tin at $13.85; 35 tons to April 30, s. c., one day's notice, $13.85; 50 tons December and 50 tons January, exchange even, at $14.05; 7 tons January, $15.40.

SPELTER—Quiet; domestic, $3.2½.

LEAD—Steady; brokers' quotations, $3; exchange price, $3.12½.

COPPER—Strong; brokers' price, $9.50; exchange price, $9.75.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet; quotations nominal; yellow, butter grades, 26c; prime yellow, 28@28½c; yellow, off grades, 27@27½c; prime white, 30@31c, nominal.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 11.—Wheat gained a little today on Bradstreet's report. The market rallied quickly from the opening price, after which it settled into a heavy condition, which was maintained to the close, with almost no fluctuations. There was a fair trade. Futures gained about ¼c. May closed yesterday at 59⅛@59¼c, opened today at 59c, rallied to 59⅝c and closed at 59½c. The strength of futures was not much apparent in the cash market. Coarse grains were easy and steady. Receipts here were 209 cars, against 287 last year, and at Duluth and Superior 530 cars, against 257 a year ago. Close: December, 57½c; May, 59½c; July, 60½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 58⅝c; No. 1 northern, 57⅝c; No. 2 northern, 55⅝c. Flour, steady; first patents, $2.30@3.60.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 8c; fair to good country, 10@12c; choice to fancy, 14@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 23c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 21@22c; fresh (cold storage), 16@18c.

LIVE POULTRY—Old hens, 4½c; spring chickens, 5@5½c; ducks, 6@6½c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 4½@5c; choice large, 6c; choice small, 6½@7c; turkeys, fair to good, 6c; choice heavy, 7@8c; choice small, 8@9c; ducks, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@8½c; geese, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@8½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $3.75@4.00; grouse, per doz., $3.25@3.50; blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50@1.75; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@2.75; quail, $1.25@1.35; deer saddles, 12@13c; antelope saddles, 7@10c; small rabbits, 75@80c; jack rabbits, $1.

VEAL—Choice, fat and small veals are quoted at 6c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A, 12c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 14@15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9.50; midland, $9; lowland, $8.50; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Old birds, per doz., 80@90c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 60@65c; small lots, 65@70c.

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, $2; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, $2.75; Muscatine, $3.

BEETS—Per bbl., $2.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.50@1.75.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 7@8c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per bbl., $2.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb., 3½c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35@40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

FRUITS.

QUINCES—California, per 50-lb. box, $1.25@1.50.

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, $2; Vicars, $1.75.

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2.50@2.75; Michigan stock, $3; New York or New England, $3.25.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $7.50@8.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $10.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, 150s, 176s and 200s, $2.75; 126 size, $2.60.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Malagas, $3.75; fancy Florida, sizes 250 and 300, $4.00@4.25.

PINEAPPLES—None.

MISCELLANEOUS.

While almonds, filberts and Brazil nuts have shown an easier tendency of late, says the New York Journal of Commerce, walnuts have been maintained in strong position, and the indications not only favor a firm market during the remainder of the holiday period, but prices during the coming year are expected to be sustained at a point fully abreast, if not above, present selling limits. France and Italy are the chief sources of supply in Europe, and in both of these countries the crops this year were considerably below the average, and the result has been that short supplies have already developed and cables advise advancing markets for the unsold portion that remains. The average crop of the favorite Grenoble section in France is placed at about 15,000 bales, but owing to the unfavorable weather the past season the yeild did not exceed 5,000 or 6,000 bales, and of this quantity the greater portion has been marketed, the latest information received advising the available stock to be only 200 bales, for which extreme prices are demanded. The crop of "French," influenced by the same unfavorable weather conditions, also developed a heavy shortage, estimates of quantity gathered being placed to not exceed 50 per cent of an average. The crop of Naples this season also showed a heavy deficiency, and in anticipation of a scarcity speculative operations have been ventured upon abroad, and the remaining stock there brought under close control for the purpose of realizing higher prices as the season advances and the requirements of consumers become urgent. This class of stock stands next to Grenoble in the estimation of our importers, as the goods are of uniform quality and can be carried for any reasonable time without fear of depreciation. The importations this season have aggregated 7,981 cases and 1,565 bbls., the greater portion of which quantity has already been marketed. The remaining stock is under excellent control, the holders confidently anticipating a material rise when the spring opens and a sound, sweet nut is desired. The California crop the past season has been placed at about 250 cars, or a quantity say equivalent to 3,750,000 lbs. The weather on the Pacific coast during the growing season was wet and unfavorable and the quality of the crop in consequence fell far below expectations, with the result that when deliveries upon contract were tendered in many instances the goods were rejected upon the ground that they could not be classed as good merchantable, a considerable quantity being dark in color, with some indications of mould. Disappointed, though not discouraged, the growers in California propose making a strong bid for the walnut trade, and hope by preseverance to eventually place upon the market a class of stock that will rank with the best. Los Angeles county is the section devoted to the nut of commerce, and there the best endeavors are being put forth to cultivate an article that will command the attention and appreciation of consumers. The walnuts to this time have been carefully prepared and graded as to size, and had weather conditions been favorable the past season the fruit would have been placed upon the market and criticism invited. Most of the large growers there are in and working under the rules of an association, which has for its object the improvement in quality of goods produced and protection to members from disastrous competition. The workings of the association have indeed proved a benefit thus far, and even better results are counted upon for the future. In a word, the walnut market is today in excellent shape, with the indications pointing to well sustained, is not higher, values as the season progresses. Quotations:

OYSTERS—IXL, 8c; meduim, per can, 15c; horse shoes, 12c; extra standards, 15c; extra selects, 17c; company selects, 21c; New York counts, 25c.

NEW FIGS—Fancy, 15c; choice, 13@14c; California, bags, 8c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; California, 16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon cans, per doz., $12.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@16c; English walnuts, 12c; filberts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 8c; eastern chestnuts, no good stock; shellbark hickory nuts, per bu., $2; large hickory nuts, $1.75; fancy raw peanuts, 6c; roasted peanuts, 7½c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $4.50; per half bbl., $2.50.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 6½c; 10-gal. kegs, 7c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.75.

FISH—Fresh caught croppies, perch and sunfish, 3@5c; buffalo, 3@4c; pike and pickerel, 6@8c; catfish, 8@9c; black bass, 12@18c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5.50; half bbl., $3.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 5@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3½@4c; grease, white A, 4¼@4½c; grease, white B, 3¾c; grease, yellow, 3¾c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $8.00@10.00; bear, black, yearlings, No. 1 large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1 medium, $10; No. 1 small, $7; bear, black, cubs, No. 1 large, $6.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, $18.00@22.00; No. 1 medium, $14; No. 1 small, $10; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1 large, $12; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1 large, $6.50; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, silver tip, No. 1 large, $20; No. 1 medium, $12; No. 1 small, $8; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1 large, $11; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $6; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, brown, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $18; No. 1 small, $12; bear, brown, yearlings, No. 1 large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $6; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $3; badger, No. 1 large, $1.00@1.50; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 50c; fisher, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6; No. 1 small, $4; fox, silver, as to color according to beauty, No. 1 large, $100; No. 1 medium, $60; No. 1 small, $50; fox, silver, pale, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $50; No. 1 medium, $30; No. 1 small, $20; fox, cross, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; fox, red, No. 1 large, $1.50; No. 1 medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, $1; fox, gray, No. 1 large, 75c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 40c; fox, kit, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; marten, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, 60@65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; mink, dark, No. 1 large, 65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1 large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, 25@50c; otter, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $4; raccoon, No. 1 large, 60@70c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 35c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, No. 1 striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, No. 1 large 20@25c; wolverine, No. 1 large, $4; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; wolf, mountain, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, 60@90c; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $2; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@10c; No. 1 medium, 8c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 4@6c; No. 1 medium, 3c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrats, kits, 2@3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation in Securities Was Dull and Uninteresting Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Speculation on the Stock exchange today was dull and uninteresting, and the volume of business shows a heavy decrease from that of the past few days. The effect of the circular issued by Drexel, Morgan & Co. to the Erie bondholders was favorable to the stock, inasmuch as it disproved the truth of the rumors that the firm had abandoned the reorganization altogether, whereas it merely proposed to lay it aside temporarily in the hope of better times. An advance of 1 per cent was made in the stock, which was maintained to the close. The improvement was materially aided by good buying for the London account. The market opened generally firm and a fraction higher, except for Sugar and Distilling, which lost ⅝ per cent and ⅜ per cent respectively. Sugar, however, although much less active than usual, quickly rallied 1⅛ per cent. A raid on the stock brought about a reaction of 1 per cent. Most of the other shares dealt in were also weak, and the tendency of prices was downward until near noon. After midday trading became quieter, but the tone of the market was firmer, closing in the main at an advance on the final figures of yesterday. Consolidated Gas and Erie advanced 1 per cent, General Electric and the grangers from ¼ to ½ per cent, the latter in St. Paul and Northwestern. There were a few declines on the day, including Cotton Oil, 2⅛ per cent; Cotton Oil preferred, 1 per cent, and Denver & Rio Grande preferred ¾ per cent. Sugar fluctuated within a limit of 1¾ per cent. At the close the speculation was active and in good tone. The dealings in the bond market in the early session were generally at lower figures, but after midday there was a general rise in touch with the improvement on the share speculation. The amount of business transacted was fair, aggregating $1,190,500, with a pretty fair distribution of the total.

The Evening Post's London cable says: Today's settlement disclosed a reduced speculative account. Americans were 2 per cent lower and the undertone was generally steady. Americans were flat, and especially Norfolk, which was offered at 19 on receivership rumors. Except in mines business now tends to subside, as usual at the end of the year.

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

Atchison.....	4⅝	Northwestern.....	96¼
Adams Express...	139	do pfd.....	141
Alton, T. H	37	N. Y. Central.....	99
do pfd.....	90	N. Y. & N. E.....	31⅝
Am. Express.....	110	Ontario & W.....	15⅛
Baltimore & Ohio.	67	Oregon Imp.....	10
Canada Pacific...	57½	Oregon Nav.....	20
Canada Southern.	50	O. S. L. & U. N...	4
Central Pacific...	14⅛	Pacific Mail.....	22
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅝	P. D. & E.....	3¾
Chicago Alton.....	145½	Pittsburg.....	156
C., B. & Q.....	72	Pullman Palace...	155
Chicago Gas.....	71⅛	Rochester.....	14⅛
Consolidated Gas.	129½	Richmond Ter...	16¼
C., C., C. & St. L...	37¾	do pfd.....	19
Colo. Coal & Iron..	8⅛	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Cotton Oil.....	25⅛	do pfd.....	34
Delaware & Hud...	125¾	Rock Island.....	61⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	160¼	St. Paul.....	58½
D. & R. G. pfd....	33⅛	do pfd.....	119¾
D. & C. F. Co.....	9¼	St. P. & Omaha....	63½
Erie.....	10⅝	do pfd.....	110
do pfd.....	23	Southern Pacific..	19
Fort Wayne.....	158	Sugar Refinery....	91
G. Northern pfd...	100½	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	15⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	93	Texas Pacific.....	9⅞
Hocking Valley...	17	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	75
Illinois Central...	80	Union Pacific....	11¾
St. P. & Duluth...	29½	U. S. Express.....	42
K. & T. pfd.....	22¾	W. St. L. & P.....	6
Lake Erie & West	16	do pfd.....	13¾
do pfd.....	70½	Wells Fargo Ex...	105
Lake Shore.....	134	Western Union...	88⅛
Lead Trust.....	38¼	Wheeling & L. E..	10¾
Louisville & N....	53⅝	do pfd.....	50
L. & N. A.....	6	M. & St. L.....	28½
Manhattan Con...	105⅛	D. & R. G.....	10⅝
Memphis & C.....	10	G. E.....	33⅛
Michigan Cent....	96¼	N. J.....	18
Missouri Pacific..	28⅝	C. F. & I.....	25½
Mobile & Ohio....	17¾	do pfd.....	70
Nashville Chat...	65	H. & T. C.....	2⅛
National Cordage.	8¼	T. A. A. & N. M...	2¾
do pfd.....	15	T. St. L. & K.C....	1
N. J. Central....	93⅝	do pfd.....	5⅛
N. & W. pfd.....	19	S. R. R.....	11⅛
North Am. Co....	4	do pfd.....	39
Northern Pacific..	4⅛	Am. Tob. Co.....	94
No. Pac. pfd.....	17⅝	do pfd.....	105
U. P., D. & G.....	3⅛		

The total sales of stocks today were 149,838 shares, including: American Sugar, 49,000; Burlington, 6,800; Chicago Gas, 2,700; Distilling & Cattlefeeding, 4,800; Erie, 10,800; Laclede Gas, 5,800; Louisville & Nashville, 4,400; Manhattan, 11,000; New Jersey Central, 2,000; Reading, 8,800; St. Paul, 9,700; Western Union, 3,700; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 3,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at ½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2¼@2½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.89@4.89¼ for demand and $4.88@4.88¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89; commercial bills, $4.86½@4.86¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61½c; no sales.

BAR SILVER—61½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg.....	119	D. & R. G. 4s.....	82¼
U. S. 5s, coup.....	119	Erie 2ds.....	66
U. S. 4s, reg.....	114¼	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	96
U. S. 4s, coup.....	110	do 7s.....	100
U. S. 2s, reg.....	97	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105½
Pacific 6s of '95..	99¼	do 6s.....	100
Ala. Class A.....	104⅝	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	81⅛
Ala. Class B.....	105	do 2d 4s.....	47
Ala. Class C.....	92⅛	Mutual Union 6s...	110
Ala. Currency.....	92	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	116
La. New Con. 4s..	95¼	No. Pac. 1sts.....	116½
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	88¼
N. C. 6s.....	124¾	N. W. Consols.....	143
N. C. 4s.....	101	do S. F. Deb. 5s.	109
S. C. nonfund.....	1⅛	R. G. West. 1sts..	70
Tenn. new set 6s.	82½	St. P. Consols 7s..	130⅝
Tenn. new set 5s.	104¼	do C. & P. W. 5s.	112¾
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I.M.Gen. 5.	79
Va. Centuries.....	60¾	St. L. & S.F. Gen. 6.	104
do deferred.....	8	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	87
Atchison 4s.....	64¾	do 2ds.....	26¼
do 2d A.....	17⅝	U. P. 1sts of '96...	104¼
Canada So. 2ds...	105¾	West Shore 4s.....	106¾
C. P. 1sts of '95..	103	So. R. R.....	89¼
D. & R. G. 7s.....	114		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Call loans, 2¼@3½ per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4⅝	W. End pfd.....	86
Am. Sugar.....	87⅛	Westingh. Elec...	33
Am. Sugar pfd....	91	W. Elec. pfd.....	51
Bay State Gas.....	11	Wis. Central.....	4
Bell Telephone...	198⅛	Atchis n 2ds.....	17⅛
Boston & Albany..	236	Atchison 4s.....	64⅛
Boston & Maine...	158	Gen. Electric 5s..	90¼
do pfd.....	150	Wis. Cent. 1sts...	55⅛
A. L. Wilcy.....	72	Atlantic.....	10⅛
Fitchburg.....	88	Boston & Montana	32¾
Gen. Electric.....	35⅛	Butte & Boston..	11
Illinois Steel.....	49	Calumet & Hecla..	288
Mexican Central..	6¾	Centennial.....	30
N. Y. & N. E.....	15⅛	Franklin.....	13
Old Colony.....	180⅛	Kearsarge.....	7
Ore. Short Line...	7⅛	Osceola.....	21¾
Rubber.....	43	Quincy.....	95
Union Pacific.....	11	Tamarack.....	158
West End.....	58		

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	16	Hale & Norcross..	92
Alpha Con.....	12	Justice.....	19
Annes.....	35	Kentucky Con....	1
Belcher.....	55	Mexican.....	55
Best & Belcher...	54	Mount Diablo....	10
Bodie Con.....	57	Occidental Con...	7
Bullion.....	16	Ophir.....	150
Bulwer Con.....	4	Overman.....	10
Caledonia.....	57	Potosi.....	34
Challenge Con...	35	Savage.....	29
Chollar.....	45	Sierra Nevada....	55
Con. Cal & Va....	345	Silver Hill.....	1
Con. Imperial....	1	Union Con.....	30
Con. New York..	1	Utah Con.....	6
Crown Point.....	59	Yellow Jacket....	35
Gould & Curry....	39		

Silver bars, 60¼@60⅝c. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c. Drafts, sight, 5c; telegraphic, 7½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	5	Ontario.....	650
Cholor.....	60	Ophir.....	140
Crown Point.....	55	Plymouth.....	25
Con. Cal. & Va....	340	Quicksilver.....	150
Deadwood.....	40	do pfd.....	1500
Gould & Curry....	30	Sierra Nevada....	50
Hale & Norcross..	85	Standard.....	150
Homestake.....	1550	Union Con.....	25
Mexican.....	50	Yellow Jacket....	30

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific.....	60¾	St. Paul com.....	59⅝
Erie.....	10⅛	N. Y. Central....	110
Erie 2ds.....	64	Pennsylvania.....	51⅛
Ill. Central.....	91	Reading.....	7⅛
Mexican ordinary.	13¾	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	57⅝

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $3,520,497.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $490,311; balances, $126,171.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $18,695,312; balances, $1,858,451.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $2,692,054; balances, $432,115.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $113,579,433; balances, $6,706,227.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $11,751,395; balances, $1,319,057.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The business troubles at St. Johns, N. F., have not had any effect in this city.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.—Money,